

## Artists' Corner Guest Comments

**Kevin & Amanda Lavoie – British Columbia, Canada**  
**April 2017**

Well located, quiet! In the heart of Montmartre without being in the busiest part. Would stay here again.

**Sarah Loven – USA**  
**March 2017**

The flat is minimal eclectic style, which I felt was warm and homey while not feeling too cluttered. Felt like lots of space for a Paris flat. The windows keep the street noise out great, and it's on a more quiet side street. There's a little market on the corner and boulangerie up the block. Just a 10 min walk from the famous picturesque streets of Montmartre, and 10 min walk from Moulin Rouge (which is by the metro) or Sacre Coeur. A little far from the main tourist attractions (20ish minute drive to Eiffel Tower) but it's in one of the best neighborhoods for that old Parisian charm. Gail is wonderful and made everything easy for our stay there. We stayed all month and felt perfectly at home! Would visit again! PS- all the cherry blossom trees bloom the last week of March! Thanks for being a great host and for the effortless stay in Paris!

**Sandra Brun – Aix-en-Provence, France**  
**2 December 2017**

Nous avons passé un très bon séjour dans cet appartement, qui est spacieux et joli dans le style haussmannien traditionnel, situé à deux minutes à pied de la partie commerçante de Montmartre et 10 minutes des Batignolles. Petite rue calme à l'écart de l'agitation. Le lit et le canapé lit sont tous les deux confortables. Gail a été très accommodante pour notre arrivée, et il y avait plein d'indications dans l'appartement concernant des choses à faire dans le quartier et les meilleurs restaurants de Paris. Super!"

**Fran and Andre – Seattle, USA**  
**7 October 2016**

A wonderful place with every amenity. Spacious and cosy at the same time. Excellent location. We highly recommend the Creperie Broceliande on rue des Trois Frères. Thank you!

**Stephan Craig – USA**  
**September 2016**

Thank you so much for the nice apartment in such a great location. We enjoyed as much of Paris as we could in 3 days. I love Montmartre – It bought back many memories from when my parents and I stayed her 8 years ago.

**Rick and Sally Balmer – Toranto, Canada**  
**September 2016**

Good close access to supermarket and a lot of small restaurants, boulageries and ice cream shops. The best lunchtime café was the Botak café, east side of Sacré Coeur. Good food and affordable prices.

**Reno Ciolfi – West Vancouver, BC**  
**August 2016**

Staying in the Artists Corner apartment made us feel that we were part of the local community. The information provided us, the attention to each detail and the nature of the accommodation itself made our stay in Paris unforgettable. Thank you for maintaining such a quality accommodation and for all of the details that you attended to in making our stay so enjoyable and memorable. Your experience and attention to detail were evident to us. Thank you!!!

**Josh, Vicky and Penny Peck – USA**  
**July 2016**

What a perfect apartment for our little family vacation. My 12 year old daughter says to eat at La Rughetta and get gelato at Amirino – don't worry about the line, it goes fast. My husband recommends a little trip to Bois Boulogne to walk around the lake. Bring 50 euros with you for your boat deposit and have lunch on the Chalet on the island. Many thanks to Georgina and Gail for thinking of everything and being so organised. We've had a wonderful time !

**Jessie Keyt – New York, NY**  
**June-July 2016**

I've been coming to Paris every summer for work for the past three years. I stay a long enough time to really get a feel for the apartment and neighborhood and I have to say this has been my favorite stay yet. The apartment is spacious, full of character, quiet, and authentic. The spare sofa bed really does enable the space to feel like two separate bedrooms and the washer/dryer is a plus. Its location is ideal--close enough to the heart of Montmartre to take advantage of all it has to offer, and yet far enough way to feel like a resident and not a tourist. Gail was amazing as a host. I am generally wary of apartment management companies due to poor experiences in the past, but I recommend Gail without hesitation. She was always available when I needed her, incredibly efficient, helpful and considerate. I would use her service again in a heartbeat. (And if I ever manage to get a Parisian apartment of my own, I know who I'll ask to manage it!) Gail-I loved staying here. It was perfect for my needs. Thanks for being so available.

**Chris Dennis – USA**  
**15 May 2016**

This is our second trip to Paris. Our first time to stay at a PerfectlyParis apartment. We loved it. Close to metro, restaurants and bakeries. The book was very helpful. If you are looking for an American breakfast you will not find it. Cook your own breakfast with fresh eggs, baguette etc... Great croissants near by. We would definitely return as everything fit our needs very well.

**Tom Fortner – Montana, USA**  
**March 2016**

Gail was terrific to work with throughout the entire process. I made a last minute reservation and she was still able to meet me right away. I also locked myself out which she helped me out with. She shouldn't have been a more attentive or accommodating host. The apartment is comfortable and nice, nothing special but good value for the price. Older furnishings etc. The bed and bedding was very comfortable. The apartment is nearby Montmartre, which has some really terrific restaurants and shops. There are 3 nearby metro stops and bus stops, which is very convenient. The apartment is on a very quiet street, which is nice.

**Kay and Tony Baker – UK**  
**24 August 2015**

Paris draws us like a magnet – we are back in Artist Corner. Our first visit was back in August 2007. We recommend Montmartre and PerfectlyParis apartments to everybody. We must have stayed in at least ten and they are all unique. Another brilliant stay. Thank you very much Gail and Charin. We'll be back.

**Jill Thomas – UK**  
**27 June 2015**

A lovely apartment which comfortably accommodates two people. It is as described. The rooms have high ceilings and large windows so the whole apartment feels light and airy. Others commented in the Visitor's Book that they'd found it fine for 4 people. The apartment is very convenient to get to all the main sites in Paris via the Metro or buses. It's an easy walk into the centre of Montmartre. A great selection of food shops are very nearby literally 3 minutes walk, including several lovely cafes and bakeries - so fresh croissants and baguettes can be purchased each day! We'd happily rent the apartment again. Also Gail who manages the apartment is very easy to contact via email and sends quick responses in perfect English. Thank you.

**Shaen and Steve – Central Coast NSW, Australia**  
**5 May 2015**

We have had a wonderful stay at Artist Corner despite the weather. Apart from all the usual sights, the Foundation Louis Vuitton is very worth a visit. The Frank Gehry designed museum is extraordinary – beautiful both inside and out. The exhibition housed there at the moment is not to be missed – featuring everyone from Monet (Waterlilies), and Munch (The Scream), through to Francis Bacon, and the extraordinary works from Scandanavian artists. Beautiful flowers at Jacques Semer, 56 Rue Caulaincourt. We also went to La Chappelle markets and had a wonderful couscous royale for under 20 euros. Hope to be back again soon.

