

La Belle Epoque Guest Comments

Louise - UK
6 August 2004

Thank you much. We have had an excellent time- made my 30th birthday very special! Wonderful place to stay- very convenient and beautiful. We loved our Paris holiday!

The Costigans - Wokingham, England
2 August 2004

Nous avons passe les très bons vacances ici!

We've used the Metro to visit an amazing number of amazing places each day, returning for a brief rest and food stop before going out at night. Climbing steeps of Notre Dame tower on Sunday night was wonderful, on a warm evening, and the atmosphere outside the cathedral was magical (street entertainers, relaxed tourists, Parisians, etc.)

Early evening bateau mouche trip was great, as was walking up first 2 levels of Tour Eiffel at night- no queues and no angst/pushing/waiting for lifts.

Au Revoir, Paris!!! Only in August- no queues, unlike during day.

Robyn & Bruce Gordon - Australia
August-October 2004

Our stay from Augsut 28 until October 31 in this apartment was very pleasant, comfortable and convenient. With very easy metro and bus availability you can launch out quickly from here in all directions, directly, or with easy metro transfers.

Walking is a real bonus- north to Montmartre, south toward Les Halles and the river west to the Grands Magasins (LaFayette, Printemps), Opera Garnier, Place de Madeleine, etc. Walking from here is rewarded by constant discoveries and surprises. Then eastward toward Gare du Nord or Gare de l'Est and onward to the Saint Martin canal system... In other words, a great location in Paris to be in.

Of course, all of the guide books let you know about the abundance of wonderful museums and galleries to visit- try to explore some of the more unusual like Institut du Monde Arabe with its incredible building and Musee Guimet with its Asiatic arts.

Wander down rue des Rosiers in the Marais... Try to go to a performance at both the National Opera of Paris houses, Palais Garnier and Bastille (dance, opera, concert).

From this rue Rochambeau base, you can't miss.

Jane, Jess, Sarah, Mel, Jae, Hannah - UK
5 November 2004

Fab apartment, beautiful decor. Très bonnes douches- chaudes et fortes. We still have to figure out the difference between cafe crème and cafe au lait!

Christine & Kim Vivian - Iowa, USA
November 2004

We had a wonderful time here in Paris. The apartment was very conveniently located close to the metro. We were able to zip all over the city, although the trains do get rather crowded at the end of

the day. We truly enjoyed the Cluny Museum where we even got to hear a free medieval music concert. On our last day here we went to the Musee Marmottan-Monet which was well worth the trip. I can't imagine ever running out of things to do and see in Paris!

**John & Jean Muller - Illinois, USA
November 2004**

Our first visit to Paris. The metro is amazing and convenient. We tried to see everything and really did well. Shopping is close and so are several restaurants. We enjoyed everything in Paris and were glad we came. Felt like we had a taste of how it is to live in a neighbourhood.

**Deanna & Paul - Atlanta, USA
30 November 2004**

What is there to say about La Belle Epoque but "wow"- other than tr es magnifique of course! From the moment of our arrival and greeting by Yetunde, we have felt welcome oozing from every pore of the city. The apartment was truly a home away from home, a warm and safe haven to come back to after a long day of sightseeing and shopping. We have loved every minute of our stay and hope to return very soon.

P.S. I had the small bedroom and I will definitely be brushing up on my pigeon before I return!

**The Best Family - Perth, Western Australia
14 December 2004**

Our first visit to Paris- tres magnifique and no queues!

Ann-Louise: What a fabulous apartment. We so enjoyed the ambience and charm. You have thought of everything to make it extremely comfortable.

Lauren: What a beautiful place to turn 22! This place was just the icing on the cake- perfect really! Don't change a think!! Merci!

Scott: Amazing, amazing apartment... absolutely perfect in every way! Will be back to buy this place when I'm rich and famous for figuring out how to make pigeons mute! Merci!

Don: Great for a family of 5 to stretch out!

**The Hiltons - Melbourne, Australia
3 January 2005**

Thank you Yetunde for a warm welcome- a terrific flat- home away from home- a much enjoyed stay.

**The Weekes Family - Australia
January 2005**

Thank you! We had such a fantastic time... We will be back. It is so close to everything. It's a great place- very comfortable, very cosy. We had a Tintin good time. Rating: Tin out of Tin!

Bella (youngest child): This unit is fabulous. I've spent all my money and now am poor. Anyway, thanks heaps for letting us stay. Hope to be back soon.

**The Igguldens - Santa Ana, CA, USA
18 February 2005**

Thank you for sharing your bit of paradise with our family. The apartment was bigger and better

located than we had expected. Found a favorite bakery one short block up from the Cadet stop- at rue de Lamartine and rue de Rochechouart.

Wonderful first time to Paris for me and my two kids- age 9 & 5. Husband and sister-in-law loved it- as they have before. Sue had the small room and was greeted everyday by your famous pigeons! We also were treated to fun tea time with the local fire brigade as they had to rescue the lady upstairs- her lock broke and they had to come in through the window. Kids loved the ladder scene and got to try on their hats. Everyone was friendly and helpful. First greet with some French and it melts everything negative away.

