

Elegance at Lamarck Guest Comments

Marilyn - Toronto, Canada
24 April 2004

-You have a beautiful place, we've had a wonderful time—we're moving in! Seriously it's been just great! Thanks so much!

Marie - Toronto, Canada
1 May 2004

-Delightful...Delicious...De-lovely!!! Merci beaucoup!! I've fallen in love with Paris. Was great in your place...Metro, meals (The Refuge), money (ATM at La Poste) etc. Montmartre!!! Ooo La La! Perfectly Paris!!! Au revoir.

P.S. You have a very interesting way of opening the door! (Gail can explain)

Rowena - New Zealand
15 June 2004

-Thank you so much for allowing me to stay in your lovely apartment. Just wish my husband could have been here with me—he would have loved it. Enjoyed Paris. Loved Moulin Rouge. Au revoir. Havie Mai

David, Sindy and Family - CT, USA
28 July 2004

-I cannot thank you enough for turning our Paris stay into a wonderfully comfortable & relaxing experience. This place is beautiful (the apartment) and Paris too!!

Only the highest recommendations will be given to all in the States. Thank you for the opportunity!

Dave & Janet Reese - Long Island, NY, USA
18 September 2004

-Truly miraculous, good luck to you & PerfectlyParis.com. Be assured that your website will be sent to all our friends on our e-mail list. Stay well & we will contact you for our next visit. At that time you must let us take you out for lunch. Au revoir.

Ross & Kay Perry - Australia
28 September 2004

-Our family has truly enjoyed our first wonderful week in FRANCE. The apartment was ideal for us - opposite the metro and superb bakeries close by. After one too many pastries, the steps around Montmartre ensured we walked off the excess!! Thank you for giving us the opportunity to stay in your delightful apartment.

Robin & Marianna Doss - WA, USA
3-10 March 2005

-Gail, thank you first for your kind assistance in finding the lovely apartment. Your website & telephone conversation made it so easy. Although we were surprised by the snow, it did not discourage us, but made for added stories to share back home.

We found a new friend at the Vietnamese Pho Restaurant up the street who encouraged us to speak English and made a delicious Pho soup. Your kitchen was used several times to make some tasty meals with the fresh ingredients we found in the local markets.

The metro station made our comings & goings so easy. We took the TGV to the Loire valley for a couple of days and #12 goes directly to Montparnasse.

And my wife wants to add that the entire apartment was so clean and comfortable. She found it equally enjoyable. I appreciated the extremely comfortable bed that helped with the jet lag. Thank you again & again.

We've posted our trips on the web at www.geocities.com/doddsinparis

Lori & Hamid Chaib - Chicago, Ill, USA
24 March 2005

-Ooh la la- Merci beaucoup to Gail and Yetunde for helping to make Paris perfect!

The apartment was just right - comfortable bed well equipped kitchen, CLEAN, and helpful guide books for Paris, internet access and even a bottle of wine! Thank you!

The location is excellent. After a long day of exploring Paris, one loved coming back to Montmartre! In one week, we have learned the entire metro station (almost) thanks to Lamarck-Caulaincourt #12 THANK YOU for all.

John, Barbara & Cara Gignoux - CA, USA
28 March 2005

-We had the most wonderful time in Paris. We love Montmartre and this apartment in particular. We had everything we could possible need or want and the premises were comfortable, well-stocked and immaculate. It really felt like home. Gail Boisclair was a great source of help & information & we are already planning our next visit to Paris! Merci beaucoup.

The Watsons - UK
3 April 2005

-This is our fourth visit - just as lovely as ever, weather a real bonus, even went home with a suntan!

Patrice & Bill Karpinski - Phoenix, AZ, USA
29 April 2005

-There's no place like home, there's no place like home. In this case, 74 rue Lamarck.

Bruce & Claire Stanger - Newcastle, Australia
9 May 2005

-Have had a wonderful time in Paris. Montmartre is a wonderful place & to stay at 74, rue Lamarck has been great. We will be back!

