


# Lets Take a Trip to Paris...



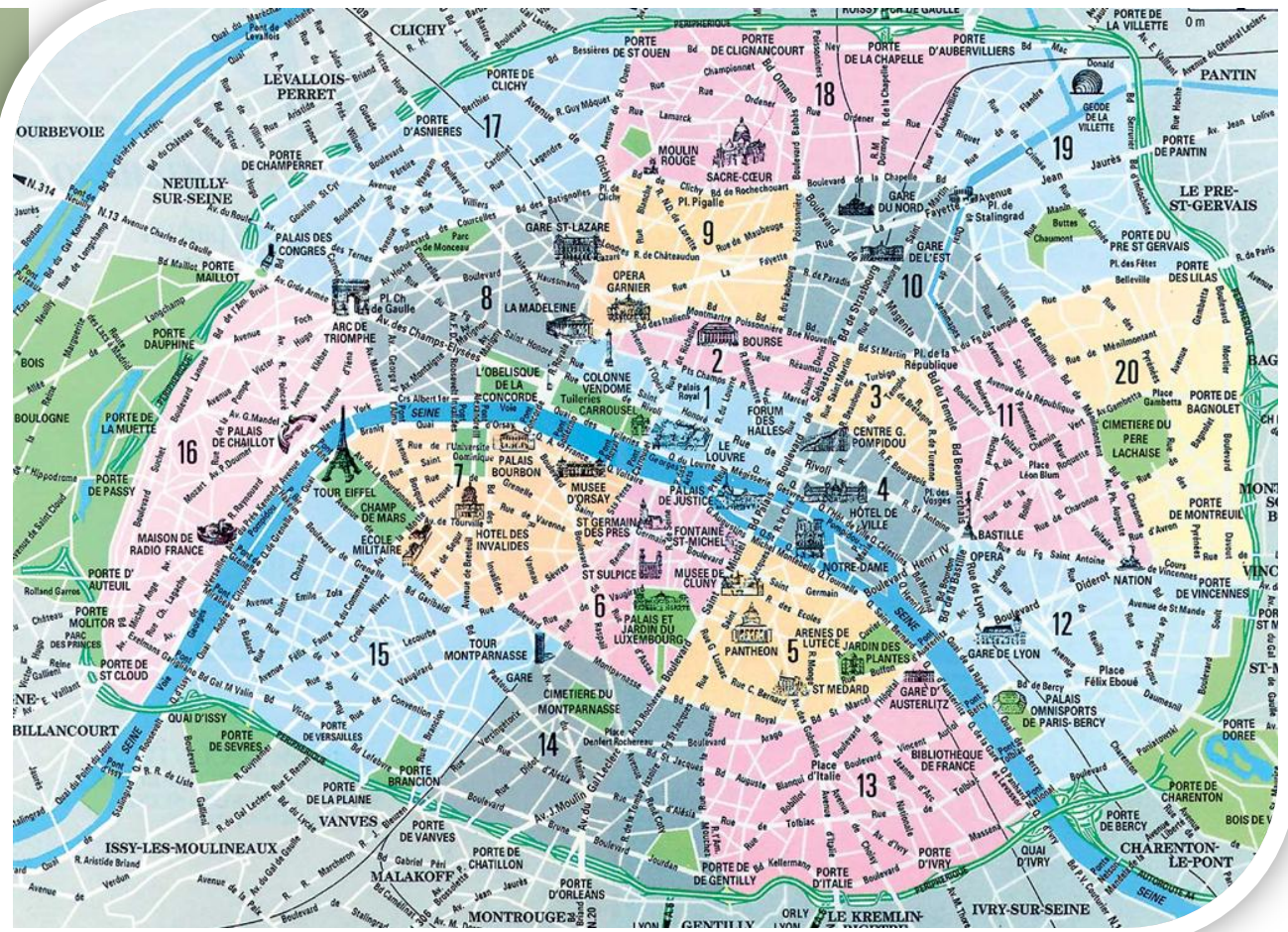
## THE CITY OF LIGHTS





Paris is the capital of France. It is a very large city with smaller areas called the arrondissement. They are numbered 1-20.

Paris is also divided into two areas around the Seine River, which flows through the middle. Anything north of the river is called the Right Bank (or Rive Droit) and anything south of the river is called the Left Bank (or Rive Gauche).



