

Luxurious Laborde Guest Comments

John & Karen Trew – Northern Ireland

2-22 October 2007

We had a pleasant stay here, helped by some very nice people. Nearby at 30, rue de Laborde is “St. Augustin Papeterie” where Eva and Paul run a charming business selling pens, postcards, notebooks, etc. However they are really helpful in answering all queries about the area (Eva speaks English) so I would ask you to give them your business!

Also helpful and charming are the owners and staff of two nearby restaurants, POMZE (owned by Daniel Dayan) has delightful cuisine and drinks based on apples (109, blvd Haussman). La Sarladaise (2 rue de Vienne) on the other side of St. Augustin church is a top class (good value @ 32 Euro dinner) restaurant. Traditional Périgordine food is the specialty – all the duck dishes are sublime. They have a big Algo-American clientele.

Avoid Brasserie La Pepinière with its unhelpful attitudes and choose any other Brasserie on Place St. Augustin – the vegetarian Italian “Michel-Angelo” for a new take on trattoria food.

In the apartment:

1. Always keep the bath plug in to avoid any chance of a “back-up” if using the noisy electric toilet flush in the main bathroom.
2. The WIFI has been unreliable on occasion. Turn it off at power input. Put power back and press block button beside input socket.
3. Sink in kitchen has unreliable sink-hole mechanism.

Otherwise a pretty trouble-free stay for us...

Ching & Family – Montreal, Canada

1 November 2007

We had a great time. This apartment was perfect for us. It was truly home away from home when we had a full day of activities. Gail and Preston: thank you very much for your help and your advice.

P.S. Watch out when purchasing phone cards: some don't work at all!! “Delta France International” is OK.

Ingrid, Trond, Therese & Jimmy – Norway

12 November 2007

The restaurants around Place St. Augustin were very good. The local foodstore “Monoprix” was also very convenient. We were also so lucky to experience a small concert in Notre Dame, which was very nice.

The price of drinking in pubs and clubs was a bit expensive (almost Norwegian prices).

Paris in daytime was lovely, in the night it was a bit disappointing. Thank you for our stay. The flat is super nice. ☺

(Eiffel Tower at night was fantastic, short queues.)

**The Bradshaws – IL, USA
20 November 2007**

The apartment is quite lovely. Take advantage of all the tourist material and guides – very useful. Great central location. Thank you Gail for allowing us to stay. We had a wonderful time!

**Kolleen & Brian, Kate & Bruce – Michigan, USA, Ottawa, CA & Basel, Switzerland
December 2007**

Once again Paris was a delight – a bit chilly but magical during the holidays! Thank for the dining advice. We enjoyed La Sarladaise, so much we went two nights in a row! The food was divine and the service simply excellent. Paris, as always is a world capital of food, fashion, art and ideas and always stands as a symbol of all the fine things life has to offer!

Apartment comments: Overall, very comfortable, quiet and cozy but there were a few problems when the hair dryer was plugged and the bathroom heater and light was on we experienced a power outage. When the toaster oven was on, we also experienced an outage.

Thank you Gail and Preston for the kind and helpful advice and service!

The apartment was well appointed, super beds! Lovely to come back and relax between shopping/sightseeing and dinners. We loved the central location and walked everywhere.

**The Griffiths-Abramowski – NY, USA
20 December 2007**

This apartment simply wowed us! The TV, the fridge, the two flat screen plasmas, the WIFI, no one has this. No one! Name one apartment you know that could have been more comfortable. Parisian style as this, the Luxurious Laborde. Thank you for giving us the experience of our lives. This apartment really changed us and helped us bond into one strong, happy family.

**The Smith Family – Maitland, NSW, Australia
7-27 January 2008**

In one word: WOW!

We had a great time and the apartment was a wonderful base to explore Paris from. The beds were really comfortable, every thing worked, although we got bored with the English and US news channels!

Tip 1: Metro line 14 is a quick trip into town and you can exit at St. Augustin by following underground paths.

Tip 2: Catch bus 22 and experience the Arc de Triomphe traffic live – take a camera and get photos of the madness.

Tip 3: Learn how to say “we are funny when we try to speak in French” “Nous sommes amusants Ne c’est pas? The French people laugh with you and respond positively and helpfully.