Thanks again for sharing your home.

**The desJardins-Park Family - MD, USA
March 2005**

We had a wonderful stay here in Paris. The location of the apartment is very convenient (close to metro, etc.). The apartment itself is excellent- nice furnishings and quite cosy.

We'd recommend a restaurant on rue Malar called 'L'ami de Jean'. The food is excellent, friendly staff and nice ambience. I'd suggest making a reservation ahead of time as the restaurant is very popular and therefore very crowded.

Make sure to visit a crepe stand while you are there (there are many but especially near Notre Dame, Montmartre and other tourist sites).

We visited Versailles during our stay and we had an excellent time (we had a very good time renting boats on the pond and biking with the rented bikes). There is an excellent ice cream stand near the Apollo fountain with delicious snacks.

Another recommended restaurant- Chartier (walking distance from the apartment). Also, try to visit the Eiffel Tower while you are here. The lights at night are excellent and so is the view from the top of the tower.

Overall, our experience was excellent; hope yours is too!

**Sandra, Michael, Des & Ruth - Victoria, Australia
2 April 2005**

Had a great stay. Knew that the apartment was meant to be in a central location but it was better than we imagined. Suggest buying a carnet of billets for use on the metro (gives you 10 for the price of 8). Washer/dryer is very convenient but a load takes about 2 hours and the beeper is very loud so definitely a day job only!

We stayed in the little room so I was a bit apprehensive after reading the notes about the pigeons but they only cooed a couple of times at daybreak.

All in all, a very memorable week in Paris. It was our second trip but still so much to see and savour. It was our first time at La Belle Epoque and PerfectlyParis but definitely not the last.

**Janeen Dorsch - USA and Georgia (Eastern Europe)
9 April 2005**

The apartment was just what we were looking for- no disappointment in anyway. Our family get together will be remembered with pleasure. We could have asked for a little less rain but we didn't let it slow us down.

All encounters with people in Paris were enjoyable. They seemed so open, warm and pleasant when we were here.

For some of us, it was the first trip to Paris and for others the fifth. Still, we have not seen all there is to see and do. Stamina counts for some of the deficit but mostly we ran out of time.

Oh yes! Beware of the yellow tour bus organisation. We were asked to leave the bus in mid-tour or shortly after starting 4 times in 2 days for reasons undisclosed. Not worth the money until something is improved.

Gai, Peter, Marg & Anne - NSW, Australia
24 April 2005

We've loved our little apartment- pounded the pavements of Paris and soaked it all in. Everything was so convenient and the metro was easy to get us anywhere. We've had a wonderful time and are sorry to leave.

Nicole et Jocelyn - Québec, Canada
30 Avril 2005

Appartement absolument charmant et il ne manquait rien a nos besoins quotidiens. Séjour inoubliable et nous n'avons qu'un souhait: y revenir

Merci beaucoup.

Herb & Jan Hoover - Sacramento, CA, USA
5 May-2 June 2005

Our home away from home in California. Our 8th visit to my favourite city. Merci beaucoup for a great time!

Our only regret is that the four pigeon eggs that have been resting under their parents for the last two weeks have not hatched yet. Oh well, we learned one thing. It takes more than two weeks for pigeon eggs to hatch. When we get home, I'll look it up on the internet and find out exactly how long it takes.

One other thing- The Parisians, as always, have been kind, courteous, patient and helpful. I have no idea why some Americans think that the French don't like us. At home, do people offer you their seat in the bus or the subway? They do here!

Philip - Chico, CA, USA
11 June 2005

The pigeons are here but only two survived!

Peter, Frances & Katy - Bristol, England
18 June 2005

Great apartment, great position. The feathered neighbours were fun- the chicks actually look like birds now. Hope to be back next spring- still so much to see.

Earle, Heather, Alicia, Neil & Nicola - BC, Canada
1 July 2005

We had a wonderful week in Paris! The apartment was great- close to many great sights, cafés, walks, brasseries and shopping areas. The week flew by- great cuisine, history. We will be back!

The Merklis - USA
13 July 2005

What a beautiful city and a beautiful apartment. E had a great time- hope to be back soon.

Roy & Janette - Sydney, Australia
16 July - 13 August 2005

We so enjoyed our Perfectly Paris stay at this superbly comfortable and well located apartment. One month of adventures and FUN plus time to explore the multitude of delights we had not found in our previous 7 or 8 shorter stays in Paris. Revisited our favourite spots and also Chartres & Brussels for day trips. We will be giving 14 rue Rochambeau a very high recommendation.

Johan, Helen & Family - UK
31 August 2005

We have thoroughly enjoyed our stay in La Belle Epoque at 14 rue Rochambeau. No serious problems with pigeons or washing machines.

Now absolutely exhausted from walking width and breadth of beautiful Paris and going home, with regret, for a rest. We hope to be back again.

Lynne, Sarah, Helen & Jane - Somerset, UK
10 September 2005

'Absoutely knackered', pigeons fatter, us slimmer from all the walking. Been to heaven and back from all the stairs we have climbed including Arc de Triomphe and Sacre Coeur twice!

