

Abbesses Atelier Guest Comments

The Talley Family – Hamilton, NJ, USA
25 December 2007

-We thoroughly enjoyed our stay in your comfortable Paris home. The neighborhood is wonderful and quaint. We found the apartment was well appointed with everything we needed, an especially nice kitchen!

Thank you for sharing your home with us!

Peter and Matt – Atlanta, GA, USA
December 2007-January 2008

-Dearest Crawford Family, and Preston and Gail from PerfectlyParis. What a fantastic holiday AGAIN in Paris – we (Matt, Peter and Marne) wish to rent this very same apartment next year for New Years! Please go ahead and pencil us in (reserve). The apartment is so very well appointed, comfortable and convenient to Abbesses, Pigalle and Lamarck.

We have met a French couple also possibly wanting to rent/set up their apartment from you – we have given them the contacts for you.

The kitchen as well as two bath w/ shower and bath/shower are especially appealing!!!

With kind regards.

Frank and Brigitte McGowan
3 February 2008

-John, John(ny), Gail and Preston,

Our stay has been delightful in every way! It's terrific to see our apartment for so many years in the hands of people who appreciate it and who are managing it so professionally. The decorations are lively and in keeping with the "Abbesses Spirit". We have felt welcomed, comforted and cosseted ever since our arrival.

We have recommended this experience to friends we have met on this visit and will continue to do so.

All the very best in the future.

Hema Ganapathy – San Jose, CA, USA
22 February 2008

The apartment met all of our expectations! It is beautifully decorated, well kept, very clean and of course situated in a fantastic location. Having a metro station literally 20-30 steps away was so convenient for us. How can you beat that?

If we come to Paris again (which is very likely), we will absolutely stay at Abbesses Atelier again! For this week it has been our home away from home.

We had a great time! Thank you so much for making this apartment available to us.

Jenny and Family – England
8 March 2008

-Dear everyone,

(Preston, the one who showed us around) I can't remember the other people's name, but I'm sure you should take credit for this beautiful apartment. As you walk through the door, you can see it's clean, homely, and comfortable. There is a lot to do and you can sit and relax, listening to the French people walking along the streets.

The fact it is close to Abbesses, is great because you can just hop on! Also there is lots of cafés and restaurants just around the corners.

One of my favourite films, Amelie, was filmed here and I love that fact! The café, the green grocers etc. is great to go to.

I would definitely come again, the beds are comfy, the couches are comfy and the cleanliness is really good.

Tom Q
8 March 2008

-This apartment is a wonderful place. You can hear the French people walking past. The beds are quite comfy and you can get a good night's sleep. The ornaments are really good and it is really cosy. There is an Internet café just around the corner.

David, Sally and Annette - UK
22 March 2008

-Lovely location, very pleasant, comfortable stay with many lasting memories.

Barbara and Bill Fraser- Ottawa, Canada
Karen and Terry Thomson - Midland, Ont.
2 May 2008

-Bonjour tous le monde! I love Paris in the spring time!

Nous sommes très heureux de rester ici. We have been so satisfied and happy with this accommodation, the locale is perfect, the shops excellent and the nearness of the Metro is a bonus.

We have seen the major sites, eaten day in wonderful splendor and, even cooked gourmet here. Lovely time!

Diane - CA, USA
26 May 2008

-This was a wonderful apartment in the most charming location.

The Fraser Family - Western Australia
11 April 2008

-Our family had an excellent time in Paris. Saw the big sights and wandered around and saw some little sights. Had some great meals and the location here made it a fantastic base from which to explore this amazing city. We had a bloody ripper of a time. Thanks heaps

Estelle and Jerry
26 May 2008

-Thank you for sharing this wonderful home with us! We enjoyed this trip so much because of the beauty of the city and the comfortable lovely 2 bedrooms and 2 bath home with everything one misses when travelling. Thanks for thinking of everything!

John and Diane
26 May 2008

-Just wanted to leave a quick note to thank Preston for all of your assistance. Our trouble with the washing machine would have been a disaster if not for you. Thank you so much. This was a wonderful apartment, in the most charming location. I would highly recommend taking the open bus tour. It is a fantastic way to see all of the sights without transferring from metro to metro.

*Tip: (From green line tour) take Abbesses metro to Madeline stop. Tour starts a few steps away.