Tip 4: Don’t just say “Parlez vous anglais?” all the time. Actually having a conversation even a simple one is a good learning experience and French appreciate the effort. Not everyone speaks English, so don’t expect them to. Imagine if tourists coming to Australia wanted us to speak Japanese all the time.

Tip 5: Have some variety in your diet. The novelty of croissants and pain au chocolat fast wears off. Buying 1 or 2 baguettes for lunch to make sandwiches is pretty cheap and easier than searching for a good café. Monoprix- good, we cooked ever night almost. But Le Saint Augustin has food food, escargots there are good, and even better chocolate fondant and chocolate cream – and English translations on the menu.

Tip 6: Get a weekly metro-bus card thing, 16 euro each, but better then paying 2 euro per trip.

Tip 7: Say “merci beaucoup” and people will be très happy, smiles and compliments get good service.

Tip 8 : Say “nied” (pretend to be Russian) to the Bosnian girls – they will curl up their lips and move onto the next “do you speak English” target.

Tip 9: Watch where you walk: dangerous presents about!

Tip 10: Walking around while wearing cheap berets is quite an embarrassing and entertaining way to spend an afternoon.

We had a ball! Thanks Preston and Gail, you were a great help before and during our stay!

**Ann – Singapore
24 February 2008**

We had a great time in Paris. The apartment has everything one needs. The location is fantastic. Check out le Boulanger Eric Keyser: amazing bread!

**Debbie et les 3 Filles – Ontario, Canada
13 March 2008**

This is apartment number 4 that we have rented directly or indirectly through Gail and PerfectlyParis. We had a lovely time, this apartment is close to major sites, the metro – although the Miromesnil station could use some perfume! The apartment is lovely – although the kitchen could use some basics like oven mitts, pot holders and more dishtowels! Everything else works well and the 2 TV set up is great. We did manage to find some sunny periods and ventured as far as Fontainebleau this trip, although we left in a winter “hurricane” but return in some bright sunshine. Fontainebleau is worth the trip – tickets can be bought at Gare St. Lazare – connect at Gard de Lyon via metro line 14. Buy the package with the SNCF, it’s worth it. A trip for two to Galleries Lafayette’s Gourmet shop is good for food and gifts.

**Natalie Evans, UK, living in Australia
25 March 2008**

Bonjour! Comment allez-vous? The apartment was very nice! In a good location (close to the landmarks and shops) and the beds were so comfy! I enjoying seeing Paris – but my favourite thing was going to the very top of the Eiffel Tower... it started snowing! Also, it doesn’t take very long to walk anywhere in Paris, even though it’s a big place. Thanks, merci!

**Elly Lewis, UK, living in Australia
25 March 2008**

This apartment was fantastic! It’s very modern, and the beds were so comfy. The hairdryer was very handy as well. We went to see all the landmarks, (which were amazing) and it snowed when we were up the top of the Eiffel Tower; it was the first time I’d ever seen snow. Thank you very much.

Kay, Michael, Lauren, and Howard – Denver, CO, USA
March 2008

Rue Laborde was indeed “Luxurious”. Loved all the red in the kitchen. Our daughter and her friend really enjoyed the experience of living like Parisiennes, riding the metro, etc. Having all the extras in the kitchen and a great supply of lines was great. (Came from a much leaner place in Londres). Thanks to Gail for all the info and great to meet Lauren on arrival. The TV with all the cable channels was a cultural experience in itself. Again, thanks for sharing your beautiful apartment and city with us.

Lauren Elder – Denver, CO, USA
March 2008

This apartment was wonderful! It was decorated very interestingly and had very comfy beds (much better compared to the ones we suffered through in London). It came equipped with all the amenities and became our home away from home for the 5 days we were here. To all of you who stay here in the future, you probably should know that the washer dryer is possessed and will run for ridiculous amounts of time unless you read the instructions closely; it can get cold at night, so it is helpful to know there are extra blankets in the cabinets underneath the TV. While you are our in the city, I would recommend that you visit the Eiffel Tower at the hour at night, when it sparkles for ten minutes. Don't forget to grab a crepe at one of the stands scattered throughout Paris and remember that you should always say “Merci” to shopkeepers and waiters, unless you wish them to make snide comments about you in French. Hope you have a wonderful stay! Thanks to the owners for a great apartment!

