

Visiting Paris

Posted by Bossman - 2008/11/08 19:33

Hi People,

I'm visiting Paris next week for business and am hoping to sneak out to visit some sites and gaming stores. Any suggestions? I definitely want to visit the catacombs but would like some more suggestions.

Cheers

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Posted by THOTH - 2008/11/08 22:57

Napoleons Tomb and the attached Museaum de la Armee is a big time MUST

The Louvre of course (took me my 4th trip to Paris before I got there - then I spent all day - literally - and didn't see everything. When you get there say Hi to my good friend Olivier who manages all the restaurants in the place. Its funny - twice there were strikes and onec a demonstration by right wing (Le Clerc?) types - and when they saw me as I was walking up a (whole) bunch of them gave chase (mistaking me for an arab no doubt) - but I managed to escape (and certainly was not going back)!!

Efile tower of course - do it on a clear day! Also Arc Du Triumph & Champs Elysie

Notre Dame and do a batauex (boat) mouche tour on the seign (day and/or night)

Take the trains/subway.

Outdoor cafes and little family owned corner bars etc

Sacre Coeur (I know I've butched the spelling) - go for dinner and to hang out and check out all the musciians and artists...but watch your wallet (pick pockets)

Take the train to Versailles!

A little road trip out of town gets you to Monets hose & gardens - nie - or the other direction to Fountenblue Castle (nice tour) - pretty area (the forst has some very nice hikes with almost a mii grand canyon sort of thig of sorts - and some historic little towns near by (and all over the place)

Can't go wrong really - so much too do. The first time I went to Paris we had planned to spend a few days there then tour around the country...ended up spending an entire 2 weeks in Paris only leaving the city once to take the train to Versailles..

Enjoy

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Posted by Bossman - 2008/11/17 03:57

Hi Thoth,

Thanks for the tips. I was very fortunate that work had me holed up in a nice part of town (7!!) in strolling distance of the Eiffel Tower so there were plenty of nice Cafes to visit and no shortage of beautiful young ladies about!

I managed to get to the Armee Museum and Napoleons Tomb on Saturday which were great. In the attic of one of the wings they have scale topographic models of fortresses in France - really cool. On Sunday got to the Catacombs and Notre Dame and then later to the Maritime museum which has a fabulous collection of model ships.

Next time the Louvre and Sacre Coeur - the Metro makes it really easy and cheap to get around.

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Posted by THOTH - 2008/11/18 23:33

Great...sounds like you had a great time!

I must get back to the musee de la Armee (even though I've been there twice and spent some time there I haven't been close to seeing it all)

I'm curious what hotel you stayed at. Good friends of ours used to own a hotel about 2 blocks from the Eiffel tower. They sold it some time ago but we have stayed there since. And some very interesting stories (including suicide & murder & Japanese crime gangs etc)...it is somewhat near Bir Heikim metro stop.

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Posted by Bossman - 2008/11/20 12:36

Hotel de France. A bit basic and small!!! but 88 Euros per night. Breakfast was good.

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