Joe – Toronto, Canada
21 June 2008

-Thank you for letting us make a home in your lovely home these past seven days. It was truly a wonderful experience! Merci beaucoup!

The Reillys – Ireland
7 July 2008

-Dear Gail, Preston and Crawford family,
Thank you for a true Parisienne experience. We saw many sights around the city and your apartment was lovely. Dad was happy that we were happy.

Gunjit – UK
7 August 2008

-We have really enjoyed our short stay in Paris as a family. The apartment has been very comfortable and it has been a pleasant retreat after a hard day's fun and sightseeing!

Thank you for being so helpful and prompt with your service when we were booking with you. The location of the flat was fantastic – kids have enjoyed Place des Abbesses and the carousel everyday!

The room was so big and roomy so it was almost likely a bungalow also Paris was so lovely to stay in.

The Lanes – Washington, DC, USA
3 September 2008

-We have stayed in Paris for two weeks and it has been wonderful. We really felt "at home" in this beautiful apartment. The apartment had everything we needed and it was a good fit for a family of 5. The closeness of the metro, the abundance of cafés and all the shops made this trip a real pleasure. Paris is a beautiful city and we have enjoyed every minute of our stay. Thank you all, for making our family trip, a trip of a lifetime.

The Griffins – Brisbane, Australia
11 September 2008

-We have thoroughly enjoyed our short stay at Abbesses Atelier. We have found the apartment a home away from home, the area an exciting one to explore and the service from Gail and Preston

fabulous. We will be telling all our friends about this wonderful apartment and PerfectlyParis and we are already planning our next trip which will be much longer than three days!

Ray and Chris – Warwick, UK
17 September 2008

-Nice apartment but spoilt by lack of hot water for three days.

John, Mary, Wayne and Pam – South Australia
26 September 2008

-A great apartment in a lively, interesting area. Many thanks to Gail and Preston for making sure our visit to Paris was a memorable one. We love the city and the Montmartre area and look forward to our next visit. Definitely recommend Paris Walks for an insight into this (and other) areas of Paris.

The McCall Family (And Sofia) – Australia and UK
30 September 2008

-Thanks for a great stay. The apartment is lovely, well equipped and the beds are very comfy! We will hopefully be back!

The Raftesath Family – Brisbane, Australia
17 October 2008

-What a week to finish our 6 week trip with! Sightseeing, galleries and just shopping for supplies on rue des Abbesess and rue Lepic! We experienced the street celebration for the harvesting of the grapes and then a Sunday morning wedding in the Square and lazy days of street music. We will miss the church bell ringing. The apartment was perfect and located in a fantastic part of Paris.

If you are travelling with children, we recommend the Open Bus Tour (double decker bus) so they can see the sights clearly and without tiring quickly. Choose a smaller museum/gallery such as Orsay rather than the Louvre as after an hour everything becomes a blur!

Kevin Cole and Amy Ruth – USA
October 2008

-Thank you very much for the wonderful stay in your apartment. Although I was only here for 3 ½ days while my girlfriend was working, I had an amazing time. It is nice being so close to the metro and having so many delicious restaurants to choose from. This was my first time in Paris and I am convinced that I will be back. The food was excellent, the sights amazing, and the people were very friendly and helpful to someone who doesn't speak much French. I greatly appreciate this place and can't wait to visit again since it is very convenient to many locations and easy to navigate. Tomorrow we are heading to Versailles for the day and renting a car to visit the Loire Valley. I hope that it is as great as staying here. Merci beaucoup.

Bensons and Syers – London, UK
2 November 2008

-Great apartment, very good position. Pity about the rain! We will be back! Thanks again!

Barbara & Victor Martin and Harry & Harriet Cullen – Scotland and Northern Ireland
2 Dec 2008

-Beautiful apartment, fantastic layout. The two bathrooms were a definite plus. We would like to thank the Crawford family for allowing us to share their lovely property. Victor gave the multi media system a 10 out of 10. My thanks to Gail for all her help in assisting me with the booking

as I was a novice as far as the Internet goes. Really enjoyed our first trip to Paris helped by the fact we had such a lovely place to stay.

The Casimirs – Sydney, Australia
9 January 2009

-The moment we saw Abbesses Atelier on the website, we'd hoped it would be as ideal as it looked for our month holiday in Paris. It was. The place is furnished with care down to the last detail. Comfortable, warm and good kitchen! While we urge you to consider updating the bed in the double bedroom, we couldn't be more happy. Thank you to Preston and Gail for making us welcome and we look forward to visiting Abbesses, Montmartre and Paris again soon.