Rodger & Sue Van Ruge - Newcastle, Australia
13 May 2005

-Enjoyed Paris and staying in your comfortable apartment. The weather has been perfect and the locals friendly. We will be back also.

Gary & Taanta Miles - Toronto, Canada
23 May 2005

-Gail - you are the best - this apartment and your professionalism has opened up Paris in a whole new way. We have never enjoyed Paris as much - back soon!

The Poteets - WA, USA
22 July 2005

-Our 2 week stay has been a pleasure. This apartment never gets hot – the breeze blows through from window to window making it a good retreat on the most sweltering afternoon. We found a small treasure: a fossilized shell in the stone balustrade, facing the river, in front of the Musée d'Orsay. In a city of all these ancient treasures, this one was even older.

Bruce & Florence - Canada
18 September 2005

-We enjoyed our stay in Paris. Thanks to you and all the thoughtful arrangements. This place exceeds our expectations. Things are more settled in American style. We love the kitchen set-up. All stuff is handy. The location is very convenient for transportation and grocery shopping. We feel it's a home away from home. We appreciate that!

We will come back someday. Hope by then there is a recycle box for the daily garbage. Merci beaucoup! Thanks very much!

Rich & Jo Cosgrove - London, England
24 September 2005

-Though not our first visit to the beautiful city of Paris, this time felt different and special, largely due to having such a lovely and welcoming apartment to stay in, rather than an impersonal hotel room.

For the past week, we have enjoyed living as residents rather than tourists, actually feeling like a part of the city as we explored once again the many treasures, both obvious and hidden, of Montmartre.

Merci beaucoup! We'll be back!

The Harms & The Silvas - Jersey and Colombia
29 December 2005

-We had a wonderful time in Paris over Christmas. The apartment was extremely comfortable and very convenient. We'll be sure to recommend it to friends. Best wishes.

The Watsons- UK
7 January 2006

-A lovely break after Christmas. First time we've seen snow in Paris. Apartment as relaxing and wonderful as ever. We'll be back soon.

The Brownes - Melbourne, Australia
17 January 2006

-We have had a splendid 5 days in this lovely apartment. It was everything we were hoping for after a long trip to finish off our vacation – very well located, comfortable and especially elegant!! We certainly hope to be back "some day" (sadly it won't be soon), in the meantime see if you can extend your range of apartments into the Left Bank!! It was so pleasant dealing with you, and everything we needed was here (the dishwasher is such a luxury after 6 weeks of washing dishes elsewhere!)

Lucy & Max - Moseley, UK
13 March 2006

-We've had a great time here, fabulous location, discovered lots of new haunts. The only thing that would have made our stay better would be England learning to play rugby!! (Disastrous game yesterday). Thank you very much for all your help in organizing our visit.

The Watsons
11 April 2006

-A lovely sunny week in Paris. Visited our favourite places and discovered some new ones – the Musée d'Art Contemporain at Vitry-sur-Seine and the Grands Boulevards (glass walkways with interesting shops). Had some lovely meals all within a short walk from the apartment too. Back soon!

Suzi & Bill - Denver, CO, USA and Netherlands
15 May 2006

-We loved the apartment. Safe, clean, quiet. We had a wonderful time in Paris and will return!

Diane & Mike Young - Perth, Australia
29 May 2006

-The best part of our visit was meeting Gail, a perfect person-delightful and efficient. The apartment was great in every way. The neighbourhood wonderful, the people friendly and helpful. We hope to be back next year.

Roger, Karen, Alexander & Camilla - UK
1 June 2006

-We all loved the apartment, location, local amenities, and the local film crew filming a TV show in the road and Le Refuge opposite! Your apartment is now a TV star!

Had a great time in Paris and the apartment made it special.

As someone more famous than I said, "We'll be back."

The Holmes & Lowery & Olsen
21 June 2006

-This is a very wonderful apartment. Perfect for a break away from the hustle and bustle on the streets of Paris. This apartment is spacious and provides everything for anyone's pleasure. This is so close to wonderful shops and very close to the metro. We went to see Versailles and due to the closeness of the metro, it was a lot shorter ride compared to others we have taken. Thank you so much for providing us comfort when it was much needed. Hopefully we will be back to enjoy this wonderfully spacious apartment. Thanks again.

