



## 3 Nights in Paris: A Suggested Itinerary

Paris is a city best enjoyed at an easy pace — between its **world-famous landmarks, riverside walks along the Seine, art-filled museums, café culture, and hearty French food**. This itinerary ensures you experience the best of Paris without feeling rushed or spending excessively.

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### Day 1 – Arrival & Evening by the Seine

#### Afternoon Arrival

- Check into your hotel in **Central Paris** (Latin Quarter, Saint-Germain, or near the Louvre are great areas for walking access).

#### Late Afternoon

- Take your first walk along the **Seine River**. Stroll past the **Pont Neuf, Île de la Cité**, and admire **Notre-Dame Cathedral** (still under restoration but stunning from outside).
- Grab a casual bite at a **boulangerie (bakery)** — try a croissant or quiche with coffee.

#### Evening

- Enjoy a **sunset Seine River Cruise** (Bateaux Mouches or Vedettes du Pont Neuf, approx. €15–20). You'll see **Eiffel Tower, Louvre, Musée d'Orsay, and bridges lit up**.

- Dinner in the **Latin Quarter**: try an affordable French bistro with menus around €18–25.
    - Good options: **Le Petit Prince de Paris** or **Bouillon Pigalle** (classic French food at very reasonable prices).
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## Day 2 – Louvre & Parisian Cafés

### Morning – Louvre Museum (3–4 hours)

- Arrive early (9 am opening) to avoid crowds.
- Don't just rush to the **Mona Lisa** — also see **Venus de Milo**, **Winged Victory of Samothrace**, **Egyptian collection**, and **French paintings**.
- Take breaks inside — the Louvre is massive!

### Lunch

- Eat nearby at **Café Marly** (overlooks the Louvre courtyard, pricier but worth it for one café meal) or head a short walk to **Rue de Rivoli** for budget-friendly brasseries.

### Afternoon

- Walk through the **Tuilleries Garden** to **Place de la Concorde**.
- Continue along the **Champs-Élysées** to the **Arc de Triomphe** (you can climb to the top for a fantastic view of Paris).

### Evening

- Head to the **Eiffel Tower**. Book tickets in advance if you want to go up (€28 to the summit).
  - For dinner, enjoy a hearty, not-too-pricey French meal at **Le Relais de l'Entrecôte** (famous for steak-frites, fixed menu).
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## Day 3 – Paris Outdoors, Art & Local Life

### Morning – Musée d'Orsay

- Visit **Musée d'Orsay** (2–3 hours). The Impressionist art (Monet, Van Gogh, Renoir) is spectacular. The converted railway station setting is iconic.

### Lunch

- Eat at the **museum café** or cross the Seine to **Saint-Germain** for a lively café scene (try **Café de Flore** or **Les Deux Magots** — historic, but you can just order coffee/pastry to keep it budget-friendly).

### Afternoon – Montmartre Walk

- Take the metro to **Montmartre**.
  - Visit **Sacré-Cœur Basilica** for panoramic city views.
  - Wander **Place du Tertre**, where artists paint outdoors.
  - Explore cobblestone lanes, street murals, and quirky shops.

### Evening – Food & Night Vibes

- Dinner at **Bouillon Chartier** (legendary Paris dining hall with cheap classic French dishes).
- Optional: walk to **Moulin Rouge** for the iconic lit-up windmill (show tickets are pricey, but the area itself is worth a visit).

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## Day 4 – Last Morning in Paris & Departure

### Morning

- Take a **leisurely riverside walk** or visit **Shakespeare and Company bookstore** near Notre-Dame.
- If time allows, stop at a local street market (like **Rue Mouffetard** for fresh produce, cheese, and Parisian life).

### Lunch

- Grab a simple **baguette sandwich** or **crepes from a street stall** before heading to the airport/train station.

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### Top 10 Paris Attractions for First-Time Tourists

1. **Eiffel Tower** – The ultimate Paris icon. Go up to the summit (or at least the 2nd floor) for sweeping views of the city, especially at sunset.
2. **Louvre Museum** – Home to the Mona Lisa and thousands of masterpieces. Set aside at least half a day. (Tip: enter via the Carousel underground entrance to avoid long lines).
3. **Seine River Cruise** – A scenic way to see Paris at night, with bridges and monuments beautifully lit. Affordable if you choose Batobus or Vedettes.
4. **Notre-Dame Cathedral & Île de la Cité** – Even though the cathedral is under restoration after the fire, the island and nearby Sainte-Chapelle with its stained glass are stunning.
5. **Arc de Triomphe & Champs-Élysées** – Climb to the top of the Arc for another great city view. Stroll down Paris's most famous avenue.
6. **Montmartre & Sacré-Cœur Basilica** – Explore cobbled streets, artists' square (Place du Tertre), and enjoy a panoramic view of Paris from the basilica steps.
7. **Musée d'Orsay** – A more manageable museum than the Louvre, with impressionist masterpieces (Monet, Van Gogh, Renoir).
8. **Tuileries Garden & Place de la Concorde** – Relax in the historic gardens between the Louvre and Champs-Élysées.
9. **Latin Quarter & Panthéon** – Bustling student area full of bookshops, history, and budget-friendly Paris cafés for Indian travelers.