The Babes in Paris – Oregon, USA
April 2008

6 women, wonderful food, laughter, the sights and sounds of Paris, fine art, late nights, sore feet, much more laughter, too much wine, sparkling skies, a beautiful apartment to return to at the end of another long day, 4 memorable days and 6 friendships that will be richer.

The Cannings – Seattle, WA, USA
29 May 2008

We've been in this lovely home for a month now and have barely scratched the surface of this amazing city! The apartment was a wonderful home away from home for our little family (our little house as Trixie our 2 year old dubbed it).

For folks travelling with kids (ours 9 and 2) there is a nice little park across the square with a sandbox. We left our sand toys in the apartment – enjoy. Parc Monceau is fabulous as well and an easy walk up Malsherbes. Luxembourg was our favorite – there's an amazing play park and carousel there. Also a carousel at St. Paul and Abbesses Metro stations.

Food: Ghisoni across the street is a terrific boulangerie – we ate breakfast and lunch there many days. Try the Savoyard baguette – yum. Le St. Augustin is a decent café not great. Avoid Pepinière. We greatly enjoyed Pomze – drink the cider! Chez Toinette in Montmartre and le Petit Zinc in Ste Germain also good.

Day trip to Chartres is easy and terrific. I'd skip Versailles and just do Chartres if you have to choose. At Versailles, rent the little golf carts and drive to the parc and Trianon. Well worth the expense. We loved Chateau de Vincennes as well. Paris Museums are great. Skip the Louvre unless you have oodles of time and hit the d'Orsay instead as it's an amazing space and the best impressionist collection in the world. The Grand Palais hosts stunning temporary exhibitions and is worth checking out. Also don't skip the Jacquemart Andre just down the street on Hausmann – cool little place plus a Michelin rated café for lunch.

For souvenirs, try the flea market at Porte de Vanves (on M13 from Miromesnil) Saturdays from 8 AM-1PM fun, neat stuff that's not the ordinary and very French. Speak French (try!) and you may get better prices but don't expect to haggle them down much.

Churches – Sainte Chapelle is worth the line to get in. Notre Dame de Paris is nice (but no Chartres!). Don't miss Sacré Coeur on Montmartre if you can. The walk up from Abbesses metro is a fun one (aside from tourist hell just before the basilica).

Thanks again for an unforgettable stay!

**Patricia and Michael Stevenson – Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
10 June 2008**

Wonderful return to Paris with London friends. Second stay with PerfectlyParis and lived up to expectations again. Unfortunately no washer/dryer as it was out of order and double bed turned out to be two singles (not too romantic)! But other than that everything was excellent. Will certainly book with Gail and PerfectlyParis again.

**Bruce, Tanisha, Nicole, Ladan, and Amir
June 2008**

All I can say is WOW! This was the most beautiful apartment I have ever stayed in. It was better than our own house. We are sooo glad we didn't get a hotel suite. I am going to rent this apartment every single time we go to Paris. The apartment was in the perfect spot. You could walk to anything. The Champs Elysees was so fun to walk through, and the Eiffel Tower was amazing at night. I would go at the end of June or in January because that is when the big sales are. Everything is 30 percent off or 50 percent off. It's a lot better to go shopping at that time of year. So our trip was amazing. Paris was so fun, and there was nothing wrong with the apartment. Have a great time.

**Dave, Glenda, Susan, Taylor and Matthew – Ontario, Canada
7 July 2008**

This is a great location. We were able to get to all the sights on the metro and Saint Lazare train station was great for getting to Versailles and Monet's gardens at Giverny. The latter is really worth while at this time of year but you need to allow a full day for travel, walking the gardens and lunch.

The sales were fantastic the weekend of July 5/6 – 70% off – lots of fun shopping for shoes. The kids loved collecting the coins at all the sights – cheap souvenirs!

Thanks to Gail and Preston for helping to make this trip a success. It was great dealing with someone from "home". We have already recommended this apartment to friends and relatives.

**Brian and Judy O'Brien – Ireland
14 July 2008**

Lovely apartment, great location, would use "PerfectlyParis" again. Thank you!

