

## Places to eat/ cafes/ patisseries

- a) Varieties of Food
- b) - **Pizza: Pink Flamingo** 4 locations in Paris, but best 2 are [67 Rue Bichat, 75010 Paris- Order your pizza and they give you a balloon so you can go sit by the canal and they will deliver your pizza to you] and [105 Rue Vieille du Temple, 75003 Paris- In the Marais, there is a VW van outside you can eat inside!]
- c) - **French: Chez Chartier** For real french food at a very affordable price. Get there early-There is almost always a line out the door, but it moves pretty quickly. 7 Rue du Faubourg Montmartre 75009
- d) - **French (crepes): Le Petit Josselin** Rue Montparnasse is famous for it's many creperies, but Le Petit Josselin was our favorite. Try a bottle of Cider with your meal! 59 Rue Montparnasse 75014
- e) - **Japanese: Higuma** Best Japanese restaurant in Paris! Noodle soup and dumplings for 10€. 32 bis Rue Sainte-Anne75001
- f) - **Mexican: Candelaria** New hot spot for authentic mexican food! All the blogs are ragging about it. 52 rue de Saintonge 75003
- g) - **L'AS du fallafel:** best fallafel in the Marais. 34, rue des Rosiers (Métro: St. Paul). Closed Saturdays
- h) - **Au Petit Grec:** actually not petit at all, but so delicious! And on one of the coolest streets to walk around (lots of street art and it's a hot spot at night). 66, Rue Mouffetard 75005

## Breakfast

- i) - **Coqulicot:** Enjoy a french baguette, homemade jam, fresh squeezed OJ, and a big bowl of hot chocolate or café at this adorable place in Montmartre. 24 Rue Abbesses 75018 (Metro line 12)
- j) - **Saint Placide Cafe:** Breakfast for 3.5 euros. 124, Rue de Rennes (Metro line 4)

## Café

- k) - **Cafeotheque:** Good coffee is hard to find, but this place is well known for some of the best coffee in Paris. They roast their own coffee every morning! 52, rue de l'Hotel de Ville, 75004 (Metro line 1, Pont Marie)
- l) - **Presse Cafe:** Great place for a quite time before going on campus at Diderot. 14 Rue Thomas Mann, 75013 (Metro line 14, Bibliothèque François Mitterrand)
- m) - **l'Arbre à Cannelle:** for coffee and tea near the Jussieu Campus. 14, rue Linné - 75005 (Metro line 10, Jussieu)

## Patisserie

- n) - **Perdereau François:** Best Almond Croissant (aux amandes)!! 27 Rue Delambre 75014
- o) - **Marache Alain:** Best croissant au beurre!! 193 Rue Tolbiac, 75013 (yellow place)
- p) - **Patisserie Stohrer:** Oldest Patisserie in Paris. 51 Rue Montorgueil, 75002 (Metro line 4, Étienne Marcel)

- q) - **Laduree:** *Famous for the classic French treat, macarons. 75 Avenue des Champs-Élysées, 75008 (Metro line 1, George V)*

#### Drinks

- r) - **The Café Maure de la Mosquée In Paris:** *This cafe is located in La Grande Mosquée de Paris (the largest Mosque in France and 3<sup>rd</sup> largest in Europe). They have traditional Turkish pastries (2€) and amazing mint teas(2€). (It also has a Hammam—see entertainment section). 39 Rue Geoffroy St-Hilaire 75005 (Metro line 7, Place Monge)*
- s) - **Charlie Birdy:** *Fun spot to sit and people watch. Good Happy Hour prices. 84 Boulevard du Montparnasse 75014 (Metro line 4, Vavin or line 6, Edgar Quinet)*
- t) - **Bombardier:** *A fun British Pub near the Pantheon. Decent price for a pint of beer. 68 Rue de la Montagne Ste Geneviève 75005 (Metro line 10, Cardinal Lemoine)*
- u) - **Mariage Frères:** *Famous Parisian Maison de Thé...try the Marco Polo tea (you can also buy at stores like Monoprix, Printemps, Le Bon Marche). 30 Rue Bourg Tibourg 75004 (Metro line 1 or 11, Hôtel de Ville)*
- v) - **Angelinas:** *Fancy place to go for delicious thick hot chocolate. Coco Chanel used to go there everyday for tea time. Order l'Africain. You can also buy the mix at Monoprix. 226 Rue de Rivoli 75001 (Metro line 1, Tuileries)*