Good time was had by all!

Supposed to have come for a work conference but only made it once!

Guy & Diane - Sydney, Australia
23 September 2005

A week is nothing to begin to understand a great city! Therefore one departs with expectations to return- so we shall! As soon as we can- to feast & feed our senses! A bientôt Paris!

Carmel, Delia & Owen - South Australia
30 September 2005

Paris delights as ever. As we say down under, ' Bonza, Bendy, Mate'.

The Beckers - Holland
27 October 2005

Wonderful apartment! Staying here makes the experience so much more Parisian than a hotel! So comfortable, cozy and well stocked with the things we needed.

A fabulous time was had by all but the trip was not complete until we ate some operas from the bakery. If you love chocolate, you have to try one.

The Perfectly Paris information book was very helpful and the history of the apartment was interesting- thanks, Bill, Jo, Jordan (11), Saskia (9), Adeline (5)

The Jones – Australia
January 2006

“Perfectly Paris”. So aptly named! What an absolutely luxurious way to enjoy Paris. Walking, eating, drinking, mingling, meeting, walking, eating, etc, etc, etc. From the Lido to the Louvre and everything in between. Crisp, crystal clear days and fun filled evenings ending with our lovely Belle Epoque beckoning. We have truly had a “Perfectly Paris” experience. We will definitely spread the word and hope to be back soon. Merci, au revoir.

Jessica- UK
19 February 2006

A very beautiful apartment, in the best location. We had a wonderful “French” experience. Great food, excellent wine and fantastic days out. Hope to be back soon!

Enzo & Flavia and Joy & Andrea – Australia
7 April 2006

A tranquil apartment in an extremely convenient location in Paris. We were able to walk to many of the famous destinations in Paris thereby getting to know this city even better. We felt more like locals than tourists. The apartment comes well equipped for everyday needs. It is comfortable and secure. The park in front is an added bonus!

Given the range of accommodations in Paris, we have been very happy with our choice of ‘La Belle Epoque’. It has been a real pleasure dealing with someone as professional and friendly as Gail from Perfectly Paris!

Richard, Ann-Marie, Claudia, Georgia & Alana – Australia
April 2006

We are from Adelaide Australia and now we have just settled into our apartment. We love it. Great district and so much to do. We have just returned from the Saturday morning market – we found some great French sketches for our Australian home.

The apartment was lovely, everything you could possibly need. Paris was amazing! There is just not enough time to see everything.

Karen & Jeff Power – Australia
20 May 2006

We really love the apartment, so close to everything. Lots of shops and restaurants and great to be able to cook at home, we have found Paris fantastic. This is our 1st visit, hope to be back again.

Christine & Frank Gatt – Mulgrave, Victoria, Australia
May 2006

Thanks Gail for all of your help. We have had a wonderful time in beautiful Paris. The apartment is terrific and it's good to relax after all our walking. There is so much to see and do, we are glad we will be back for another week or so. There are baby pigeons on the window sill, and the papa does coo quite a lot, but it is quite soothing. The wine is certainly cheap and very good. We also found lots of good cheeses. Our only problem has been the airport and the railway station. You need to be a genius to find your way around. The security guys are the most helpful.

Everyone has been very friendly and helpful. We will certainly be back in Paris. God willing!

**Ray & Diane O'Connor – Auckland, New Zealand
June 2006**

This was a great apartment – we thoroughly enjoyed our visit, and feel just like locals as we headed into the courtyard every evening.

**The Barron Family – Georgia, USA
27 June 2006**

Thank you so much for letting us stay in your lovely apartment! It was by far the most beautiful place we stayed during our month in Europe and it was a great ending to our trip. We also really appreciate you letting us have an extra hour because of the whole Eiffel Tower fiasco (note for visitors: don't get in line for the tour after 9 p.m. if you plan on going all the way up – the metro will close and you will be stuck!). Anyway, Paris was lovely and the stay was amazing! The French themselves were so polite and kind. I have no idea how those rumours got started! Thanks again for the wonderful stay!

**Tanya & Craig and Les & Karen – Perth, Western Australia
29 August 2006**

Thanks for a great place to stay. Much better than a hotel.

Andrée with dad, sister & their partners – Brussels, Belgium
22 September 2006

Now that I've stayed here with my visiting family from Canada, I will use all my powers of persuasion back in Brussels with the husband and the new friends to come back as soon as possible!

I can't say enough how pleasant it's been here, and it's a real treat to deal with people as friendly as accommodating as Gail!

Thanks and till next time!

P.S. the pigeons weren't that loud at all!

**Matt & Pam and Glyn & Nancy – U.S.A.
29 September 2006**

Staying in the flat made for a more enjoyable Parisian experience!

