

Parisian Living Guest Comments

Jonathan, Linda and William – Brisbane, Australia

27 April 2006

Perfectly Paris indeed! Great apartment, great location, great service.

Andrew – Australia

11 May 2006

Truly a wonderful “French” experience. Booking, being greeted in the apartment and the location were easy and a delight.

Gerard, Nova and Julian – London and Glasgow, UK

11 August 2006

We had a great time this week in Paris, especially the day we walked to the Arc de Triomphe then onto the Eiffel Tower at night – amazing.

We ate at A Table, at the corner of the street, twice and thoroughly recommend the delicious food and very helpful staff.

Thank you Gail and Patrick for a lovely stay in Paris!

The Trevino’s – Fresno, CA, USA

4 November 2006

I think we did a lot in one week. We even rode the Eurostar to London for a day! Highly recommended! One of the best parts of our trip was our own “French apartment” we enjoyed it and looked forward to coming home each night. Great trip! Thank you.

Colin & Mary – Ottawa, Canada

9 January 2007

We spent three weeks here over Christmas 2006 and the New Year 2007. Had a great time. Rue de Lévis is very special at the holiday season and we enjoyed soaking up the festive spirit. It took us a couple of weeks experimenting with different boulageries but we thought the artisan baker close to Villiers produced the best croissants for breakfast. Avoid Paul as this is a chain and not up to the high standards found elsewhere.

The Charcuterie Bouvier is exceptional. The one thing the apartment lacked was an oyster knife but we found one in Monoprix!

Restaurants: rue des Dames is very promising and we quickly found the Bistrot de Theo which is good with southwestern cuisine, it also has no smoking which is a definite plus!

A Table, also on the rue des Dames is nothing special.

A wonderful find this time is Proseco on rue de Douai, just off Place Clichy: first rate Italian food and very reasonable. Another excellent restaurant is Aux Isles Marquises on rue de Gaité near Montparnasse.

Paris is always special – it is extra special at Christmas and rue de Lévis is even more special because there are few tourists.

Famille Hansen-Feruch – San Francisco, CA, USA
5 March 2007

Our stay was magical. We stayed and visited family who lived close in the 17th so we were able to walk to our wonderful apartment each night after long leisurely dinners.

Highlights include Parc Monceau, Park Batignolles, Jardin de Luxembourg and Jardin d'Acclimatation: enjoyed with our two boys.

The Eiffel Tower at night was really exciting!

Jane Harfleet – London, UK
18 March 2007

I thoroughly spoilt myself and stayed here alone! The apartment was perfect and very importantly, the bed was more comfortable than my one at home!

The area is lovely (I felt safe) and the restaurant on the corner was very accommodating of a lone guest!

I will certainly try and stay here again as well as recommend it to my friends.

Matt & Beckie – Cambridge, UK
21 March 2007

A lovely apartment and good location close to the Villiers metro stop.

The shop on the corner of rue de Saussaure and rue des Dames was very friendly when we arrived on a Sunday needing essentials – everything else being closed.

Beware of stallholders on the square in front of the 17th District Town Hall: my French was perfectly sound for a visit but they were extremely rude to those who do not speak fluently, to the point of mocking both of us out loud to all nearby!! (The park "Sqaure des Batignolles" is lovely though).

Overall, a great visit made far easier and more enjoyable thanks to a warm and welcoming home from home to come back to.

Best wishes and great thanks to Gail and to Patrick for the ease of booking and exceptional service at all stages of the holiday!

Chani and Matt & Pete and Kat – Australia
13 April 2007

A dream come true. What a truly magical place to stay in Paris! We felt so at home here... and adored the neighborhood and especially the street market on the weekend... mmm pain au chocolat!

Paris is a remarkable city and so romantic! Favourite places were the Moulin Rouge (what a show!), loved the Louvre and top of them all the Eiffel Tower bathed in its golden glow at night.

Springtime here is so pretty and we delighted in walking through the gardens admiring the daffodils and cheery blossoms. We enjoyed sitting by the pictureques window writing postcards here from 'Parisian Living'. Thank you.

Alhema (9 years old) – Toronto, Canada
15 June 2007

I loved Paris! The apartment is great. The food in Paris is yummy. Paris has museums. I enjoyed Paris.

Gonzalez Family – San Juan, Puerto Rico
17 July 2007

Thank you, we have a great time!! The apartment and location is wonderful. The daily walks to the market were really our way to learn and appreciate the neighborhood. Looking forward to the next visit to finish everything we couldn't finish in this trip!

