

## Artists' Corner Guest Comments

- **Sandy & Jo – Eugene, Oregon USA 20/12-27/12/03**

Joyeux Noel & Bonne Année

Our family had a wonderful week in the Artists Corner over the holidays!!

One week in Paris is not enough! What a great city, we barely scratched the surface. My girls attend a French immersion school in the USA & so this was a great way to partake of the French culture & use their language skills. My 11 year old translates for us many times! The patisseries & chocolateries in the neighbourhood are fine (croissant almond c'est magnifique!) We all bought paintings in Place du Tertre, and attended an organ concert in Sacre Coeur.

Many thanks for the wonderful apartment in Paris & for your hospitality  
We hope to be back!

**Purpose of your trip:** Visiting Paris with friends from USA

**How I (we) travelled:** TGV

**Places I would recommend:** (DO NOT go to Mere Catherine restaurant at Place de Tertre). Food was not good.

**Favourite moments/Special highlights:** Organ music, singing at Sacre Coeur, artists in Place du Tertre, sparkling Eiffel Tower at night!

- **Gini & Richard – Seattle, Washington 03/22/04-03/30/04**

Thank you, Gail, for a cosy retreat. We really “worked” this trip – our first full day found us wandering for eleven hours! It was grand to come back here to rest each day.

The best non-guided walking tour of Montmartre is in the CADOGAN guide to Paris (the book with Rodin's “The Kiss” on the cover). It gives a perfect description of the village; the route is easy, and the streets & views charming.

If you're tempted to attend the “Lapin Agiles' Spectacle”, know that is utterly charming, but as the room is tiny, you are packed in on tiny wooden benches. Fun, we're glad we went, but it's not for everyone (we left after 1 ½ hours).

The cheese shop at Abbesses is lovely. Also—the metro at rue Lamarck & Caulaincourt is easiest. Abbesses is deep & if the elevator isn't working it means 8 long flights up! However – it's station entrance is worth it – One of the few totally intact.

A perfect trip – thank you thank you!

**Purpose of your trip:** Gini's (my) 50<sup>th</sup> birthday gift from Richard – an artist's first trip to Paris!

**The weather/temperature was:** Ccccccold at first (30°F!) but beautiful – warmed up to beautiful days.

**What I (we) did:** 1. Museums 2. Food. My first love is art, Richard's is food; third for both of us is architecture, followed by history. We saw all the major sites in 8 days.

**People I met:** The puppies in the corner pet store at the corner of rue Tourlaque & rue Damremont.

**Places I would recommend:** La Preuve Par Neuf, around the corner on rue Damremont, is a beautiful little secret – wonderful breakfast & great dinner, reasonable prices, charming people & place.

- **Carol, Kay & Pat (three sisters) – Osage, Iowa and Cullowee, NC 04/01/04-04/30/04**

**Purpose of your trip:** To enjoy April in Paris: the food, the markets the chestnut trees in bloom, the museums, the people; to share the Paris experience.

**How I (we) travelled:** We flew to Paris from the US on USAir thru Philadelphia—risky. While here we travelled by foot, bus, metro and train.

**The weather:** Variable. There was wind and rain and cold; sun warmth; clouds and blue sky. The “giboules de mars” were tardy and arrived in April. The last half of the month was beautiful!

**What I did:** We visited the markets/marchés, patisseries, boulangeries, fromageries, chacuteries, chocolatiers, and spécialités gastronomiques. We made shopping lists, planned menus, prepared meals, discovered restaurants and cafés. We talked of past and future meals. We walked in the Luxembourg Gardens and the Tuilleries Garden and along the St. Martin Canal. We attended a ballet at the Opera Garnier, an organ concert at St. Sulpice, a soprano and harp concert at Eglise St. Julien le Pauvre.

**People we met:** We met a retired FBI agent from Wisconsin –California on the train to Rouen; two French school teachers celebrating a birthday at La Couronne in Rouen; Dani, an acquaintance from Amities, a French language internet chat group; Florence, from the Alliance Française, and Gail Boisclair!