**Denise, Gary, Shaun and Aiden – Sydney, Australia**  
**January 2015**

This is the third time I have used PerfectlyParis and again all was fantastic. So close to everything, so much great food around. Everything you could possibly want and need. Thanks again Gail.

**Roland Toth and family -**  
**8 October 2014**

Thank you for our perfect stay in Paris with our family. We were 4 adults in this cute apartment and we were totally satisfied. We loved the quiet rue Tourlaque. Fantastic walk to metro Abbesses and our favourite restaurant. It was our 5<sup>th</sup> stay in Paris and we were happy to find your apartment. Merci beaucoup and all the best.

**Dave and Sally Hagman – Grand Rapids, USA**  
**April 2014**

We had a wonderful few days here in Paris with our adult kids – it was a gift to just hang out with them as they take a break from their working lives. This apartment worked well for the 4 of us. The sofa bed was terrific and the building very quiet at night, so we all slept very well. The washer/dryer was great – just remember that it takes a while. Happy Easter.

**John, April, Sylvia and Helen**  
**22-29 October 2012**

Gail and Preston, thanks for a great week. We really enjoyed your apartment and we appreciate the help when the code changed. Cheers

**Gail and Dave Coe-USA**  
**17 October 2012**

Arrived after a fabulous week in Aix en Provence, enjoyed sunny high 70° temps and the bright blue waters of the Mediterranean. Had a cool rainy week in Paris, but really enjoyed our first trip here. So much to do but managed to see the Louvre, Rodin Musée, Orsay, Notre Dames and Saint Chapelle. Loved seeing Rodin's works and Renoir's paintings at Orsay. Oh, and the best of all was Cluny Musée with amazing unicorn tapestries. Loved being in the neighborhood of Montmartre (quieter and easier to get around) than down in the big city. Lots of foods and wines to try; great salads and Le Relais Gascon. Loved Le Chinon for late (inexpensive) supper, great food really cute waiters, owners very friendly and helpful with our poor French vocabulary. Best café as well. The apartment was very comfortable and had everything that we needed. We felt very safe and loved having the kitchen for reheating our chickens from Du Roy. Gail (PerfectlyParis), was recommended to us by our dear friend Garbs, and Gail could not have been more helpful. She answered many questions prior to our arrival and upon our arrival! Thanks for making this an awesome week. We will be back to take more of beau Paris!

**Katherine, Regina and Mary-USA**  
**28 September 2012**

We are leaving for Chicago USA today! We have had a very delightful memorable trip! We were here for a family reunion for a dear friend in our traveling group! Artist Corner was host to many family gatherings with great French fromage (cheese), baguettes, pastries, paté, etc....complete with delicious wines. We made this our home for 9 nights! Despite trouble with the TV cable we were entertained :-). Enjoy Paris! Especially the area around Sacre Coeur! Be safe in your travels.

**John and Shelly – near Yosemite, CA, USA**  
**June 2012**

A wonderful stay at Artists' Corner for our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Love the views from the windows and the comfort of the apartment! Bread lovers: Poilane in St Germain or closer to apartment Gontran Cherrier (22 rue Caulaincourt or 23 rue des Abbesses) for exceptional baguettes (voted best in Paris) and unusual daily breads. Apartment is well located for travel and return to a home base. Truly hope to return to this very unit in the near future. Can't wait to come back!

**Helena and Daphne – Johannesburg, South Africa**  
**May 2012**

Had a wonderful first visit to Paris. Loved the apartment. Tried out lots of different eateries. Used 80 bus and did an incredible amount of walking. Loved the Sacre Coeur and the Seine. Wonderful warm weather. I love Paris in the springtime. Amazing first visit. Would love to visit again. Apartment perfect. Weather played along. Thank you!

**Hilary and Shannon – Vancouver, Canada**  
**6 May 2012**

Despite the spring rains during our stay, we had a wonderful visit. Beginning with a lovely bottle of wine upon our arrival, (thank you!), we felt right at home here. It's a lovely area, and we derived as much pleasure from getting "lost" roaming the little side streets as we did seeing the more touristy attractions. Paris is a city where the magic lies in its unexpected discoveries – the little fromageries, cafes, and boulangeries are what create its wonderful charm. Staying here let us feel like we were a part of that magic, even if only for a week... thank you for a wonderful holiday, we will be back!

**Lisa and Sandy – Canada**  
**31 March 2012**

Dear Gail and PerfectlyParis crew - Many thanks for a great apartment and so well situated for all our adventures near the Place de Clichy metro station. Thank you for the lovely bottle of wine as well. We took advantage of all the boulangeries and enjoyed having a 'home' in Paris. The sun shone for us

every day, we visited galleries, museums, and were fortunate to go on 4 great guided walking tours. We were awestruck by Chartres Cathedral and will return. As always, every trip to France leaves us wanting to return – for the kindness and politeness of strangers, the excellent food and wine, the wonderful public transit, parks and the civility of France. A bientot!

**Frank and Jane – USA**  
**January 2012**

New Years in Montmartre was wonderful and we loved the Artists' Corner apartment. It was all we hoped for and more! Seeing the Eiffel Tower light up on NYE was a favorite memory and eating delicious food and drinking outstanding wine was also part of what made our trip great. If looking for delicious vegetarian food, go to Pas Sage Oblique in the Marais!

**Caryn and Mike – via Malmo, Sweden and Portland, Oregon, USA**  
**26 December 2011**

First visit to Paris/France and we felt “magic” immediately upon exiting the staircase of the metro. The apartment is perfect – thank you Gail for the wine and chocolate!

**Tara and Richard**  
**21 November 2011**

You can count us among the fans of the PerfectlyParis apartments and the terrific welcome and superb organization of Gail and Preston. Here at Artists' Corner we enjoyed the sunrise over the graveyard, the fromagerie and plentiful boulangeries, which I'm afraid, we visited daily. A La Pomponette surprised us with a full cast cabaret over Saturday night dinner. For sights, I think we enjoyed most the walks in the Desmons book here, the Ile St Louis, the wonderful Rodin museum and gardens and of course the Musée d'Orsay – all those Renoir, Pissarro and Cezannes (our favourites) in the magnificent Art Deco rail station.