#### Missing America

- w) - **Starbucks at Opera:** *A Starbucks you won't find anywhere but Paris. 3 Boulevard des Capucines 75002 (Metro lines 7 or 8, Opéra)*
- x) - **Sugar Plum Cafe** *At this American bakery and cakeshop you can get cheesecake and bottomless coffee from English speaking servers, while using their free Wifi. And, it's open on Sundays. 68 Rue du Cardinal Lemoine 75005 (Metro line 10 Cardinal Lemoine, or 7 or 10 Jussieu)*
- y) - **Breakfast in America** *Just near the Jussieu campus, get a delicious milkshake and a burger. It can be pricy, so only go if you're really craving it. 17 Rue des Ecoles 75005. (Metro line 7 or 10 Jussieu)*
- z) - **Bagels and Brownies** *They use real Philadelphia cream cheese on their many yummy bagel sandwiches. They close early, around 6. 12 Rue Notre Dame des Champs 75006 (Metro line 12 Notre Dame des Champs or line 4 Vavin)*
- aa) - **Giant Vending Machine** *Well, it's a giant store-front size vending machine. They even sell cheeseburgers.*

#### Groceries

- bb) - **Auchan:** *Cheapest and widest selection, but further away. (Metro line 7, Lekremlin Bicetre)*
- cc) - **Franprix:** *very common and easy to find. Also cheap but not always the best selection (**ED** and **Simply** are very similar)*
- dd) - **Naturalia:** *organic foods but expensive*
- ee) - **Monoprix:** *More like your typical grocery store at a mid-range price. Good selection. Also has stuff for home, office, decoration, etc.*

- ff) - **Picard:** Grocery just for frozen foods...great for party appetizers
- gg) - **Le Bon Marche:** Top of the line grocery store with gourmet foods, but fun to shop at to cook a nice meal (And they have Ranch Dressing!!)

## Travel

- \* [www.ratp.fr](http://www.ratp.fr) is a great site for transportation info.
- hh) - **Orly bus:** Every 15-20 minutes a bus from Denfert-Rochereau (line 4) take you to the Orly Airport. 6.60€ one way (Better than the RER)
- ii) \*it's about 100€ to have a shuttle van pick you up and take you (but might be worth it with multiple people or lots of luggage).
- jj) - **EasyJet vs. RyanAir:** RyanAir will almost always be the cheaper option. However, they have more restrictions on baggage and sometimes only standing room on the flights. It's hub is Paris-Beauvais Airport which is further away than Orly or CDG.
- kk) EasyJet is slightly more expensive but you can find great deals if you plan ahead. You'll fly out of either Orly or CDG.
- ll) - **Renting a car:** [www.europecar.com](http://www.europecar.com) Rent manual or automatic (more expensive) cars online with your credit card. If you're under 25, they will charge you a mandatory insurance fee. When you sign up, they will send you e-mail coupons for 15% on your bday. We used them twice and were pleased.

## Shopping/ Markets

- mm)- **Soldes** Every year French law requires two different 'Soldes' one during the summer and one January-February. Literally every store has stuff on sale. By the end of the sales you will find things for up to 75% off, but the stores have been picked through.
- nn) - **Merci Concept Store** This store has tons of neat stuff and is decorated with such neat displays. Prices are high, so it's just nice to look around. It also has a kitschy and fun café with delicious hot chocolate and desserts. 111 Boulevard Beaumarchais 75003 (Metro line 5 Saint-Sébastien – Froissart)
- oo) - **Marché aux Puces** Open Saturday, Sunday and Monday, get there around 9 or 10 to see the biggest antique markets in the world. Watch your purses. On rue des Rosiers, you will find the main marches each with their own style: Vernaison, Antica, Cambo, Biron, Serpette, and our personal favorite Paul Bert. Bring your camera, and enjoy! (Metro line 4 to Porte de Clignancourt.)
  - **Hippy Market** This is a fun vintage store, which is pretty big and reasonably organized compared to some others. Sometimes they have live music there too! 3 rue de Turbigo 75001 (Métro line 4 Étienne Marcel)
- pp) - **Marais Vintage Shopping** This area is full of fun vintage shops. They are crowded, and full of relatively good priced goodies. Check out Coiffeur Vintage 32, Rue de Rosiers 75004, Free 'P' Star 8 rue Ste-Croix-de-la-Bretonnerie 75004, and Fripes Star 1, Rue de la Verrerie 75004 (metro line 1 St. Paul)