**Zelda, David, Jamie and Joel – Cape Town South Africa
15 July 2008**

Lovely apartment, great location in Paris. Paris has great sights to see. We saw the Eiffel Tower, Invalides, Pompidou, Louvre, Notre Dame and Elysee Palace.

Tim – East Lansing, MI, USA
16 July 2008

Arrived in Paris today and took a bike tour. We took a tour in Berlin and had to do it again here in Paris. It was great to see all the major sights the first day while doing it in an eco friendly way. We also van plan how we want to see the city during the rest of our stay. After the tour they provided a list of cheap places to eat. It's about 4 hours but worth it for the price.

Giselle Baretto, Christianne, Carlo and Gustavo – France
25 July 2008

Everything was lovely, thank you so much! And the many tips in the books are very useful, too. About restaurants? We had "the best" meal at l'Atelier de Joel Robuchon but also enjoyed the local restaurants Le Huitième is modern and friendly, the food was good too. Until next time.

Celynne, Robert, Alex, Elise – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
30 July 2008

Notre séjour à Paris a été plaisant, même s'il a fait très chaud! The apartment is roomy, well equipped and very central – we travelled on metro all week with our Carte Orange. The Internet access was particularly useful for the teenagers...and that makes life easier for the parents! Some arrangements should be made with the landlady with regards to the A/C. It is useful to travelers at night to sleep, turning it off on 30 degree days is not very useful. Otherwise, great apartment.

The Davalos Family– CA, USA
6 August 2008

This apartment was amazing. We hope you have a great time like we did. Just look out for the floors, they creak a lot.

The Hughes Family – Bermuda
12 August 2008

The apartment is beautiful! Avoid le Saint Augustin Brasserie (not the best) and try the sofa bed. The most comfortable in the house! Paris is amazing and so beautiful. The Eiffel Tower is so much fun (if you're not scared of heights). Thanks so much Gail and Preston!

The Mansfield Family – UK
22 August 2008

I haven't been to Paris properly since a monumentally unsuccessful exchange visit as a 15 year old when I spent a fortnight in some hideous tower blocks in which a smelly cat did smelly cat things. To be honest, it scared me. However, this visit has been redemptive and has allowed me to see that much is so much more than anti-social felines coughing up fur-balls and passing on their communicative diseases. It is a truly wonderful city and it's great that virtually everything is within walking distance. We thoroughly enjoyed all the main sights – Louvre, Notre Dame, Eiffel Tower and the L'Arc de Triomphe. I even conquered my vertigo and made it up to the top of most of them. For me though, the highlight of the holiday was the opportunity to spend time with my family and share our thoughts and feelings with each other. Nah, only kidding, it was the Musée d'Orsay.

Donna – Ireland
7 September 2008

"PerfectlyParis" was perfectly plush! Amazing apartment shared by great friends – our friends celebrated their wedding on 6/9/08 in Notre Dame de Passy. Antoinette was the perfect princess for her prince Terry now known as Mr and Mrs McGrath. Thank you for the memories back in Paris. The

Eiffel Tower sparkling at night is a true fairy tale! Try the little bakery outside the apartment – bread always fresh and delicious. My favorite part of the apartment is the “Moulin Rouge” bathroom – class!

**Sale Family – Adelaide, Australia
12 September 2008**

Thank you for such a warm and welcoming apartment – comfy beds and plenty to keep our large family entertained. TVs and iPod stereo, Monopoly, a real hit with our boys. Tip: on arrival head to Arc de Triomphe – easy 2 hour walk. At top after 280 steps you get a perfect view of Paris and how it is situated to plan outings. Magic memory: Wednesday was a warm evening with clear skies. We sat on the steps of the Trocadero entertained by people and buskers. We watched the sun go down and the Eiffel Tower light up with its dazzling display. Absolute magic. Evening our 16 and 18 year olds were taking photos with their phones. Paris is certainly a magic city- thank you for sharing it with us.

**Tari and Mike Brown, Lisa and Rock Harris – St. Louis, MO, USA
25 October 2008**

The apartment had all the amenities we expected (as noted on the website). Nice to have the actual match the marketing. We ate breakfast in the apartment daily, fresh croissants, and brioche provided by the bakery across the street – delicious! Also cooked dinner here 3 nights thanks to the Monoprix and a fairly stocked kitchen. Although measuring cups and measuring spoons would have been helpful. (Washer and dryer were lifesavers).