**Places I would recommend:** The Sunday brunch at the Blue Elephant; hot chocolate at Angelina’s and Deux Magots; dinner at Les Feuillades; French onion soup at Pied au Cochon; bread and pastries from Le Grenier à Pain on Abbesses; the Andre-Jacquemart museum; Boissier Chocolatier; the Train Bleu for tea...

**Favorite moments/Special Highlights:** Tiny new peas and freshly dug potatoes from the market; artichokes; the visit to Rouen including dinner at La Couronne; visit to the Poilâne bakery’s cellar to watch the bread being mixed, kneaded and baked and to watch cookies being cut with lightning speed; the ballet at the Opéra Garnier; the raspberry tarts; the Roquefort cheese; the Dali Museum; the Renoir at the muse de la Vie Romantique; blooming chestnut trees.

- **Jim & Julie – Oakland, California June 14-June 19**

**Purpose of your trip:** Fun, wine, food, castles & ruins, cruising the country, and of course, shopping

**How I (we) travelled:** The train in Spain, romance in France the car, by far, left little to chance. Then train into Paris and Metro, no harass.

**The weather:** Sunny, warm, cool, rain all of the above. Mostly it was awesome.

**What I did:** Barcelona-Perpignan-Arles-Avignon-Vasun la Romain-Provence-Begunne ---Tours (Amboise)-Chambord-Paris! We had some hotels/B&B’s booked, but a lot of time (mid-weekly mostly) that was open & flexible. We took locals’ advice on where to go and what to do (that really was better than the guide books). [5 days Spain, 10 days cruising southern France & Tours, 5 days Paris]

**People I met:** The “stuffy” French are out there, but by and large we were well received and enjoyed out interactions with everyone. The train stations at night do attract some “euro-dogs”, but that is true everywhere.

**Places I would recommend:** Paris is one place where you “have to!” go to all of the tourist magnets (Eiffel, Arc, Louvre, Orsay, Sienne etc.) But in the countryside –different story. There are **LOTS** of castles, medieval towns, ancient ruins and great places with little to no crowds. You just have to avoid the guide book recommendations and talk to the locals. Everyone goes to the places in the guidebooks.

- **Lorette, Rachel, Nicole & Jamie – Santa Barbara, California 06/20/04-06/27/04**

**Purpose of your trip:** To visit Paris for the first time

**How I travelled:** By metro everywhere or walked. A friend took us to Versailles by car with dinner in the city.

**The weather:** Cloudy/windy/sunny – great sunsets

**What I did:** Le Open Tour the first day – get our bearings for first timers. Then metro or walk the rest of the time. Louvre, d’Orsay, Arc de Triomphe, shopping, Montmartre, cemetery Sacre Coeur.

Cemetery across the street, Lafayette shopping, H&M, Sephora! Bookstores-Louvre

**Places I would recommend:** Lorette – I have Montmartre at the top – artist area- Pierre and his window box pictures, shops on St. Pierre Street. The Irish pub on Clichy down the way.

**Favourite moments:** St Chapelle, Eiffel Tower, Versaille, opera house, D’Orsay best museum for impressionists – top floor.

We used the metro to get around town. Very quick, Pigalle or Blanche entrance, not Abbesses. Take ½ hour to 45 minutes to get anywhere depending on changes.

- **Rob, Melynda & Amber – Florida 07/03/04 – 07/08/04**

**Purpose of your trip:** Graduation celebration

**How I travelled:** By metro everywhere! And by boat

**The weather:** Perfect! Two rainy days were Louvre visits. The rest were sunny and warm.

**What I did:** The Louvre, Notre Dame, Arc de Triomphe, Latin Quartier, Montmartre – saw beautiful city sights, ate/drink great food and wine—a great place for watching people.

