

Houdon Hideaway Guest Comments

István S. and family - Budapest, Hungary
April 10-15, 2006

We had a very pleasant stay at Rue Houdon. The apartment was clean and quiet, everything was working fine. We never stayed in an apartment with Internet connection (WiFi), which we used to email friends and plan our programmes in Paris. We really appreciated your support at the time of renting the apartment and your colleague who helped us to solve our parking ticket problem as well.

Wendy - Washington, DC
April 15-23, 2006

I loved the apartment! So well stocked and appointed. The apartment location was fantastic! Easy to get everywhere. The neighborhood was very safe. My sister and I so enjoyed walking around in Montmatre -- every day we discovered a new spot. By staying in the apartment we had the opportunity to live in Paris rather than experience the city as a tourist living in a hotel. The apartment was spotless when we arrived even though it had only been vacated earlier in the day. Lauren was very professional and extremely helpful and responsive to all of our request for assistance. Because I was taking the flower course at the Hotel Crillion I had the opportunity to use the metro and to take taxis. Both forms of transportation were relatively inexpensive. We ate well the entire time we were in Paris. However, Chez Grisette was a very big hit -- the food was divine! It was right next door! And, the owners were so lovely and helpful. Please let me know which weeks in the Fall 2006 and Spring 2007 because I am ready to book the apartment again.

Chris and Sally - Sydney, Australia
April 29 - May 2, 2006

We found the apartment at 14 rue Houdon comforting as soon as we walked through the front door. The apartment is furnished and decorated in a style that makes it feel like home and we were able to slip comfortably into it immediately. While provided with absolutely everything, there is an absence of cluttered spaces and ample cupboard/wardrobe space in both bedrooms and the bathroom allowed us to easily make it "ours" for our short stay. The beds are both firm and comfortable and the bedrooms spacious. The bathroom is fantastic; large and clean, with two showers and a bath and double vanity basins. Often it is the bathroom that diminishes a rental apartment, here the reverse is true! The lounge/dining space is not large, but it is certainly more than adequate and comfortable. The kitchen is also small, but equipped superbly with new appliances and designed to operate effectively. We were happy to spend our last few days in Paris at 14 rue Houdon and have fond memories of it.

Peter and Katharine
May 18-23, 2006

Location, location, location! The cozy apartment at 14 rue Houdon has it all...charm, modern conveniences, tranquility, and a superb situation for either a short or an extended visit to Paris.

Located at the base of Butte Montmartre, it is a 2 minute walk to the Metro, 2 minutes to a veritable cornucopia of wonderful food and wine shops at Marche Lepic, 2 minutes from more restaurants and bistros than one can begin to catalog, and a short jaunt up to the Sacre Couer which offers the best view of Paris at any time of the day or night. The surrounding neighborhood is bursting with character and asks to be explored at leisure.

The apartment is one floor up off of a quiet courtyard...a big plus in Paris. Everything is new and tasteful, shining and efficient, light and airy. My wife and I could have stayed a much longer time without feeling cramped. As it was, 14 rue Houdon quickly became our home away from home. It had everything we needed and more. We eagerly look forward to returning for our next visit.

Brendan - Pasadena, CA
June 6 - July 13, 2006

I spent a month at 14 rue Houdon on a business trip to Paris. The apartment is comfortable, quiet, and conveniently located in a great neighborhood.

The apartment is not directly on the street making a surprisingly quiet stay in a bustling neighborhood. The place is fully equipped with laundry and all the kitchen supplies you could want, making an extended visit much easier. Having wireless internet was very nice as well. The management of the apartment was great - Lauren Greenwald responded quickly to minor problems I had with the mailbox and the cable TV.

Montmartre is a wonderful neighborhood. I enjoyed having the "3rd best baguettes in Paris" less than a block away. Other excellent bakeries and restaurants abound, and there are gorgeous views of the city from the nearby Butte de Montmartre. There are two grocery stores within a couple of blocks.