## Paris Geography





The Seine River flows through the center of Paris and divides it into its two banks.

People can take a tour of Paris on a boat up riding up and down the Seine.

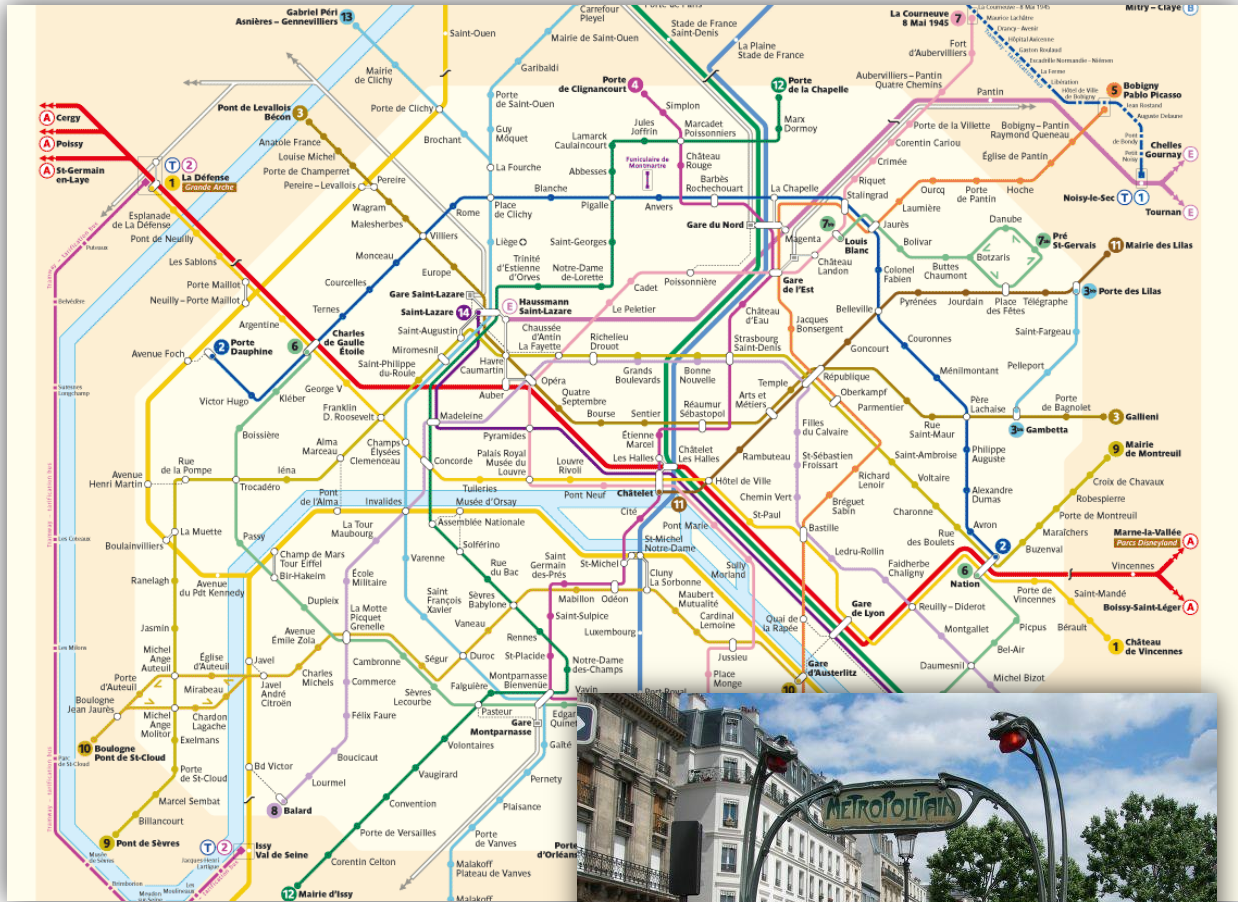
Over 30 bridges cross the river to allow people to go back and forth easily.



## **La Seine**



Most people travel around the city by the subway system called le métro. People buy their tickets at vending machines and go down underground or climb up many stairs to a raised platform. Each line takes you to different places and you may have to get off one train and onto another to get where you want to go.



