

Enchanting St. Georges Guest Comments

Diana – Aviano, Italy
21 April 2005

Apartment is as stated. It was perfect for my husband, myself and our two little ones who shared the second bedroom with 2 twin beds. The furnishings are very nice and the towels are Martex! Lots of extra towels and sheets. Meets every need!

Karen & Jeff Horn (owners)- CA, USA
23 April 2005

Our purchase of 24 rue de la Rochefoucauld is the culmination of a lifelong dream. My wife Karen and I have always wanted to own a Paris apartment which would allow us to immerse ourselves and our children in French culture, living as Parisians do.

However, we had some rather high standards to adhere to. We wanted a large apartment with two bedrooms. It had to be clean, safe (at least 3rd floor), light (many windows), with original architectural details, well ventilated (we have 4 exposures), and quiet (I am a light sleeper). I also required no more than a three block walk to the metro and similarly needed to be near a typical Parisian market street for shopping (rue des Martyrs is fabulous!). Finally I needed a clean and safe neighborhood for spending time in with our two small children.

Imagine my surprise and delight when we discovered and subsequently purchased our 4th floor corner apartment on rue de la Rochefoucauld! Not only did it have a beautiful and clean recently renovated kitchen, it also had all of the original architectural charm that came with the apartment when it was constructed over a hundred years ago....and last but not least it is quiet enough that I can sleep in our neighborhood with the windows open!

Decorating and furnishing this apartment was pure joy. Our goal was to provide the comfort and Parisian style that both we and our guests would enjoy for years to come. We think you will agree, and encourage your visit!

Best Wishes and Bon Voyages.

Akhtar – San Francisco, CA, USA
8 May 2005

I stayed at Jeff and Karen's beautiful apartment in the 9th on my most recent Paris. What a great space and fantastic location, they clearly have gone above and beyond my expectations... style and charm are evident in their home. The location is top notch, close to anything you possibly want... Musuems, shops and great restaurants. I can not wait to return next time and will recommend it to my friends.

Alan Chew - Hanalei, Hawaii, USA
25 May 2005

This is my third Paris rental in two years. Your apartment is at the top of my list. The one I rented near the Louvre was almost twice as expensive but didn't hold a candle to yours. Your place is extremely well decorated with a wonderful homey feeling. The bath and kitchen are state of the art for Paris. The location is terrific being within a few blocks of two different metro stops. The area is safe, clean and just bubbling with life. I could literally go on much longer but suffice it to say your place is terrific and very fairly priced. I would be remiss if I didn't mention your property manager Lauren. She is a jewel, extremely competent and very accommodating will be contacting you in a few months to reserve for next year.

Brendan – Melbourne, Australia
2 July 2005

The apartment was absolutely fantastic: We loved it. It was big and spacious and suited our needs perfectly. It was beautifully furnished, the bed was very comfortable, the kitchen modern and clean, and the bathroom was spotless. The location was perfect as well. We hardly used the metro and walked just about everywhere in Paris. When we did need the metro, the 2 closest stations put us close to most of the places we needed to go. The apartment was also around the corner from Rue de Martyrs, the closest 'market' street which made it easy for us to grab groceries. We felt very secure in the apartment too. We would also like to thank Lauren who was our perfect host whilst in Paris. All her suggestions were spot-on and she made our stay even more enjoyable. My partner and I can't speak any more highly about the apartment. It was definitely one of our favorite things in Paris and we are already planning our next trip back to Paris. Hopefully the apartment is available!

Susan Siegal – Portland, OR, USA
2 August 2005

The apartment was wonderful: it fit the five of us perfectly (2 adults and 3 teenagers). Beautifully furnished, spacious, nice view, great location, what more can we say? Thank you so much for letting us share your beautiful Parisian home!

Allen Huey – Vancouver, BC, Canada
25 January 2006

The apartment was perfect for an extended stay of 7.5 weeks. There was plenty of room for my wife and I, and we felt totally at home. Very spacious for what we were expecting in Paris, could easily house a small family of 4. The dining room was not only handy for meals but also served as our "office" since I was working in Paris and my wife was studying French. The location was very convenient to the Metro, shopping and restaurants. We especially liked the shopping area on Rue Abbesses. It was very quiet at night and we had no problems sleeping.