- qq) - Bastille Market** *Thursday and Sunday mornings this fun and lively produce market is a fun place to explore. Ends around 2pm. Boulevard Richard Lenoir (Metro lines 1, 5 and 8 Bastille)*
- rr) - Edgar Quinet Markets** *Wednesday and Saturday is another produce market just behind the Montparnasse apartment. Also will have art and antique market on Sunday. Blvd Edgar Quinet (Metro line 6 Edgar Quinet)*
- ss) - Flower Shops** *For some cheap and beautiful flowers, we shop at Monceau Fleurs 84 Bd Raspail 75006 or Bouquet's Fleurs at the intersection of blvd Montparnasse and Raspail.*
- tt) - Librairie Chrétienne CLC** *Big French Christian bookstore. Go and buy a French Bible! 60 rue Rambuteau 75003 (Metro line 4 Les Halles or line 11 Rambuteau)*
- uu) - FNAC** *It's a fun store for electronics, books, movies, cd's, and printing photos. They are all over Paris, with a store close by at 136 rue de Rennes.*
- vv) - Decathlon** *A great place for all sporting equipment. It's cheaper than Go Sport, and even rents rollerblades for the Friday and Sunday roller blade events in Paris.*
- ww) - Postcards** *St. Michel has many little souvenir shops which sell postcards and things like that. The best price we have found was 13 cards for 2 euros. If you buy in bulk for supporters or something, they might cut you a deal. (Metro line 4 St. Michel)*

### **Parks/ Gardens**

- 2. - Jardin du Luxembourg** *Beautiful and huge garden. You will find tennis courts, playgrounds, picnic area, bocce ball, maybe a concert in a gazebo, runners (1 mile lap around), and sometimes photo expositions along the outer fence.*
- 3. - Parc Monceau** *Charming old park with beautiful sculptures. (Metro line 2 Monceau)*
- 4. - Parc de Belleville** *Bring your camera for this beautiful view of the city. (Metro line 11 Belleville)*
- 5. - Parc de Sceaux** *Outside of Paris in the quiet picturesque suburb of Sceaux, you will find a huge beautiful park. Take the RER B to Sceaux or Parc de Sceaux and walk around a bit.*
- 6. - Arènes de Lutèce** *This is a 1<sup>st</sup> century Roman Gladiatorial arena. Today it has been restored, with a park and playground next to it. You will see little kids playing a little foot there. (Metro line 10 and 7 Jussieu)*
- 7. - Bois de Vincennes** *This park is known as the lungs of Paris. It is huge! It has soccer and baseball fields, a floral park, a zoo, running paths, 4 lakes, a Château, and much more. (Metro line 1 Chateau de Vincennes)*
- 8. - Bois de Boulogne** *This park is 2.5 times the size as Central Park in New York. Don't expect to be able to walk everywhere. It's full of little gardens and beautiful by day for a nice row-boat ride, to watch a horse race, or for some jogging. At night this area become a prominent red-light district. (Metro Porte Dauphine)*

## Blogs

- a) - [www.littlebrownpen.blogspot.com](http://www.littlebrownpen.blogspot.com) great photos and short posts about things in Paris. She also sells photos of Paris categorized by colors...so cute!
- b) - [www.hipparis.com](http://www.hipparis.com) GREAT blog updated regularly by multiple bloggers on the happenings of Paris. They are always up to date on what's new in Paris.
- c) - [www.davidlebovitz.com](http://www.davidlebovitz.com) Famously trusted food critique who gives great tips for restaurants and cafes around Paris.
- d) - [www.cakespy.com](http://www.cakespy.com) (Cakewalk: A Patisserie for Each Parisian Arrondissement) Kill two birds with one stone by visiting every arrondissement AND trying different patisseries as you go!