Andy & Jen Liverpool, UK
28 June 2006

-Just a quick e-mail to thank you for our stay at Elegance in June. What a fabulous apartment! So much easier than a hotel too when you've two kids with you. Even if our next visit is without the children we will be renting an apartment rather than staying in a hotel.

We had a wonderful time and will certainly be using perfectly Paris again for our next visit to Paris although our next stay will be longer than just two nights. We've also recommended you to friends.

Preston was great, showed us where everything was and made sure we were settled before he left.

Finally, may I also say thanks for the arrangement you have with the car company. I usually use the metro and rer in preference of Parisian roads (regardless of how good your own driver is, there are plenty of other crazy people behind the wheel) but I don't think we would have made it to Orly at such an early hour using public transport.

Josi & Spencer + Marianne & Zinzi - CA, USA + Netherlands
8 July 2006

-This was our first vacation that we rented apartments/cottages (we rented in Italy also) and we have decided this is how we will do it from now on. After staying in such a wonderful place as "Elegance at Lamarck", who could want to do it any other way?

There were 4 of us here (2 U.S.'ers and 2 Dutchies) and my cousin (one of the Dutchies) has also been converted. She kept commenting on what a great location it is, how spacious it is, how everything we could need is provided for, how comfortable it is, how convenient the metro, cafés, shops, La Poste, etc. are and all we could do is agree, agree, agree!

Preston & Gail were great-friendly, helpful, accommodating. The whole experience was so positive!

To future guests, make sure you take advantage of the great guide books that are here, pay attention to opening hours/days of shops (many in the shopping areas of Abbesses & Jules Joffrin were closed Monday or Tuesday) and spend plenty of time exploring the neighbourhoods that are not in the guide books (like this one).

Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Gill for sharing your wonderful Parisian home.

And take the "ascenseur" (elevator) at the metro at least when you are carrying heavy bags!

Carole, Bob, Eric, & Elizabeth Schulte - OR, USA
17 July 2006

-Thank you for opening your house to us. This is our first trip to France and loved living in this area. What a wonderful experience to "live" among the locals. Gail and Preston were helpful and a pleasure to work with especially as we had some unexpected problems. What a beautiful city Paris is!

Maria, Michael Kuha, Hallie & Sophie - New Orleans, LA, USA
25 July 2006

-We have had a wonderful time – only too short! The location is excellent and I only wish we had a little more time to enjoy the neighborhood. We have seen many of the great sites of Paris with our two daughters who are here for the first time! The apartment was "perfect" for us. We truly appreciated having all the basics available and very grateful for the laundry! We enjoyed take-out from the Lebanese traiteur up the street, and loved the Indian food at Darban. It really was "Perfectly Paris" and we hope to come again.

The Watsons - UK
14 August 2006

-Our longest stay here – all very relaxing and enjoyable. Tried out a few different places to eat: the Lebanese place (turn right out of the apartment, it's just a few doors down) was very good and the owner very welcoming.

The Howards & Jenny Louis - UK
22 August 2006

-Hi Gail, had a wonderful stay in your apartment. We all had a very enjoyable week especially in Montmartre. Hope to see you again soon. Au revoir.

Chuck & Joe - South Carolina, USA
4 October 2006

-As always Perfectly Paris is perfect!

The George Family - Dubai
25 October 2006

-Thanks very much for making our holiday in Paris a memorable one. Thanks for going into great detail to make the stay of a family of four a very comfortable one. The apartment had all of the amenities that would meet the requirements of one and all. In short a "home away from home".

The Watsons - UK
24 November 2006

-A short visit this time but very enjoyable as usual. Just missed turning of the Christmas lights and Christmas markets. Perhaps another time!!