Jim and Pat – Dunedin, FL, USA
2 May 2006

We enjoyed our stay on Rochefoucauld; the size and corner location suit us to a tee, and the furnishings and amenities are enjoyable for a long stay. Don't worry about the ironing board cover, quiche dishes, and other small items; we are accustomed to adding a few things for our use, especially when we know we will be returning to use them again, and it was so well equipped that we found very little to add. It was a pleasant surprise to find a shopping cart, abundant ice cube trays, potato masher, ice cream scoop, and enough wine glasses for entertaining, which are things we have had to buy in the past. We have rented 6 different Parisian apartments over the last 10 years and yours was the best equipped, it is obvious you intend to use it yourself from the way it is furnished and equipped. Lauren, the manager, was very pleasant and helpful. During our stay the building was very quiet, we only saw the neighbors one day.

The neighborhood abounds with good restaurants, which is our raison d'etre. I think we covered most of them and will fill in the gaps when we return in Oct. Rue des Martyrs is a pleasure; Arnaud Delmontel has become our favorite boulangerie/patisserie, although a couple of others were very good. The flat screen TV with English language news channels was nice, but even better was the wi-fi connection for our laptop, which functioned flawlessly. We are already looking forward to our October stay.

Sue Wilson & Bill Drummond – Vancouver, WA, USA
13 June 2006

The Rochefoucauld apartment provided us the perfect environment for our long-awaited month in Paris. We wanted spacious, charming yet comfortable living quarters in a quiet, non-touristy Parisian neighborhood, and we were not disappointed.

The apartment is an adroit combination of Parisian ambiance and modern comfort. Both kitchen and bathroom are thoroughly modern and the spacious kitchen is equipped with state-of-the-art appliances. All of the large and comfortable rooms are tastefully decorated; there are thoughtful amenities throughout, such as the much-appreciated shopping cart, and ample storage space for an extended stay.

Totally unknown to us prior to this visit, the ninth arrondissement is a delicious discovery, especially the fabulous rue des Martyrs. The once-again fashionable and fascinating neighborhood is steeped in history, fun to explore, with every convenience and two unique museums close at hand. This was a wonderful Parisian home, made more so by Lauren's hospitality, and we look forward to returning.

Callahan - Abu Dhabi, UAE
20 October 2006

One could ask for no better accommodation in Paris! The apartment is conveniently located, making most destinations easy to get to. The library of tour guides and Paris-phenalia contain plenty of new ideas for even the most seasoned City of Lights visitors. The apartment is tastefully and comfortably furnished, with all the amenities one could need. It truly feels as though you are staying in someone's home and that it's a privilege to be able to share it. One has all the day-to-day items at hand and local shops are nearby for anything else. In addition to the great beds and furniture, the modern appliances, cable TV, and wifi connection all make for a very comfortable stay. The apartment is great for kids, as they can have their own room and place to relax, or watch French cartoons on TV or choose from a number of DVDs generously made available. In sum, this is the antithesis of an extended-stay hotel or corporate housing arrangement! We hope to be back and wish another unit in the building were available for sale!

George - Saratoga Springs, NY
1 April 2007

The apartment is ideally located and wonderful to come back to at the end of the day. It is extremely comfortable, even with its French Haussmann and Empire style. The beds were outstanding, the kitchen absolutely perfect with everything one may wish for in cooking. We had a wonderful time there and would recommend it enthusiastically.

Heather MacAllister - New York, NY
12 September 2007

My 2 daughters, ages 5 and 8 just returned from a lovely visit to Paris. The apartment was perfect for us. Very comfortable, it felt like a 2nd home. And was very close to the Metro which allowed us to get around quite easily. The neighborhood was quiet with plenty of shopping nearby. We enjoyed ourselves so much that we have asked to return there again next year. The owners were very accommodating and helpful with any questions. Definitely a great find.

Jim and Pat – Florida, USA
April - May 2008

We really enjoyed our stay again. This makes almost 8 months in this apartment for us. It was great meeting the new crew at "PerfectlyParis". We're looking forward to our stay in your Caulaincourt apartment in the fall. Just a few random thoughts:

The closest Presse is on Bruyere – go to the right out of the apartment and up the hill. Take a left on Bruyere – Presse is on the left in the 1st block – you can continue on and you will find the closest bakery at Pigalle and Bruyere.

The best grocery store for staples is the Shoppi on rue des Martyrs. You may enter from the rue Notre Dame de Lorette side also. It has 3 floors. There are at least 3 very good bakeries on rue Martyrs. Delmontel may be our favorite, it's closed on Tuesdays. If you need to take a dessert, La Seurre on rue Martyrs is a winner.

The two ladies at La Rimaudière at the foot of Martyrs are funny and friendly. Also, the owner is nice and they are closed on Monday.

