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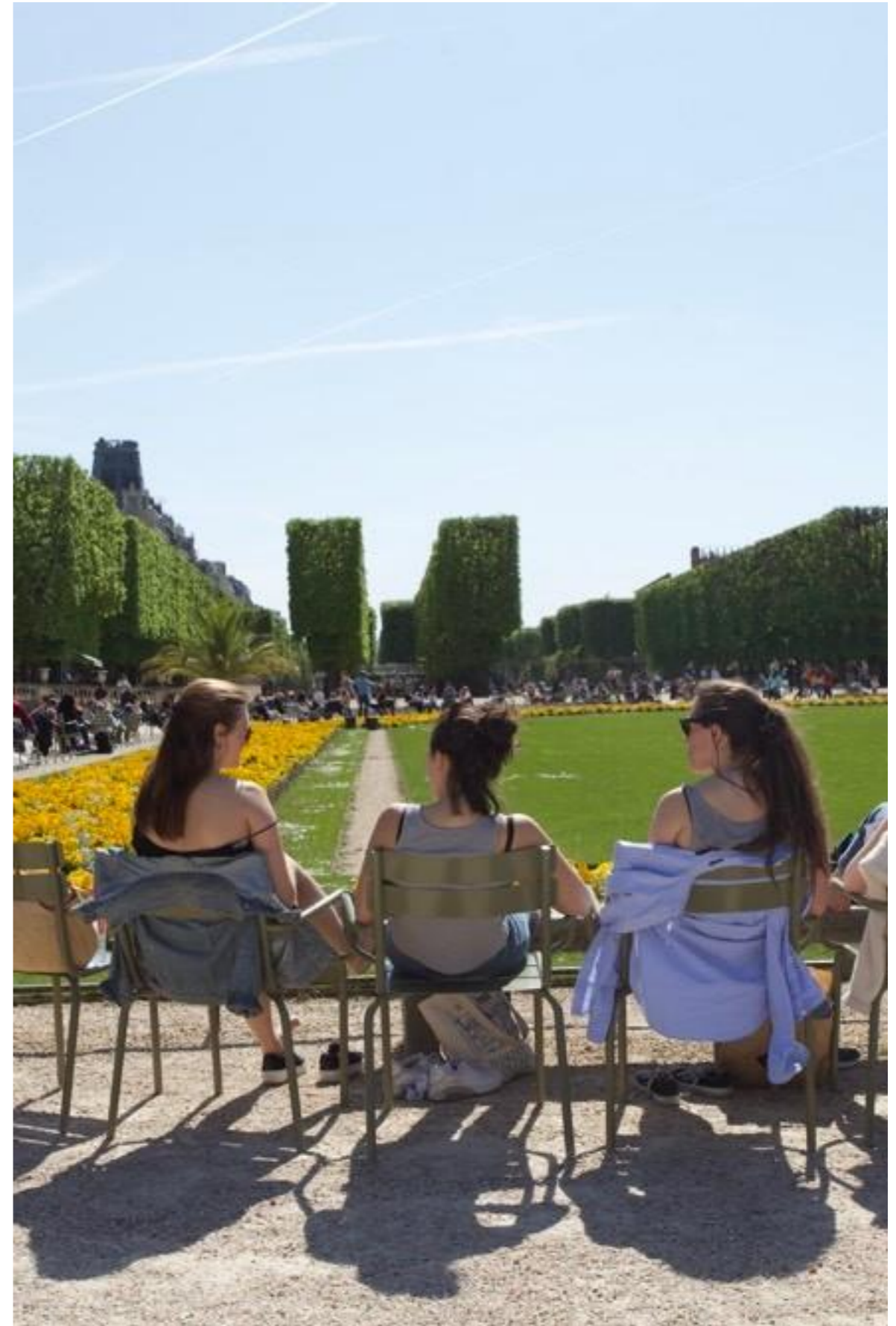
Tour by Taxileader

In this small guide, you will find all the information about the main urban and extra urban, public and private means of transport of the French capital. We will treat public buses, night buses, tour buses, metro and RER, public and private taxis and much more.