The Chongs, Melbourne Australia
12 January 2009

-Thank you for your cosy apartment. Just the right fit for a family of 6 with the much needed 2 bathrooms and well equipped kitchen. We had a great time despite the cold weather and saw all of the famous sights of Paris! Hope to be back someday. Thank you! P.S. Great books, great DVDs for the kids!

Tonik B., San Francisco, CA
8 January 2009

-Thank you Preston, Gail and especially the Crawfords for providing such a comfortable, well appointed home during my stay in Paris. I was here on a business trip but was able to host a business lunch with enough amenities (plates, glasses, etc.) to make it a pleasant affair. The convenience of the Place des Abbesses around the corner was a definite plus in getting around Paris. I will look forward to the next visit to your lovely home dans Paris.

James and Jeanette – Seattle, USA
April 2009

-Dear Gail and the Perfectly Paris team,

We have had a wonderful stay here! Very convenient and very comfortable! We had everything we needed. The guidebooks in the apartment were especially helpful, as was the washing machine. The girls watched the James Bond movie and were delighted at the detailed instructions for DVD use in the apartment manual you provided. Thank you for a lovely stay in Paris!

The Brights, UK
May 2009

-A great apartment and a great area. Really comfortable and relaxed stay, thank you. The children have had a really good introduction to Paris. Hopefully we will be back.

The Footers, Adelaide, Australia
June 2009

-It was a pleasure to be here – especially after a week in London! Great facilities, location and our son was especially impressed by the garbage chute. I'm sure it will be his lasting impression of Paris. Thank you to Preston for showing us around. We hope to be back soon

Nancy – Santa Rose, CA, USA
October 1-8 2009

-Thank you Preston and Gail. The apartment is wonderful. The attention to detail and the amenities available make it seem like home. And having each of you so accessible and helpful provides a feeling of security. I love Paris and to have such wonderful accommodations while here just enhances our experience. Thank you both again.

The Murrills and Duponts – Ottawa, Canada and Ozark, MI, USA
October 2009

-Everything was perfect! Thanks Gail and Preston! No problems with the apartment. Felt like home and the location was awesome. We love Paris and will be using PerfectlyParis in our return (hopefully this apartment!). Only thing missing was an alarm clock and we got you one! Thanks again.

The Robinsons and the Davies – Aurora, Ontario, Canada
2 November 2009

-Gail and Preston: What a fantastic experience! From the moment we entered the apartment, we felt welcomed to Paris. Your attention to detail is amazing. We loved the area – really felt at home. It was a memorable vacation, we can't thank you enough! We hope to come back one day and we'll recommend this apartment to anyone we know who is coming. Thanks for a memorable stay!

Caroline and Judith – London and Sydney
December 2009

The perfect sanctuary after a day of exploring. We loved bring home various *plats préparé* from the local traiteurs and making the most of the kitchen (whose size astonished our Parisian friends!) and the DVD player to watch French films. Cosy, warm, spacious, and quiet though I still wonder if the rumble I hear at night is the metro, even though it's so deep. We'll be back – thank you, Gail and Preston for a home from home.

The Sturm Family
March 2010

Dear Crawford and the "PerfectlyParis" team,

We thoroughly enjoyed our stay in Abbesses Atelier, feeling almost at home from the day of arrival (and after listening to Preston's professional introduction). The location is superb and helped us to explore and enjoy the city. As days went on PerfectlyParis even greatly improved on the weather!

The apartment is very well equipped – we did not miss anything.

The Bamfords – Sheffield
April 2010

An excellent base for celebrating my 60th birthday in Paris – very spacious, comfortable and tastefully decorated; a good supply of books + DVDs, TV, good for relaxing after a hard day of sightseeing. 2 bathrooms useful with plenty of modern equipment for cooking a meal for 9 when relatives came for a visit.

Paul and Judith & Paul and Susan – Leeds and Bamsley, England

Lovely appartment close to the metro and lots of places to eat. Lots of space for 4 of us.

**Shaw and Smolin – San Francisco, Frankfurt and Leipzig
12 April 2010**

Location was great! Paris fantastic as always. The common area was large enough for all of us and we had an excellent time. Vive la France!

