

## Design at d'Orsel Guest Comments

**Deborah - San Francisco, CA, USA**  
**16 October 2004**

Great layout; unusual and interesting colors and décor. The owners seem to have made excellent use of the space to provide maximum comfort. The lighting is great!

**Marcelle & P.J. - Ireland**  
**15 November 2004**

We had a lovely stay here in Paris and the comfort of the apartment was fantastic. It was much better than the uniformity of a hotel room. It is a place I would have no hesitation recommending to other people and I plan to do so!

**The Stewarts - Brisbane, Australia**  
**4 January 2005**

Fabulous apartment- never want to leave! Many thanks.

**Roger & Gill - UK**  
**17 May 2005**

Our second visit was as enjoyable as our first. A really nice apartment in a great location with a 'Parisienne' feel to the place and so convenient. Great places to eat and metro access to everywhere that you could want to go. Looking forward to our next visit.

**Christie - Vancouver, Canada**  
**3 June 2005**

The apartment made our stay in Paris that much more special! Thanks for doing such a great job making us feel welcome and comfortable!

**Sam & Laura - London, UK**  
**20 June 2005**

What a delightful flat! It made our trip to Paris all the sweeter- and if you just arrived and are reading this, I hope your stay is every bit as happy as ours have been! Thank you!

PS: The pictures on the wall are great!  
PPS: And the horns!!

**Suzanne & Graham - Glasgow, Scotland**  
**28 June 2005**

Had a great holiday in Paris- the apartment is fantastic! Loved the design features which made our trip complete. The area is vibrant and bustling and we have enjoyed every minute!! Will recommend to others when we get home.

**Sylvie, Vid & Nayan New York, USA**  
**9 July 2005**

The flat was wonderful. We loved the location, view, the light, the layout and the design. All the little touches (tea, soaps, candles) were lovely. We felt at home and look forward to coming back soon.

**Ken - Canada**  
**22 July 2005**

Had a wonderful time in Paris! The flat was great! Didn't want to leave. Thanks a lot! Hope to come back soon.

**Anne & Stephanie Windsor, ON, Canada**  
**1 August 2005**

We had an absolutely wonderful time here at d'Orsel! The flat was charming and the neighbourhood had everything we could have wanted and more. We're already planning our next trip back!

**Dora & Lilla - Hungary**  
**8 August 2005**

It was amazing, fantastic, adorable... the flat in Paris I used to dream about when I was a little girl...

Nice neighbourhood, lovely apartment, helpful and friendly people.

Congrats to John and Barbara as the design and layout is great. Thank you.

**Tania & Joseph Valdez - Chicago, IL, USA**  
**8 September 2005**

We have thoroughly enjoyed our stay here at the apartment. It has all the comforts of home and will always hold special memories for us. We hope to return someday! Paris and Montmartre have been just beautiful and so much fun!

**Evelyn & John - Dublin, Ireland**  
**24 September 2005**

Last year we visited Paris and spent €€€'s on 'cosy' hotel room-if only we'd known about you then. But now we do so beware we will be back!

**Robert & Amy - Groton, CT, USA**  
**11 November 2005**

The apartment was perfect for our needs and was we appreciated the thoughtful details, e.g. sewing kit, etc. Merci beaucoup et au revoir.

We had a wonderful time in Paris and this apartment was just right. Comfortable bed, lots of hot water, everything in the kitchen we might have wanted (but actually seldom used), the wine was very good and much appreciated the one night we actually dined in, we ate at two of your restaurant recommendations (Sancerre and Luxe) which fitted our wants just right. Rob is still looking for the perfect croissant! You're folder with instructions and articles vis à vis Montmartre was especially helpful.

**John & Sarah Papworth - Huntington Beach, CA, USA**  
**5 January 2006**

We enjoyed our stay at Design at d'Orsel. The apartment is wonderful; beautifully decorated and in a great location. The information packed provided was very helpful as well as the staff (Eric and Gail). Thank you for a memorable Paris holiday.

**Ken, Sara & Zac - Toas, NM, USA**  
**13 January 2006**

Thank you so much for letting us stay in your lovely apartment. We have never rented an apartment before but will definitely do it again. We had an amazing week in Paris (much too short). We enjoyed food shopping at rue Lepic and rue Montorgeuil markets. We hope to return soon!