P.S. French people were really helpful and nice to us! We loved it.

L & J – Sydney, Australia
23 July 2007

Thank you very much for making our stay in 'Parisian Living' apartment comfortable. The service provided by PerfectlyParis has been great and we will not have any hesitation recommending it to our families and friends.

We had a great glimpse of how the locals live everyday by living in the apartment. The shops surrounding the apartment and other facilities/amenities like pharmacy, gym, make this apartment a very convenient place to stay in. The apartment is very handy to reach the city and surrounding landmarks.

We enjoyed Paris a lot and with kids tagging along we were surprised how much we've accomplished. We just hope that the constant walking in the apartment didn't inconvenience the people living below us.

Many thanks again... We hope one day that we will return, if not, we take away many beautiful memories during our one week stay.

Olivia, Doug, Sandra and Isabella – Boston, MA, USA
31 July 2007

Thanks for a great stay!!

The Bowlers – Ontario, Canada
29 September 2007

Our second visit to Paris had a fantastic time again. The apartment was great, lots of extras, and located in a wonderful neighborhood area. Can walk to everything and close to the metro. Levis Street provides for great shopping opportunity. Thanks to Gail for all her help prior to our arrival.

Neil & Kelly – Kentucky, USA
2 October 2007

This is our second stay with PerfectlyParis.com and we felt like we were coming home to "our" neighborhood. We love the quiet at night and the bustle in the morning. The shops nearby yielded scrumptious breakfasts and goodies for lunch sandwiches for our daily excursions to museums, parks, and other locations around the city. Our favorite restaurant is "97" on rue des Dames. Don't miss the chocolate filled cake for dessert. We're off to Provence from here. Au revoir.

Alex, Tatiana, Ilya – Moscow, Russia
13 October 2007

It was a great week in Paris! The apartment was very nice! The weather was wonderful! Paris was magnificent! We'll be back at the first opportunity and recommend this apartment our friends.

Arlene – New Mexico, USA
31 October 2007

Our first visit to Paris – my sister from Hawaii and I from Albuquerque, New Mexico – we are so very happy we rented this apartment! It was so quiet, yet minutes from the metro, rue de Levis open air market, La Petite Rose Chocolatier, great walking neighborhood. The Saturday organic market on Batignolles was a quick walk and a source of many great finds for cheese, veggies, pain, crepes, and flowers. Being able to use the phone to call the US was extremely helpful. We had quick easy access through the metro to all over the city, and always felt safe walking around.

Terry – Hawaii
31 October 2007

Arlene and I had two wonderful weeks seeing the beautiful sights, visiting museums and eating our way through the city.

I'm so glad we chose this apartment because it's been so quiet, yet easily accessible to finding food and everything else we needed, including the metro.

Thanks Gail and Preston, I really appreciate you being here the night we arrived after my long journey.

Louise & Joe - UK
20 November 2007

A lovely comfortable apartment with everything you could need, and an especially fabulous bed! The market on rue de Levis is great, and Villiers metro is good for reaching the center – would have been even better had it not been for the long transport strike! The neighbours and rubbish collectors are noisy! But all in all a nice short stay.

Angela Loucks – Toronto, Canada
15 December 2007

I had a fabulous time in Paris. The apartment was great and the location couldn't be better. Rue de Levis is awesome and offers everything you need. There are not a lot of tourists, which makes it a truly Parisian experience. All of the sites in Paris are extraordinary and beautiful. I will treasure every memory and I leave with a life changing experience. Thank you so much Gail and Preston for making this trip so easy. I will definitely stay here next time.

P.S. I am trying to figure how I can live here someday! (Wishful thinking!)

Betsy – Chicago, IL, USA
22 December 2007

I had a wonderful stay and loved the apartment. I will definitely be using your service again and recommending it to others!!

Kathryn, Neil, Benjamin & Beltran
1 February 2008

Our second stay with PerfectlyParis and we found this apartment really comfortable and well equipped. It quickly starts to feel like "home" and it's great to get a taste of how it is to live as a Parisian, instead of as a tourist in a hotel.

Thank you to Gail for all your help and advice and to Preston for helping us up the stairs with our luggage!

We will definitely recommend your company to any of our family and friends who are planning a trip to Paris!