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Taxis in Paris

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Private Taxis and Public Taxis

What is the difference between a private and a public taxi? One of the most significant differences is in the price. The former is a private service at a fixed cost which can be booked for airport transfers to a hotel, Disneyland Paris or any other destination which the client may require. However, the public taxis, whilst being very useful for getting around the city, are part of the Parisian taxi service which has an hourly rate. Especially at night, when perhaps once is more conscious of wanting to travel safely, we would recommend booking a public taxi whereas we would not recommend this service for airport transfers because the drivers can often make the journeys longer in order to increase the price above what it should be. In order to check out the map of Paris taxis and further information, have a look at our article: Public Taxis. In order to find out more about the efficient and competitively priced private taxi service (with more than 10 years experience in the sector), have a look at this page: Paris Airports Private Taxi.

How can you book a taxi

There are various different options: you can book by 'phone, (assuming you don't have any problems speaking French), via an App., directly at the taxi station or, if you're really lucky, you can just do what they do in the movies: wave your arms and wait for the first available taxi! This latter option is somewhat complicated in the capital of romance, but, in any event, you will be able to see immediately whether a taxi is free or already occupied by the illuminated sign which all the

Paris taxis have. The "Taxi Parisien" illuminated sign will be green if the taxi is free and red in the event that the taxi is already occupied. In summary, this is very easy in theory but in practice, you will see more taxis with the illuminated red sign than you will the green. Our advice with regard to travelling around the city would be to down-load the free App., "Paris Taxi." This way, you can book the taxi that is closest to where you are, it isn't necessary to know French and you will also avoid calling costs, (from €0.15 per minute).

Public taxis Charges

The total cost of the service consists of some fixed charges (for example €2.40 for the call) and then the variable costs that depend on the area and the distance travelled. In other words, the variable costs will be calculated as a result of the area covered and the time of day.

- Rate 1: from 10:00 to 17:00 hours (normal working days) at €0.96 per kilometre;
- Rate 2: during the week from 07:00 to 10:00 hours, Sundays and Holidays from 07:00 until midnight at €1.21 per kilometre;
- Rate 3: Saturday night from midnight to 07:00 the next morning at €1.47 per kilometre.

How to book a taxi at a fixed price?

The traffic in Paris is a real concern and if you aren't lucky enough to find an honest driver, quite often the cost can easily

increase significantly with a public taxi. Isn't there a way of knowing in advance what the cost of the fare will be so as to avoid any nasty surprises at the end of the journey? Is there some way to book a taxi with a fixed price in Paris? Yes, absolutely! You will be able to know in advance what the total cost of the service will be if you book a private taxi. In fact, when it comes to journeys to and from the Parisian airports or attractions such as Versailles or Fontainebleau, it is possible to book a private taxi at a fixed price. In this case, you can make a booking by 'phone (without any costs for the call) or on-line. In order to avoid any problems due to the language barrier, Taxileader offers customers a service in English from Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 18:00 hours. Booking on-line is available 24 hours a day and is definitely the quickest and easiest way to book. The journey is at a fixed cost, that is to say, the price is locked in at the time of booking and will not change depending on the traffic.

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Airport Shuttle

When it comes to your long-awaited holidays, choose convenience without sacrificing your savings: travel by shuttle to and from the Parisian airports. Are you spending your holiday in Disneyland Paris? No problem! The shuttle service will take you straight to your accommodation at Disneyland so you can start your holiday without having to worry about a thing. You can forget about the stresses and strains of using public transport, the frequent changes from one means of transport to another and the tedium of having to lug your suitcases from one end of the city to the other. Just sit back and relax as your driver, who knows the capital like the back of his hand, takes you directly to wherever you are staying in Paris.

How the Airport shuttle service works

The service is really very simple: a professional and experienced driver will be waiting for the passengers in front of the information point and will accompany them to their accommodation or whatever destination has been specified at the time of booking. In this way, the suitcases, the various means of public transport, bus stops and distant metro stops, will no longer be a problem as you will arrive smoothly and comfortably at your destination.