**Pam, Mike, Leigh and Tom – Brisbane, Australia
8 October 2006**

We can only confirm the superlatives of our predecessors at La Belle Epoque. An ideal location for exploring beautiful Paris. Our family decided to travel on foot and found all the attractions a comfortable walk at first, but after a few days walking to and fro, found the metro a real saviour! Used the billet and the carnet to advantage. Greatly appreciated the feel of living the local lifestyle, visiting local marché and restaurants. Try Sole Caffé + Cucina (up rue Rochechouart and avenue Trudaine) and Nos Ancêtres Les Phéniciens (79 rue Lafayette, good Lebanese). Excellent pizza from Paolito Pizza just around the corner in Rochechouart. Gail and Patrick made us feel very welcome and the accommodations here are very comfortable. We certainly plan to return to Paris and will make a point of staying again. Will also recommend to our traveling friends.

**Keryl Thomas – Australia
15 October 2006**

Thank you for a beautiful stay in Paris. We have thoroughly enjoyed it. As a 2nd time visitor to Paris, I

think I enjoyed the opportunity to visit the many spectacular sights even more than the first time. My first visit was an organized tour so having to master the geography and the language this time has been an exciting challenge. The pigeons have been on their absolute best behavior at La Belle Epoque. Thank you Gail for your assistance and patience through many e-mails and phone calls. It was all worth it.

Marti, Robert, Cindy & Josie – Austin, TX, USA
29 December 2006

Thank you so much for such an enjoyable stay here in Paris. Christmas was perfect as was the apartment. This was my mother and sister's first trip to Paris, and my second trip to Paris with my lovely new husband! We wish you all great blessings in the New Year!

The Mickle Family – Perth, Australia
6 January, 2007

This little French apartment was perfect for us! We loved it! We loved everything from the pigeon waking calls to the warm manner of the rooms! The Eiffel Tower looked spectacular on New Years and looks amazing when it glitters on the hour!

The patisseries around this area are great and the fresh warm bread with jam in the morning is beautiful. Thanks again for the lovely stay. Merci!

Chua Family – BC, Canada
27 May 2007

The location of this apartment is great. Here is a list of the stores and restaurants we found nearby:

- Champion – nice little supermarket (head out on rue Mayron, right on Rochechouart)
- Best Burger – despite the name a friend establishment with decent food ideal for a quick meal
- Scusi – on Rochechouart – good Italian
- Il Palazzo – on rue Lafayette midway to Galeries Lafayette – contemporary Italian

Further a field, we (especially with 3 kids) enjoyed the Sacré Coeur and the other usual sights. Try l'Alsace on Champs Elysées for copious amounts of Alsatian cuisine.

Ben – White Rock, BC, Canada
June 2007

We spent a week here and it feels like we barely scratched the surface.

Nancy & Rich Daugherty, Scott & Katherine Newman- MA, USA
21 April 2007

We've made good on a promise to 2 of our grandchildren: to bring them to Paris – to see the gargoyles from 'The Hunchback' cartoon. Now they're 12 and 14 (on the 21st) and care more about all of Paris – but we did visit them! All wonderful – most impressive was the Eiffel Tower and it lighting up at night! It was great to have an apartment to come home to – rest, and cook familiar food sometimes. Very nice, glad we chose this apartment.

Marie-Louise, Suzanne, Nancy and Analies
April 2007

Gail thank you very much for letting us stay in this very nice apartment. We had a really fun time in Paris. Mmmm the pastries are delicious! Thanks!

Melissa, Lauren, Susan – South Carolina, USA
16 May 2007

We enjoyed our stay in your lovely apartment. Everything was convenient and like a home away from home. Musts are the chocolate éclairs next to the Champion grocery store. Forget the tourist traps and just enjoy the city!

P.S. Gail and Emily are wonderful and I would recommend to all my friends to use their services!

Mavis Robertson
July 2007

Robyn, Bruce and this apartment meant markets, galleries and lots of discoveries – as well as old favourites. It's great to be able to eat out but also eat at home. The bus ride no. 42 to Quai Branly is not to be missed.

P.S. July also means sales! If you are looking for comfortable, stylish shoes, go to Arche in Madeleine for something special.

Robyn & Bruce Gordon – Sydney, Australia
31 July 2007

Had a wonderful time in Paris again, based out of this well appointed apartment. Worth walking and exploring from here in all directions, being flâneurs, you'll discover so wonderful and intriguing stuff. Galleries, museums aplenty, of course, but don't miss Musée du Quai Branly, or the recently re-opened (after 7 years of so of closure) l'Orangerie with its breathtaking Monet Waterlilies. Marché Richard Lenoir (Metro Bastille) on Thursdays and Sundays – super. Rue des Martyrs, up the street from here, beautiful.

The Coughlan Family – Dublin, Ireland
15 August 2007

Visiting Paris with children 7 & 11 brought us to some less "touristy" places. Parc Floral at Chateau de Vincennes – great park with playground, mini-golf, quadricycles for hire, butterfly house, beautiful grounds. Jardin de Luxembourg – very good playground, boats for hire for children. Parc André Citroën – hot air balloon in weather is good.

Denise – Sydney, Australia
Sept/Oct 2007

Our flight from Rome to Paris was delayed several times – by 2 ½ hours in fact. It was excellent to hear Gail's voice on the other end of the mobile reassuring us that she would contact Elysée Cars that we could be late. Sure enough, our driver was waiting for us when we arrived – what a relief! We were tired and it was raining. Gail checked several times to see that we had arrived safely – a very welcome beginning after a rather long day.