The apartment is very close to two metro lines and a 15 minute walk to Gare du Nord, making the rest of Paris quickly accessible. I commuted to either Denfert-Rochereau or to Orsay (a suburb of Paris) nearly every day, and it was quite easy and fast.

Jim & Debra- MD, USA
28 March 2007

Our week in Paris was made all the more special by the fact that each evening, after a long day enjoying this beautiful city, we returned to our own cozy perfectly located apartment on rue Houdon. The building is charming and so quiet it is hard to believe bustling Pigalle is but a half block away. Filled with an ultra modern kitchen and bath and comfortable furnishings, it was sometimes hard to tear ourselves away to go explore Paris when you already have hot coffee, fresh croissants and the morning light and air streaming in through the open windows looking onto the flower-filled courtyard. The surrounding Montmartre neighborhood is filled with unpretentious cafes, corner markets, bistros and boulangeries. And transportation could not be easier with the Pigalle metro stop just down the street and the Abbesses stop (as seen in the movie Amélie) but a couple of blocks up the hill.

Jack - CA, USA
24 April 2007

Gail, Our stay in Paris this April, was everything I could have hoped for. The apartment was well appointed for two couples, and well situated for touring Paris. We enjoyed the local neighborhood of Montmartre. Shopping for chesses, wine, croissants, and food was great. We ate at Chez Grisette next door, and had a marvelous dining experience. The nearness of the Metro made getting anywhere in Paris so easy. This was our first trip to Paris, and its surroundings were just what I had imagined Paris to be. We will surely recommend your service to our friends and family, and look forward to a return trip in the near future. Thank you for your help.

Chet & Miriam- NY
19 May 2007

We loved the apartment. We loved the charming courtyard. We loved the neighborhood of Montmartre. We loved the bakery at the top of the street. We loved the Art Nouveau Metro Station on Rue Abbesses which conveniently got us to the rest of the glorious city of Paris. Thanks for everything!

Judy & Harry- Palm Harbor, FL
27 May 2007

We stayed at Houdon Hideaway in May 2007 and loved the apartment and the location. The apartment is very clean and has everything that we needed for our family of 4. The bathroom is large and worked out well for our 2 teenage girls. The neighborhood has so many restaurants to choose from, but our most wonderful meal was at Chez Grisette which is right in the building. We also enjoyed the nearby bakeries every morning. The walk to the metro stop was short and the grocery store was close by as well. The information book found in the apartment has answers for any questions that we had, and the booking and arrangements all went very smoothly. I highly recommend this apartment. It is quiet, cozy, convenient and we have wonderful memories of our week there.

Thank you again Gail for making the rental so easy. We had a great time and will contact you again for our next trip. I love Paris and hope to return many more times.

Marisa- Perth, Western Australia
14 July 2007

We enjoyed our 10 day stay during July, 2007 at Rue Houdon, Montmartre.

Our family found the apartment to be very comfortable and well equipped. The children enjoyed being able to play in the central courtyard. We could watch them playing from the window. We also appreciated that within a short stroll of the apartment we could find a bakery, supermarkets, restaurants and the Pigalle Metro. The apartment was very quite and relaxing, very important after a long day of sight seeing!

We used the services of Elysee Cars to drive us to Charles De Gaulle airport. They were very professional and arrived on time. Having this service made our last day run smoothly.

We certainly enjoyed our visit to Paris and would not hesitate to recommend Perfectly Paris to friends and family.

Our family has taken away some fantastic memories of Paris which will remain with us forever.

Mandy- UK
28 July 2007

The Apartment is lovely and clean and in a surprisingly very quiet residential block, which was covered in flowers at the time we stayed. Montmartre and Pigalle are bustling, but the apartment provides a haven of peace in the midst of the action. All that with the Pigalle metro stop just at the bottom of the street with instant access to the whole of Paris. Our children (aged 5 and 7) loved it. The apartment has been renovated very well giving you everything you need for your stay. I found the kitchen very well appointed and I cooked almost every night of our stay, as the shops are so handy and the kitchen so small that cooking is effortless, as you hardly have to move a step. Gail was kind enough to telephone on our last night to check everything had been in order. I can also highly recommend the airport shuttle provided by Elysée Cars, our driver was very professional and kind.