Amanda & Chris – Philadelphia, PA, USA
17 February 2008

We had a wonderful time in Paris! The apartment is perfect and the location is great. It was so easy to walk to all the major attractions (but not in heels!). The food everywhere is awesome. We could eat our way through the whole country. The Eiffel Tower at night is truly amazing. Do not leave without doing that! We ate at the Patio Provençal for Valentine's Day and it was amazing. We would recommend PerfectlyParis to anyone.

Karen & Mike – UK
30 March 2008

We have had such a wonderful time staying here. The apartment is perfect – it is beautifully done out and has everything you could possibly wish for. For my husband, there is a well equipped kitchen! Whilst I lay and read my book, he prepared culinary delights from the local market... I know, I am a lucky girl! As everyone knows, Paris is a fantastic city – however, it is full of tourists! This apartment provided a sanctuary away from all those American and English voices...here we are French! Merci beaucoup.

Nick, Linda, Alice & Edward – Sydney
12 April 2008

PerfectlyParis could not have suited us better. An ideal location, close to great restaurants, shops, parks and sights. Gail and her staff were very welcoming and accommodating. We will return!

John, Elza & Natalie – Calgary, Alberta
22 April 2008

Love the neighborhood: love the apartment! Our trip to Paris would not have been completed if we weren't able to come back to this fantastic area, which in itself, had all the necessities of a vacation! We will definitely be recommending, and certainly making a return trip. Merci et a bientot!

Xavier, Marta, Maria & Ure – Barcelona, Spain
1 May 2008

We spent four days in Paris. Wonderful time and a great apartment to stay. Highly recommended. We definitely will come back for a longer stay. Merci beaucoup and a bientot.

H. St. Jacques – Montreal, Canada
10 May 2008

Quelle bonne idée de venir célébrer 30 ans d'amitié à Paris et d'avoir choisi de séjourner dans le 17e! Nous avons apprécié le confort des lieux, la lumière, seule la télécommande de la télé nous est restée mystérieusement inopérable. Au plaisir de répéter l'expérience.

Annie, Mimi & Sarah – Vermont, USA
20 May 2008

We loved our stay in Paris! What a terrific apartment, neighborhood and city! We will come back again for a longer stay. Thank you!

Toni, Janine, Jodie, Georgia & Olivia – Australia
16 June 2008

Four days in Paris, so much to see – the apartment was just what we needed at the end of a long day of sightseeing! Everything we needed was just around the corner! An enjoyable stay!

Michael & Cheryl – Atlanta, GA
19 July 2008

Bonjour tout le monde! We spent a week here enjoying a lovely lune de miel. (Honeymoon – one of the few things that is literally translated between English and French). We loved walking arm in arm through all the wonderful neighborhoods our legs could carry us through. The last time we came was 2003 when I ran the Paris marathon. The apartment was lovely and the immediate neighborhood was great. It is only a very short walk down rue de Rome to the Grands Magasins to shop. If you are musician, there are many great musical instrument stores along that walk, especially vintage stringed instruments. We can't wait to come back. It was fun to read the other entries and see how many Canadians stayed here. I am a Canadian, although I live in the US. I hope any who read this enjoy their visit as much as we did.

Gord, Joanne, Thomas & Jennifer – New Westminster, BC, Canada
27 July 2008

We thoroughly enjoyed our stay at Parisian Living – beautiful apartment, beautiful neighborhood, beautiful city! An added bonus is the fact that most major areas are walkable, Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées, Montmartre, and even the Eiffel Tower and the Villiers metro is close by for further journeys. Many thanks to Gail and Yasmin for all their help and tour and for being here for us when we arrived. Can't wait to come back!

Hess-Childs Family – Toronto, Canada
16 August 2008

A lovely 5 nights, for our family of 4. The boys at ages 10 and 13 were a bit cranky on the fold out, but otherwise, the apartment was perfect. And sharp knives! Truly wonderful for anyone who likes to cook. So we shopped for dinner, and ate, and walked and rode the metro. We have thighs of steel, perfect for our next stage, in the Alps of Chamonix. "Parisian Living" exceeded our expectations, and we are leaving a contented family.

Kathy & Marilee – WA, USA
6 September 2008

We loved the neighborhood and feeling like we're living in Paris, if only for a few days.

Jim, Kylie, Robbie & Leni – Western Australia
20 September 2008

A marathon week of walking, sightseeing, eating and drinking and at the end of each day a wonderful, comfortable “home” waiting for us. The best part of Paris? Where to begin? Too many to name. But certainly on our list, the apartment at the top of the fourth floor at 19 rue Saussure. Thank you for providing everything we could need! Cheers!