The Best Service

- **Savetime:** a driver will be waiting for you in front of the information point in the Arrivals Hall;

- **Save money:** sharing the journey with other passengers (up to a maximum of 8 people);
- **A fixed cost:** The price won't change due to the time taken or the number of kilometres covered;
- **A service straight to your accommodation:** from the airport to your accommodation and vice versa;
- **Available every day,** including holidays, from 05:00 until 21:30;

Timetables and Costs

The shuttle service is available every working day as well as on public holidays from 05:00 in the morning until 21:00 at night. The service undertakes all transfers including those of single passengers without any changes to the cost. A fixed price means exactly that: a guaranteed airport transfer and a fixed price regardless of the traffic or the condition of the roads. In order to check the cost, just fill in the form that is attached to this page. If you are travelling with your family you will really make a saving: because, the more people who are travelling with you, the greater the saving per person.

How to book the shuttle service

We guarantee all reservations that have been made with a minimum of 24 hours advance notice of the scheduled transfer time. Our service will also guarantee transfers for single passengers! That being said, our vehicles can accommodate up to 8 people but, depending on demand, it may be that passen-

gers are put into a second vehicle and in some instances, this may mean that they are not sharing with other travellers.

In order to lock in your booking, it will be necessary to pay a small deposit either via credit card or with a prepaid card. We guarantee secure payments with complete privacy both online and by 'phone. You will immediately receive another email where you will find the booking confirmation, an emergency number to call in case of delays or flight cancellations, a summary of the reservation and directions on how to reach the meeting point with your driver. The balance payable will be settled directly with the driver on the day of the transfer.

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The Bus network: daytime services

The number of daytime bus routes are plentiful and they spread out like capillaries across the capital. It is not unusual to prefer the bus over the metro so that you can hop off at the stops which are closest to the places that you want to visit. One example out of many could be to arrive at the Champs de Mars with the bus route number 85 which will stop just a stone's throw away from the Eiffel Tower. Unfortunately, not all the bus stops display a transport map of the city but you can always download a very useful App. By down-loading the App, you will be able to check in real time when the next bus is due and thus you can organise your trips around the city quickly and easily:

[Download Paris transport App!](#)

Night Buses: the Noctiliens

The Paris metro provides a daily service from 05:00 in the morning until approximately midnight whilst on Saturday nights, it is operational until 02:00 in the morning. If you want to go out dancing or enjoying a cabaret show until dawn, this will take you beyond the scheduled timings for the metro and it is then useful to know that you would still be able to catch a night bus or call a Public Taxi. The night buses run from 03:00 until 05:30 so they cover the time zone during which the metro and the RER are closed.

Ticket prices for Public Transport in Paris

In general, the price of tickets in Paris is the same on the metro, the RER and on the buses. The price varies depending on the area but in general, a tourist who is visiting the capital will be focussed on travelling in and around Zone A. Tickets can be bought at the entrance to the metro stations and also on the buses. However, this does mean that the bus tickets will only be valid for a single journey. The price of a single fare is €1.90 (Zone A). Our advice is to buy a T10 Pass (Zone A at €14.90) or a T20 Pass (Zone A at €28.00) and will also be able to share the tickets amongst the friends or family.

Balabus

The Balabus is actually just a simple bus line that does a worthwhile trip around parts of the city. That seems like a good idea, doesn't it? You pay the price of a normal bus fare and can enjoy great views of the city. It is a bus service that covers a usual route, it obviously doesn't have anything to do with the classic double-decker tourist buses. In fact, on the Balabus, you would not have access to an audio guide and the service only runs on working days from April to September.

The Archi-bus and the Montmartrobus

The Archi-bus and the Montmartrobus work in more or less the same way as the Balabus. In other words they are standard line buses which also do tourist routes around the city. The former concentrates more on the areas and monuments

which are considered to be part of France's contemporary artistic heritage whereas the Montmartrobus operates a tourist route through the wonderful and typically characteristic district of Montmartre. In both cases, the price is that of a single bus fare.

Tourist Bus

With the Tourist Bus, you won't waste any time looking for the main attractions and you also won't need to get stressed about having to change to a different means of transport! Let yourself be taken around the city by an experienced driver and enjoy fantastic views of The City of Light. Travelling by bus is the best way to see the most interesting attractions in Paris in the quickest time as you decide what to visit and you can hop on and hop off whenever and wherever you want!