**People I met:** We ran into friends from home-twice!

**Places I recommend:** The Ice Cream!

**Favourite moments:** Our first night here—the sweeping view of the city from Sacre Coeur.

- **Elaine – Philadelphia, PA USA 07/18/04-07/25/04**

**Purpose of your trip:** A painting commission brought me here as well as chance to paint in Monet's garden.

**How we travelled:** Air to get here, by metro around town.

**The weather:** It was warm & sunny nearly every day, in spite of weather predictions of rain & oranges.

**What I did:** Some painting, sightseeing visiting friend lots of metro riding!

- **Ron & Marchelle – Anchorage, AK 08/08/04-08/13/04**

**Purpose of your trip:** Pleasure

**The weather :** Partly cloudy most warm & sunny

**What I did:** All those touristy things. This was a great location. We felt part of the culture & people. Everyone was friendly & helpful. Thank you for letting us enjoy Paris in a very personal way.

- **Nicole, Heather & Linda – Bristol, UK 08/26/04-08/29/04**

**Purpose of your trip:** For travel – to see a beautiful city

**How I travelled:** Whilst in Paris we took the metro and walked. We arrived here by train.

**The weather:** Sunny and blue skies with fluffy white clouds. A few short gentle showers of rain.

**What I did:** On our short but sweet visit we saw the Eiffel Tower, Notre dame, Latin quarter, Moulin Rouge. Taking quite a few pictures.

**People I met:** The pleasant shop keepers on the corners. Lots of beautiful men in passing.

**Places I would recommend:** The d'Orsay museum which has amazing artwork, this neighbourhood, Père Lachaise cemetery, the bread.

Go for a wander – get lost...

**Favourite moments:** Visiting the grave of the great Oscar Wilde.

- **Tony & Gill – Geelong, Australia Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 2004-12-18**

**Purpose of your trip:** Holiday & business

**How I travelled:** By Eurail from London on this leg. Previously time in Southwestern France-countryside beautiful.

**The weather:** 25-20° - no rain! Perfect really!

**What I did:** Gill found shops! I studied at times. We both enjoyed the life in Paris – a little overwhelming at times. Found a great classic guitar concert- many posters advertising great musical events along windows/wall of St Germaine Boulevard – sometimes almost everywhere.

**People I met:** Parisians generally helpful & quite responsive to our attempts at French.

**Places I would recommend:** Good meal at the point of this angular block – opposite bus stop.

Hope to be back

**Favourite moments:** Use bus 95 – stops as above to get to St Germaine area.

Bon chance – Bon appetit

- **Joseph & Janice Hallman, St. Paul, MN, USA – Thursday 30 December 2005**

**Purpose of your trip:** Fun! 4<sup>th</sup> trip to Paris: 1977, 2002, 2003, now 2004-2005.

**How we travelled:** NWA from Minneapolis, to Detroit, Detroit to CDG, Roissybus to Opera and then 95 bus to Montmartre.

**The weather:** Misty rain in Paris on arrival, cloudy. Mild most of the time.

**What we did:** We went to many concerts listed in Pariscope, all over Paris, a capella Russian liturgical music, piano, voice, harp, accordion, orchestra. We went walking in our favourite Bois de Boulogne, we went to the Louvre 3 times, the d'Orsay, the Centre Pompidou, the Jewish museum (very interesting), a Polish art expo and other museums like the Musée Maillol.

**People we met:** Jonathan got us settled in. Joe and I got to have coffee with Gail and her 11 month old daughter, Yasmin, at a sidewalk café on rue Lepic. Thanks Gail! We enjoyed our visit.

- **Richie & Kathy Prossen – Jacksonville Beach, FL, USA – 9 April 2005**

**Purpose of your trip:** We were high school sweethearts in 1958. When we broke up, we had no contact for 35 years. We are doing "April in Paris" to celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**The weather was:** Chilly, high in the low 60s at best!

**What we did:** Walked, ate, rode metro... Cluny Museum, Pantheon, Sacre Coeur, Louvre.

**Place I would recommend:** We recommend the museum pass. For a quick meal there is a neat cafeteria FLUNCH inside Castorama at Place de Clichy.

**Favorite moments:** Boat ride on the Seine; seeing Scottish gathering of pipers at Cluny Square with 6 or 8 bagpipes. Brief hail storm at night with hail coming down the chimney into the fireplace.