Thank you for everything Perfectly Paris, we would definitely use you again!

The Latchford Family - UK
1 September 2007

Thank you – have had a great week. Lovely to be in the heart of Montmartre and walk out of the door to cafés, boulangeries, Sacre Coeur... we enjoyed trying the croissants and baguettes from the

boulangeries around – useful Champion supermarket and general food store on hand to stock up on extras. Metro stations so easy to get everywhere. Enjoyed Rick Steves 2007 Paris guide (on the bedroom shelf by TV) and the Paris walks. Can't recommend any local restaurants as we enjoyed cafés by day and ate in at night.

Done all the usuals – Pompidou Centre – great views and fun at the escalator – Musée d'Orsay, l'Orangerie – wonderful – open late on Fridays, Rodin Museum (the garden is free to wander and have picnic after 6pm.

Lots of walking everywhere – stop and visit Shakespeare and Co. on left bank opposite Notre Dame – great bookshop, almost Harry Potter like. Climb Sacre Coeur – fantastic views – entrance is from the outside on the left as you look up at it.

Just enjoy walking around rue de Rivoli from Louvre to Concorde. Step one street back and enjoy the posh shops – huge chandeliers and beautiful boutiques.

Also enjoyed a DVD from WH Smith (bottom of rue de Rivoli), good for teenagers with museum legs at the end of the day!

Great apartment – very homely. Felt that we would pretend to be Parisians for a week. Loved sitting in the peaceful courtyard with a book, too. Thank you, will recommend you.

John & Sue – Australia
10 September 2007

Great apartment – easy access to Paris sites by metro (Carte Orange great value). Need engineering degree to operate TV! But we are in Paris so who wants to watch TV. Will recommend you to our friends. Thanks for the memories.

The Hayter Family – New Jersey, USA
28 September 2007

Thanks so much for this lovely apartment. Our party of 4 adults felt very comfortable. We enjoyed shopping at the vendors on rue Lepic for dinner every other evening. In the other evenings, we visited local restaurants, including Chez Grizette, downstairs. We were here for the wedding of a relative (who lives in Austin, TX and chose Paris for a destination wedding) and also to celebrate the following day the 65th birthday of one of us. This being our 4th trip to Paris, we didn't feel the need to scurry around to the top 10 places to see, although we did see some of them in the course of our travels. We enjoyed the neighborhood here and now, by the end of the week we can actually make purchases and get what we thought we asked for. Au revoir!

The Evans - UK
13 October 2007

The location could not be better, everything is at your doorstep. Nice and cozy set up within rue Houdon. We had a great time and will come again! Fully recommend the Lido, was quite a show.

Paolo- Italy
1 November 2007

First time staying in an apartment in Paris. Enjoyed it comfortable, very well placed, great local restaurants. Metro easy to use and very cheap. The only way to find all of the small shops is to walk. Jazz bar at the top of road well worth an evening. All local places end up about the same price. Menu of the day always a good choice. We were here for nearly 3 weeks and felt very at home. Watch out for JuJu, the black and white cat (short for Juliette) often seen walking around the courtyard. Enjoys a cuddle on your way out.

Rochelle- AK, USA
8 November 2007

Excellent – the apartment has whatever we needed so efficiently put together! We especially appreciated having the WC separate.

The Compartis – Australia
12 January 2008

Another delightful stay in your apartment (last time at Rooftop Vista) this time we brought our two daughters. The sales all started on the 9th and we have done our best for the French economy! A couple of tips for non-Europeans: take your passport to Galleries Lafayette welcome desk and you will be given 10% discount card. As usual, the kitchen is well stocked. The Internet and cable TV needed re-booting on several occasions. We turned down the fridge (it froze everything!). But all wonderful as usual.

Joan & Don Horsey – Australia
2 February 2008

We enjoyed the apartment and the area! All others have covered most things, but did not tell you to watch out for the sex shops! Safe return folks.