## Yearly events

- e) - **Dancing on the Seine:** During the summer along the Quais Saint Bernard, there are 3 or 4 small amphitheaters where multiple types of dancing takes place through the night. Go and learn some Salsa or Tango! Usually Wednesday-Sundays around 5pm
- f) - **Fashion Week:** check [www.modeaparis.com](http://www.modeaparis.com) for upcoming fashion shows in Paris. The two biggest are usually in October and March. (You can't get tickets, but it's fun to stand outside and watch the crowds of fashionistas and maybe see a celeb!...the Chanel show is always at the Grand Palais)
- g) - **Salon du Chocolate:** This huge chocolate expo (usually in October) takes place at Porte de Versailles and houses hundreds of vendors who give out samples of chocolate, wine, ice cream, tea, and other goodies. There is also a Chocolate fashion show! Ticket was about 8€ and can be bought ahead of time at FNAC
- h) - **Nuit Blanche:** For one October night, thousands of people pull and all-nighter. Multiple art expositions (themed around the idea of light), museums, monuments, cinemas, parks and swimming pools stay open all night, free of charge. Be cautious...It can get very crowded and crazy on the metros after everyone has been partying all night.
- i) - **Journée du Patrimoine:** On September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, a variety of well-known (but usually off-bounds) and historical monuments are open and free to the public. Take advantage of these days to learn the history and culture of Paris!
- j) - **Paris Marathon:** If you're up for the challenge (which Brett and Clark were!), join the 35,000 runners on a 42 km run around Paris! April 15<sup>th</sup>, 90€
- k) - **Fete de Vendettes:** wine and food tasting festival in Montmartre
- l) - **Jour du Macaron:** To celebrate the classic french cookie, on March 20<sup>th</sup>, select vendors will pass out free macarons! (Pierre Hermé, Sadaharu Aoki, Jean-Paul Hévin,...but check online for 2012 participants)

## Day Trips

- 9. - **Giverny** Go and visit Monet's Gardens and home. The water lilies are absolutely gorgeous and his house is really neat. From the train station, you can rent bikes to ride



*over to the house, or take a tour with Fat Tire Bike Tours. Obviously, don't go in the winter when all the flowers are covered in snow.*

- 10. - Versailles** *This is a giant Château where Louis XIV and Marie Antoinette lived. Make sure to visit the palace, and gardens, but also the Trianon and Marie Antoinette's Estate. It can get crowded in the touristy season. Also, April-October they have different events daily of fountains choreographed with music, and also a bubble, fountain, light and music night show. You can get there by the RER C*
- 11. - Vaux le Vicomte** *This beautiful Château is where Eva Longoria and Tony Parker got married. It was also the inspiration for Versailles. Beautiful Gardens. Great view from the top. Weird talking mannequins. Take the RER D from Gare de Lyon to Melun. There is a shuttle to the castle for 2 euros with your Navigo, but make sure you check the return bus schedule.*
- 12. - Reims** *Take a train over the main city of the Champagne region of France. The cathedral there was used to crown every French king. Also, there are many Champagne "caves" which give you a tour and explain how they make it. Then you get to have a sip of bubbly. Try Taittinger or Moet. Also, it was an old Roman stomping ground, so the museum is pretty cool with Roman relics.*

### **Sight seeing /Monuments/ Museums**

- 13. \*Get in Free** *Most museums and some monuments are free the first Sunday of every month. Also, bring your passport and show them your visa proving your under 26 and a resident of Paris and you can get in free almost anywhere.*
- 14. - Musee L'Orangerie** *Great small museum in the Tuileries gardens. It houses Monet's huge water lilies, and a small collection of impressionist works, Picasso, and other more modernist art. It is great for someone who isn't a 'museum person'. Takes like 30-45 minutes (Metro line 1 Concorde)*
- 15. - Musee Marmotton** *This is a small museum that holds the Monet painting that began the Impressionist movement called "L'Impression du Soleil Levant". It is also quick and nice for people who get easily overwhelmed by the bigger museums. 2, rue Louis-Boilly 75016 (Metro line 9 La Murette).*
- 16. - Notre Dame** *An obvious landmark of Paris. Our tip would be to attend the Christmas Eve Carols and Mass service rather than Easter (too crowded with tourists). Get there early to get a seat.*
- 17. - Shakespeare and Co.** *Right near the Notre Dame this little English bookstore was a gathering place for English writers who came to Paris, like Ernest Hemingway and James Joyce. It is super fun, and they often have readings and book signings. 37 Rue Bûcherie 75005 (Metro line 4 St. Michel)*

## Views of City

Aside from the obvious Eiffel Tower, the Montparnasse Tower has a great view, as well as the Sacré Coeur, however our favorite is the view from the top of Printemps department store. 64, bd Haussmann 75009

18. - **Galleries Lafayette** is the first department store in France. It has a beautiful stained glass dome, and has fashion shows on Fridays. 40, bd Haussmann 75009
19. - **Pere Lachaise Cemetery** This huge and hilly cemetery is fun to explore. There are countless famous people buried there, like Jim Morrison, Edith Piaf, Honoré de Balzac, Oscar Wilde, and many more. There isn't a map of where everyone is buried so either wander around, or print off a map beforehand. Heloise and Abelard, from a famous French love story, are buried together here. (Metro Line 3 Pere Lachaise)
20. - **Bus 69 tour** This bus route goes by many of the major monuments, and ends near Pere Lachaise. It's also a fun way to learn the slightly complicated bus system. Get on in front of the Eiffel Tower, and enjoy the ride!
21. - **Fat Tire Bike Tour** This is a really fun and easy tour of this city in English. They have a day and night tour. It could be fun for when you just arrive, or if you have any family or friends visit. Well worth the 26 euros, and the night bike includes a boat cruise and red wine.
22. - **Batobus** This is a hop on/hop off boat cruise. And it's half off with your navigo! Check out [batobus.com](http://batobus.com) for details on how you get on etc.