- **Mike, Renée, Samantha, Nicole & Alexander – Windsor, Ontario, Canada – 13 May 2005**

**Purpose of your trip:** Family vacation

**What we did:** We visited all of the usual things. Only disappointment the Palace of Versailles was closed due to a strike. We did enjoy the gardens and the little lake of Versailles.

**Place I would recommend:** Picnic in the garden at Versailles.

**Favourite moments:** Nicole- picnicking in gardens of Louvre.

**Samantha-** climbing to the top of Notre Dame

**Mike –** fresh bread in the morning

**Renée –** stopping at café for refreshments

What a city! Thank you Gail and little Yasmin!

**Jason and Elizabeth Chandler – San Francisco, CA, USA – 8 November 2005**

**What we did:** Searched endlessly and fruitlessly for coffee in a to-go cup. I mean, what is the deal with that?

**People I met:** Trotro, the puppies on the corner at the pet shop.

**Place we recommend:** I strongly recommend eating as much pastry and bread as possible. Piccolo Teatro on rue des Ecoiffes in the 4<sup>th</sup> is good for vegetarian food.

- **Bette & Brian Collins – Newcastle, England – 5 January 2006**

**Purpose of the trip:** Christmas present to ourselves!

**Place we would recommend:** All the usual tourist sights. A glass Bordeaux in Bar Lux on rue Lepic. The restaurant La Preuve Par Neuf on rue Damrémont. Le Musée de Montmartre near Sacré Coeur.

**Favorite moments :** We walked and walked and walked. Wonderful city. New Years Eve at the Sacre Coeur. Nothing like starting the day with a smile, the puppies at the corner, and a smile at the same place coming back.

**Notes:** Lovely cosy flat. We would like to return one day.

- **Beverly & Keith McRae – Chapel Hill, NC, USA – 4 March 2006**

**Purpose of your trip:** Relaxation, change of scene

**How we traveled:** From London via Eurostar

**The Weather:** Freezing – snowed and snowed

**What we did:** Immersed ourselves in Gallic lifestyle. We never left Montmartre.

**Places I would recommend:** Charlot on Blvd de Clichy for seafood. Unbelievable!

**Favorite moments:** Sacre Coeur at midnight in snowstorm – sublime!

- **Warren & Louise – New Orleans, LA, USA – 14 March 2006**

**Purpose of your trip:** The pleasure of Paris.

**The weather:** Cold but wonderful.

**What we did:** Many tourist spots, neighborhood of Montmartre.

**People I met:** Too many to detail. The people of Paris contrary to what most people hear, are warm, friendly and helpful.

**Favorite moments:** The trip to Versailles, Ste Chapelle. It is amazing to immerse yourself in the neighborhood. The kitties of the cemetery are marvelous.

**Notes:** The beauty of Paris makes even New York seem like a shanty town. It is impossible to take it all in. Artists' Corner is a great location, and we could not have enjoyed it more.

- **Mike and Cindi – San Francisco, CA, USA – 28 March 2006**

**What we did:** Went to Brussels for a day on the high speed Thalys train – see the Grande Place, drink local beers. Saw the Monets at Marmotton. Cooked a little. Brought home food from the traiteur and Chicken Family on rue des Abbesses.

**Places I would recommend:** We liked La Tour de Pise for pizza/pasta and les Feuillades for French. Both recommended in the PerfectlyParis book, both nearby, reasonably priced, good food, friendly.

- **Elaine and Scott – Oakland, CA, USA – 27 May 2006**

**Purpose of your trip:** Vacation, to learn more about France, good fun.

**How we traveled:** Icelandair, we stopped over in Iceland for 2 nights before coming here.

**Weather:** Mixture of warm humid and cool rainy. We had the right clothes for it!

**What we did:** Saw the major sights. Did both lots of shopping in the neighborhood. It's foodie heaven here. Did not eat out much. We enjoyed getting together our meals by going to all the little food shops.