Maria & Gianni – Australia
15 February 2008

As the song says "I love Paris in the Winter" but I love Paris anytime. The apartment's location is perfect, close to all amenities - the metro, cafes, restaurants, mouth watering pastry shops, supermarket, Sacre Coeur at your doorstep and the wonderful surrounding area. The apartment was most comfortable and was exactly like it was shown on the internet site and very clean (I'm a bit of a clean freak). The bathroom perfect for 4 adults with the 2 basins and lovely fluffy towels, 2 showers and separate toilet. The kitchen was well stocked with modern and new utensils, crockery and dishwasher. Even though our stay was short it was great to have such a well stocked kitchen for the little cooking we did do and to be able to relax over coffee and croissants at breakfast. Gail has been a pleasure to deal with and provided us with perfect instructions. Preston was great and very obliging with our queries. We would certainly recommend this apartment to our friends and would certainly stay again hopefully in the not too distance future.

The Frazier Family – San Diego, CA, USA
23 February 2008

This was our second trip to this apartment. It is so well placed, we felt it was perfect for a second visit. All the restaurants in the local area are great we usually ate out at dinner. It's so nice to come back to such a quiet place – even when it's very noisy on the street. Took a cooking class with Eric @ Cookin' With Class (like on PerfectlyParis website) had a lot of fun and learned a lot – definitely recommend that. Our kids had a great time using the metro – so easy and very safe (watch for pickpockets though). So much easier to get around unlike the States! We'll definitely come back again.

The Meads – Suffolk, UK
12 March 2008

We have had a delightful if somewhat rainy 4 days here. The arrangements, the welcome and the apartment have been great. It has worked really well for us and our 19 year old daughter enjoyed the WIFI! Do not be alarmed as we did when you arrive at Pigalle, just remind turn right as you leave!

The Daly, Purdey & Maxwell Party – Melbourne, Australia
19 March 2008

Our stay at Houdon Hideaway has exceeded our expectations, unlike our previous experiences, we feel this apartment was “under sold”. PerfectlyParis’ professionalism, information pack and welcoming bottle of wine were much appreciated. The apartment has an instant warmth and homeliness – the joy of cooking in a kitchen with first rate equipment, the availability of up to date travel books (Paris City Walks being our favourite), the eclectic CD collection (we were delighted to discover it included Ali Farka Tore) have all added to our pleasure.

Our two lunches at A La Pomponnette, and the wonderful hospitality at Dominique Ainsi, were the highlight of our stay. A La PoPONNETTE offers the quintessential Parisian experience that will remain with you for years to come.

Ulla – Denmark
22 March 2008

This has been a very nice flat to stay in and the book that tells about the area is so good and the women that cleaned were so helpful and nice. Thank you so much. If we come to Paris again, we will very much like to stay here.

The Byerly Family – Colorado Springs, CO, USA
29 March 2008

We had a wonderful stay at the Houdon. The metro was quite close making it very easy to navigate through the city. Great sights, fabulous food, wonderful area to shop for souvenirs, and the people have been great. The art has been astounding! Our week has flown by with all the many enjoyable sights! We cannot wait to return to the exciting city of Paris and the Houdon. Thanks for everything.

Mark, Pam, Michael & Zach – MN, USA
April 2008

Wouldn’t recommend it, but it’s amazing what you can do in Paris in 48 hours! Particularly with such a delightful and well situated apartment! Arrived by Eurostar from London at 9:20 PM and headed up the funicular to Sacre Coeur for the night – perfect Paris intro. Then on to the creperie around the corner from here for crepes and chocolate. Monday – croissants from the boulangerie up the hill and off to Notre Dame, Ile de la Cite et Louvre in the afternoon. Dinner a block over. Tried to get to Eiffel Tower, but defeated by closed metro stops. Tuesday Sainte Chapelle, Napoleon's Tomb and a boat trip and dinner at a family style Norman restaurant. Finally got to a night Eiffel Tower visit – awesome. Many pauses for chocolate, café au lait etc. at the cafés and those local boulangeries are terrific. Three nights up to midnight and each one with our boys 10+12. They love having their own bedroom. Off to Normandy.