Food: of course chocolate and red wine are staples for a Parisian visit. But, have you tried vanilla yogurt by La Fermière found only at the market G20 Supermarchés – rue de la Bienfaisance and rue de Teheran? Rich and creamy like you cannot get in the US. Amazingly good. On the chocolate note, don't miss the chocolate chaud (hot chocolate) at Angelina's – across from the Tuileries on rue de Rivoli.

Sights: Wednesdays after 6 PM the Louvre has discounted prices and we experienced no wait to enter. The closing time is 10 PM on Wednesdays. Eiffel Tower at night is a must as well as a Seine River boat tour at dusk (we took the 7PM departure on the Bateaux Mouches). Dusk turned into night during our cruise and the sights were spectacular. Take a jacket or extra sweater though, so you can sit upstairs. Midnight stroll from the apartment to the Champs Elysées is a wondrous example of life and vibe of Paris, fantastic and charming mixed with diversity. It's probably 3-4 miles if walking all the way to the Arc de Triomphe via rue Malherbes to the rue Royale and back. Taxis are available for return if you're tired. Leisurely stroll, window shop and enjoy!

**Ann, Tony, Pam, Graeme and Jo – Victoria, Australia
9 November 2008**

Great apartment – no problems what so ever. Met/exceeded all expectations. Three nights all too short – location is fabulous. Walking distance to major sights and sounds of Paris and a local supermarket and excellent bakery very close. We loved the chandelier in the 'toilette'. Thank you PerfectlyParis – hopefully we will be back.

**Kelly, Kat, Anne and Cristina – MA, USA
19 November 2008**

We loved our stay and the apartment was perfect! It make our trip so much more enjoyable. We would definitely stay here again on future trips to Paris. We were happy to see that the website pictures and description matched up to the apartment on arrival. We felt comfortable and “at home”! The location is great – very central.

Things we recommend and did:

-Breakfast at the boulangerie across the street for croissants and ham and cheese sandwiches (our favorites!).

-Eiffel Tower is a must – we went to the top during the day and viewed it at night our first night.

-Rue Danou at night to hit up Harry's New York Bar – oldest bar in Europe, Sherwood for some Jazz and Mannequin Pis for some hip-hop DJ music. Great time!

-Notre Dame, Sacré Coeur, the Louvre were all beautiful and great to see.

Thanks for everything Gail and Preston!

Roger – CO, USA
December 2008

The pictures do not do justice to the apartment – good pix – but – apartment is superb. A manifique place to return to from a day in Paris. We had not only 6 (grandpere, grandmomma, daughter and her 3 daughters) – it was like herding cats.

The apartment was always warm in both temperature and ambience – our enjoyment of Paris was truly enhanced by being able to live in such a welcoming home away from home. Many thanks for your hospitality – to Gail and Preston.

Suzanne
December 2008

A delightful Parisian apartment! Fantastically close to all the sites. Easy to get to trains or metro. We easily managed to gather around the table for breakfast and a late dinner. The beds were great – my girls had fun finding the various light switches and all the different lights. It was cozy and comforting – a great place to return to after tramping up and down the Quai to see the sights. Must see: Eiffel Tower at night – everything and more than I imagined!

Jessie
December 2008

This lovely apartment made my visit to Paris very wonderful. I'm so glad to have stayed here and visited, yet even as long as I've been here it's not long enough. I love Paris! I'd recommend using the Miromesnil metro stop and take the metro to Invalides, if you want to take the train to Versailles, plan ahead! It's amazing that any city can live up to a reputation as Paris does. It's all that I imagined it to be and more. This has been the trip of a lifetime for me, and I hope to make it only the first of my many trips overseas. Paris, je t'aime!