**People we met:** Everyone was very polite to us. We love Paris! Quiet people: respectful of others.

**Notes:** Things to see: Pere Lachaise cemetery, The hamlet at Versailles was nice also. The palace was too crowded to enjoy. The Louvre was a mad house – wall to wall people. We did not stay very long. The Picasso museum was great. Les Halles and Centre Pompidou not worth 10 minutes. We plan to return and stay here again. The location is perfect!

- **Andrew, Jennifer, Brandon, Amy, Austin, Courtney, Devin & Keeley – Utah, USA – 24 June 2007 (We rented Artists Corner and Elegance at Lamarck)**

**Purpose of your trip:** Holiday!

**How we traveled:** Plane, train, bus

**Weather:** Usually pretty warm, partly cloudy

**What we did:** Notre Dame, Versailles, Pompidou, the Louvre, Bon Marché, Arc de Triomphe, Moulin Rouge, Deportation Memorial, Eiffel Tower.

**People I met:** Shopkeepers

**Places we would recommend:** Le Bon Marché for shopping! The Louvre, Notre Dame, Eiffel Tower. Everything is fun in Paris!

**Favorite moments:** My mom get stuck in the doors on the subway train. She's all right.

**Notes:** Paris is a fabulous town! Our stay was amazing. I love Paris!

- **Courtney Lowery – Texas, USA – 24 June 2006**

Thank you so much for letting us stay here. I had so much fun!

- **Ruth, Don, Rebekah, Naomi and Lori – Ireland – 20 July 2006**

**What we did:** We got a tour around Montmartre. We visited the Eiffel Tower, we went swimming, we went to a childrens parc (Parc de la Villette), we visited Sacré Coeur and we chilled out.

**Notes:** We all really enjoyed our stay, it was fantastic. Paris is a lovely city and our apartment was cool.

- **Thomas – Atlanta, GA, USA – 23 July 2006**

The place was great, very nice atmosphere. It was very hot but very fun.

- **Richard, Vikkie & Pam – Isle of Wight, England – 1 August 2006**

Everybody was very friendly and helpful. Great place to visit, hope to come back.

- **Martin, Phil & Michaela McCaffrey – Belfast, Ireland - 12 August 2006**

**What we did:** Visit many sights – walked lots, took train and bus journey- ate and drank “lovely” – shopped millions – slept very little, thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

**Notes:** Apartment great, well equipped, fantastic location. Wine was great. Whole atmosphere was brilliant. Longer visit required next time we return. Library great, very informative. Thanks for the wonderful memories.

- **Chris & Becky Doley – Birmingham, England – 19 August 2006**

We loved cooking in the kitchen, buying fresh fruits and vegetables. Loved Montmartre. Fresh crossiants, pain au chocolates are very important! Metro is so easy to use: use rue Lamarck to get to apartment and back – no hill! English TV on Jimmy channel (sometimes). Enjoyed the location and apartment very much, really felt like we were in Paris. Hope to come again.

- **Rose and Tony – Australia – 16 September 2006**

Gail and Nataliya, thank you for the wonderful opportunity to stay in your apartment. It is well stocked and very convenient. It was a wonderful refuge from our hectic days in Paris. We hope to visit again.

- **Evan and Martin Dance – London – September 2006**

Thanks Preston and Gail for a great stay! Cheers.

- **Kim and Steve – Portland, OR, USA - 24 October 2006**

We really enjoyed the apartment and all the creative comforts of home. Well done. Thanks to Gail and Nataliya.

- **Cay & Ray Middleton – New Zealand – 3 November 2006**

Thank you to Gail for not minding all our questions and for helping when one of our suitcases was lost between Vienna and Paris. We enjoyed being Parisians for a week!

- **Helene, Nicole and Natalie Deguise – Holland – 2 May 2007**

This apartment was fabulous and met all of our needs. The views from the windows are beautiful and the location is just right. Thank you!

- **René, Janice & David – Brandon, Manitoba, Canada – 9 May 2007**

The apartment was a wonderful place to stay in a lovely part of Paris. Very convenient and comfortable. Maybe some day, I'll be back and if I am, this is where I'd want to stay. Thank you!