Okeke Family – London, UK
8 April 2008

Well, it’s our last night here in Paris and it feels a little premature to be writing this but no doubt will forget if I wait until the morning. First off, we would like to say a huge Thank-You to Gail and Preston for all their help. Over the past few days we have done a fair bit of sightseeing. Here’s a breakdown: Day 1: Sacre Coeur (great views!) Day 2: Disney land (be prepared to spend, spend, queue, queue, queue, but have time of your life doing so. Day 3: Louvre (fight to get a glimpse of Mona Lisa). Day 4: Eiffel Tower (vertigo city!). Day 5: Shopping. Overall a fantastic few days and what a lovely place to stay. We all prefer Abbesses to Pigalle but the area has all you could want and need. We will no doubt be back.

Michael & Roma Maurice – Oakville, ON, Canada
Alice & Donald Fraser – Blenheim Scotland
16 April 2008

We enjoyed our stay – needed to buy new shoes because we wore out the soles of the others – but saw a lot of a very beautiful city. Didn't have a very positive experience in Chez Grisette – overpriced and not too tasty. We love the peaceful setting of the apartment – it is well equipped and tastefully decorated. We enjoyed the artwork in this apartment and the experience of "Living in Montmartre" we would recommend the Coupe Chou restaurant, rue de Lanneau very near the Sorbonne (tel: 01 46 33 68 69) – very old and historic with good food and service, cheaper than Grisette, too.

Steve Paul, Candace Bell, Jim Jervett and Lucy Beard – Mt. Lauren, NJ, USA
1 May 2008

Great apartment in a great location – even the cat in heat was quiet! Best neighborhood restaurant experience was at Le Jardin on rue des Trois Frères. Artisan bakery at rue des Abbesses and rue des Martyrs was #1.

Ernestine McGlynn – Ann Arbor, MI, USA
26 May 2008

The apartment fulfils the description PerfectlyParis. The décor, comfort, proximity and convenience were "top drawer". Paris truly is outside of 14, rue Houdon and privacy and quiet is inside after a long day's jaunt. Thank you.

Di and Shirley – Perth, Western Australia
11 June 2008

So close to everything and plenty of restaurants and lovely cakes and great shops. The walk up to the Butte is great or the little bus very convenient. Fabulous views. Would have liked the TV to be in the living area and a little less confusing with 2 instruction books giving different information, however Preston was quick to attend and sort things out. Gail was extremely pleasant and forever helpful with my many queries on how to get somewhere. I didn't use the public transport but I found the booked taxis prompt, helpful and "priced" ok. Overall a pleasant stay and really appreciated all of the extras in the pantry etc. given that my travelling companion was ill and couldn't go out much.

Minna, Sari, Lusa, Anni and Noemi – Finland
27 June 2008

We spent a fabulous fortnight in Paris and found that towards the end of our stay we all – three ladies in our forties – started to look like Parisians (not that we were not chic to start with) as we all only wore black. The boulangeries did not, however, help a bit towards that end but hey, life is short and black is slimming!

The flat did not let us down a bit, so quiet and a lovely area. Everything worked and looked like in the pictures. The sloping floors were quaint and exotic for us Finns. Thanks to Gail also for her efficiency in getting back to us quickly whenever we needed anything.

Sylvana, Pierre, Robert and Michelle – Ontario, Canada
5 July 2008

We thoroughly enjoyed our stay in this wonderfully equipped, centrally located apartment! We really began to feel like locals after just a couple of days finding our favourite bakery (Au Levain d'Antan – at the top of Houdon), the giant salads at Relais Gascon (also at the top of Houdon) and our favourite pizza and moules frites at La Pétaudière (rue Norvins, just off Place du Tertre).

After a full day of sight-seeing it was such a pleasure to come home for a shower and rest in our comfortable apartment before setting out for supper.

This is a lovely, quiet and calm oasis (safe for children, too) amid the rather "colourful" hustle and bustle of the busy streets of Montmartre.

Thank you for making this available for families wishing to enjoy Paris without the "hotel" feel.