**Michael & Sylvia**  
**27 March 2006**

Thank you for the lovely and cosy touches to this beautiful apartment, the guidebooks are useful too! What a great location to access Montmartre and close to the Moulin Rouge. We'll definitely recommend this place to our friends. It's ideal. We look forward to coming back soon.

**Mariela & Katia - San Francisco, CA, USA**  
**13 April 2006**

Thank you for the lovely apartment. We found everything we needed here. It's a great location as well. Gail and Marzena were very helpful. Hope to come back soon.

**Robyn - Melbourne, Australia**  
**5 May 2006**

Bonjour! The last time I visited Paris was seventeen years ago, and then it was whilst on a bus tour. Needless to say, this experience has been completely different. Whilst on my first visit, I was an onlooker, this time I was immersed in the culture. I felt for a very brief time what it must feel like to be a Parisian – and loved it! Paris is so far removed from Australia, when I was a student I wondered why on earth I should learn a language that I expected not to use - how wrong could I be. I just wished I'd paid more attention. Design at d'Orsel has afforded me an experience I will never forget and I thank the owners and Gail for allowing me the opportunity. Until we meet again! Au revoir!

**Trudy - Melbourne, Australia**  
**7 May 2006**

Thanks for having such a wonderful apartment for us to stay in. This is my first trip to Europe and Paris and it's more than I expected. I am from Tasmania (little island state at the bottom of Australia) and never thought I would ever come to the other side of the world. I hope the rest of my European trip is as memorable (Venice, Rome, and Croatia). Thanks again Gail.

**Melissa & Andrew - Western Australia**  
**14 July 2006**

What a fantastic apartment! Thank you Gail and Preston for all the little extras. We have stayed in three of your apartments now and all have been superb and well located. Will continue to recommend Perfectly Paris to all our Australian friends. Look forward to returning to Paris again soon.

**Nicole & Vickie - Canada**  
**6 August 2006**

You have picked a wonderful apartment for renting to us tourists. Great location (our friends couldn't believe we were right down the street from Sacre Coeur), wonderful shops in the neighbourhood, easy access to the Internet (necessary for us younger travellers). We enjoyed our stay very much. We weren't rushing to see everything and were able to enjoy dinner in the apartment every night (with one exception). A washer would be convenient but there was a laundry place down the street and not too expensive. Thanks for everything!

**Ellen & Steve - UK**  
**15 August 2006**

What an enjoyable stay we had. Lovely apartment could not quite get that bed in our suitcase on our departure. Nice area, peaceful and the majority of things you need are close by. Metro is very easy to use and gets you to anywhere you need, quickly.

**Cheri & Donna – TX, USA**  
**28 August 2006**

Had such a better time in an apartment instead of a hotel room. This is the best way to visit. Felt at home on a vacation more than any other vacation. Loved it! Loved it! Loved it!

**Ed & Ling - New Jersey, USA**  
**20 October 2006**

It's our first visit to Paris and we had such a wonderful time. Thanks Gail for renting the apartment to us and for providing all the information we needed and the books, etc. We like the location, convenient to everything and the decoration. With an eight month daughter, we realize that we made the right decision to stay in an apartment compared with staying in a hotel room. The kitchen makes our life much easier to feed Ashley. The TV/cable and telephone are also very useful to us. Thanks for being considerate.

**Tina & Jonny - Gustavsberg/Stockholm, Sweden**  
**18 December 2006**

We felt like home in this cosy apartment, couldn't ask for more, it had everything to get relaxed and harmonic in mind. The neighbourhood and the central area in Montmartre just a few steps from Sacre Coeur is just more than we dreamt of while planning this trip to Paris. As it was written in your homepage we would be glad to return to "our home in Paris" whenever we will visit this friendly city.

**Beth & Giorgos - UK**  
**25 January 2007**

Thank you we had a great stay here after long days of walking around Paris it was nice to come back 'home'. Montmartre is a welcome sanctuary away from the sprawling city below. The apartment is in a great location and had everything we needed. Thanks for the wine, it made us relax even more.

**Helene Deguise - Netherlands**  
**3 February 2007**

Thank you for a wonderful stay! I love the apartment and the location. I discovered that Paris is safe and friendly for a woman travelling alone. It was a wonderful getaway for me, quiet, fun, and exhilarating. You can walk anywhere from here! I'll be coming back with my kids and husband. Santé!