**Graeme and Lee – Brisbane, Australia**  
**17 October 2011**

First visit to Paris. We have loved “our” little apartment, thanks Gail and Preston. We had 6 day Paris Pass – just not enough time to see everything. Food shopping here is a serious (and fun) business. We had a mixture of eating in and eating out. Buses 95 and 80 were great, got us to most of the places we wanted to go. Do the “Bus 69” tour (in Rick Steve's book on the shelf). Our high point (in more ways than one) was lunch at Alain Ducasse's “Jules Verne” restaurant at the Eiffel Tower. Superb! When you come from Australia, everything in Paris is a “museum”, loved every minute of our 2 weeks. Louvre and Versailles – not as invented that describes them

**Brenda and Rick**  
**23 September 2011**

Thanks to Gail and Preston for meeting us. Have had yet another great visit in Paris. Loved our apartment and location. We felt very comfortable dealing with PerfectlyParis. Only complaint, lots of cigarette butts littering the streets. Highlight: touring the Opera Garnier. Fabulous!

**Mark and Annette – Ceres, Victoria, Australia**  
**11 September 2011**

This is our first trip to Paris and we've absolutely loved it. Have much preferred staying here at Artists' Corner to be living in a hotel. The area is beautiful, local businesses terrific and we used public transport daily; some days were more successful than others. The phone and computer were fabulous and very much appreciated. Thank you!

**The Halley Family – Maryland, USA**  
**19 August 2011**

We really enjoyed our stay here in Paris, and the apartment. The food was really good! The cemetery tour is not to be missed. Thank you Gail!

**L & B – Queensland, Australia**  
**3 August 2011**

Artists' Corner was recommended by some friends – we were not disappointed! Thanks to Gail I went on the best shopping trips: Vallée Village (near Disneyland in Paris suburbs). Last year we did the tourist buses, this year we used the metro and city buses. With much help from lovely French locals, we managed to find our way. This was the best time to be in Paris because our Australian 'Cadel Evans' won the TDF. The first Aussie in history!! Loved Montmartre, the best fruit and meat we have enjoyed anywhere. After trial and error, we found Rick Steve's Paris 2011 guide to be most accurate – for everything. This book is in your shelf here. Beware, the city buses are tricky, as some stops are not numbered in the bus route guide. We used 80+95 to get most places. Can't wait to return and see more, especially Versailles.

**The Mitchell Family – South Africa**  
**9 July 2011**

Trip was for pleasure and to show our daughters (11 + 14) the Paris, which we had enjoyed (esp. Montmartre) many years ago. Lovely, well-equipped apartment – Thanks Gail for all the correspondence leading up to the visit. Good weather – a bit cooler than we were expecting though, but not much rain to spoil sightseeing. Went to all the usual tourist spots. A highlight was the paleontology part of the Natural History Museum. Would love to come back one day!!

**Mervyn and Elizabeth**  
**4-7 March 2011**

We stayed for three nights – crisp, cold but clear days so we really appreciated the warm apartment when we came back from our walks. We also appreciated the WIFI. We watched Amelie on our iPad and it was a nice touch to add the computer laptop for our use – and the bottle of wine on arrival! We were just the two of us since our teenager stayed home so that was a romantic opportunity – we were engaged here 39 year ago! Merv also ran the half marathon so it was an eventful time too. We will definitely tell our friends – thank you for a lovely time in Artists' Corner in a super location.

**The Donnellan Family**  
**23-28 December 2010**

We arrived in snow, and the cemetery looked beautiful from the kitchen. With a pretty thick covering! Snow fell again, and we seemed to have Montmartre to ourselves! Everybody else was sensibly indoors. Our last days were bright but cold. We thoroughly enjoyed our stay here. Thank you.

**John and Karen – England**  
**17-22 October 2010**

We very much enjoyed our stay in 'Artists' Corner', which has been so thoughtfully and comfortably furnished. This is our first stay in Montmartre and the excellent location enabled easy and enjoyable food shopping, visiting Sacre Coeur and the museum de Montmartre very relaxed. Thanks to Preston for friendly and helpful welcome.

**Ming, Michelle and Clive – Melbourne, Australia**  
**5-13 October 2010**

Our second trip to France and Paris and our 1<sup>st</sup> stay in Montmartre. Artists' Corner is in an excellent location, between Lamarck and Abbesses metros, and bus 95 around the corner. The little mini-market at the end of the street stocks everything, the cafes and restaurants are plentiful and we enjoyed munching on freshly made crepes as we strolled. Weather superb – between 18-24C. No rain!

**Lawrence and Doris – Melbourne, Australia**  
**3 October 2010**

We enjoyed our stay in Paris. People were friendly, nice, and helpful at times communication was a problem, but it was overall a wonderful experience.

**Jason and Heather – CA, USA**  
**September 2010**

We loved all of Paris, but especially Montmartre. Make a left on Caulaincourt and you will find the best fromagerie, produce shops, boulangeries, patisserie, cafes and bistros around. Visit the tourist attractions, but spend more time relaxing within 2 square miles of this apartment and you won't regret it. We could definitely return to this apartment next time in Paris!

**Glenda and Manuel – Sydney Australia**  
**24 July – 21 August 2010**

Had an amazing time. Love being residents of Artists' Corner. We found all French people very friendly and helpful, at the metro, railways and shops. Thank you to Preston for your help on arrival and the owners for all the lovely books to read, the DVDs, the Internet and the phone, we felt very comfortable in your lovely apartment. Everything we needed was here.

**Vincent and Theresa – Paramus, NJ, USA**  
**15-21 July 2010**

We have had an amazing stay here at Artists' Corner and are sad to leave. We loved having coffee at our little breakfast table while enjoying the beautiful architecture out the large open window. The apartment is so convenient to the metro – we've been using Abbesses station with our 5-day Paris Visite. We were surprised to see that the apartment has Internet but have not been using it, or the TV since the cafes are so lively to enjoy at night. Thank you Gail and Preston. We will be back!

**Ric and Susan – Perth, Western Australia**  
**28 June-3 July 2010**

We loved Artists' Corner – great location, comfortable – a little home away from home. Our first time in Paris and we tried to do it all – bike tour, walking, Versailles, Louvre, river cruise, eating and drinking at little bars and cafes – what a great trip. We did actually take time to just relax and watch the world go by, especially in Montmartre. Off to Burgundy for 2 weeks of cycling which will be fabulous. Thank you Gail and Preston for a lovely stay.

**Pat, Malcolm, Mary and Gil – Tucson, AZ, USA**  
**11-18 June 2010**

Our first time in Artists' Corner but second time with PerfectlyParis. The new couch is fabulous – comfortable, well constructed. Thank you for this upgrade! (The bed is comfortable, too). We thoroughly enjoyed the location, and appreciated the separation – but closeness – to the Abbesses crowd. The cemetery was also fascinating. The south proof windows are so effective – merci. Thanks for a great apartment.