John and Beth – Anchorage, Alaska, USA

17 July 2008

Last night in Paris before we head south to Lyon and Provence. We've enjoyed a terrific week here at the location, charm and amenities made our stay in Paris even more pleasurable. Nothing beats starting the day with a brisk climb to the top of Sacre Coeur and then rewarding ourselves with a café and pain au chocolat. For a family of four (2 kids) the shower, laundry and cooking facilities were perfect. We saved on breakfast (cereal and toast, coffee here), lunch (sandwiches) and then splurges for dinner, lots of options in the neighbourhood. The location between the 2 metro stops was wonderful and it made travelling to all our "must do" sites so easy. The squeaky floors were a little problematic although quaint, it was difficult to sneak out early, come back late, or go to the bathroom in the middle of the night without disturbing everyone else. We would definitely recommend Gail and PerfectlyParis to any friends planning a visit.

Lynda and Sarah

2 August 2008

We obviously chose the high week temperatures in the 80s/90s. Thank you for the fans, they were indispensable.

Had a great week, the apartment and the area and Paris met all our expectations. My daughters commented on the last morning, "can we stay another week?".Au revoir.

Banbridge Family

15 August 2008

Great apartment, wonderful location, very well equipped. Real shame about the TV and the Internet not working. Kids had brought their PSPs and couldn't connect as Wanadoo was down. Loved the Rodin museum and Dali exhibit if you want to avoid crowds. We had a fantastic holiday, will tell our friends.

The Fleming Family – Scotland

26 August 2008

-Thoroughly enjoyed our stay at this apartment. Very cost when the weather took a turn for the worse. We enjoyed having breakfast at Coquelicot Boulangerie on rue des Abbesses (closed Monday). Also enjoyed a lovely evening meal at Bistro l'Epicurean at 86 rue Lepic. We will definitely recommend this apartment to friends and family. Many thanks.

The Rogers/Anspach Family – Seattle, WA and Portland, OR, USA

11 September 2008

What an amazing week! So many fun memories including croissants each morning at Coquelicot Boulangerie and many carousel rides. We enjoyed the proximity of the metro stations Pigalle and Abbesses. The apartment was wonderful to come home to each evening and relax with a glass of wine and baguette from the local bakery. Thank you Gail for making our first trip to Paris so cozy and comfortable!

Caryl, Anne and Liz – Melbourne Australia and Zurich, Switzerland
21 October 2008

What a great way to meet up with family and enjoy this little corner of Paris. Loved the location, the apartment and the locals. Will now never stay in Paris any other way! Loved La Mascotte for a “grown up” dinner and Le Chinon for a fun night both with excellent food. P.S. Yes, you can park your car if you are lucky enough to find a space, buy a carte de stationnement and feed the machine!

Tom, Nick, Sam, Kelly and Pat – London and Montreal
25 October 2008

We had three adults and two kids in our party. Grandma got the bedroom by the door. Mum and dad and the two young boys got the room with the TV. We enjoyed the flat and the neighbourhood. Walking through Montmartre was a joy. And even taking the metro was interesting – a bit like the tube but with more colourful characters. A grand time in a grand city. We'll be back soon.

Nicici, David, Jake and Pippa – Charente, France
31 October 2008

We have thoroughly enjoyed our stay here – the access to the metro was so easy- my husband navigated us through Paris beautifully! Like many before us, we enjoyed the local boulangeries and their wonderful fare – lunch out and then dinner out. We particularly liked Al Cavatello on rue Audran which offered wonderful Italian food – hearty food at the end of a busy day! We visited Disney and shopped until we dropped, it was just a shame that the weather was not kind to us – but you can't control or order that! Thanks to Gail and Preston for being so helpful.