10. **Luxembourg Gardens** – Beautiful park with fountains and greenery; perfect for a picnic or to rest between sightseeing.



### Tips for Indian Travellers in Paris

- **Vegetarian options:** Try **crepes with cheese/vegetables**, falafel at **L'As du Fallafel (Le Marais)**, or Indian restaurants in **La Chapelle** (known as “Little India”).
- **Getting around:** Buy a **Paris Navigo Easy card** (metro/bus pass). Walking + metro is the easiest way to explore.
- **Budget dining:** “Bouillons” (Bouillon Pigalle, Bouillon Chartier) are excellent for affordable French meals under €20.
- **Book museums online:** Louvre & Eiffel tickets in advance save hours of queuing.

## AIRPORT TO HOTEL / GETTING AROUND



From Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) → Central Paris



### 1. RER B Train (Best Budget Option)

Cost: ~€11.45 per person (flat ticket price to any central Paris station).

Time: 35–45 minutes to Gare du Nord, Châtelet–Les Halles, or Saint-Michel.

How:

Follow signs for “Paris by Train / RER B” inside CDG. Buy a ticket from the vending machine (use card or cash). Train runs every 10–15 minutes.

Best For: Budget-conscious travellers, solo visitors, light luggage.



### 2. RoissyBus (Direct Bus to Opera)

Cost: €16.50 per person.

Time: ~60 minutes (can be longer in traffic).

Route: Direct service CDG → Opéra Garnier (very central, near Galeries Lafayette).

Best For: Tourists staying near Opera, Louvre, or central arrondissements.



### 3. Official Paris Taxi (Fixed Fare)

Cost:

€55 to Right Bank (e.g., Marais, Louvre, Opera, Gare du Nord).

€62 to Left Bank (e.g., Latin Quarter, Eiffel Tower, Montparnasse).

Time: 40–60 minutes depending on traffic.

How: Take only official taxis from the signed taxi stands outside arrivals. (Ignore touts inside the terminal.)

## GETTING AROUND IN PARIS:



### 1. Metro & RER Trains (Within City Limits)

- **Cost per single ride:** €2.15 (valid for metro, RER within central Paris zones 1–2, buses, trams).
  - Cheapest way for point-to-point travel.
  - Valid for transfers between metro/RER/bus (but **not** backtracking).
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### 2. Paris Transport Pass Options



#### Navigo Découverte Weekly Pass (Best for 3–7 days)

- **Price:** €30 (zones 1–5, unlimited rides for 1 week, Mon–Sun) + €5 for the card.
  - Covers **metro, RER, buses, trams, and even airport trips (CDG, ORY), Versailles, Disneyland Paris!**
  - **Best Value** if you're in Paris for 3+ days that fall **between Monday–Sunday**.
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#### Paris Visite Travel Pass (Tourist Flexible Pass)

- **Price:**
    - Zones 1–3: €13.95/day, €29.25 for 3 days.
    - Zones 1–5: €29.25/day, €63.90 for 3 days (includes airports, Versailles, Disneyland).
  - **More expensive than Navigo**, but available for **any start day**.
  - Comes with some small museum/attraction discounts.
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### Carnet of 10 Metro Tickets (T+ Tickets)

- **Price:** €17.35 for 10 rides (works out to €1.73/ride).
  - Good for short visits (2–3 days) if you won't ride metro too often.
  - Can be shared between people.
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### 3. Bikes & Scooters

- **Vélib' Métropole** (bike-share): €5/day for unlimited 30-min rides (great for short hops).
  - Electric scooters also available (Lime, Dott, Tier) — but pricier.
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### 4. Walking + Buses for Scenic Routes

- Paris is **walkable**—especially along the Seine, Latin Quarter, Montmartre, and Le Marais.
  - Buses are slower but let you **see the city** (vs. underground metros).
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### Budget-Friendly Recommendation for Tourists

- **2–3 days** → Get a **carnet (10 tickets)** OR Paris Visite (zones 1–3).
- **3+ days (Mon–Sun)** → Buy a **Navigo Découverte weekly pass** → best value, unlimited, includes airport trips.
- Walk as much as possible (Paris is beautiful on foot) + use metro for longer hops.

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