You have many restaurants to choose from in the immediate area. The ones that we have tried and eaten at many times are:

Le Romarin – at the bottom of St. Georges on the left.
Casa Olympe – rue St. Georges
Sizin and Dell Orto – on opposite end of Rochefoucauld
Carte Blanche – 6, rue Lamartine is our favorite
Carpe Diem
Mollard – across from St. Lazare train station
One could go on and on!

The 67 bus now runs all weekend and if you are tired of walking up hill just take the bus to Pigalle/Chaptal stop and walk down!

This is probably the quietest apartment that we have ever stayed in- can't imagine that anyone could ever complain.

Thanks for everything. You can tell your guests that if need be – the American Hospital was very good – we had an adventure one weekend when Jim got food poisoning. Hopefully no one else will have this experience!

**Diane and Jan – Sydney, Australia
June 2008**

Thank you Gail and Preston for your kind attentive service. We loved our St. Georges apartment and because of its comfort, quiet and spaciousness it become a home away from home for us. We appreciated very much the free phone service for phone, Internet, radio and TV. A most thoughtful and generous inclusion. We especially enjoyed the bright kitchen where two of us could work in comfort, and where there are dishes, glasses etc. aplenty. Similarly the generous supplies of linen and towels. All in all St. Georges was a great success for us!

**John and Karen Trew, Ireland
July 2008**

Wonderful apartment in a serene, bourgeois area – yet fleshpots of Pigalle are only a 5 minute walk up rue de la Rochefoucauld!! As a travel writer (see some of my impressions of other PerfectlyParis apts at the website and the 'Bible' that Gail has helpfully compiled) I have been all over France and this is the best place to be!

For eating out, try Chez Vincent (excellent 21E menu); Station Café for 6E breakfast; and alfresco lunch/tea at the Musée de la Vie Romantique nearby. Even closer is Musée Gustav Moreau, a symbolist painter whose work is in Musée d'Orsay which is easily the best gallery in the whole world!

**Treva and Laurie Ricou – Vancouver, Canada
October 2008**

#24 was an ideal centre for a month-long exploration of Paris. We relied heavily on Pudlo for restaurant recommendations and can especially endorse their enthusiasm for Chez Geraud, Hier et Aujourd'hui and 138 Parnasse (good for Sundays when so many are closed).

Nearer to home, we consistently enjoyed Sizin. Also Carte Blanche. The modest Addis Abbebe provided an unexpected dining surprise, cheerful atmosphere, if you don't mind not having knives and forks. (Again, a possible Sunday evening choice).

Marmotan was our favorite museum. The surprise was Petit Palais. Daunted by the lineup at Grand Palais, we went to this un-crowded spot across the street and ended up spending the entire day there. Enjoy.

**Martin and Christine – Winchester, Great Britain
March 2009**

What a fabulous location! To spent 30 days shopping and living the *Parisienne Experience* has been such a joy.

We have walked so far it will be great to rest our feet, but only to return.

The best places we have eaten at on the basis of value for money were as follows:

1. Camille, rue des Francs Bourgeois in the Marais. A bistro much used by locals serving typical French fare! Open 7 days a week 10.00-21.00.
2. The Maison Rose, 2 rue de l'Abreuvoir, close to the Sacré Coeur and the Place du Tertre. A great place for a light lunch away from the mad crowd.
3. Select Café, 37 rue des Martyrs. Great local brasserie open 7 days a week 7.00-22.00 serving true Parisienne meals. You can have a quick coffee after "queing" for bread and pastries next door at Delmontel.

**The Kennedys - Sydney
May 2009**

A fantastic month in a fabulous city. Loved the apartment it had absolutely everything we needed. Preston was so helpful if we came 'unstuck' with anything.

Our best meal was at Café Qui Parle, 24 rue Caulaincourt. Really great food, cafe looks but a bit 'cafe' but the food was the best.

We saw so much, ate so much and walked so much. Loved the Musée Marmottan, for Monet's works this is the best – better (much) than d'Orsay.

Thanks PerfectlyParis.

**David, Louise and Hugh – Melbourne, Australia
May, June and July 2010**

We have had a wonderful 3 months at Enchanting St. Georges. The location has been a perfect base in Paris. We loved rue des Martyrs and got to know the local shopkeepers and of course had our favourites.

The time has just flown by, but we are ready to go home and settle back into a different life! Thanks to Gail and Preston for always quickly answering our queries and fixing the few things that went wrong. And the best to the next tenants here.