- **Ann & David – Michigan, USA – 21 May 2007**

Apartment here is very nice and convenient to our family. It is so much homier to stay here than in a hotel. Our own schedule of breakfast, etc. Gail, your hospitality is great- we really appreciate you so much! Thanks for making it so easy for us.

- **Darelle & Hannah Chacon – San Diego, CA, USA – 2 July 2007**

This was my fourth visit to Paris, however it was been 26 years since my previous visit (it was my honeymoon the last time!). I don't want to wait too long before my next visit. Such a vibrant and beautiful city. Most everyone we encountered was so kind and helpful. I do hope that folks at home are always as kind. Could imagine just staying here in the lovely apartment for months. Hope to stay here again. Loved the neighborhood, just strolling around. Absolutely lovely!

- **Blaine and Rachel McCafferty – San Diego, CA, USA – 2 July 2007**

Thank you for a wonderful little piece of heaven here in Montmartre. We will be back – sooner than later, we hope. God bless all who stay here.

- **Patrick, Dee, Rachel and John Tynan – Manchester, UK – 4 August 2007**

A big thank you to Gail for helping to make everything so straight forward especially for delivering the Eurodisney tickets we had left at home! The apartment was great even for a family of four – some of the chairs do “sneak up on you” though. Don’t lean back on them! Forget the metro! Use the 95 bus to go to the Louvre and the 80 to go to the Eiffel Tower. Buy a carnet of 10 tickets from the metro stop. Musée d’Orsay is better than the Louvre. Allow 3 hours minimum. Montmartrebus is great to help you find your bearings though Sacré Coeur is a little plagued by “sellers”. High mass at 11 AM on Sunday is a treat. Fantastic city, hope you fellow travelers enjoy it too.

- **Tony and Kay Baker – Bedford, England – 18 August 2007**

**Purpose of your trip:** To spend time in Paris, our favorite city (our 15<sup>th</sup> visit).

**Places I would recommend:** Le Train Bleu at Gare de Lyon – go and have a coffee- it is quite spectacular.

**Favorite moments:** Spent several evenings up in Clairon des Chasseurs at Place du Tertre – very accomplished guitarist every night. Entertainment around the Pompidou Center is well worth a visit. Watch the artists at work around Place du Tertre. Look at the Eiffel Tower from the high point in front of Sacré Coeur, it bursts into lights every night on the hour.

**Notes:** The apartment is well appointed, very convenient for local shops and getting about. We thoroughly enjoyed it.

- **Daryl and Annick Moore – Etowah, TN, USA – 23 September 2007**

**What we did:** Walked and walked and walked! Saw all of the sites – Louvre, Sacré Coeur, Moulin Rouge, Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, Opera, Arc de Triomphe and shopping!

**Favorite Moment:** Sitting at the sidewalk cafés and people watching – especially the children. And bread, bread and more bread!

A special thanks to Gail who made our trip wonderful and hassle free. You are indeed a joy a work with!

- **Greg and Mary Finstad – Minneapolis, MN, USA – 4 Oct 2007**

**What we did:** Walked everywhere in Montmartre, along the Seine, down the Champs Elysées, to the Eiffel Tower, used the metro and buses. Ate at a wonderful restaurant every evening.

**Favorite Moment:** The view from the steps of Sacré Coeur overlooking the city. We are off to Burgundy for a few days and then back to Paris. We are going to miss this apartment and neighborhood. This is truly PerfectlyParis! We would come back again and again.

- **The Mulligans – Kingston, Ontario, Canada - 20 March 2008**

Many thanks to Preston who patiently waited for us on the 15<sup>th</sup>. We just had to drive! Heavy traffic started in Bourg St. Maurice and once we got off the periferique, we stopped! We never got lost, but knowing where to turn was simply an educated guess in the rain and street signs on buildings. We were 2.5 hours late! Preston remained sincere throughout. Thanks to the owners who rent their place out to make money of course but also for the pleasure of others to enjoy and have a better experience while in Paris. This is our 2<sup>nd</sup> time here and combine we have seen/done much that there is to do and look forward for finer restaurants, time to shop selfishly and the night life.