Wayne & Tasha - Phoenix, AZ, USA
20 January 2007

-Bonjour! It was the very best experience meeting Gail and her wonderful daughter Yasmin, having lunch with them and of course, staying here. The stress of travel tempered by the comforts of home and such a great location. We look forward to our next visit and now count Gail, Preston, and Yasmin among our close circle of friends. Merci beaucoup and enjoy your stay here as well!

Emma & Kirsty - Scotland
15 February 2007

-Fantastic! This was a great holiday, brilliant apartment. The metro on your doorstep. Le Refuge, food, markets, clothes and billions of good bakeries, butchers and restaurants (especially the Lebanese, right outside of the apartment). It's been a brilliant stay and what more could you want? Thank you! Best holiday ever.

Loved the few days we spent here. Was finally able to practice my French a bit although not to great effect! I think most of the French I tried it on, shook their heads in confusion and answered in English! Had great fun trying out all the different boulangeries around the apartment, there are so many! And enjoyed every one of them. Had fun getting lost on the metro and loved just taking in Paris on which really gives you better feel for the place. Merci beaucoup!

Kristy Shorter – Edinburgh, Scotland, UK
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Cindy Hamilton, Cold Lake, Alberta, Canada
30 March 2007

-Gail, thank you for being so nice and helping me get all set up on the net. I love Montmartre! I felt so at home here. I hope to be back again, only this time with my husband. I love Paris! I love it all.

The Passmores – Brisbane, Australia
29 April 2007

-We have had a wonderful stay in Paris. The apartment was well appointed and we really appreciated the shopping trolley and information about the area. The girls have fallen in love with Paris and the village life of Montmartre. We will be back!

Vern & Monique – Chelsea, Quebec
29 April 2007

-Vern and I were very happy to finally meet you.

We thoroughly enjoyed our short stay here. The apartment is great and was a wonderful way to finish our month in France.

We sat on the little terrace having a glass of wine and discussed all the landscaping ideas to make a small but delightful corner. Again, merci beaucoup!

Andrew & Lucy (and kids!) - Australia
12 May 2007

-Dear Gail, thank you very much for providing such a wonderful apartment – looks like you have thought about everything. Certainly the best time we've had in Paris. Will definitely be recommending you to our friends and hopefully be back ourselves some day.

Janet, Simon & boys – The Hague, Netherlands
19 May 2007

-A wonderful short stay. Books and maps much appreciated for wet afternoons. In love with the boulangerie 200 meters up from left of apartment. Many thanks for accommodating us. Best regards.

The Miles Family – Seattle, WA, USA
26 May 2007

-Thanks for such a comfortable stay. We would definitely do it again!!

The Roe Family – Naples, FL, USA
3 June 2007

-Just what we needed. Kept the boys occupied in the evening with the DVD and the adults happy with the nightlife and location. Wish we had more time.

Deans from Zurich (originally from San Francisco)
14 June 2007

-Had a great time! So convenient. The apartment was cute. Thanks.

The Jeppesens (from Utah, temporarily in Ohio), USA
23 June 2007

-We loved our time at Lamarck! I can't count how many times one of us commented on what a good find the apartment was. We especially loved the convenience of stepping off the metro and being home...especially after climbing the 668 stairs to the 2nd level of Eiffel Tower. Thanks.

Madeline Rose Hile – Seattle, WA, USA
29 June 2007

-I, Madeline Hile, youngest of the little crew declare this the best place I've ever stayed on a trip. Me and my sister enjoyed watching the Lord of the Rings and other movies before bed. We also liked being able to come back here after a long day out in the city. But personally, my favorite touch was the winding, carpeted staircase leading down here. Before I go, I would like to recommend Gyro's (across the street then walk to the right a bit) it makes the most delicious sandwiches plus the guy who works there is really nice.

Fabio & Arianna- Rome, Italy
8 August 2007

-We have had a very nice holiday. The apartment is conveniently location and efficiently equipped. The position in front of the metro and 5 minute's walking to Montmartre are the best things we will remember. Enjoyed by all. We will recommend this accommodation to other families visiting Paris.

