

Where will you go ?

- The Eiffel Tower
- The Palace of Versailles
- The Moulin Rouge
- The Seine
- The Notre-Dame-de-Paris
- The Basilica of the Sacré-Coeur
- The Louvre Museum
- The Carnavalet Museum

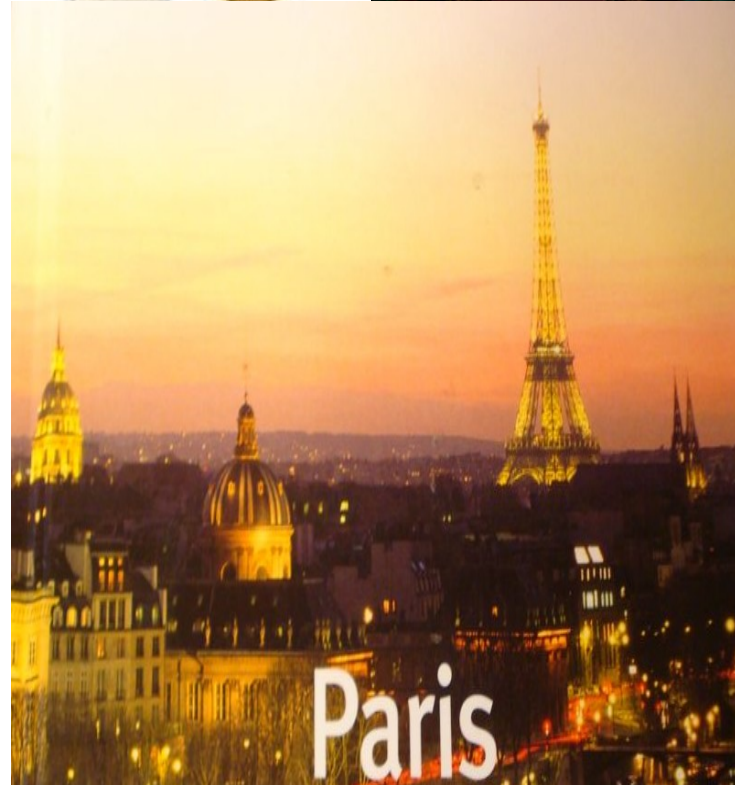
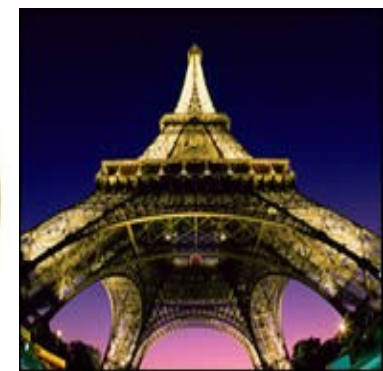
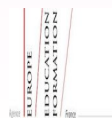


"What an immense impression Paris made upon me.
It is the most extraordinary place in the world!"
Charles Dickens

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Introduction

Paris is the capital and largest city of France. It is situated on the river Seine, in north-central France, The city of Paris, within its administrative limits, largely unchanged since 1860, has an estimated population of 2,211,297 (January 2008). Paris is today one of the world's leading business and cultural centers and its influence in politics, education, entertainment, media, fashion, science and the arts all contributes to its status as one of the world's major global cities.



History

The earliest archaeological signs of permanent settlements in the Paris area date from around 4200 BC. The Parisii, a Celtic subtribe, inhabited the area near the river Seine from around 250 BC. The Romans conquered the Paris basin in 52 BC, with a permanent settlement established by the end of the same century on the left bank of the Seine, near rue Sainte Geneviève and the Île-de-la Cité. The Gallo-Roman town was originally called Lusatia, or Lusatia Parisorum but later Gallicized to Lutèce. It expanded greatly over the following centuries, becoming a prosperous city with a forum, palaces, baths, temples, theatres, and an amphitheatre.

When to go to Paris

The best times to visit Paris are the months of March, June or September, and also at Christmas and in January. It is not a good idea to visit this city in July or August, as many places are closed and it can be a little crowded. Neither is February a good time, as the weather is not so good. In winter the city looks more romantic. When the sun is shining, the buildings cast giant shadows which are reflected on the streets. Maybe this works for you, but if you want to visit Paris in summer, you must remember that temperatures in Paris can be high.

How to get around Paris

By taxi, bus, bike, metro and car.

Paris Nightlife

It's sometimes said that Paris is more beautiful at night because when it's dark, many buildings, monuments and streets are illuminated. You'll see why Paris is called the City of Light. One of the principal attractions at night are the very famous shows at the Moulin Rouge, located in the Montmartre area of Paris. It was built in 1885 and was turned into a dance hall around 1900. Now there are dance revues that sell out regularly.



Food

Fresh produce from all over the world, especially from tropical regions, comes to the Rungis market, located just south of Paris, and is distributed daily to the city center. Food plays a major role in French culture.

Where you can eat

Restaurants, bistros, brasseries, cafés, salons de thé and bars.

Festivals and Events



- July 14th - Bastille Day Parade
- Festival du Film de Paris
- Foire de Paris: a food and wine fair
- Marathon de Paris: a road race tournament
- November 1st - All Saints' Day