**Christine and Marc – Launceston, TAS, Australia**

## **25 May-51 May 2010**

Returning guests from 2008. Great to return to our 'familiar apartment and area'. Seems like we never left. We love this area, steeped in so much history. The cafe culture is always enjoyed. I think we must have eaten in every single one in the vicinity.

## **Damian, Marilyn, Matthew – Cold Coast, Australia 15-22 May 2010**

We loved coming home to Artists' Corner each night after wandering around Paris. Loved Montmartre and all of the quaint streets. Gail was fantastic giving lots of information and assistance. We found recommend it to all of our friends. P.S. The neighbours were very nice and one helped us with our suitcase.

## **Burden Family – Vancouver, BC, Canada 15 May 2010**

We loved our corner of Paris! Thank you. We will see you again!

## **Marcella and Jeremiah 8 May 2010**

Artists' Corner really was "our home in Paris". Loved everything about it and had fabulous time. We hope and look forward to coming again and again. Thank you.

## **Lindsay, Gaby, Amber and Jordan – Lake Charm, Victoria, Australia April 2010**

We enjoyed our week in Paris and I'm glad we chose Montmartre as our base. We only just got into Europe with the volcano in Iceland erupting and the ash cloud causing all airports to close. We enjoyed buying our daily cheese, bread, meat and fruit and veg down Caulaincourt. The French people have been very helpful, helping us with directions, on the metro and with our French. We enjoyed meals at Chez Ginette (75 Euros family of four) including snails, Lui l'Insolent (135 Euros) don't drink soda as it's very expensive – ask for a carafe d'eau instead and a lovely meal in a pleasant environment at Au Peid du Scare Coeur (114 Euros). Thank you Preston, very helpful. Thank you for a lovely week and home base.

## **David and Kate – Wetherby, Yorkshire, England March 2010**

Our fifth time in Paris together and one of the best places we have stayed. Thank you Gail and Preston. The apartment is all it promised to be.

## **Troy and Narelle – Brisbane, Australia 21 March 2010**

Our third visit to Paris and our longest stay of 1 month during our 6-month journey of a lifetime in Europe! What a great apartment in the best area of Paris – Montmartre is one of the few places that does not "shut down" on Sundays. Given the length of our trip and our budget, we did not eat out a lot but found all of the food (and wine) we needed to create wonderful meals here in the apartment. Having an oven is a real treat. We also enjoyed our "foodie tour" in the 6<sup>th</sup> including free samples at the "Grand Epicerie", bread from Poilane, *macarons* from Pierre Hermé and the best tinned food (real gourmet meals) from Comtesse du Berry. We also loved sharing gyros (or 2) in the Latin Quarter. We love the baguettes, especially from the boulangerie on Caulaincourt and the one on rue Lepic (about half way down on the right after turning in from rue des Abbesses) – try them all and choose your own favorites! We got to Musée d'Orsay this time and were not disappointed. It was a bit crowded as it got later but it was free on the first Sunday of the month (as many museums and monuments) so to

be expected! L'Orangerie is worth a look if you are a real Monet fan. Free International calls were a real bonus – it was great to talk to all our friends and family after being away from home for 3 months. We could go on forever about how lovely Paris is, but we are madly trying to wash, pack, etc. before our next leg in southern Italy. It was really cold when we arrived, which means less tourists but not so pleasant to be out all day. It has really warmed up this last week (up to 18°C) and we have really enjoyed seeing the landscape change – everyone outside enjoying the warmth at cafés and parks – Parisians really do know how to “live life”. Many thanks to Gail & Preston. Cheers for now (au revoir)!

**Liz, Paul and Mia – London and Adelaide, Australia**

**22 January 2010**

Had a wonderful time in Paris! The apartment was comfortable and has everything we needed. Plus it is in a prime local with cute little food stores lining the nearby streets. Great to be in Montmartre – the buses were a great way to get around. We'll be back!!

**Anthea, Oscar and Henry – Perth, Australia**

**17 January 2010**

We have had a wonderful time in Paris and have really enjoyed being residents at Artists' Corner at Montmartre. It has been wonderful having room to spread out and being able to cook after interesting shopping expeditions in the nearby streets. With a jacket, hot scarf and gloves, winter is a great time to visit with no queues to speak of at any of the sights. Au revoir!

**Tony and Marion – English Lake District**

**31 October 2009**

We have spent a fine week in Paris enjoying the convenience of this little apartment and having a grand time doing the rounds of the city. Preston and Joseph were very helpful in ensuring we settled in and ironing out a few initial problems. This said, we found the downstairs tenant to be a pain, playing music into the small hours. We adopted a French solution: take a shoe in your hand and hang loudly 3 times on the bedroom floor – it works!

**John and Louise – Sydney, Australia**

**9 October 2009**

Gail and “PerfectlyParis” had been recommended to us by friends and we were not disappointed. From our warm and friendly welcome to our departure everything was fine. We found it so hard to venture away from Montmartre district – it took 2 days before we got on a metro or bus, up to then seeing everything within walking distance. Loved the shops, particularly Lamarck, Caulaincourt and Damremont. Food shops fantastic, cheeses, chocolates, breads and a special mention for Avec Ceux-Ci, just past the boulangerie on rue Damremont. This is where we bought our evening meals, beautiful traditional French cooking, just bring it home and heat. We found everyone very friendly and patient with our attempts to converse in French. We must come back and do this again.

**Leigh and Steve Edwards – Melbourne, Australia**

**18 September 2009**

As first time visitors to Paris, we had an unbelievable week! We have done all the usual “touristy” things, and always comment about how much we enjoy coming “home” to Artists' Corner. We love the hilly streets, the pavement cafes, the amazing array of food shops and even the creaky floors and the neighbour who plays rap music! Our favourite eatery/bar is Le Comptoir des Bellettes on rue Lamarck. It is run by some lovely young women who make simple but tasting fare (especially the quiche Lorraine) and are always smiling. (we were very tolerant of our attempts at French!) We feel quite sad that we are leaving this wonderful place, but we are already planning our next trip!

**Mike and Lyndsay and soon to be baby Theo**

**31 August 2009**

This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> time together in Paris but my 25<sup>th</sup> at least. I must say that I have enjoyed the city on this occasion more than I ever did in the past. This is a great area and the apartment was just right. I would recommend seeing Paris to anyone but staying in this apartment has made it so worth our

while. There are so many lovely food bits on rue Lepic and extra fig jam is to die for. Moulin Rouge was great as was Rock-en-Seine. And we got engaged!