The Folmer Family – UK
18 August 2007

-Many thanks for a great apartment. Clean and with all the amenities we needed. Very convenient location too; so handy for the metro. The whole family had a wonderful time. The internet has been quite a savior – kept the children amused and very helpful for quick references to local facilities.

The Weavers
15 September 2007

-We enjoyed our stay of six days – this makes a convenient base for exploring with the metro stop just across the street. We recommend Chez Ginette just up the stairs for tasty food, reasonable prices and friendly service. Off to the South of France with hopes to return in the future.

Chuck and Joe – Lexington, SC, USA
19 September 2007

-As always – the perfect apartment for us.

The Watsons and Stobbs – England
31 October 2007

-Superb location – we love Montmartre. Very comfortable apartment – everything we needed was here. I highly recommend eateries: Il Fratello (32, rue des Trois Freres) and l'Anatolie (57, rue Caulaincourt), Turkish and charming staff.

Anne Bentley – Washington, DC, USA
15 December 2007

-The apartment was fantastic. Comfortable and convenient. Thanks for the hospitality. I will definitely return. After 6 weeks it is rather difficult to leave. This feels like home.

Laura Tsudome – NY, USA
31 December 2007

-My family and I really enjoyed it here for the week. We are from New York and I myself have never been to Paris so this is my first place I have stayed in!! When I first walked into this place I thought it was the cutest little place I have ever seen before, the little fireplace, the view of the stairs outside the window in the living room, the kitchen and the bathroom separate from the toilet! The next family will probably not know how to flush the toilet!

I'm her 16 year old sister and yup, this place is incroyable. Paris est très belle et j'espère revenir à la future. Bonne année ! And best wishes to all who stay here.

Randy Fetcher – St. Louis, MO, USA
January 2008

-Many thanks. Great apartment. Many things to make me feel at home!! Thank you.

Kate Story – Edinburgh, Scotland
13 February 2008

-Hello! Enjoyed staying in this apartment tres much. Le Refuge is fab. Loved all the fabric shops at the bottom of the Sacre Coeur (a short walk from here). All the restaurants around that area are magnifique! It's great having the metro right at the door. Particularly loved Galeries Lafayette (department store), going up the Eiffel Tower at night is great, brilliant views! The various boulangeries were also convenient, great holiday, would definitely come back!

The Bowes Family – NY, USA
20 February 2008

-We loved this charming apartment. There was nothing like coming to a great apartment after a long flight. We visited all of the commercial sights, but this area of Montmartre was a definite favorite. Sacre Coeur had amazing views, however would not recommend restaurants in the Sacre-Coeur commercial area. Our personal favorite was Au Relais. We cannot wait to return and are very sad to be leaving!

Susan and John Bazin – London
17 May 2008

-We'll be back soon. This is such a comfortable flat in an excellent location. We especially appreciated the fact that there is soap and salt, dish detergent, and toilet paper – all those basics which make domestic life easy. The resource book is also excellent with clear and helpful directions and suggestions. We found Montmartre delightful, as the book says, as soon as we wandered away from the crowds and into the side streets. We thank you and look forward to a return.

Sylvia and Andy – Western Australia
29 May 2008

-Having visited Paris once before in 1996, and seen most of the sights, the apartment at Lamarck absolutely fitted the bill for us by allowing us to get away from the madding crowd and experience some of the 'real' Paris. Two memorable encounters were with Sylvie and the quirky hat shop two doors down and Sylvia of Sylvia's Soulier in Abbesses who has been selling shoes from the same shop for 29 years. Thank you so much for providing us with the opportunity to feel that we have 'lived in Paris'.

G and I – Israel
30 July 2008

-It was our second vacation in Paris and it is much more successful than previous one in hotel. This is comfortable and a quiet flat. We enjoyed here very much. Thanks.

Jan, Zachary, Di and Ian
10 September 2008

-Magnifique! What a charming place to stay! We all enjoyed so much sitting in the small balcony at the end of a day's adventure with a wine (or two) and speaking to the people who were continually going up or down the stairs. We would say in this apartment again if we are fortunate enough to travel to France from far-away New Zealand in the future.