Paris is of course, magnificent! We explored our neighbourhood on day 1 and stocked up on provisions for our home-cooked meals. After each long day of touring, it was wonderful to return to our apartment which had a cosy atmosphere and catered for all our needs.

L'Open Tour on days 4 & 5 provided a relaxing way to complete our busy schedule. Thanks Gail.

Jackie Hicks, Carrie Dare – UK
25 October 2007

Thoroughly enjoyed our second visit to Paris and coming back to this very comfortable apartment.

We'll be back next year! Thanks Gail.

Michelle, Carol & Lynne – S. Wales, UK
4 November 2007

Our stay in Paris will be remembered for many years to come! What a city! The location of the apartment is excellent within easy reach of superb eatery places in the evenings. The service offered from Alpha Taxi was excellent – but beware of hiring a taxi at Gare du Nord if you don't want to go very far: you're driver is likely to have a stop. Overall we found the locals to be very friendly and helpful which all went to making our stay so memorable. Thank you too, Preston, for your hospitality.

Kate, Mick and Veronica – NSW, Australia
12 April 2008

Loved the apartment, suited us wonderfully. Thank you.

The Johnsons – Australia
18 April 2008

Had a wonderful stay. "Where are the pigeons?" Obviously the pigeon razor wire is working. Moulin Rouge worth every cent unbelievable; don't miss it. Although the kitchen is small, we were able to cook up a storm every night. This has been a unique opportunity to really experience the French life style. I hope everyone who stays here in this unit enjoys the same experience.

Christine & Frank – Mulgrave, Victoria, Australia
13 May 2008

Thanks, Gail! We've had a wonderful time once again in beautiful Paris. The apartment is great. Pigeons cooing in the morning! Moulin Rouge was terrific – agree with previous Aussies. Love the shops around here and Abbesses. Metro is fabulous. Don't miss tour of Opera Garnier – it is magnifique. Lovely to sit in little square in sunshine watching the birds and lunchtime crowds. We enjoy walking and looking at the superb buildings. After tasting the fabulous cakes we needed to walk! Hopefully we will be back soon.

Michael & Jan – Werribee, Victoria, Australia
May 2008

Thoroughly enjoyed our second visit to Paris. The apartment is fantastic. Everything about Paris is absolutely beautiful. We found it very easy to get around on the metro and the local shops have gourmet delights too hard to resist. Definitely don't miss the Opera, but then again every place you go is fantastic. Thanks to our friends Christine and Frank we have had a wonderful time.

Scott, Robin, Anna, Joe & Rob – Australia
23 May 2008

The past week here in Paris has been wonderful. The apartment was fantastic and we loved wandering through the areas. Paris is an amazing city to visit and we will be back again one day!

The Frigos – Oakton, VA by way of Nottingham England
28 May 2008

Enjoyed our stay at La Belle Epoque – wish we could stay longer! We loved the chance to be "at home" in Paris and explore the wonderful neighbourhood here about. If you have children we can recommend Au Petit Riche on rue le Peletier. The prix fixe menu for grown ups is very nice and they were most accommodating of two tired and fussy children as well.

The Champion market is far and away the nicest grocery in the area. Don't make our mistake and go to the others first! Actually, once you head that way, the neighbourhood is especially nice, so go out the building to the right, then right again for all the good bits.

Also – great Sunday experience. Market on rue des Martyrs only 5 minute walk.

Janette & Roy – Australia
29 June 2008

Another 4 weeks here at No. 14. We love it! No pigeons. What bliss – we are not pigeon fanciers. Rue des Martyrs on Sunday mornings a great find – thanks to previous guests. Day trips to Reims and Amiens this year. Until next time.

P.S. See July-August 2005 comments.

Jeananne Gunthorp – Howick, South Africa
29 July 2008

Back in Paris after 30 years! It is still as beautiful as every and what a delight to stay in such a comfortable apartment. Thank you.

Martin, Angie, Juliet & Dominic – Auckland, New Zealand
1 August 2008

Fine weather, fine lodgings, fine wine and food! What a wonderful few days we had – need an extra month to begin to see it all. Top of the Eiffel Tower a definite highlight as was the tower of Notre Dame. Having been lucky enough to have visited both the Lido and the Moulin Rouge on previous visits, I think I found the best cabaret in Paris “La Nouvelle Eve” – rue Pierre Fontaine (5 minute walk from Moulin Rouge phone 0148746925). Undoubtedly the best can-can I've ever seen. Splash out and have dinner there too. Thoroughly enjoyed our neighbourhood here around Belle Époque. We'd love to return.

Anne & Peter – Australia
26 October 2008

A blissful 2 weeks in Belle Epoque with dear Robyn and Bruce who have showed us such sights and sounds, tastes and smells of Paris. Last night 4 dozen oysters at the local bar, many meals at nearby restaurants and the two ducks for canard a l'orange. Thirty museums, wonderful exhibitions – Mantegna, Picasso, Rodin and much more. Love the 9th, having loved staying here. Thank you Robyn and Bruce and thank you Michelle.