**Adrian and Vera Staub – Northampton, MA, USA**

**23 August 2009**

We're a father and daughter (age 7) in Paris for a week before heading to England for an academic conference (Dad's a professor). We loved the apartment and the neighborhood! We had a wonderful week exploring Montmartre and all of Paris. I became an expert on French playgrounds! It was a relaxing end-of-summer week, with perfect weather, before starting, respectively, the Fall semester and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Thanks PerfectlyParis!

**Nigel, Sue and Laura Cox – Canterbury, England**

**7 August 2009**

Above all, we loved living in Artists' Corner for these few days. So bright and airy and comfortable. Thank you very much!

**Clark and Katie Lewis – Minnesota, USA**

**1 May 2009 – 30 May 2009**

Enjoyed the apartment, the neighborhood, Paris and France. Highly recommend extended stays!

**Fran and Sam – Leeds, UK**

**24 December 2008**

Firstly we zipped up the Eiffel Tower. Then we did a Montmartre walk, then hired a bike from on Velib', looked around the Latin Quarter, went ice skating at Hotel de Ville, missed the metro back from Cardinal Lemoine. Was amazing! Went to see Monet, the Louvre and the sewer museum! Merci, we loved the apartment.

**Mike and Debbie Steele – Columbus, OH, USA**

**11 November 2008**

Gail and Preston, thanks for all. Apartment was great and convenient to our travels in Paris. We will recommend it.

**Jane and Pete Klaiber – Moscow, Idaho, USA**

**31 October 2008**

We loved having an apartment instead of a hotel room – so much more room and it made us feel part of the neighborhood. Seeing the lights go on the Eiffel Tower at night – was incredible! Eating cheese and drinking great wine – it was amazing and so are the pomme frites and escargots.

**Royden and Nancy Josephson – Ashcroft, British Columbia, Canada**

**10 October 2008**

Paris has a delight, a moment of awe and even those of discomfort at every turn. We feel so privileged to have been able to have “home base” at Artists' Corner to taste her many treasures.

**Joe and Kathy DeStadio – Massachusetts, USA**

**18 October 2008**

Apartment was quite nice! Floors are squeaky though! Overall - a wonderful trip.

**Raewyn and Keith Harris – Napier, New Zealand**

**31 July 2008**

Thank you for providing all that you promised. The apartment had all the amenities and we really got to know the immediate area. It was quiet and comfortable and was an excellent base from which we could explore.

**Julie, Jeremy, Curtis, Clare – Melbourne, Australia**

**19 July 2008**

Montmartre is so beautiful! Besides the cigarette butts and crazy French drivers, everything here is so much like the little "Parisian" streets you imagine when you think of Paris. When the sun lowers closer to the horizon and the shadows spread across the old apartment with their delicate flower pots and decorative black railings, you cannot help but love this city and you forget that it is over run by annoying, non-French speaking tourists like us! We certainly hope to come back to Paris one day but who knows how far away that will be? Anyway, thanks so much for letting us stay in your little apartment, "Artists' Corner" we are quite pleased with it. We love Paris!

**Michele, Susan and Gina – New York, USA**

**9 May 2008**

Thank you so much Gail and PerfectlyParis for giving us the most perfect place to stay. Can we buy it? We would like to stay forever. The neighborhood is perfect. We loved coming home each night to such a great place. We will be back!

**Laura and Carli – Seattle, WA, USA**

**30 March 2008**

Thank you to the staff and owners for this beautiful apartment to stay in. We will definitely recommend it!

**The Mulligans – Kingston, Ontario, Canada**

**20 March 2008**

Many thanks to Preston who patiently waited for us on the 15<sup>th</sup>. We just had to drive! Heavy traffic started in Bourg St. Maurice and once we got off the periferique, we stopped! We never got lost, but knowing where to turn was simply an educated guess in the rain and street signs on buildings. We were 2.5 hours late! Preston remained sincere throughout. Thanks to the owners who rent their place out to make money of course but also for the pleasure of others to enjoy and have a better experience while in Paris. This is our 2<sup>nd</sup> time here and combine we have seen/done much that there is to do and look forward for finer restaurants, time to shop selfishly and the nightlife.

**Greg and Mary Finstad – Minneapolis, MN, USA**

**4 Oct 2007**

**What we did:** Walked everywhere in Montmartre, along the Seine, down the Champs Elysées, to the Eiffel Tower, used the metro and buses. Ate at a wonderful restaurant every evening.

**Favorite Moment:** The view from the steps of Sacré Coeur overlooking the city. We are off to Burgundy for a few days and then back to Paris. We are going to miss this apartment and neighborhood. This is truly PerfectlyParis! We would come back again and again.

**Daryl and Annick Moore – Etowah, TN, USA**

**23 September 2007**

**What we did:** Walked and walked and walked! Saw all of the sites – Louvre, Sacré Coeur, Moulin Rouge, Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, Opera, Arc de Triomphe and shopping!

**Favorite Moment:** Sitting at the sidewalk cafés and people watching – especially the children. And bread, bread and more bread!

A special thanks to Gail who made our trip wonderful and hassle free. You are indeed a joy a work with!

**Tony and Kay Baker – Bedford, England**

**18 August 2007**

**Purpose of your trip:** To spend time in Paris, our favorite city (our 15<sup>th</sup> visit).

**Places I would recommend:** Le Train Bleu at Gare de Lyon – go and have a coffee- it is quite spectacular.

**Favorite moments:** Spent several evenings up in Clairon des Chasseurs at Place du Tertre – very accomplished guitarist every night. Entertainment around the Pompidou Center is well worth a visit. Watch the artists at work around Place du Tertre. Look at the Eiffel Tower from the high point in front of Sacré Coeur, it bursts into lights every night on the hour.

**Notes:** The apartment is well appointed, very convenient for local shops and getting about. We thoroughly enjoyed it.

**Patrick, Dee, Rachel and John Tynan – Manchester, UK**

**4 August 2007**

A big thank you to Gail for helping to make everything so straightforward especially for delivering the Eurodisney tickets we had left at home! The apartment was great even for a family of four – some of the chairs do “sneak up on you” though. Don’t lean back on them! Forget the metro! Use the 95 bus to go to the Louvre and the 80 to go to the Eiffel Tower. Buy a carnet of 10 tickets from the metro stop. Musée d’Orsay is better than the Louvre. Allow 3 hours minimum. Montmartrobus is great to help you find your bearings though Sacré Coeur is a little plagued by “sellers”. High mass at 11 AM on Sunday is a treat. Fantastic city, hope you fellow travelers enjoy it too.