Buy now the pass:

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The Paris Metro

The Paris Metro is fast and convenient and is well represented throughout the urban area: all you have to remember is that you can find a station every 500 metres, maximum. It is often possible to reach some of the most famous tourist attractions by using more than one line, for example, when visiting the Louvre (via the yellow Line 1 or pink Line 7) or the Eiffel Tower (via the green Line 6 or the yellow Line 10 or pink Line 8). Even if you are not used to using the metro, you won't have any problems in using this network thanks to the fact that inside each carriage you will find illuminated signs which indicate the route being used.

The Paris RER

The acronym stands for the Regional Express Network in French and is a fast speed rail system that began in France in 1969 and has subsequently been developed in different areas of the European Union such as, in Barcelona, for example. This type of rail system weaves through underground tunnels and today consists of more than 250 stops, of which, more than 30 are in Paris itself. There are 5 lines on the RER system and they are identifiable by colour and by different letters of the alphabet.

- **RER A:** crosses the city from west to east from the commune of Saint-Germain en Laye to Marne la Vallée, which is famous as the location of the Disneyland Paris;

- **RER B:** crosses the city from the north-east to the south-east from CDG Airport to Saint Rémy lès Chevreuse;
- **RER C:** crosses the city from west to south from the town of Pontoise to Saint-Martin d'Étampes. This line is really useful for visitors wanting to reach the Palace of Versailles;
- **RER D:** connects Orry-la-Ville and Creil with Melun and Malesherbes passing through the centre of Paris and is useful for travellers wishing to reach the Gare du Nord;
- **RER E:** connects the north-east of the city, from Hausmann - Saint-Lazare to the eastern area of Paris Chelles - Gournay and Touman.

The Metro or the RER?

The difference in the two systems lies in the fact that the RER is more similar to an underground train and, above all, it travels to areas that are quite a distance from the city centre such as Versailles and Disneyland Paris, for example. When you visit the centre of Paris, it will often happen that you enter a railway station that is part of the RER and it is important to recognise the difference between this system and the Metro and when it is best to use either one or the other. For example, if you want to visit places outside the city on public transport such as Versailles and Disneyland Paris, using the RER would be the ideal choice. On the other hand, if you are hopping from one attraction to another, there are more options and more stops on the Metro. However, for example, the RER's Line C has stops which are close to many of the city's main at-

tractions such as the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame and the Musée d'Orsay. On the other hand, the RER Line B has stops which are close to the famous Pompidou Centre, the Cathedral of Notre Dame and the Luxembourg Palace.

Ticket prices for Public Transport in Paris

First of all, it's good to know that the tickets are the same for the Metro, the RER and the buses. They can be purchased very easily at the ticket dispensers that are situated at the entrance of all the Metro and RER stops and the price varies according to the area selected. But, for any tourists who want to travel around the city exploring the centre of Paris, it is usually sufficient just to purchase a ticket that covers Zone A. You can choose to buy a single ticket at a cost of €1.90 (Zone A) or to buy a T10 Pass (Zone A - €14.90) or a T20 Pass (Zone A - €28.00). Furthermore, these types of travel cards are actually not individual so that you can easily share them with friends.

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Renting a car in Paris

Choosing to hire a car whilst staying in the French capital will enable you to decide with complete freedom if you want to visit some of the attractions that are a little further from the city centre such as the Palace of Versailles, Disneyland Paris and Parc Astérix and much more. In any event, without any doubt, the best choice when it comes to complete freedom of movement.

How much does it cost to hire a car in Paris?

Renting a four seater car in Paris has an average cost of €90.00 over three days. The rental starts from the moment that you collect the car or from the pick-up time agreed at the time of booking (this varies from one company to another). You can choose between different types of car: small, large, and SUV or even a minivan. There is a really wide choice of vehicles available and you can select the car that best corresponds to your needs, the number of passengers and how much luggage you will have, (don't ever under-estimate the importance of the quantity and size of your suitcases). Our recommendation is to book on-line with a collection at the airport: you will save on the price and you will have more options to choose from.

How and where to hire a car

On this web page you will be able to quickly and easily check-out the best offers for car rentals in the French capital and make a booking on-line. In order to book a rental car you

will be asked for your first name and your family name, your 'phone number, email address, flight number and for payment with a credit card. If you wish to add a second driver you can also do this on-line and the additional cost (around €11.00 per day) will be payable in cash on delivery of the car.