Carly
21 December 2008

Thank you so much for letting us stay in this wonderful apartment! It is cosy but roomy though it doesn't seem so at first. We walked all over Paris and it was nice to have a place to come "home" to. This was a great part of our trip. The nice parts about its location are that there is a bakery nearby – perfect for croissants early in the morning – and it's near a metro station. If you don't want to use the metro, it's not far from the other stops either. It is fairly close to some great sights like Arc de Triomphe. The Eiffel Tower was stunning! It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, we went to the top! The cold air was worth it, the view was beautiful! Ste Chapelle's windows are also beautiful. Try to go on a sunny day! Thank you again, au revoir.

Jill and Jim – Nebraska
18 February 2009

Thank you for renting this beautiful place! We had such fun “living” here! Great location, great apartment and a great time. If you like Indian food – the restaurant 4 doors down on the right is great!

Susan, Steven, Valerie and Lilianne – Fredericton, NB, Canada
7 March 2009

After arriving in Paris tired, it was wonderful to be met by Preston at the apartment and receive useful advice: particularly the fact that grocery stores would be closed the next day (Sunday). This was our girls' (aged 12 and 9) first trip to Europe. We came here for the final week of our 3 week vacation, after visiting Venice, Rome and Luxembourg. We walked everywhere for the first few days (Notre Dame, the Louvre, Musée D'Orsay, Les Invalides, Les Halles, Arc de Triomphe), then decided to save our feet some wear and tear and explore the Paris underground metro to get to Montmartre, the Catacombes (very cool!), Eiffel Tower, Versailles, Saint-Chapelle and the Conciergerie. Hope you will enjoy this apartment and Paris as much as we all did!

Jennifer, Becki, Kathy, Kim and Sue Ellen – Tacoma, WA, USA
4 April 2009

This apartment was more than we dreamed. Such large rooms, and fun decorations. We loved coming “home” every night, and the ability to make our own meals gave each of us the opportunity to share special dishes with the group. The area is lovely, and fresh croissants every morning from the bakery downstairs were great. Beware: don't go to the bakery on the corner of rue Laborde and Boulevard Haussmann – they gave us burnt pastries from the back, and we didn't see them until we were home. Learning to take the metros was fun and enabled us to see everything we could hope for. Thanks for a great Paris vacation and we look forward to returning!

The Pendleton Witherspoon Family – St. Andrews Scotland and New York
11 April 2009

Gail and PerfectlyParis assistant Laura were terrifically helpful and make our stay both comfortable and easy. They helped us find a sitter, a handy grocery (G20), and a hair salon! The apartment does not overlook the street, only a courtyard. The upside is it's quiet; the downside is it's very dark. The combo washer/dryer was indispensable “Extra Sec” actually gets the clothes dryer (even over dry so check midway). Recommendations: Kayser Bakery on Malesherbes, Bistro de l'Olivier (really terrific food, really friendly staff, at rue Quentin B. _____(?) off the Champs-Elysees.

Brahams – Australia
18 April 2009

We arrived very late 13/4/2009 picked up at the train station after coming from Venice. Here's what we think of Luxurious Laborde and Paris:

I loved Paris and especially the Eiffel Tower. My bed was very comfy and I like the big TV and the fringy shower curtain. It was a bit cold sometimes but nice and warm inside. I had a very nice hamburger with French fries at Le Saint Augustin Cafe.

I really liked staying here. I think it's the best time at the Eiffel Tower at night (there is very short queue). It is a really good view from the top the lights flash every hour at night.

The 10 ticket for 11.40 Euros was the best value on the metro. Great apartment and well stocked kitchen. Washing machine still stumped me!

Calvin – Australia
April 2009

The apartment was great. It was a great location easy walking distance to shops, metro stations and restaurants. The apartment is by far the best one we have stayed in, it has so many great things such as the WIFI and TVs that we just haven't got any where else. The apartment has a great feel to it comfy beds (mine was the sofa bed) and a great shower. I liked all the mirrors and paintings everywhere, the mirrors let you see all around the apartment and to place some interesting games.

Rob – Perth, Australia
April 2009

Thanks Gail, enjoyed the apartment and Paris- great city, needed more time to see all the galleries and museums. No doubt we will be back some time. What a cultured city.

Lauren, Jen, Steve, Jacquie and Fiona – Melbourne, Australia
April 2009

Enjoyed our stay in Paris and the Luxurious Laborde very much! Comfortable beds, great location and the apartment had everything we needed. The 5 of us were here for a medical conference and found the apartment just what we were looking for. We are already planning our next trip back, so sad to leave! Can highly recommend the apartment. Thanks Gail.