**Blaine and Rachel McCafferty – San Diego, CA, USA**

**2 July 2007**

Thank you for a wonderful little piece of heaven here in Montmartre. We will be back – sooner than later, we hope. God bless all who stay here.

**Darelle & Hannah Chacon – San Diego, CA, USA**

**2 July 2007**

This was my fourth visit to Paris, however it has been 26 years since my previous visit (it was my honeymoon the last time!). I don’t want to wait too long before my next visit. Such a vibrant and beautiful city. Most everyone we encountered was so kind and helpful. I do hope that folks at home are always as kind. Could imagine just staying here in the lovely apartment for months. Hope to stay here again. Loved the neighborhood, just strolling around. Absolutely lovely!

**Ann & David – Michigan, USA**

**21 May 2007**

Apartment here is very nice and convenient to our family. It is so much homier to stay here than in a hotel. Our own schedule of breakfast, etc. Gail, your hospitality is great- we really appreciate you so much! Thanks for making it so easy for us.

**René, Janice & David – Brandon, Manitoba, Canada**

**9 May 2007**

The apartment was a wonderful place to stay in a lovely part of Paris. Very convenient and comfortable. Maybe some day, I’ll be back and if I am, this is where I’d want to stay. Thank you!

**Helene, Nicole and Natalie Deguise – Holland**

**2 May 2007**

This apartment was fabulous and met all of our needs. The views from the windows are beautiful and the location is just right. Thank you!

**Cay & Ray Middleton – New Zealand**

**3 November 2006**

Thank you to Gail for not minding all our questions and for helping when one of our suitcases was lost between Vienna and Paris. We enjoyed being Parisians for a week!

**Kim and Steve – Portland, OR, USA**

**24 October 2006**

We really enjoyed the apartment & all the creative comforts of home. Well done. Thanks to Gail & Nataliya.

**Evan and Martin Dance – London, UK**

**September 2006**

Thanks Preston and Gail for a great stay! Cheers.

**Rose and Tony – Australia****16 September 2006**

Gail and Nataliya, thank you for the wonderful opportunity to stay in your apartment. It is well stocked and very convenient. It was a wonderful refuge from our hectic days in Paris. We hope to visit again.

**Chris & Becky Doley – Birmingham, England****19 August 2006**

We loved cooking in the kitchen, buying fresh fruits and vegetables. Loved Montmartre. Fresh croissants, pain au chocolates are very important! Metro is so easy to use: Use rue Lamarck to get to apartment and back – no hill! English TV on Jimmy channel (sometimes). Enjoyed the location and apartment very much, really felt like we were in Paris. Hope to come again.

**Martin, Phil & Michaela McCaffrey – Belfast, Ireland****12 August 2006**

**What we did:** Visit many sights – walked lots, took train and bus journey- ate and drank “lovely” – shopped millions – slept very little, thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

**Notes:** Apartment great, well-equipped, fantastic location. Wine was great. Whole atmosphere was brilliant. Longer visit required next time we return. Library is great - very informative. Thanks for the wonderful memories.

**Richard, Vikkie & Pam – Isle of Wight, England****1 August 2006**

Everybody was very friendly and helpful. Great place to visit - hope to come back.

**Thomas – Atlanta, GA, USA****23 July 2006**

The place was great, very nice atmosphere. It was very hot but very fun.

**Ruth, Don, Rebekah, Naomi and Lori – Ireland****20 July 2006**

**What we did:** We got a tour around Montmartre. We visited the Eiffel Tower, we went swimming, we went to a children's park (Parc de la Villette), we visited Sacré Coeur and we chilled out.

**Notes:** We all really enjoyed our stay; it was fantastic. Paris is a lovely city & our apartment was cool.

**Courtney Lowery – Texas, USA****24 June 2006**

Thank you so much for letting us stay here. I had so much fun!

**Andrew, Jennifer, Brandon, Amy, Austin, Courtney, Devin & Keeley – Utah, USA****24 June 2007 (We rented Artists Corner and Elegance at Lamarck)**

**Purpose of your trip:** Holiday!

**How we traveled:** Plane, train, bus

**Weather:** Usually pretty warm, partly cloudy

**What we did:** Notre Dame, Versailles, Pompidou, the Louvre, Bon Marché, Arc de Triomphe, Moulin Rouge, Deportation Memorial, Eiffel Tower.

**People I met:** Shopkeepers

**Places we would recommend:** Le Bon Marché for shopping! The Louvre, Notre Dame, Eiffel Tower. Everything is fun in Paris!

**Favorite moments:** My mom got stuck in the doors on the subway train. She's all right.

**Notes:** Paris is a fabulous town! Our stay was amazing. I love Paris!

**Elaine and Scott – Oakland, CA, USA****27 May 2006**

**Purpose of your trip:** Vacation, to learn more about France, good fun.

**How we traveled:** Icelandair, we stopped over in Iceland for 2 nights before coming here.

**Weather:** Mixture of warm humid and cool rainy. We had the right clothes for it!

**What we did:** Saw the major sights. Did both lots of shopping in the neighborhood. It's foodie heaven here. Did not eat out much. We enjoyed getting together our meals by going to all the little food shops.

**People we met:** Everyone was very polite to us. We love Paris! Quiet people: respectful of others.

**Notes:** Things to see: Pere Lachaise cemetery, The hamlet at Versailles was nice also. The palace was too crowded to enjoy. The Louvre was a mad house – wall-to-wall people. We did not stay very long. The Picasso museum was great. Les Halles and Centre Pompidou not worth 10 minutes. We plan to return and stay here again. The location is perfect!

### **Mike and Cindi – San Francisco, CA, USA**

**28 March 2006**

**What we did:** Went to Brussels for a day on the high speed Thalys train – see the Grande Place, drink local beers. Saw the Monets at Marmotton. Cooked a little. Brought home food from the traiteur and Chicken Family on rue des Abbesses.

**Places I would recommend:** We liked La Tour de Pise for pizza/pasta and les Feuillades for French. Both recommended in the PerfectlyParis book, both nearby, reasonably priced, good food, friendly.

### **Warren & Louise – New Orleans, LA, USA**

**14 March 2006**

**Purpose of your trip:** The pleasure of Paris.

**The weather:** Cold but wonderful.

**What we did:** Many tourist spots, neighborhood of Montmartre.

**People I met:** Too many to detail. The people of Paris, contrary to what most people hear, are warm, friendly and helpful.

**Favorite moments:** The trip to Versailles, Ste Chapelle. It is amazing to immerse yourself in the neighborhood. The kitties of the cemetery are marvelous.