Renting a bicycle in Paris

How to use bike sharing, in other words, the Parisian municipal bicycles, is really simple. All you have to do is to show the electronic card to the screen on your bicycle of choice, insert the bike's code and set off to explore the capital in the fresh air. The cards can be bought at the electronic ticket machines that are located in every station and also on-line (the recommended option) on the official web site: Vélib' Métropole. The beauty of this municipal service is that with great ease and simplicity, it is now possible to move around the city astride a new and comfortable bicycle, have complete autonomy as to when to take a break and then just leave the bike at one of the many stations dotted around the city. If you want to take a look at a map of all the stations quickly and easily, we recommend that you down-load the Vélib App which is available for Android as well as iPhones.

Bike Tours

Our advice is to travel around the whole of the 1^o Arrondissement by bike, i.e., the two small islands that are embraced by the River Seine: the Île de la Cité and Île Saint Louis.

In this way, you will be able to travel along the romantic course of the Seine taking in the marvellous cathedral of Notre Dame, the Conciergerie and the numerous squares in this quarter of the city. Another of the most beautiful routes to enjoy in Paris by bicycle is to set off from the Arc de Triomphe along the Champs Elysées until you reach the Museum of the Louvre and the Arc de Triomphe du Carrousel where you can leave your bikes and, after visiting the museum, relax and recharge your batteries in the famous Tuileries Garden.

For more information, we invite you to read our articles:

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Tourist Boat Cruise

A cruise along the River Seine has always been one of the most enchanting ways in which to see the French capital. With a boat trip that lasts about an hour, you will have the chance to discover the magic of some of the most prestigious monuments in Paris, embellished by the romantic reflections in the glimmering waters of the River Seine. Hop on board and visit the most iconic monuments in the historic heart of the capital: the Eiffel Tower, the Cathedral of Notre Dame, the Louvre Museum and many more besides. Just take the option to relax and enjoy the panorama that unfolds around you as you listen to the audio guide in English which is included in the price of a ticket. Discover the real Paris in comfort, seated on board a boat: start your journey at the foot of the Eiffel Tower, cruise along the Seine for about half an hour and then take the return journey back towards the magical Iron Lady.

Timetable for the river cruises

The river cruises operate at different times depending on the time of year. The boat trips with a single ticket (cruise only) stop at 13:00 and at 19:30. During these specific time slots, it is possible to purchase a boat trip with lunch or dinner included in the cruise. We would also remind you that the timings may change subject to the weather.

- From April to the end of September: from 10:00 to 22:00 with departures every 30 minutes and the last sailing at 21:30;

- From October until the end of March: from 10:30 to 21:30 with departures every 60 minutes and the last sailing at 21:00;
- During the months of June, July and August: from 10:00 to 23:00 with departures every 30 minutes and the last sailing at 22:30.

Book now boat cruise

Book now online the tickets for the boat cruise and avoid the long queues:

[Buy Tourist boat tickets along the Seine!](#)

English Speaking Guide in Paris

Visit Paris in complete comfort with a carefully planned itinerary covering the days of your visit and the places you want to see in the company of a professional guide, is the perfect way to see the city for any type of tourist. Even if you only book a single tour (for the duration of your choice), you will still have the opportunity to ask your guide for any additional advice you may need. In fact, it is also possible to ask for advice regarding the places to visit on other days which you are not using the guide and you will also be able to get some information regarding typical restaurants that are worth trying. For this reason, our advice is to book your guided tour on the first days of your stay in the capital so that you can get the guide's

suggestions as to what to visit on the days when you are not using this service. And, in addition to this, how many of you speak perfect French? It is a well-known fact that the French are very proud of their language and will often insist on only speaking French. This is another good reason for deciding to choose a guide service in English because this will take care of any communication problems. Forget the stress of trying to get your bearings in an unknown city: let yourself be shown around by an expert local guide. The Guide Service, which can be booked on this page, enables the customer to experience the very best that's on offer during their visit with the best local English speaking guides in Paris. Your guide will be your very own "Cicerone" (the English publisher specialising in guide-books) in the most beautiful and typical locations in Paris. For more information, visit the web page:

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