Peggy, Mark and Christopher – Knoxville, TN, USA
14 November 2008

We have had a busy but very enjoyable week in Paris. Our son is studying in Paris this fall and we have been visiting him during his vacation. The “Houdon Hideaway” is very quiet, well equipped and the location very convenient. We use the metro to go everywhere using Navigo passes. We also made good use of the Paris Museum Pass. We especially enjoyed Sainte Chapelle. The Army Museum was very interesting for the French views/experience of WWI and WWII. We took a bus tour (CityRama) to see Utah and Omaha beaches and the American Cemetery and Museum at Caen. It was a long trip (14 hours) but very good. The local bakeries and restaurants were enjoyable. “Pho57” Vietnamese restaurant (near St. Severin) was great. Thanks for a great visit.

Daniel Ho – Toronto, Canada
31 December 2008

My wife and 5 year old stayed here over the holiday break. Preston met us and was great at showing us the ropes. It isn't our first time in Paris, but definitely our best. Staying at Houdon Hideaway was wonderful and it allowed us to cook and entertain friends. We'll definitely be back. From now on, this will be our home base in Paris!

The Eyre Family – Alstonville, NSW, Australia
8 January 2009

This is our 5th time in Paris and our most comfortable. We loved the location and the courtyard provided an outside escape for our 3 children. We enjoyed shopping on rue des Martyrs and rue Lepic. We really appreciated the literature on Paris – gave us an insight into attractions we may not have seen. Thank you.

Sharon
9 April 2009

Thanks Gail and Preston for a lovely apartment, so beautifully stocked and bright! We loved being here. The town has many good offerings, restaurants, stores. We hope we can return some day.

Ivan
12 April 2009

Thanks for a nice apartment. Looking forward to coming back.

Alison and Diana, Australia
23 April 2009

Beautiful apartment, fantastic location. This has made our trip to Paris a wonderful experience. Found the baguettes from Arnaud DelMontel on rue des Martyrs to be the best. Shopping down that end of the street on Sunday morning was a highlight of the trip!

Pierre – Ham-Sud, Québec

J'ai été agréablement surpris par la calme qui habite ce coin de Paris. Cour intérieure, politesse des voisins, chat qui cherche une (des) compagne(s). Appartement bien garni. Merci Gail and Preston.

Rick and Kay James – Honolulu, Hawaii
2 October 2009

Houdon Hideaway was wonderful – a great home away from home for us, our son, daughter in law and 2 ½ old grandchild. Perfect size, good location to everything, comfortable to come home to after a long day away sightseeing. Our daughter and her husband stayed at Calm at Cauchois, about 3 blocks away and were quite happy with their accommodations as well. If you have a precocious little one as our grandchild (she learned to open all the windows, after leaning hot to get high enough to do it by stacking things) we would suggest tying a rope from the handle to one of the curtain hooks 0 though she was diligently trying to learn to un-knot it as we prepared to leave. Would highly recommend the Batobus boat ferry and the Eiffel Tower at night – it is quite beautiful all lit up.

Andrew, Julie, Rebecca and Daniel – Adelaide, Australia
11 November 2009

Houdon Hideaway was a great home away from home for all of us. Fitted us comfortably, 2 adults, 2 kids. Close to all transport and nice to make that last climb from Pigalle after a long day of sightseeing.

We stayed for 10 nights and was comfortable living. Food and drink so cheap compared to Australia. We love cheese, bread, wine and beer. Try the bakery on the top of the hill. Yum, yum.

When out seeing the sights, don't get stuck if a lady offers you a gold ring and insists you dropped it. Chances are she is sick and needs money... cough..cough. Please...

Have a great stay and enjoy the Parisian life. We did and loved it. If we get back to Paris, we know who to call.

Leslie and Ken – Portland, OR, USA
5 January 2010

Houdon Hideaway proved to be a warm welcoming home for all of us. Well equipped kitchen made it easy to prepare a Parisian feast. Potage, poulet, salade, desserts from Grenier à Pain, vin and Cesaria Evora on the CD. Merci!

Others have said before- great location and wonderful neighborhood. We especially enjoyed Cafe Burq (off rue des Abbesses) and Relais Gascon (delicious soup a l'oignon on a cold day). We hope to venture again.

Beth and Philip – New York
9 January 2010

C'est bonne anniversaire!