**Notes:** The beauty of Paris makes even New York seem like a shantytown. It is impossible to take it all in. Artists' Corner is a great location, and we could not have enjoyed it more.

### **Beverly & Keith McRae – Chapel Hill, NC, USA**

**4 March 2006**

**Purpose of your trip:** Relaxation, change of scene

**How we traveled:** From London via Eurostar

**The Weather:** Freezing – snowed and snowed

**What we did:** Immersed ourselves in Gallic lifestyle. We never left Montmartre.

**Places I would recommend:** Charlot on Blvd de Clichy for seafood. Unbelievable!

**Favorite moments:** Sacre Coeur at midnight in snowstorm – sublime!

### **Bette & Brian Collins – Newcastle, England**

**5 January 2006**

**Purpose of the trip:** Christmas present to ourselves!

**Place we would recommend:** All the usual tourist sights. A glass Bordeaux in Bar Lux on rue Lepic. The restaurant La Preuve Par Neuf on rue Damrémont. Le Musée de Montmartre near Sacré Coeur.

**Favorite moments:** We walked and walked and walked. Wonderful city. New Years Eve at the Sacre Coeur. Nothing like starting the day with a smile, the puppies at the corner, and a smile at the same place coming back.

**Notes:** Lovely cosy flat. We would like to return one day.

### **Jason and Elizabeth Chandler – San Francisco, CA, USA**

**8 November 2005**

**What we did:** Searched endlessly and fruitlessly for coffee in a to-go cup. I mean, what is the deal with that?

**People I met:** Trotro, the puppies on the corner at the pet shop.

**Place we recommend:** I strongly recommend eating as much pastry and bread as possible. Piccolo Teatro on rue des Ecouffles in the 4<sup>th</sup> is good for vegetarian food.

**Mike, Renée, Samantha, Nicole & Alexander – Windsor, Ontario, Canada**

**13 May 2005**

**Purpose of your trip:** Family vacation

**What we did:** We visited all of the usual things. Only disappointment the Palace of Versailles was closed due to a strike. We did enjoy the gardens and the little lake of Versailles.

**Place I would recommend:** Picnic in the garden at Versailles.

**Favourite moments:** **Nicole**- picnicking in gardens of Louvre. **Samantha**- climbing to the top of Notre Dame **Mike** – fresh bread in the morning **Renée** – stopping at café for refreshments  
What a city! Thank you Gail and little Yasmin!

**Richie & Kathy Prossen – Jacksonville Beach, FL, USA**

**9 April 2005**

**Purpose of your trip:** We were high school sweethearts in 1958. When we broke up, we had no contact for 35 years. We are doing “April in Paris” to celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**The weather was:** Chilly, high in the low 60s at best!

**What we did:** Walked, ate, rode metro... Cluny Museum, Pantheon, Sacre Coeur, Louvre.

**Place I would recommend:** We recommend the museum pass. For a quick meal there is a neat cafeteria FLUNCH inside Castorama at Place de Clichy.

**Favorite moments:** Boat ride on the Seine; seeing Scottish gathering of plans at Cluny Square with 6 or 8 bagpipes. Brief hailstorm at night with hail coming down the chimney into the fireplace.

**Joseph & Janice Hallman, St. Paul, MN, USA**

**Thursday 30 December 2005**

**Purpose of your trip:** Fun! 4<sup>th</sup> trip to Paris: 1977, 2002, 2003, now 2004-2005.

**How we travelled:** NWA from Minneapolis, to Detroit, Detroit to CDG, Roissybus to Opera and then 95 bus to Montmartre.

**The weather:** Misty rain in Paris on arrival, cloudy. Mild most of the time.

**What we did:** We went to many concerts listed in Pariscope, all over Paris, a capella Russian liturgical music, piano, voice, harp, accordion, orchestra. We went walking in our favourite Bois de Boulogne, we went to the Louvre 3 times, the d’Orsay, the Centre Pompidou, the Jewish museum (very interesting), a Polish art expo and other museums like the Musée Maillol.

**People we met:** Jonathan got us settled in. Joe and I got to have coffee with Gail and her 11-month-old daughter, Yasmin, at a sidewalk café on rue Lepic. Thanks Gail! We enjoyed our visit.

**Tony & Gill – Geelong, Australia**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 2004-12-18**

**Purpose of your trip:** Holiday & business

**How I travelled:** By Eurail from London on this leg. Previously time in Southwestern France- countryside beautiful.

**The weather:** 25-20° - no rain! Perfect really!

**What I did:** Gill found shops! I studied at times. We both enjoyed the life in Paris – a little overwhelming at times. Found a great classic guitar concert- many posters advertising great musical events along windows/wall of St Germaine Boulevard – sometimes almost everywhere.

**People I met:** Parisians generally helpful & quite responsive to our attempts at French.

**Places I would recommend:** Good meal at the point of this angular block – opposite bus stop. Hope to be back

**Favourite moments:** Use bus 95 – stops as above to get to St Germaine area.

Bon chance – Bon appetit

**Nicole, Heather & Linda – Bristol, UK**

**08/26/04-08/29/04**

**Purpose of your trip:** For travel – to see a beautiful city

**How I travelled:** Whilst in Paris we took the metro and walked. We arrived here by train.

**The weather:** Sunny and blue skies with fluffy white clouds. A few short gentle showers of rain.

**What I did:** On our short but sweet visit we saw the Eiffel Tower, Notre dame, Latin quarter, Moulin Rouge. Taking quite a few pictures.

**People I met:** The pleasant shop keepers on the corners. Lots of beautiful men in passing.  
**Places I would recommend:** The d'Orsay museum which has amazing artwork, this neighbourhood, Père Lachaise cemetery, the bread.  
Go for a wander – get lost...  
**Favourite moments:** Visiting the grave of the great Oscar Wilde.

**Ron & Marchelle – Anchorage, AK**

**08/08/04-08/13/04**

**Purpose of your trip:** Pleasure

**The weather :** Partly cloudy most warm & sunny

**What I did:** All those touristy things. This was a great location. We felt part of the culture & people. Everyone was friendly & helpful. Thank you for letting us enjoy Paris in a very personal way.

**Elaine – Philadelphia, PA USA**

**07/18/04-07/25/04**

**Purpose of your trip:** A painting commission brought me here as well as chance to paint in Monet's garden.

**How we travelled:** Air to get here, by metro around town.

**The weather:** It was warm & sunny nearly every day, in spite of weather predictions of rain & oranges.

**What I did:** Some painting, sightseeing visiting friend lots of metro riding!

**Rob, Melynda & Amber – Florida**

**07/03/04 – 07/08/04**

**Purpose of your trip:** Graduation celebration

**How I travelled:** By metro everywhere! And by boat

**The weather:** Perfect! Two rainy days were Louvre visits. The rest were sunny and warm.

**What I did:** The Louvre, Notre Dame, Arc de Triomphe, Latin Quartier, Montmartre – saw beautiful city sights, ate/drink great food and wine—a great place for watching people.