Jacqui – Newcastle, Australia

Dear Gail and Preston,

Wow! Let me just say we have been travelling all around England, Scotland, Cardiff for 1 month now. Paris was one of my favourite places so far!! Because it's towards the end of the trip we are all very anxious to get home but the apartment was so homely it made our holiday very comfortable.

The room was comfortable, the bed snuggly, the kitchen WOW, the living area cosy, the DVDs great, bathrooms perfect!

Overall – a very enjoyable stay!

**Michael, Merryana, Sarah and Jacqueline – Newcastle, Australia
April 2010**

Dear Gail and Preston,

Thank you for a comfortable stay. The apartment was spacious and located in the most convenient spot for the metro. Montmartre is my favourite area – so much character – a joy to wander the streets and window shop.

The apartment is very well equipped with everything we could need and enough room for 2 teenage girls to enjoy some time away from their parents (and vice versa!).

**The Pumas
3 May 2010**

Thank you for this lovely apartment. My husband and I commented on how happy we were to not be staying in a hotel (especially with two kids).

**Kim, Dave, Alec and Dada – Canada
16-23 May 2010**

Thank you so very much for providing us with a home away from home for our trip to Paris. The apartment was very comfortable, especially for a family with two children.

Some of my favorite moments of the trip were spent in this lovely Abbesses area. The boulangeries and patisseries are divine and the restaurants are wonderful! Last night, our last night here, we had a very French meal at La Cave de Jojo and listened to the local patron playing accordion, singing and even dancing in the small venue. And cafe and croissants will not be the same back home.

**Margaret – Scottsville, KY, USA
4-8 June 2010**

Thank you so much for sharing your lovely home with us. It is a great place and location very handy. It helped make our 1st visit to Paris “perfect”.

Paris was even more wonderful than we ever dreamed. Great food and really nice people. Lots of interesting things to see and do.

The Mehta Family – Sharon, MA, USA
28 August 2010

To the PerfectlyParis team,

This was our first time to Paris and first experience renting an apartment abroad. What luck to find Gail's name in Condé Nast magazine. We would definitely do this again. By our 2nd night, the 3 kids were saying on the metro "are we headed home?"... meaning Abbesses Atelier. Living here for our week felt... well, just right. How wonderful to be steps from the metro, boulangeries, fromageries, patisseries, bistros, boutiques and not to mention Sacre Coeur.

We enjoyed many local restaurants including the Italian place down the street, Sancerre, and the jam packed fondue place with baby bottles for drinking wine.

What fun. We enjoyed our time in the apartment doing research for touring the next day, watching the DVD movies, relaxing with wine/cheese/fresh baguette and unwinding with a book.

A hearty thanks for the warm, cozy accommodations.

Vince & Kate and John & Claire – Toronto, Canada
3 September 2010

Dear Gail and the PerfectlyParis team,

Thank you so much for providing an excellently outfitted apartment. It was truly a pleasure to just walk in and live! Your binder of information was especially helpful.

You made it very easy and convenient for four Canadians to have a great time in the City of Lights and to take back fond memories of a wonderful week.

Mercedeh at Quench Travel in Toronto suggested your easily accessible apartment in Les Abbesses and we are glad she did. We hope to return some day and if you do, PerfectlyParis will be a major pillar of our travel plans.

Joan and Gary – South Australia
10 September 2010

Gail and Preston,

Thank you for making our stay in your apartment feel just like home. Being able to pick up baguettes and croissants for 'le petit dejeuner', metro just around the corner, plenty of restaurant choices and doing our washing made for a very relaxed experience.

We especially loved opening the windows and listening to the sounds of the street as we sat and relaxed.

Montmartre is a delight and although we adored the art galleries and monuments in central Paris, coming 'home' to the apartment and the district was heaven. Vive la France!

Hortons – Ewhurst, Surrey, England
17 October 2010

Thank you very much, superb flat and facilities. Excellent location, we thoroughly enjoyed our short stay in Paris. Highly recommend the restaurant Moulin de la Galette – fabulous food and atmosphere and only 5 minute walk from here.

Helen, Graham, Megan and Peter – NSW, Australia
28 October 2010

Dear Gail, Preston and the Crawfords,

After travelling for 6 weeks through Europe, this has been a wonderful ending.

A very spacious comfortable apartment in a superb location. Our favourite part of Paris!!