Robyn & Bruce Gordon – Australia
31 October 2008

We are now at the end of our thirds stay at perfectlyparis.com in La Belle Epoque – 2 month, then 1 month, and now another 2 months here. You could say we really enjoy this apartment, with the lovely square Montholon out the front, the close proximately to Metro Cadet and many great bus routes, particularly No. 42 (see the apartment notes in blue folder). We really like the area in the 9th a great deal...you can launch out on great walking excursions in every direction. Eg. North, just up behind to Montmartre (don't miss food market at Place Anvers every Friday afternoon 2.30-7.30PM). South, down through passages on rue Faubourg Poissoniere until you hit wonderful rue Montorgeuil to les Halles – Seine River or to Pompidou Center along rue Rambuteau. East – heind Gares du Nord et de l'Est, to strike the St. Martin canal system. West to l'Opera (Palais Garnier) to the fab dept. Stores of Galleries Layfayette and Printemps (each has gorgeous huge art nouveau glass dome). The 42 bus will take you on a guided tour of some of Paris's main squares/places, on route to dropping you at amazing Musée du Quai Branley or Tour Eiffel. Every Wednesday at any newspaper stand you can

spend 40 cents to purchase Pariscope or 35 cents for l'Official de Spectacles. These inform you about everything happening in Paris the following week (theatre, concerts, opera, gallery, museum exhibitions, special fairs, markets, etc.) Finally, if you don't already have one, it's worth buying (also at newspaper kiosks) for about 6€ INDISPENSIBLE PLAN DE PARIS – you'll never get lost anywhere in Paris if you have this. You'll see the French referring to them all the time, too!

Thanks to Gail and Preston at PerfectlyParis for ready help and to M and G of course.

**Ron, Sue, Sophie & Lucy Reed – New Zealand
3 November 2008**

Two London based daughters and ourselves really enjoyed our quick visit to Paris – the most beautiful city in the world! Time for replacement towels, I think for the apartment, but apart from that we loved it here.

**Micaiah & Friends – Cleveland, OH, USA and Bucharest
31 December 2008**

What a wonderful home to bring our family together for the holidays. My son surprised us by inviting us all to meet them in Paris and "PerfectlyParis" was one of the best parts of our surprise. It was like being at home but in a beautiful, exciting new city. We found everything we needed and truly appreciated the thought and effort that went into making this apartment perfect for our stay! I would love to return and learn more about this city and can't imagine staying anywhere but here.

**Barbara and John – Philadelphia, PA, USA
31 March 2009**

We have had a very comfortable stay at La Belle Epoque and look forward to returning in 2010, if at all possible.

The apartment is decorated to feel like a real home and not just a place for transients. We have especially enjoyed the ability to do different things without disturbing one another.

Once we got used to how everything worked, we truly enjoyed having our breakfasts and most every meal in our apartment. Lunches were out most days at Carte Blanche, Royal Cadet, Chez Dumonet, Angelina's and Papillon.

We also enjoyed shopping along rue Cadet, at Anvers on Friday and at some of the other markets.

The location could not be more perfect. We love the 9th for its sense of a neighborhood and its excellent transit.

Since we do eat in often, it would be nice to have some more serving spoons and forks and a teapot to brew loose tea. Otherwise perfect!

**Team Boyd (supporting marathon runner Robert Patrick Ramsey Boyd)
6 April 2009**

Very enjoyable stay here in Belle Epoque. Next time I will bring table tennis bats and balls to play in the park! We had dinner at Le Corail, which was excellent, and the air bed is the most comfortable I have ever slept on.

**Kevin, Sue, Joan and Donald – Australia
1 June 2009**

We have had a wonderful 6 days – not long enough to see the many fantastic sights though

managed the usual – Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, walked Champs Elysées, Arc de Triomphe, Louvre. We met an Aussie doing FREE walking tours – 4 hours and meet at Place St. Michel at either 11, 1 or 4 PM daily. This is excellent and well worth it. There is no charge, but the guides would appreciate an appropriate tip at the conclusion of the walk. Suggest this is done on first day so that you get your bearings.

Most of the time we traveled by foot – walking up to 24 klms per day (men winged!) but we also became very adept at train travel. Fantastic once you work out where each trip ends (destination) then work back to where you want to go. Lots of walking between stations but 1.60E take you the whole way. Try bus 42 – will take you all around sights for very little.

Please go to Montmartre – to the square, see Sacre Coeur at night. But best part of the whole trip was going to Versailles. Go to Tourist Information (rue des Pyramides) (in same area as Louvre near Metro Pyramides) to get your tickets (20E) which takes you everywhere at Versailles. If you want to wait until you get there you will waste a lot of time waiting in line to get tickets. We took train to Versailles (about 30 minutes). The Palace and gardens are unbelievable.