Emma, Erica, JB, Kayleigh – Boston, MA, USA
4 May 2009

Bonjour and merci! Apartment is 5-6 stars!! Truly beautiful in great location. Beds are heavenly – apartment has everything – very comfortable. Gail and Preston always available and so helpful. Local food stores, boulangeries, location to metro, Galeries Lafayette, etc. etc. amazing – thanks also to Justin and Sonny. Merci beaucoup/au revoir.

Lindsay, Jeremy and Hillary – Florida, USA
16 May 2009

What a wonderful home base to see Paris from. Myself, my husband, and my 16 year old sister stayed at Luxurious Laborde for a week and had a great time. The apartment was perfect, and better than it showed on the website. From the apartment we saw Paris from every point. It made our trip sad to say goodbye to our Paris home. If we ever come back to Paris again we will stay at Luxurious Laborde (or another apartment Gail has).

Tips: the bakery on this street is great! The green double decker bus is the best! Monoprix is wonderful and cheap. Metro is easy and cheap to use (much easier than NYC). Paris has very different hours than America – lots closed on Sundays. Breakfast 7:30-10:00, lunch 11:30-15:00, dinner 18:00-23:00 or so.

The Martin Family – Houma, Louisiana, USA
28 May 2009

We love Paris and the apartment was great! We were a group of six, Mom, Dad, Jillian (this trip was her graduation gift), her boyfriend and two sons. We found the apartment was great and met all our needs. It was also helpful to have a washer/dryer and two baths. Over all, we saw a lot of Paris. Did a lot of walking... saw all the major sights. For two days we hired a private driver – www.driverguidefrance.com – who drove us in a nice van to the Loire Valley Chateaux – there are so many- we only saw 3 and drove by 4 others. We also hired him to take us to Chartres and Versailles. We also purchased the Paris Pass which included metro tickets, museum tickets and even a river cruise. We loved the Tour Eiffel. Did not like crowds nor the endless amount of street vendors

peddling key chains but it was awesome to see at night. We also like Montmartre. We did it on a Sunday when everything else was closed. Dining wise we ate at St. Augustin twice, a place called Marco Polo around Gare St. Lazare, other places around Champs Elysees (not that good), and a charming place called George at Opera. Gail and Preston, thank you for providing us with a wonderful stay in Paris – we cannot wait to come back in the future!

Sullivan Family – TN, USA

2 June 2009

Really enjoyed our stay here – very relaxing after a long day of tourism and eating. Thanks!

Mooibroek Family – Avon, OH, USA

12 June 2009

Thanks for the awesome apartment. We had a wonderful stay – hope to return soon. Thanks again.

The Woods and the Brandts – Sugar Land, TX, USA

23 June 2009

A wonderful experience in Paris! Would love to stay here again. The apartment included everything we needed. It gave us a real feeling of what living in this beautiful city must be like. Many thanks to Gail and Preston for all their help.

While here I had a rather serious dental problem and had to have a root canal. Hopefully you will never have this problem, but should you need a dentist, I highly recommend Dr. Denis Bensimon (English speaking), 71 Ave Franklin Roosevelt. Tel: 01 53 75 00 50. He is a 15 min walk from the apartment.

Looking forward to our return!

Clare, Gabby and Ange – New Zealand

11 December 2009

3 Kiwi sisters here for 4 nights! Loved Paris, loved the apartment! Bakery across the road the best. The French could learn a thing or two about making sauvignon from the kiwis! Perfect sport. Thanks Gail and Preston.

The Whitmans

18 December 2009

Gail and Preston,

Great apartment and great location! We could walk to all the sights in Paris and enjoyed them all. The shopping on St. Lazare area was very crowded (because its the weekend before Christmas!) but had some good stores. We took a day trip to Normandy and took a private tour (Angelo – Private Tours Paris – contact@private-tours-paris.com). It was about a two hour drive and he was very informative and interesting, a really nice guy! It was great to have WIFI here. Don't overtax the electrical system because the power might go out. If power goes out – turn the dial in the fuse box. Thanks Gail and Peston! Great décor!!