

# Paris Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
					Home - Paris (Flight)	Paris - Sleeper (Train)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
~ to Narbonne (Train)	D:400pm (Boat)		Canal du Midi (Boat)			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
A:900 (Taxi)	Carcassone (TGV)	~ Paris (TGV)	Paris - Home (Flight)			

Sample itinerary: 12 travel days = 8 work days, 4 weekend days.

- ✈ 9.11.14 Depart.
- 🏠 9.12.14 Arrive Paris -stay awake and spend night in Paris hotel.
- 🚆 9.13.14 Enjoy Paris & take sleeper train to Narbonne.
- 🚆 9.14.14 Arrive Narbonne around 7am. Board the boat at 4:00pm.
- 🚆 9.14 ~9.21 Travel the Canal du Midi.
- 🚗 9.21.14 Taxi to Carcassone and TGV to Paris airport hotel.
- ✈ 9.22.14 Travel home.

Keep in mind when planning the shoulders of your vacation that:

- ✈ Travel to Europe takes one day. You leave mid-day or early evening and arrive the next day in the morning or around noon.
- 🏠 Boutique hotels in Paris cost around €120 - €160 per night.
- 🚆 Your options for travel to Narbonne are via a 1st class sleeper train or via high speed rail - the TGV. The sleeper departs Paris at 10pm & arrives in Narbonne 7am. The TGV takes about 5 hours but you'll need another night in a Paris hotel or come direct from CDG.
- ✈ Traveling from Europe you arrive home the same day you depart.

## Travel planning worksheet:

L'addition (the check), Les Maths (Mathematics)

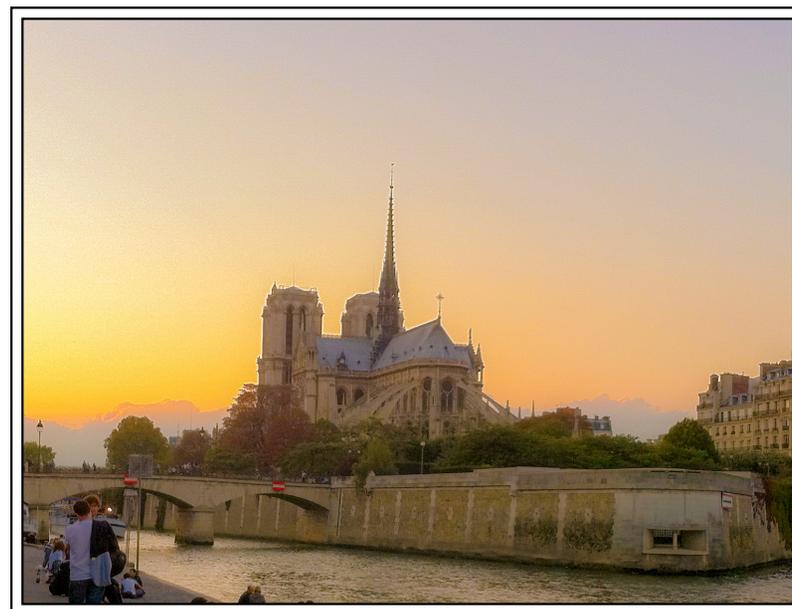
1. On arrival in Paris would you like to spend any additional days in the city?..... Oui (Yes)  ..... Non (No)
2. How many days before traveling south would you like in Paris?..... Jours (days)  = ..... Nuits (nights)
3. You have two options to travel to Narbonne:
  - 3a. Take the night train (subtract 1 night in Paris) .....
  - 3b. Take the TGV (add 1 night in Paris) ..... Nuits à Paris (nights in Paris)
4. Would you like any additional days in Paris at the end of your trip?..... Non (No)  ..... Oui (Yes)  ..... Jours (days)
5. Would you like to return home from a different city than Paris?..... Non (No)  ..... Oui (Yes)  departing from: \_\_\_\_\_

**🏠 Tips for choosing where to stay in Paris:**

1. Pick a neighborhood based on one key feature. (Example: I want to stay close to Notre Dame, I want to stay close to the Eiffel Tower, I want to be able to easily walk to the Louvre, etc.)
2. Your train to the South of France departs from Gare d'Austerlitz.
3. Paris train stations Gare du Nord, Gare de Lyon, Gare de l'Est and Gare d'Austerlitz have secure storage lockers for stashing your luggage so you can have fun in Paris without lugging your bags around.

**🏠 Notes on Hotels in Paris:**

1. French Hotels use a 1 to 5 star system.
2. The system is counterintuitive. A star isn't an indication of quality it is simply an indication of quantity; meaning the stars relate to the hotels' physical size and number of features. This may or may not lead to a pleasurable experience.
3. The price range for a Parisian hotel room ranges from €100 to the moon. But a €120/night room in a 3 star hotel usually offers a reliable value.



**🏠 Nuits à Paris (nights in Paris)  x €120 x 1.40 (exchange rate) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**



As part of our travel service we can book a room for your stay in Paris. Just tell us how many days and what your budget is and we will present you with some options and book your preferred room. Let us make it easy for you enjoy the City of Light!

**🏠 Extras to consider when visiting Paris:**

- A Museum Pass
- Advance tickets to the Eiffel Tower
- Metro Tickets
- An *Open Tour* bus tour

**More notes on traveling in France:**

- 🛂 France requires a travelers Passport to be valid for more than 3 months prior to expiration.
- 🏧 The easiest way to change money in France is to get a cash advance from a bank ATM.
- 💳 Most credit cards work everywhere but to guarantee they work consider getting a card with a smart chip. Also consider cards with no foreign transaction fees and no cash advance fees.
- 🗣️ If it really bothers you, you might consider learning French. But all you really need are good manners. Learn to say Merci (thank you) and Bonjour (good morning/good day) and you'll find a wonderful world of french culture hidden behind these two simple words.

**Homework. We want to know:**

- Do you want us to help you plan your stay in Paris?
- If so, tell us how many days you want to spend in the city.
- What about extras like museum passes or Eiffel tower tickets? It's easier to get these before you leave.
- Let us know if you prefer the night train or the speed (day) train to Narbonne.



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