Go to Eiffel Tower 1 ½ hours before sunset to give you time to line up to get tickets and get to the top to watch the sun set and lights come on. We went at 7.30 and only just got to the top in time. It was also really good. If you are interested in antiques – go to Porte de Vanves by train on Sat. or Sunday. It is huge – stalls everywhere. We could go on and on! Enjoy your time in Paris. By the way- unit great, so central we would recommend every time.

Lynne, Peng, Karen and Jeff – Australia 9 June 2009

A week in Paris at La Belle Epoque : Magic!

We saw Barack Obama's motorcade leaving Notre Dame and enjoyed the frantic atmosphere, joining the locals to catch a glimpse.

This was also the time when France lost the Airbus with all on board en route to Charles de Gaulle from Brazil!

Being Asian food lovers, the 3 course Vietnamese meal en route to Cadet Metro for 13.90E was excellent and generous. Also an enormous and delicious bowl of wonton noodle soup for 6.50E in rue Martyrs on right leading uphill. Soup de raviole.

I loved the French décor of La Belle Epoque and it quickly became “home”. We even had a dinner party and entertained visiting guests from UK!

Excellent Seine River cruise and 2 course dinner and drink for 25E from pamphlet picked up on walking tour from St. Michel. We loved Paris – even in the rain. Thanks all.

Avril Wallace – West Sussex, UK 23 June 2009

It was lovely to stay in an area of Paris I am not familiar with. The apartment is lovely and it was bliss to fall into such a comfortable bed after long walks around the sights.

Firsts for me were the long walk on the Plante Promenade and a 2 ½ hour canal trip – a great combination starting at Bel Air and ending at La Villette. Don't forget to look at the shops under the viaduct arches.

The visit to Notre Dame at the end of the 'longest day' was a one off. Organ music – surround sound and how and how the light show as the sun shone through the west rose window, spectacular. A

lovely holiday – thank you.

Deirdre and Alan Paillas – Lismore, NSW, Australia
23 June 2009

What a lovely stay – following in the footsteps, as it were... this apartment is special – with beautiful art pieces on the wall, etc. What an amazing front door!

We've followed several suggestions from past guests – especially those of Robyn, my sister.

We had an enjoyable day on Sun 21/6 – 'Festival of Music' (Summer solstice), wandering to some music venues, and finally ending up listening to a magnificent organ recital in the Notre Dame with the sun setting through the western rose window – sending splashes of moving colour across the columns.

We're on our way now – but not before we visit 'A La Mere de Famille" to taste some French sweet delicacies!

Sue and Bob
30 July 2009

This is the end of our second stay at La Belle Epoque, this time for five weeks. We just had to come back for a longer stay after 9 days in '06. We felt so at home with Robyn's work decorating the walls – it matches my jewelry! We had friends from Sydney with us for ten days and it was great fun having a kitchen with all the necessary equipment for a proper dinner to celebrate *le quatorze*.

It was wonderful reading everyone else's suggestions and we followed a few especially with experience to the St. Martin canal. A boat trip down the canal to Bastille followed by lunch at Bofinger is pas mal. We also took a boat to the Marne and had an impressionist style lunch en plein air at a little island! I've left a shopping trolley as it does help with the marketing – we got to the Friday market @ Anvers – well worth the trolley! One can leave it to nest at the bottom of as it takes up too much room in the flat.

Menida, Milenko, Mary and Zlatan – Melbourne, Australia
29 August 2009

We have had the best stay – loved the apartment which was so convenient to metro station and shops. The Metro was fantastic and great fun to use – made a few errors but easily rectified.

We all adore Paris and can't wait to come back again. On the last day we just caught the metro to stops we hadn't managed to see and just walked around.

Xi, Steve, Carrick, Tony and Haydn – Australia and New Zealand
September 2009

The Wise Family stayed here twice during September and we felt very at home too. The apartment is cozy and has most things you need (a grater would be useful and I agree with other guests that it's time for new towels!).

Location is wonderful and as third time Paris visitors, we found it easy to move around using Cadet metro and walking. We did the hop-on/hop-off l'Open Bus Tour 29E (1 day) or 32E (2 days) and was disappointed with the yellow line (Montmartre) but green was excellent!

Thanks 'PerfectlyParis' for helping us have such a memorable stay.

Jim and Wendy Doyle and David Schaegele – Shawnee Mission, KS, USA
15 October 2009

Thank you Preston and Gail for the wonderful apartment, La Belle Epoque! It was a perfect alternative to the hotel route. We loved the convenience of all the markets a short walk away and fixing our own meals with the fantastic produce, dairy and wine! The Carrefour market covers all basic needs to get started and then we branched out to the smaller markets. ATM's and metro very convenient, too.

We loved our short stay in Paris and a special thank you to Preston for help with our medical emergency! You are a life saver.

Alex and Anne Herlovich – Niagara Falls, Canada
20 October 2009

Gail thanks for another wonderful stay in Paris! Many thanks to Preston for greeting us, making us welcome and giving us a great orientation to the area. You have a most reassuring manner which gave us great confidence. Thanks for the fine – a delicious treat!