## Le métro





The Louvre is probably the most famous art museum in the world. It is a very large building shaped like a “U” with a glass pyramid in the middle. People enter the museum through a door in the pyramid.

There are many famous paintings, sculptures, and artifacts in the museum. Here you can see the Mona Lisa, if you can get close enough! There are always a room full of tourists and guards stand by to keep watch.



## The Louvre





When you leave the Louvre, you can go straight to the Tuileries Gardens. People love to come here and enjoy warm spring days. You can walk on gravel paths and rest on benches. There is a huge Ferris wheel to ride and in the summer there are other carnival rides.

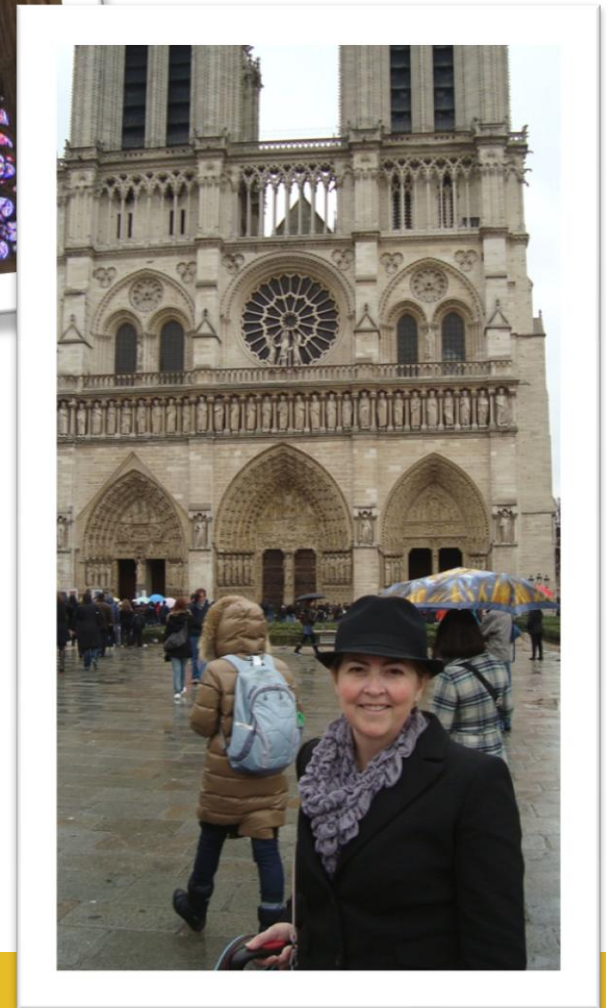


## **The Tuileries Gardens**





The cathedral Notre Dame is located on the larger of two islands in the Seine River. It is actually built on top of 2000 year old Roman ruins, which you can see by going underground. The cathedral itself is over 800 years old. Everyone likes to visit the Notre Dame when visiting Paris.



## **Notre Dame**

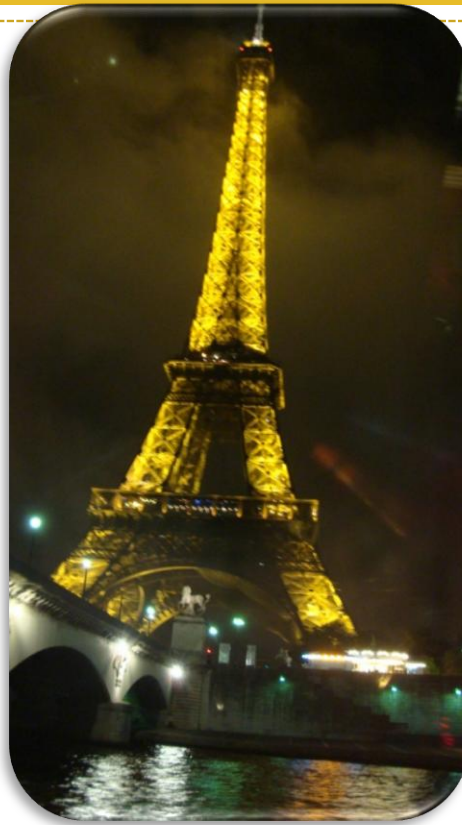


The Eiffel tower is the most famous landmark in Paris, but it wasn't meant to be permanent. It was built in 1889 by Gustav Eiffel for the World's Fair. It was supposed to be taken down but the city of Paris decided to leave it up as a radio tower.