Chuck and Joe – Lexington, SC, USA
7 October 2008

-Each visit to Paris is made more perfect by PerfectlyParis and all our friends – as last year this is the perfect apartment for us.

Lunch on the patio was the event of the day each time we ventured out! Complete strangers stopped and chatted. It just doesn't get any better than that.

Michelle – Vancouver, Canada
November 2008

-Thank you for sharing this amazing apartment. From the moment I walked into it, it felt cozy and warm. I loved watching the people walking up and down the stairs and the area is interesting. The markets and specialty stores are amazing. The owners of the flat have done an outstanding job decorating job. What a lovely place to call home for a never to forget week in Paris. I will be back.

Peter and Joni – Hemlock, NY, USA
6 November 2008

-Everything we expected and more. Thank you so much for providing such a lovely home away from home. The neighborhood is delightful. Gail- thanks for all your help and advice.

Christine and Richard – Scotland
8 December 2008

-We have enjoyed our stay here in Paris. The apartment is beautiful, warm and comfortable. Will tell friends and family how lovely it is. Thank you for a most enjoyable stay.

Ariel, Agostina, Lola and Julian – Buenos Aires, Argentina
11 January 2009

-We have spent wonderfully these 4 days in Paris, where your cozy apartment became our "home". It's been great to arrive here at night and be able to rest comfortably (and warmly) after a tiring all-day-long walk down and up the magnificent streets of this freezing (in January) but charming city. Everything is perfect, except maybe that it took us a while to learn how to lock the toilet's door. Anyway, we'll surely contact you when we plan to return. Merci!

Diane and Christian – Bermuda
29 May 2009

-We had a fantastic visit here in Paris. Your apartment and the entire area of Montmartre was a pleasure to explore and enjoy. Thank you for your hospitality, we will recommend the area and your flat to our friends anytime they are coming to Paris.

Alastair and Shannon – Nova Scotia, Canada
6 June 2009

-The apartment is wonderful – just as we had hoped. Enhanced by our fabulous week à Paris to have such a comfortable “home” to return to. Merci beaucoup! We will recommend you to friends and hope to return ourselves (soon!).

Erik and Shoshana – Montreal, Quebec, Canada
-24 June 2009

-The apartment was everything we had hoped it would be: home (away from home), refuge, cozy nest. The convenience of the metro, the friendliness of the shopkeepers, the fabulous vibe of the neighborhood: all made for a wonderful trip to a wonderful city.

John, Carolyn, Hope and Mary
4 July 2009

-Thank you so much for a wonderful stay. This was definitely the highlight of our two week vacation. We loved our lovely home away from home. It was truly delightful – thank you Preston for our warm and informative welcome. We loved the apartment!!

Sandy – St. Albert, Alberta, Canada
11 July 2009

-This apartment is lovely and everything I had hoped for. After days of meetings and presentations, it was the perfect refuge to return to. Its location across from the metro made it a perfect base from which to explore Paris. Once we forced ourselves to leave the neighborhood that is. I will highly recommend PerfectlyParis to my friends and of course 74, rue Lamarck!

Evelyn – Scotland
11 August 2009

-Loved staying in the apartment and the surrounding area. We'll be back again soon.

Leanne and Carly – Toronto, Canada
24 August 2009

-Amazing! We will recommend this apartment to our friends. Perfect location. Have a great time. Thanks.

Chuck and Joe – Lexington, SC, USA
30 September 2009

-This is like our home away from home. No doubt, it is the most convenient apartment and we love it. Thank you, the owners, for sharing it with us.

Anna and Pete – Newcastle upon Tyne, England
6 October 2009

-Great apartment in a great location. We love Montmartre! Had a fab time sightseeing and were lucky enough to go to the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp, which was fantastic. Apartment was cosy with everything you could need. We look forward to coming back to Paris again soon.

William and Robyn – Australia
20 October 2009

-Thoroughly enjoyed our apartment stay we have had a wonderful time finding our way around Paris. Having the metro so handy made travelling around so easy. The lift was wonderful! Enjoyed the streets and sights of Montmartre.