The assistance provided by Gail and Preston was fantastic and a well organized welcome. The facilities in the apartment were excellent.

We will be recommending "PerfectlyParis" and in particular, this apartment, to all our friends and family.

Thank you very much and we look forward to our next trip.

Charlotte – OR, USA

Hello PerfectlyParis,

What can we say? Even with a broken leg 4 hours into our trip, it is wonderful. This apartment is perfectly located and has been/exceeded our expectations. Our dinner guest last night remarked that she liked "being at home" again (she's our former student now studying in Paris for a year). Gail has been fantastic in helping us through our first few days here. You can't go wrong with PerfectlyParis.

Meeting John and Veronika was destined, I think. Life fell into place when we walked through the door of Abbesses Atelier!

Suzanne, Keith and Joan – Auckland, NZ and UK
21 December 2010

What a fabulous apartment – such charming décor and so spacious and well kitted out. I think we could well move in permanently! Our fave local restos are le Durer and le Jardin d'en Face and we loved La Fourmi for a cheap drink – quite a buzzy atmosphere. There is only so much your eyes and stomach can feast and in a week so it definitely warrants a return trip here and in particular Montmartre which we adored, with its vibrancy! Thank you to the Crawford family for sharing their lovely Parisian home with us and thank you to Gail and Preston for all their help with booking and settling in, Gail so promptly and efficiently relying to all my queries over the time. We all had a wonderful time – thank you PerfectlyParis!

The Owens Family – Brisbane, Australia
27 December 2010

Dear Gail, Preston and Crawford Family,

What an amazing apartment, so quaint and so much nicer than a hotel! We have enjoyed the last 6 days here and will definitely recommend to many.

We wish we had more time here, as there is so much to see!

It was great to have full use of an apartment, able to cook & eat in, wash clothes, etc. We did eat out one night at La Mascotte – best meal ever – highly recommend. The staff were very friendly and they even provided an English menu. The food was fantastic.

The book of instructions and information for apartment and surrounding area is fantastic also.

Thank you so much for providing this apartment, it has been an unforgettable experience. We hope to be back very soon. Also an engagement proposal happened @ this very dinner table! (She said yes!!!).

**Wendy and Samantha – Denmark, Western Australia
9 January 2011**

What a beautiful, beautiful city you live in and what a fabulous spot the apartment is in!! I loved Montmartre and will be sorry to leave. Thank you for the use of your apartment; it is lovely.

**Samantha, Mathew and Toby (20 months), Wendy, Maurice and Frederick – Perth, Western Australia
13 January 2011**

Sam, Toby and I (Mathew) have had a great stay here. We loved the location and the area and enjoyed wandering the streets and checking out all the little shops and streets. We particularly appreciated the information book in the apartment (and tried several of the restaurants). I agree with some previous comments that the bathrooms need improvements but the rest of the apartment and the way we booked, paid and moved in has been stress free and professional – thanks Holiday Velvet and Preston. It's a real sham to be leaving, we feel we have got a great sense of what it might be like to live here and can't wait for our next trip.

Perhaps a highchair for babies/toddlers staying here would be a good idea and some linen and a mattress for the baby cot would be nice. This was an extra special holiday for us as it was the 60th birthday present for my Dad and my long service leave present as well. What a beautiful quaint place Montmartre is. Thank you from all of us.

**Peter, Janet, Leigh and Ros – Melbourne, Australia
9 May 2011**

Most enjoyable stay. Very comfortable and convenient.

**Jennifer, Kay, Courtney, Laura, Daisy and Andrea – UK
3 June 2011**

We had a fab time here in Paris. The apartment was very comfortable and the place Montmartre was gorgeous with the lovely cobbled streets and loads of atmosphere! Very French! Would definitely love to come again!

**Brian & Laureen and Geoff & Kathy – Perth, Western Australia
12 June 2011**

We loved Paris and Montmartre in particular. The apartment was great and perfectly located for access to the metro and restaurants. Would definitely stay here again and will recommend this apartment to any friends coming to Paris. Special thanks to Preston.

**Lis, Bob and Lotti – Delft, Holland
11 July 2011**

Thanks for this wonderful stay in Paris, it just felt like home!!

**The Moriarty Family – Switzerland, Indonesia and Australia
18 July 2011**

We had a wonderful time here. Loved the apartment and the location. We wanted to move in!