The Maslaks – Chatham, Ontario, Canada
28 September 2008

Our apartment here was truly wonderful. It was great to be so close to rue de Levis where we could eat, shop, and walk to the nearest subway. We strongly suggest going to Versailles and renting a boat. It was great fun. We also enjoyed biking around the gardens (you can rent bikes) it was easy transportation to the Grand and Petit Trianon! By the way, if you are ever looking for a chocolate shop, we loved Jeff de Bruges right around the corner on rue de Levis.

Rhonda, Nat & Julie – ON, Canada
18 October 2008

What a spectacular first visit to Paris! We thoroughly enjoyed our stay here at Parisian Living! The neighborhood is quiet in the evening and the market around the corner is bustling in the mornings. It's a perfect location to find fresh croissants in the morning and great pastries for dessert (our favorite was les Amis Ange). The location of the apartment couldn't be better. Close to major attractions, easy access via metro Villiers – we would definitely recommend the orange card for extended stays. The last 20 stairs to get to the apartment were always a challenge at the end of the day, but the very comfortable bed made up for it!

Carmel & Vin – Melbourne, Australia
25 October 2008

We had a short but lovely stay in Paris. Walking our legs off and climbed so many steps we now have thighs of steel. Thanks for this lovely comfortable apartment – our best accommodation in our 6 weeks through Europe. We would love to return some day. Don't miss the Eiffel Tower sparkling just before the hour each night – best seen up on the Trocadero terrace: a free spectacular! Peace and best wishes to all the PerfectlyParis travelers!

Chris & Catherine – NSW, Australia
3 November 2008

A lovely area – we will miss our little “Paris apartment”. Thanks for the opportunity to experience this magical city.

Jack, Linda, Aria & Tiana – Hawaii, US
21 November 2008

We had a nice stay here in Paris. Five days were not near enough, we will have to come back sometime and just stay in Paris. We climbed to the top of Notre Dame for a scary and wonderful view. Thanks for the nice comfortable home, surrounded by so many patisseries.

Azman, Aisfina, Intan Hairina, Haziq Syaznir – Malaysia
10 December 2008

We had a great time in Paris. We have been to many places, such as Eiffel Tower, Pantheon, Arc de Triomphe and so on. We like the apartment. It is very nice place. Thanks to Gail for making arrangement for our stay. We hope to be back in Paris again.

Ellen, Ben & Wesley Morrison
26 December 2008

Another wonderful stay in a PerfectlyParis apartment (our 4th, I think!). We came just for a few days over Christmas and Paris was beautiful as always. We enjoyed a walk in Parc Monceau, going to our favorite boulangerie in Montmartre (Coquelicot, by Abbesses metro) and Christmas morning in the apartment – our baby's first Christmas! It was a great way to spend the holiday and we can't wait to come back!

Alex, Sophia, Michelle & Nick – Katoomba, Australia
26 January 2009

We have had a wonderful stay in Paris. Great food, great accommodation and great for kids but the best thing would have to be coming back to the apartment when we have just had a bit walking day in Paris. Many thanks.

Liona, Steve, Eleonor and Rebecca
16 February 2009

Perfectly Paris? Oui, c'est magnifique! Merci mille fois.

Miles and Nerys
13 March 2009

We were amazed at how close we were to the centre of the action – twenty minutes from the Arc, twenty minutes from Montmartre and the magnificent metro a few minutes away – loved Parc Monceau as well. Great apartment in a great location.

20 March 2009

We are so happy!

Summary:

Artisan boulangerie

Bistro de Theo – rue des Dames

9th floor Printemps dept store on blvd Haussman (via Home store) + terrace cafe view of Tour Eiffel or Trocadero terrace

Top of Notre Dame = scary and wonderful. Thanks guys

Oh, trash pickup 6:45 and 7:30 AM Wednesday... should be up anyway.

Adriene, Carolyn and Maureen
26 May 2009

Collette and Niall,

What a wonderful time we have had in just a short stay (2 nights). Apartment was fab and so relaxing. We walked Paris and took the metro to see all the sights. We got out to French open and saw Nadal and Federer play on center court, what more could you ask for.

It was great to be so near all the shops and each morning we went down to buy our fruit and croissants for breakfast. I would like to take the comfy bed home to Ireland with me.

Thank you for letting us stay in your apartment. We had a lovely time and hope to return.

