

FRANCE - Paris

Paris isn't just a city - it's a playground of art, history, pastries, and unforgettable adventures. Whether you're seeing the Mona Lisa, making custom perfume, or wandering storybook streets, there's magic here for kids and adults alike. Our guide will help you discover some of the most fun, fascinating, and can't-miss experiences that we had in the City of Lights! We suggest getting tickets ahead of time for experiences as they sell out quickly.

Hotel Reco

HILTON PARIS OPERA

The hotel was the perfect home base. It's located in the city's heart, right beside Saint-Lazare station. We booked Executive Rooms (highly recommended for free breakfast, daily happy hour, and unlimited refreshments). You're a block away from the iconic Galeries Lafayette Haussmann (excellent shopping & stunning rooftop), Printemps (shopping), Palais Garnier Opera House and Place de la Madeleine. The rooms are cozy and quiet (great for helping get over jet lag). The lobby is absolutely stunning, and the friendly staff helps you feel right at home.



Hilton Paris Opera



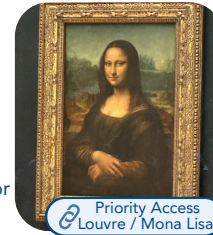
Day 1 ARTS & ICONS

On the first full day, we hit the ground running. We booked **Louvre Priority Access & Mona Lisa** to breeze past the crowds and head straight to see the iconic Mona Lisa before the museum opened! After that, we explored the centuries-old masterpieces at our own pace.

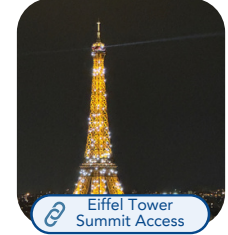
Food Reco: Angelina Hot Chocolate (famous hot chocolate & pastries)

We topped off the evening with an **Eiffel Tower Night Tour with Summit Access**. After sunset, we rode to the top of the tower with exclusive summit access. Our crew took in the glittering City of Light from above for a breathtaking nighttime memory.

Food Reco: Le Bistro Parisien (casual French dining right by the Seine)



Priority Access Louvre / Mona Lisa



Eiffel Tower Summit Access

Day 2 ZOOM & STROLL

One of our favorite activities was a **Badass City Scooter Tour**. Our guide Mark was amazing and took us zipping through the city past many iconic sites, the Seine's historic bridges, and local hot spots. It was a fun and informative way to cover much ground and get our bearings in the city.

Food Reco: Peloton Cafe (cozy local cafe with out-of-this-world savory croissants)

We then headed to the iconic Champs-Élysées. From macarons to French brands (the giant Louis Vuitton suitcase building) it's a vibrant street to people-watch. We pre-booked tickets to the **Arc de Triomphe** for panoramic views of the entire city. It's especially magical at sunset, when the lights of Paris start to sparkle.

Food Reco: Pierre Hermé (one of Paris's best macarons!)



Badass Scooter Tour



Arc de Triomphe

Day 3 GRAND PALACE & SACRED SITES

We did a ½ day at **The Place of Versailles**. Get there early! The highlight was a **golf cart tour** of the grounds where we drove through the magnificent gardens, past the fountains and stunning sculptures. Inside the dazzling Hall of Mirrors was breathtaking.

Food Reco: La Petite Venise (great place to grab lunch in the grounds)

We then visited the **Paris Catacombs**. We went deep beneath the streets and saw the eerie and fascinating display of millions of bones in a labyrinth of tunnels. It was an unforgettable glimpse into the city's hidden history. Tickets sell out fast as only a limited number of guests are permitted each day.

Food Reco: Le Petite Baigneur (rustic, warm French dishes)



Palace of Versailles



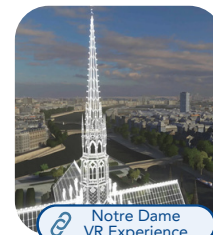
Paris Catacombs

Day 4 CATHEDRALS & CAFES

We didn't want to miss Notre Dame Cathedral. We did a **Cathedral VR Experience** - a virtual reality tour through the architecture before and after the 2019 fire. You can get to experience centuries of history and craftsmanship brought vividly to life. A close walk away is the **Sainte-Chapelle Chapel**. It's famous for its stunning stained glass windows. It feels like you're stepping inside a living work of art in the heart of Paris.

The rest of the day was spent wandering **Saint-Germain des Prés**. This cozy neighborhood oozes classic Parisian elegance with cafés, historic bookstores, and beautiful gardens. Don't miss the iconic Shakespeare & Company bookstore or stroll through Luxembourg Gardens.

Food Reco: Cafe de Flore or Les Deux Magots (where Hemingway and Sartre once lingered)



Notre Dame VR Experience



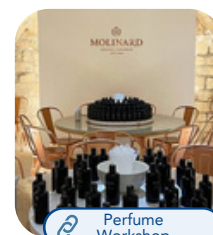
Sainte-Chapelle Chapel

Day 5 PERFUME & POMPIDOU

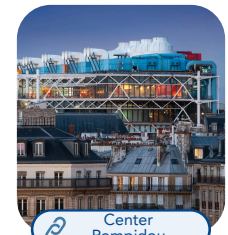
Our crew did a **Custom Perfume Workshop** to create our own signature Parisian scents. Our guide helped us learn the art of blending top, heart and base notes. Plus we got to keep our creations as an amazing souvenir.

For a cultural event, we visited the **Centre Pompidou**. It is instantly recognizable by its colorful exterior of exposed pipes and tubes but is known for showcasing works by Picasso, Kandinsky, and Warhol. There is also stunning rooftop view of Paris.

Food Reco: Georges Rooftop (inside Pompidou with amazing views)



Perfume Workshop



Center Pompidou

Follow Us



Packing Essentials
Click Here



journeyfriendly

As Amazon Associates, as well as affiliates for Viator and Expedia we earn a small commission from qualifying purchases.