**Sue & Culli**  
**12 February 2007**

Thank you for a fabulous weekend. Culli's surprise birthday treat was just perfect. Love the flat and the area and food shops to die for! We had a great time- what a wonderful base to enjoy Paris from – we'll be back!

**Sharon & Jay – GA, USA**  
**31 April 2007**

It was very good!

**Diane, Roy & Luke – Australia**  
**12 May 2007**

Where has the week gone? The apartment has made the week most enjoyable and we still have so much to see. If you are bringing more than one suitcase do not use the metro from the airport as lifts have yet to be discovered. Many thanks to Preston and Gail.

**Donna & Steve – Nashville, TN, USA**  
**30 May 2007**

Having space to spread out was heaven. The area was great and getting around so easy. We were close to our niece and could walk to her apartment. Gail and Preston were very helpful. It was all we could have asked.

**Larry & Mary – TX, USA**  
**22 June 2007**

What a charming place to spend a week! So many things have been well thought out and properly supplied. And best of all, outside each of the windows – Montmartre. It's lovely to listen to the street performers while dining in your own kitchen. Such a convenient place for exploring Paris. Thanks to Gail and Preston for all their help. We hope to come back for more visits!

**Mark & Lane – Sussex, UK**  
**25 June 2007**

Lovely apartment – great location. Been coming to Paris for many years, why did we ever stay in hotels?! If you like Italian food, try the Fuxia restaurant on rue des Martyrs – excellent food but you may have to queue. We will be back soon, hopefully!

**Olya & Michael – MB, Canada**  
**3 July 2007**

What a pleasant surprise. After staying in hotels for so many years, this apartment was a wonderful change. It is well equipped and the location is great. Thank you for making our stay in Paris that much more special.

**Roger & Hilary – Colchester, England**  
**23 July 2007**

A great apartment in a fabulous location – very lively. Noisy on a Friday and Saturday night, but who cares. Very easy to access anywhere in Paris. If you fancy a meal to remember, real French cooking in a pleasant atmosphere, look no further than La Table Dancourt, we highly recommend it and it is only 50 metres away.

**S & C – Brighton, UK**  
**12 August 2007**

A lovely flat in a great location. We had a wonderful relaxing time. We'll be recommending this place to friends and family. Thanks!

**Bonnie and Pierre**  
**13 September 2007**

Our first trip to Paris – to celebrate 20 years together and a 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. What a wonderful apartment and location. After a long day walking the city and the museums, I certainly felt 50 at the end of the 74 stairs up but now I know why Parisian women are so tiny. I'm planning to take up jogging so I'm in better shape for next time. We will definitely choose "PerfectlyParis" over a hotel. The "at home" touches as well as the "hotel details" make it very desirable.

**Mike and Jocelyn – Canada**  
**October 2007**

We enjoyed our stay at our "apartment in Montmartre". What a great neighbourhood to call home when in Paris. People in the area very friendly and helpful. Enjoyed the theater across the road and proximity to metro and great place to walk to and explore in Montmartre.

Would highly recommend the hat and accessory shop across the road (just across courtyard in front of theater) "Mira Belle", just opened in October and has beautiful one of a kind hats. If you are a "hat person" this is where you'll find a real "souvenir" of Paris and worth every penny!

On a beaucoup aimé notre petit séjour à Montmartre à Design at d'Orsel. On aimerait bien revenir!

**Eric and Faymi**  
**Washington, D.C. USA**

This has been such an amazing trip and experience – and staying in such lovely surroundings truly made it unforgeable. How nice it was to stay in an apartment vs. a hotel; to feel as if we lived amongst the Parisiennes. The neighborhood is incredible – we saw The Shins play at La Cigale a few blocks away and it was so convenient! La Fourmi is a cool hangout down the street for those who want to grab a relaxing beverage. Also, the Rose Bakery is nearby, and is an absolute must for lunch!! We will be holding Montmartre near and dear to our hearts – it is worth every step of stairway one can climb! We cannot wait to come back! Merci beaucoup!

**Azadeh and Hani**  
**12 November 2007**

Wonderful city, wonderful apartment, wonderful lore, we had a great time and our best memories are here. Thank you.

**Ross**  
**26 November 2007**

What an amazing area, everything on the doorstep. Just wander around and sample as many cafe/restaurants as possible! We will be back, maybe to live!

**Andrew and Dean – Melbourne, Australia**  
**February 2008**

Gail, thanks for making us feel at home in Paris. We loved coming back to the apartment after a long day trekking around your wonderful city. We have fallen for Paris and hope to be back soon. We will let you know. Many thanks once again.