Joy and Mal Argyle – Canberra, Australia
2 June 2009

We have had a busy but enjoyable stay in Paris. We found the apartment very comfortable and loved the local area. The markets with all the fresh produce was fantastic and we enjoyed picking up fresh baguettes and croissants each day. It was incredibly easy to catch the metro in and out of the city and some days we were on very late at night but always felt safe. The Villiers Metro station is close by and the five day pass was great value. Also don't forget to show it at tourist attractions as in some places you will get a discount. Highlights – Moulin Rouge (a must), Eiffel Tower (at day and night) and climbing up the Arc de Triomphe (you will already be prepared for the steps, having been up and down these ones). A tip for the bathroom: if the water is slow to warm up for a shower, run the hot water tap in the sink it will come quicker. Many thanks to Preston for the warm welcome and general advice. The Italian restaurant at the end of the street is nice. We hope all future guests enjoy Paris as much as we did.

Monique and Shantha – Sydney, Australia
6 June 2009

Paris is truly a magical city and the perfect way to end our holiday after a 2-week cruise of the Medd. So lovely to soak in the culture of Parisian local life and escape the majority of tourists, weather has been perfect, too! Loved to visit the food market in rue de Levis, climbing to the top of the hill at Sacre Coeur, wandering around Montmartre where the famous impressionists once lived, lunch on the terrace 9th floor of Printemps and to top in off.. the Eiffel Tower of course! The apartment is nice and handy to the metro and food, food, glorious food. We found most of the people here very kind and helpful.

Disappointing we could not get the English channels on TV but apartment from that – a lovely apartment! Great kitchen and all the amenities you could ask for! Thank you Gail and Preston we will recommend your apartments – tres bon!

Jim and Pat Lewis – Edinburgh, Scotland
20 June 2009

Superb flat in a lovely district, so convenient for the metro, shopping and the local atmosphere. We have so enjoyed our visit to Paris and hope to return again sometime.

Mehmet – Turkey
29 June 2009

A perfect week in my first visit to Paris. We bought our Paris Visite card which let us travel with the metro and bus for one week unlimitedly and enjoyed it a lot.

No doubt about how perfect Paris is but not the same for French people. Being a student in a university in the department of translation and interpretation in French, I am surprised about French people – how they can be rude, uncivilized – of course we met some helpful ones but in fact especially the ones who work in Monoprix in the “rue de Levis” make me hate them, if possible, do you shoppings somewhere else. Except this I loved Paris so much and really had so much fun.

Tom, Oksona, Eugene, Sasha, Alla – Atlanta and Macon, GA, USA

Top 10 Reasons This Stay in Paris was Incredible:

10: Eugene (14) : The women are beautiful!

9: People (Sasha 11) were so nice and friendly!

8: Location made travel by train, metro, bus, bike and feet all easily accessible.

- 7: It was the first European vacation for my wife and family... and by far the most memorable (Tom 33)
- 6: The city lives from morning to dusk and never sleeps... just look out the windows! (Oksana 35)
- 5: You can't throw a rock without touching a historical park, monument, building, etc. (Eugene 14)
- 4: There is always something to do! (Sasha 11)
- 3: Of course, the kitchen... you come home with food from Levis market and make a meal ! (Alla 60)
- 2: This place is the heartbeat of fashion. You'll fall in love with how they dress (Oksana)
- 1: You can't bottle this experience up and sell it because if you could, everyone would want to do it. This place IS the standard for getting a glimpse at being Parisian! (Tom 33)

Catherine and James Bell
October 2009

We loved staying in this apartment for two glorious weeks! It is so light and sunny with a fabulous flow of fresh air through the rooms! Location in perfect – close to wonderful food shops, markets and the metro! Last year we stayed for two weeks in Montmartre which we also enjoyed... but...loads more stops and steep streets! I particularly enjoyed Batignolles for its flatness.

Jim Garb – Cape Cod, MA, USA
22 October 2009

My 10th trip to Paris, and certainly among the best. The apartment was wonderful and just as advertised, except the quartier was ever better than I'd expected. It's been great to be staying a residential area and really feel like you're living comme un Parisien.

Charles and Jane – Washington, DC, USA
23 October 2009

Here we go: after a week in Montmartre, lets see what happens here. Montmartre of course was fabulous but so far this seems a lot more natural. Looking forward to the experience.

Lindie and Bob Rogers
14 November 2009

Loved it. Loved rue de Levis and buying dinner and wine and coming back to “chausse” - we were very comfortable. Would write more, but got to get our taxi! Thanks, we had a great stay.