- **Laura and Carli – Seattle, WA, USA – 30 March 2008**

Thank you to the staff and owners for this beautiful apartment to stay in. We will definitely recommend it!

- **Michele, Susan and Gina – New York, USA – 9 May 2008**

Thank you so much Gail and PerfectlyParis for giving us the most perfect place to stay. Can we buy it? We would like to stay forever. The neighborhood is perfect. We loved coming home each night to such a great place. We will be back!

- **Julie, Jeremy, Curtis, Clare – Melbourne, Australia – 19 July 2008**

Montmartre is so beautiful! Besides the cigarette butts and crazy French drivers, everything here is so much like the little “Parisian” streets you imagine when you think of Paris. When the sun lowers closer to the horizon and the shadows spread across the old apartment with their delicate flower pots

and decorative black railings, you cannot help but love this city and you forget that it is over run by annoying, non-French speaking tourists like us! We certainly hope to come back to Paris one day but who knows how far away that will be? Anyway, thanks so much for letting us stay in your little apartment, "Artists' Corner" we are quite pleased with it. We love Paris!

- **Raewyn and Keith Harris – Napier, New Zealand – 31 July 2008**

Thank you for providing all that you promised. The apartment had all the amenities and we really got to know the immediate area. It was quiet and comfortable and was an excellent base from which we could explore.

- **Joe and Kathy DeStadio – Massachusetts, USA – 18 October 2008**

Apartment was quite nice! Floors are squeaky though! Overall, a wonderful trip.

- **Royden and Nancy Josephson – Ashcroft, British Columbia, Canada – 10 October 2008**

Paris has a delight, a moment of awe and even those of discomfort at every turn. We feel so privileged to have been able to have "home base" at Artists' Corner to taste her many treasures.

- **Jane and Pete Klaiber – Moscow, Idaho, USA – 31 October 2008**

We loved having an apartment instead of a hotel room – so much more room and it made us feel part of the neighborhood. Seeing the lights go on the Eiffel Tower at night – was incredible! Eating cheese and drinking great wine – it was amazing and so are the pomme frites and escargots.

- **Mike and Debbie Steele – Columbus, OH, USA – 11 November 2008**

Gail and Preston, thanks for all. Apartment was great and convenient to our travels in Paris. We will recommend it.

- **Fran and Sam – Leeds, UK – 24 December 2008**

Firstly we zipped up the Eiffel Tower. Then we did a Montmartre walk, then hired a bike from on Velib', looked around the Latin Quarter, went ice skating at Hotel de Ville, missed the metro back from Cadinal Lemoine. Was amazing! Went to see Monet, the Louvre and the sewer museum! Merci, we loved the apartment.

- **Clark and Katie Lewis – Minnesota, USA – 1 May 2009 – 30 May 2009**

Enjoyed the apartment, the neighborhood, Paris and France. Highly recommend extended stays!

- **Nigel, Sue and Laura Cox – Canterbury, England – 7 August 2009**

Above all, we loved living in Artists' Corner for these few days. So bright and airy and comfortable. Thank you very much!

- **Mike and Lyndsay and soon to be baby Theo – 31 August 2009**

This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> time together in Paris but my 25<sup>th</sup> at least. I must say that I have enjoyed the city on this occasion more than I ever did in the past. This is a great area and the apartment was just right. I would recommend seeing Paris to anyone but staying in this apartment has made it so worth our while. There are so many lovely food bits on rue Lepic and extra fig jam is to die for. Moulin Rouge was great as was Rock-en-Seine. And we got engaged!

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- **Adrian and Vera Staub – Northampton, MA, USA – 23 August 2009**

We're a father and daughter (age 7) in Paris for a week before heading to England for an academic conference (Dad's a professor). We loved the apartment and the neighborhood! We had a wonderful

week exploring Montmartre and all of Paris. I became an expert on French playgrounds! It was a relaxing end-of-summer week, with perfect weather, before starting, respectively, the Fall semester and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Thanks PerfectlyParis!