**Sandra and Kirsty**  
**22 April 2008**

Another fabulous trip in a wonderful apartment. Thanks for allowing us to sample this area of Montmartre. Everyone has been so friendly, we had a unique experience at the Kube Hotel, Ice Bar, Passage Rivelle, metro: Marx Dormoy – a memorable evening. Til the next time!

**Eshil, Paula and Sven – Denmark**  
**March 2008**

We join the choir appreciating the apartment, standard and location in Paris! Had a lovely stay enjoying some early springtime with our little 9 month old son. If missing some minor things we could think of light, white curtains in kitchen and living room.

**Ray and Wendy – Australia**  
**17 May 2008**

We loved the space of the apartment and the great cooking facilities! The view and the sounds from the lounge room windows made climbing up the stairs worthwhile. Montmartre has some great eating places together with excellent take away prepared foods. 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM a good time to walk around the area including Sacre Coeur before the tourists get too thick on the ground. Although this was our third visit to Paris, it was easily our most enjoyable. As they say in the real station business, it's all about location, location, location!

**Sumar and Richard – London**  
**May 2008**

We have loved everything about this wonderful apartment, what fantastic taste you both have. Over the last 4 days we have walked the whole of Paris and Montmartre is definitely our favourite! Love it, love it, love it!

**Nona and Terry**  
**21 May 2008**

Had a brill time, we will be back as soon as possible, the flat was like a home away from home, except for the few flights of stairs, we are going home with great memories and toned leg muscles.

**Charlotte and Alex – Cleveland, OH, USA**  
**June 2008**

A great place to base ourselves with plenty of room to prepare a light breakfast or a great dinner, space for a brother passing through for the day and a great location for meandering early morning walks to the bakery, patisserie, formagerie, etc. A great find!

**Edward and Francesca**  
**8 June 2008**

Great apartment. Great area. Great place to get engaged!

**Tony and Kay Baker**  
**19 July 2008**

We have had a super time here. The apartment is in a terrific location – noise, atmosphere, everything you could want in Paris. It is so convenient. We want to come back next year! Thank you for all your help, Gail.

**Deb and George**

Dear John and Barbara, Again we had the best time in your fantastic compact and bijou little flat. We wandered the streets at St. Germain and St. Michel (lovely) and got back to basics at the Museum of Erotica (oh la la). Thanks so much. Biggest love.

**Mike, Wendy and Mariel – Minneapolis, MN, USA  
17 August 2008**

A great spot for our first visit to Paris. Thank you for all the amenities and artful accommodations. We left a little book, Quiet Corners of Paris from Garrison Keillor's bookstore in St. Paul, MN, USA.

**Jennifer and Ian – Glasgow, Scotland, UK  
24 August 2008**

The perfect apartment in a perfect location. We felt at home right from the start especially with the handy guide and not forgetting the wine on arrival!! Our first trip to Paris, very memorable in more ways than one, especially as we got engaged in "Parc Monceau" on a sunny Thursday afternoon stroll. Our advice would be to take full advantage of the sunny days and explore Montmartre from the top down.

**Cathie and Matt – Glasgow  
2 September 2008**

Merci! We don't want to leave! :(

**Richard, Gail and Evan – Washington  
6 September 2009**

To Gail and her team,

Thank you for a wonderful apartment and support to make our holiday in Paris so enjoyable. We enjoyed the city, its paradoxes and the history. Look forward to coming back another time.

**Jess and Jan – Perth, Australia**

Dear Gail,

We have had a wonderful time in Paris, made better by knowing we are coming home to this cosy apartment. You have thought of everything to make our stay more comfortable. The location is perfect, very central. And we love the central heating, a feature you rarely see in Australia. I will definitely be recommending PerfectlyParis to friends back home, as we were referred from previous guests. The books in the apartment were more like a library for Paris tourists, very helpful, thanks.

**Eric and Nyree – Georgia, USA**

Thank you for a beautiful honeymoon – the apt was just perfect. We loved the neighborhood and can't wait to come back again. The location was great – so many good restaurants: Le Sancerre, Four Seasons Pizza, La Pied Au Montmartre. We hope others who stay here enjoy their time as much as we did. Hope to be back soon.