Everything about the apartment was perfect – great supply of cooking equipment and accessories. We ate in every night, but one when we went out to Chartier where we've been going for at least a meal or 2 for the past 31 years with each return visit to Paris. Chartier is the same and still delivers good food at a reasonable price. We were giving out your address at the airport with hopes that others find your website. So nice to be located in a real part of Paris not the sanitized version of the Marais (where I stayed 30 years ago when it was not upscale and the current “in” place).

Christine and Frank – Australia
May 2010

Another great stay in Paris. The weather could have been warmer, but at least we had very little rain. The Canal St. Martin cruise is very interesting – highly recommended. We loved the markets, the ballet and the Opera house, the bread and pastries and the lovely gardens. The Parc Floral de Paris was fantastic. Hope to return one day.

Rachel
27 June 2010

What a great, accessible neighborhood. Lovely apartment. Preston has been very helpful! We look forward to next year.

The Steens and the Stones – Australia
3-10 July 2010

Many thanks to Dawn Talbot of Italy France Vacations in Perth for recommending us to this really wonderful accommodation. After many visits to Paris staying in 300AUD+/night hotel rooms, where you can't swing a cord, we were delighted with this comfy and roomy apartment. We loved reading all the comments and each day took the bus 42 for all of our adventures. So nice to come home after a busy day. Bed in the blue room – the best, so comfy. Just loved the ambiance!

Kay, Tony and families
28 July-31 August 2010

Our 4th stay in a PerfectlyParis flat, each one different and each are super – after 15 years of coming to Paris and staying in hotels!

This time was different. We sat in Au Clairon des Chasseurs on Place du Tertre with a very large

glass of Brouilly and my husband said "wouldn't it be wonderful if all the family could come!"

So they came, family by family. The park across the road was invaluable. Chartier, Bofinger and Le Pavé in rue des Lombards were good places to eat. If you haven't yet found Train Bleu in Gare de Lyon, it's worth a visit for a coffee. We have explored three cemeteries, Pere Lachaise, Montparnasse and Montmartre.

We have had five super weeks and will continue to come to Paris to the apartments forever!

**Lyn and Charlie – Australia
31 August-8 September 2010**

Wow! Our first visit to PerfectlyParis! People are patient with a couple of oldies who were brand new to Paris. We certainly had a tremendous time. Whilst we had a "false start" with our arrival time, thanks to Gail and Emily it was all worked out satisfactorily. Thank you both very much.

We used buses and trains and found the railway system to be efficient and staff very obliging when we needed assistance.

The apartment has been first class. Plenty of room, very quiet, close to rail and bus transport, post office, supermarkets, coffee shops and bread outlets. Being able to prepare meals has been terrific.

Thank you for making our stay so comfortable and memorable. I plan on returning to your PerfectParis.

**Kathy, Rachel and Liam – Darwin, Australia
31 August-8 September 2010**

For the last week, my two children (aged 13+11) and I have stayed here with my parents (see previous page).

As first timers in Paris, it couldn't have been more perfect. There was plenty of room for all of us (camp bed perfect for my son) and the apartment is in a great location.

Thank you so much. We really enjoyed staying in your beautiful, well appointed apartment.

**Diane, Roy, Linda and Tom – Vermont and New Hampshire
14 May 2011**

Our party of four thoroughly enjoyed our stay at La Belle Epoque. It's a great area. Linda speaks fluent French so that made it much easier for the rest of us.

We visited many of the sights one thinks of when planning a trip to Paris. The Louvre and the Eiffel Tower, Montmartre, Musee d'Orsay, l'Orangerie, Rodin and more. Loved the cafes and the metro too. This evening (Friday) we had dinner on the Ile St. Louis at the l'Orangerie and it was excellent. Topped off the evening by walking toward Notre Dame (the back) and then walked along the river enjoying a lovely evening watching the people picnicking along the river and peeking in shop windows. The lights of the city are so lovely and so is the ice cream. One would definitely recommend La Belle Epoque to our friends. Thank you so much for making our Paris experience so wonderful.

**Janette and Roy – Kings Cross, Sydney, Australia
Summer 2011**

Our third visit to rue Rochambeau. We have enjoyed our extended stay and shared the apartment with 3 friends who each stayed for 1 week of the 5. Two were return visitors. We have been very happy and comfortable.

The Bryden Family – Melbourne, Australia
10 July 2011

We leave Paris today with sore feet and tired bodies but lots of wonderful memories! We feel we have just “skimmed the surface” of Paris but have seen so many wonderful things.

We loved staying in the apartment – so much better than a bland (or bad!) hotel and enjoyed sampling the array of delicious pastries and baked delights – just as well we did all that walking to compensate!

Jennifer, David, James, Eddie and Annie – Lane Cove, Sydney, Australia
July 2011

Our family of 5 has had a wonderful but very short stay in Paris at La Belle Epoque. The apartment is in a great location, close to so many restaurants and attractions. In 2 ½ days we have shown our children most of the “big” attractions (we have been here before, but our children 16, 14 +14) have not. Wonderful Paris trip at the end of a 3 week holiday in France. Perfect- we can sleep all the way back to Australia.