There are three levels. You can walk up stairs to the first two levels or ride one of 4 elevators. To get to the top level, you must ride an elevator right up the middle. From the top, you can see all of Paris.

There are restaurants, shops, and exhibits on the first two levels.

At night, the Eiffel Tower is lit up and at the beginning of every hour the lights sparkle.



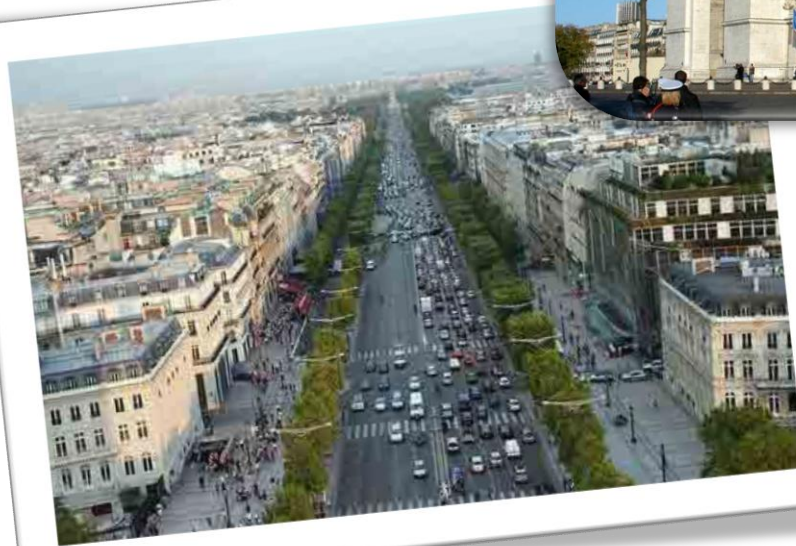
## La Tour Eiffel







The Champs Elysées is a very famous street in Paris where you can shop and dine. There are wide sidewalks and trees line the streets. The Champs Elysées ends at the Arc de Triomphe. The Arc de Triomphe was built by Napoleon Bonaparte to honor his army and celebrate their victories.

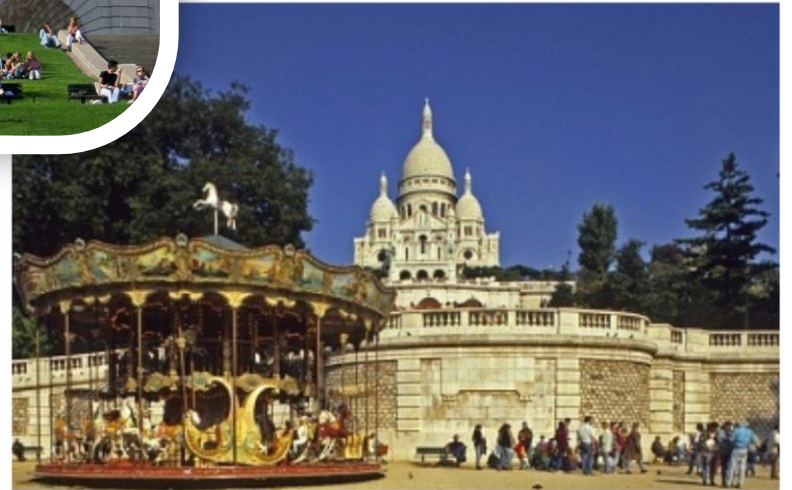


## Les Champs Elysées et l'Arc de Triomphe

La Sacré Coeur (Sacred Heart) is a cathedral that sits on a very tall hill in the north of Paris. You must climb many stairs or take a train to reach it. On the many terraces below, vendors set up stands to sell food, flowers, and souvenirs. There are also merry go rounds and other rides.



## Sacré Coeur







People in Paris love to eat at cafés. A café is a small restaurant where you can get a Croque Monsieur sandwich and citron presse or a plate of steak frites (steak and fries). People go to meet their friends and drink a coffee or sit outside and enjoy the weather and people watch. When in Paris, you must go to a café!



## Cafés