- **Leigh and Steve Edwards – Melbourne, Australia – 18 September 2009**

As first time visitors to Paris, we had an unbelievable week! We have done all the usual “touristy” things, and always comment about how much we enjoy coming “home” to Artists' Corner. We love the hilly streets, the pavement cafes, the amazing array of food shops and even the creaky floors and the neighbour who plays rap music!

Our favourite eatery/bar is Le Comptoir des Bellettes on rue Lamarck. It is run by some lovely young women who make simple but tasting fare (especially the quiche Lorraine) and are always smiling. (we were very tolerant of our attempts at French!)

We feel quite sad that we are leaving this wonderful place, but we are already planning our next trip!

- **John and Louise – Sydney, Australia – 9 October 2009**

Gail and “PerfectlyParis” had been recommended to us by friends and we were not disappointed. From our warm and friendly welcome to our departure everything was fine.

We found it so hard to venture away from Montmartre district – it took 2 days before we got on a metro or bus, up to then seeing everything within walking distance.

Loved the shops, particularly Lamarck, Caulaincourt and Damremont. Food shops fantastic, cheeses, chocolates, breads and a special mention for Avec Ceux-Ci, just past the boulangerie on rue Damremont. This is where we bought our evening meals, beautiful traditional French cooking, just bring it home and heat.

We found everyone very friendly and patient with our attempts to converse in French.

We must come back and do this again.

- **Tony and Marion – English Lake District – 31 October 2009**

We have spent a fine week in Paris enjoying the convenience of this little apartment and having a grand time doing the rounds of the city. Preston and Joseph were very helpful in ensuring we settled in and ironing out a few initial problems.

This said, we found the downstairs tenant to be a pain, playing music into the small hours. We adopted a French solution: take a shoe in your hand and hang loudly 3 times on the bedroom floor – it works!

- **Anthea, Oscar and Henry – Perth, Australia – 17 January 2010**

We have had a wonderful time in Paris and have really enjoyed being residents at Artists' Corner at Montmartre. It has been wonderful having room to spread out and being able to cook after interesting shopping expeditions in the nearby streets. With a jacket, hot scarf and gloves, winter is a great time to visit with no queues to speak of at any of the sights.

Au revoir!

- **Liz, Paul and Mia – London and Adelaide, Australia - 22 January 2010**

Had a wonderful time in Paris! The apartment was comfortable and has everything we needed. Plus it is in a prime local with cute little food stores lining the nearby streets. Great to be in Montmartre – the buses were a great way to get around. We'll be back!!

- **Troy and Narelle – Brisbane, Australia – 21 March 2010**

Our third visit to Paris and our longest stay of 1 month during our 6 month journey of a lifetime in Europe!

What a great apartment in the best area of Paris – Montmartre is one of the few places that does not “shut down” on Sundays.

Given the length of our trip and our budget, we did not eat out a lot but found all of the food (and wine) we needed to create wonderful meals here in the apartment. Having an oven is a real treat. We also enjoyed our “foodie tour” in the 6<sup>th</sup> including free samples at the “Grand Epicerie”, bread from Poilane, *macarons* from Pierre Hermé and the best tinned food (real gourmet meals) from Comtesse du Berry.

We also loved sharing gyros (or 2) in the Latin Quarter. We love the baguettes, especially from the boulangerie on Caulaincourt and the one on rue Lepic (about half way down on the right after turning in from rue des Abbesses) – try them all and choose your own favorites!

We got to Musée d'Orsay this time and were not disappointed. It was a bit crowded as it got later but it was free on the first Sunday of the month (as many museums and monuments) so to be expected! L'Orangerie is worth a look if you are a real Monet fan.

Free International calls were a real bonus – it was great to talk to all our friends and family after being away from home for 3 months.

We could go on forever about how lovely Paris is, but we are madly trying to wash, pack, etc. before our next leg in southern Italy.

It was really cold when we arrived, which means less tourists but not so pleasant to be out all day. It has really warmed up this last week (up to 18°C) and we have really enjoyed seeing the landscape change – everyone outside enjoying the warmth at cafés and parks – Parisians really do know how to “live life”.

Many thanks to Gail and Preston. Cheers for now (au revoir)!