The best sleep I've had in 3.5 years. So quiet, peaceful. We only wish that we could have used the courtyard but alas it snowed. Next time.

Great neighborhood. Easy access. But no need to venture far. We especially enjoyed Coquelicot, perfect to start the day.

We never could have felt so IN PARIS or so calm and at home if we'd been in a hotel.

We can't wait to come back.

Grace – Ireland
27 March 2010

What a beautiful place to stay! The nicest place I have stayed. The simplicity of the quaint little hideaway in a lovely corner of Paris made this getaway one of the best I have had.

Will be recommending to friends and family.

Kazmi-Madhavan Family
27 March-2 April 2010

Two kids loved the apartment so did the adults.

Wonderful creperie stand by market stalls as an alternative for Lepic Assiette (also good crepes).

The Carrefour was very handy, as was Coquelicot.

Le Relais Gascon was good – try the salads (amazing!) but we also liked the other little restaurants nearby.

For elegant dinner, check out Les Ombres near the Quai Branly museum.

The Harris Family
2-10 April 2010

I work in Beirut, Lebanon and have been apartment from my family for the past 6 months.

This location has provided a wonderful place for us to meet, enjoy each others company while experiencing a fantastic neighborhood.

We ate in each night, one night we had pizza somewhere in the neighborhood. Other than that, we were up before Paris, ready to go!

It has been a great experience and I look forward to visiting the US in July.

Thanks for making this another Harris Family adventure.

Liz and Ken – Eau Claire, WI, USA
8 September 2010

We came, we ate, we rolled home!

Thank you Constancia for making your lovely flat available and thank you Gail for making it so easy to rent it!

This has been a perfect introduction to Paris for our two travelling companions, and a lovely place for us to relax and enjoy Paris after our earlier whirlwind visits.

Close to the metro (be wary of pickpockets – we have been victims), close to restaurants and markets, and a lovely neighborhood to explore. I have long wanted to explore Montmartre and it feels so comfortable.

We can highly recommend Lui l'Insolent, but don't miss out on the sandwiches and creperies.

Au revoir – we will return!

Annette & Bob and Judy & Tom – New Jersey, USA
25 September 2010

14 rue Houdon is truly a hideaway! Our 9-day stay was perfectly lovely – we are sorry to have to leave our comfortable flat. This made our first trip to Paris truly memorable.

Suzanne, Wendy and Tony
27 September – 1 October 2010

The Faehse family had a great stay here. Nice and close to everything and cosy apartment for 3 adults.

Quiet for sleeping and friendly neighbors. We came here from Australia and one from Amsterdam, Holland.

We have all been to Paris many times and we had another great time. Great apartment, great stay.

Ruth – California, USA
10-17 October 2010

This apartment is perfect! We found the neighborhood friendly and easy to get around in. The metro Pigalle is easily accessed (½ block down the hill – turn right and you're there) and connects easily to downtown Paris. I'd suggest buying 10 metro tickets at a time – saves a little money and it's better to have a few tickets handy.

Many thanks for a great stay in Houdon Hideaway. I loved everything about the place. I'll be back!

Nancy and Paul – Baltimore, MD, USA
19 October 2010

We have found Houdon Hideaway a very convenient location in every way. Your well-written guide to the apartment answered all of our questions including how to reset the TV. I appreciated your phone calls, Gail and helpful suggestions about the post office, and the Internet cafe. The small but well-appointed kitchen allowed me to entertain 4 others: my son, daughter in law and her parents. As native Parisians they highly complimented the apartment. I am sad to go but will be back soon. Thank you for your service.

Maurie, Dominique and Erick
25 December 2010-1 January 2011

A lovely tranquil setting for the holidays. We never mastered the Internet connection, but we loved the excellent connection of CDs for dinner and the evening. We had best dinners at Lui, L'Insolent and A la Pomponette.

Espace Dali is a treasure and simply has a sense of humor. Dominique enjoyed connecting with old friends in her ancien quartier and visiting familiar places.

We echo the sentiment of those who advise the purchase of a Museum Pass. The queues at the Orsay and Louvre this holiday were incredible.