## Entertainment (sport, music, movies)

- a) \* Buy event tickets (billetterie spectacles) ahead of time at FNAC
  - b) Music
  - c) - **Cité des Arts**: free concerts every Tuesday night usually put on by students. Check [www.citedesarts.pagesperso-orange.fr/Concerts](http://www.citedesarts.pagesperso-orange.fr/Concerts) for even calendar. 18 Rue de l'Hôtel de Ville 75004 (Metro line 7, Pont Marie)
  - d) - **Saint Chapelle**: for classical concerts in a beautiful church, check [www.classictic.com](http://www.classictic.com) for schedule and tickets.
  - e) - **Cafe Universal**: Jazz concerts, free admission. Vocal jam sessions every Tuesday night. . 267, rue St-Jacques 75005
  - f) - **Opera**: [www.operadeparis.fr](http://www.operadeparis.fr) buy tickets online (or day of for cheaper, but might be sold out)
  - g) - **Orchestra of Paris**: [www.sallepleyvel.fr](http://www.sallepleyvel.fr)
  - h) - **La Bellevilloise**: a huge independent place with artistic activities and happenings for the public, companies and media which is unique in Paris. [www.labellevilloise.com](http://www.labellevilloise.com) 19 - 21 rue Boyer 75020
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- a) Movies
  - b) - **M2K Movie theaters**: Students price is under 5€
  - c) - **Movie Premiers in Paris**: [www.allocine.fr](http://www.allocine.fr) (for movie premiers and movie times)

## Recreation

- d) **\*Decathlon:** Great sports store (also rents bikes and rollerblades)
- e) - **Luxembourg Garden** (tennis courts, bocci ball, and 1 mile lap)
- f) - **Esplanade des Invalides:** Great field in front of Invalides for soccer or a picnic
- g) - **PSG Soccer Games:** [www.psg.fr](http://www.psg.fr) Tickets for 12€ with member card (to register as a member, go to the service desk at the stadium). Stadium: 24 rue du Commandant Guilbaud 75781 Paris Cedex 16 (Metro line 10, Porte d'auteil or line 9, porte de saint cloud).
- h) - **Velib bikes:** Tired of the metro? Use your CB to rent a bike! (5 euros/week, 1 euros/day, or 30 euros/year) [www.velib.paris.fr](http://www.velib.paris.fr)
- i) - **Soccer Fields:** Bois de Vincennes
- j) - **Disc Golf Course:** Jablines-Annet is a huge park outside of paris with a disc-golf course, cable-lake-skiing, camping, volleyball courts, and a beach!
- k) - **Bowling:** Alley on Rue Moufflard 73 Rue Mouffetard. 75005
- l) - **Pools:** [www.piscine.equipement.paris.fr](http://www.piscine.equipement.paris.fr) 20€ for 3 months (38 locations...a cool one to try is Piscine Josephine Baker on the river!)
- m) - **Roller Blading:** A fun and active way to tour the city...roller-blade the streets of paris with hundreds of others on Friday nights or Sunday afternoons. Check [www.pari-roller.com](http://www.pari-roller.com) for meet-up times and places.
- n) - **Walking tours:** Pack of cards (at the montparnasse apartment) with tons of different walking tours around Paris. Map on one side and instructions/interesting facts on the other.
- o) - **Hammam:** This is a fun cultural experience...Turkish baths, steam rooms, and massages at La Grande Mosque de Paris. Steam rooms, soap, robe and towels, tea and pastries, exfoliation and all-over 30-minute massage, cost 48 Euro (about \$68). Men and Women have separate hammam days: for women, Mon, Wed, Thurs and Sat 10 am—9 pm, Fri 2 pm—9 pm; for men, Tues 2—9 pm and Sun 10—9 pm. 39 rue Geoffrey Saint-Hilaire 75005 (Metro line 7, Place Monge)