**Sean and Helen – Sydney, Australia**

Dear John and Barbara,

Loved your place. Wonderfully equipped and perfectly positioned. Both Gail and Preston were a pleasure to deal with. Like probably everyone else who has written in the book – we are so sad to go. Tip – if you're going to buy a touristy t-shirt, don't buy them up here. Same t-shirts around St. Michel and Notre Dame/Latin Quarter : 6 Euros. Appreciated the telephone, Internet and cable. Anyway, hopefully we'll be back in a few years.

**Diane and Roy – Australia  
9 November 2008**

Second trip, the week has flown. Winter has arrived, great walking weather. Warm and cosy upon return. Used the Orange metro weekly card, no photo required now (Monday-Sunday). Still places yet to see. Many thanks Preston and Gail.

**The Richties – Newcastle upon Tyne, England  
16 January 2009**

Another wonderful wedding anniversary celebrated in one of our favorite cities. We have loved our stay in the apartment. It is beautifully furnished with great views. Thanks to Gail and Preston for your help. We hope to see you again next January to celebrate our 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary, if not before.

**Hugh – Galway, Ireland  
9 April 2009**

Perfect for an “overworked” granddad to “chill out”. Ideal location to observe Montmartre.

Apartment is “spot on”. Excellent indeed.

**Harriet and Richard – London  
13 April 2009**

What a wonderful 3 days! Paris in the sunshine for almost all our stay! And such a stylish, homey apartment to come back to and chill out in after dealing with the bustle outside. It could not have been more charming. Thank you very much. We go back to London very rested.

**John and Cathy  
22 April 2009**

Paris in the spring. A very romantic place to spend our 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The apartment is more like a home than a holiday let – beautifully equipped with everything we need and much more – like the art books and the art on the walls. Loved the hat! Comfy bed – perfect for falling into after a long day look at the sites. We recommend Le Bon Bock in rue Dancourt (the road opposite the flat) and Chez Toinette in rue Germain Pilon (off rue des Abbesses). We felt much at home in Montmartre and will come back again.

**Steven and Erika  
5 August 2009**

Awesome place to stay! It was great to come home after a long day of walking the streets of Paris. We'll miss it here for sure! God bless.

**The Newmans  
30 September 2009**

Gail and Preston,

Fabulous apartment, thanks for your assistance in booking. Excellent access to Metro, shopping. Apt stay is the way to go in Paris!

**Charles and Biddie**  
**17 May 2009**

Charming apartment – perfect for the weekend. Do you have the pink mules in a larger size for men? Thank you.

**Adam and Megan – New York City**  
**25 May 2009**

Thinking we were getting a bargain, my girlfriend and I didn't expect such a beautiful and cosy apartment! After each long day, we both felt so relaxed to return to such a comfortable place. The view outside our 4<sup>th</sup> floor flat overlooking the heart of Montmartre was gorgeous! I can hardly imagine a more beautiful morning than the ones we had looking out the large windows. Paris was an unforgettable experience. Thanks for making our first trip so memorable!

**Patty and John (Honeymooners from San Francisco)**  
**7 June 2009**

We loved every minute of it. By the time we left, it felt like home. Top 3 tips:

1. Save coins by the window sill to toss down to street musicians.
2. Ladies: beware of wearing a skirt to the fondue restaurant up the street because the owner will make you step over the table to get to your seat.
3. Go to Chez Toinette

**Andrew and Dean – Melbourne, Australia**  
**June 2009**

Gail and Preston,

We enjoyed our visit once again. It was great to see Paris in all her glory. Take care and see you next time hopefully.

**Sarah and Martin – Norwich, England**  
**June 2009**

Thanks so much for our wonderful stay in this lovely apartment. It was perfect! Can't wait to come again. Will miss our breakfasts in the lovely kitchen and the comfy bed and sheets. The apartment is the perfect location for watching Paris go by. The apartment has helped make our first wedding anniversary more romantic and memorable than our honeymoon (also in Paris!).

**Sharon, Richard and Jess – New Zealand**  
**July 2009**

Thank you for a lovely stay. The apartment has been great (so much better than a hotel)! Enjoyed the books and the information booklet was invaluable. Great position for seeing Paris. Thank you so much.

**Luiza, Pablo et Goel – Granada, Espana**  
**1 January 2010**

John, Barbara et Gail,

Grace à ce charmant appartement, et a ce fabuleux quartier de Montmartre, nous avons vu, pendant notre séjour à Paris, “La Vie en roooose”! Merci beaucoup.