**People I met:** We ran into friends from home-twice!

**Placed I recommend:** The Ice Cream!

**Favourite moments:** Our first night here—the sweeping view of the city from Sacre Coeur.

**Lorette, Rachel, Nicole & Jamie – Santa Barbara, California**

**06/20/04-06/27/04**

**Purpose of your trip:** To visit Paris for the first time

**How I travelled:** By metro everywhere or walked. A friend took us to Versailles by car with dinner in the city.

**The weather:** Cloudy/windy/sunny – great sunsets

**What I did:** Le Open Tour the first day – get our bearings for first timers. Then metro or walk the rest of the time. Louvre, d'Orsay, Arc de Triomphe, shopping, Montmartre, cemetery Sacre Coeur.

Cemetery across the street, Lafayette shopping, H&M, Sephora! Bookstores-Louvre

**Places I would recommend:** Lorette – I have Montmartre at the top – artist area- Pierre and his window box pictures, shops on St. Pierre Street. The Irish pub on Clichy down the way.

**Favourite moments:** St Chapelle, Eiffel Tower, Versaille, opera house, D'Orsay best museum for impressionists – top floor.

We used the metro to get around town. Very quick, Pigalle or Blanche entrance, not Abbesses. Take ½ hour to 45 minutes to get anywhere depending on changes.

**Jim & Julie – Oakland, California**

**June 14-June 19 2004**

**Purpose of your trip:** Fun, wine, food, castles & ruins, cruising the country, and of course, shopping

**How I (we) travelled:** The train in Spain, romance in France the car, by far, left little to chance. Then train into Paris and Metro, no harass.

**The weather:** Sunny, warm, cool, rain all of the above. Mostly it was awesome.

**What I did:** Barcelona-Perpignan-Arles-Avignon-Vasun la Romain-Provence-Begunne ---Tours (Amboise)-Chambord-Paris! We had some hotels/B&B's booked, but a lot of time (mid-weekly mostly) that was open & flexible. We took locals' advice on where to go and what to do (that really was better than guidebooks). [5 days Spain, 10 days cruising southern France & Tours, 5 days Paris]  
**People I met:** The "stuffy" French are out there, but by and large we were well received and enjoyed out interactions with everyone. The train stations at night do attract some "euro-dogs", but that is true everywhere.

**Places I would recommend:** Paris is one place where you "have to!" go to all of the tourist magnets (Eiffel, Arc, Louvre, Orsay, Sienne etc.) But in the countryside – different story. There are **LOTS** of castles, medieval towns, ancient ruins and great places with little to no crowds. You just have to avoid the guidebook recommendations and talk to the locals. Everyone goes to the places in the guidebooks.

### **Carol, Kay & Pat (three sisters) – Osage, Iowa and Cullowee, NC**

**04/01/04-04/30/04**

**Purpose of your trip:** To enjoy April in Paris: the food, the markets the chestnut trees in bloom, the museums, the people; to share the Paris experience.

**How I (we) travelled:** We flew to Paris from the US on USAir thru Philadelphia—risky. While here we travelled by foot, bus, metro and train.

**The weather:** Variable. There was wind and rain and cold; sun warmth; clouds and blue sky. The "giboules de mars" were tardy and arrived in April. The last half of the month was beautiful!

**What I did:** We visited the markets/marches, patisseries, boulangeries, fromageries, chacuteries, chocolatiers, and spécialités gastronomiques. We made shopping lists, planned menus, prepared meals, discovered restaurants and cafés. We talked of past and future meals. We walked in the Luxembourg Gardens and the Tuilleries Garden and along the St. Martin Canal. We attended a ballet at the Opera Garnier, an organ concert at St. Sulpice, a soprano and harp concert at Eglise St. Julien le Pauvre.

**People we met:** We met a retired FBI agent from Wisconsin –California on the train to Rouen; two French school teachers celebrating a birthday at La Couronne in Rouen; Dani, an acquaintance from Amities, a French language internet chat group; Florence, from the Alliance Française, and Gail Boisclair!

**Places I would recommend:** The Sunday brunch at the Blue Elephant; hot chocolate at Angelina's and Deux Magots; dinner at Les Feuillades; French onion soup at Pied au Couchon; bread and pastries from Le Grenier à Pain on Abbesses; the Andre-Jacquemart museum; Boissier Chocolatier; the Train Bleu for tea...

**Favorite moments/Special Highlights:** Tiny new peas and freshly dug potatoes from the market; artichokes; the visit to Rouen including dinner at La Couronne; visit to the Poilâne bakery's cellar to watch the bread being mixed, kneaded and baked and to watch cookies being cut with lightning speed; the ballet at the Opéra Garnier; the raspberry tarts; the Roquefort cheese; the Dali Museum; the Renoir at the muse de la Vie Romantique; blooming chestnut trees.

### **Gini & Richard – Seattle, Washington**

**03/22/04-03/30/04**

Thank you, Gail, for a cosy retreat. We really "worked" this trip – our first full day found us wandering for eleven hours! It was grand to come back here to rest each day. The best non-guided walking tour of Montmartre is in the CADOGAN guide to Paris (the book with Rodin's "The Kiss" on the cover). It gives a perfect description of the village; the route is easy, and the streets & views charming. If you're tempted to attend the "Lapin Agile' Spectacle", know that is utterly charming, but as the room is tiny, you are packed in on tiny wooden benches. Fun, we're glad we went, but it's not for everyone (we left after 1 ½ hours). The cheese shop at Abbesses is lovely. Also—the metro at rue Lamarck & Caulaincourt is easiest. Abbesses is deep & if the elevator isn't working it means 8 long flights up! However – it's station entrance is worth it – One of the few totally intact. A perfect trip – thank you thank you!

**Purpose of your trip:** Gini's (my) 50<sup>th</sup> birthday gift from Richard – an artist's first trip to Paris!

**The weather/temperature was:** Cold at first (30°F!) but beautiful – warmed up to beautiful days.

**What I (we) did:** 1. Museums 2. Food. My first love is art, Richard's is food; third for both of us is architecture, followed by history. We saw all the major sites in 8 days.

**People I met:** The puppies in the corner pet store at the corner of rue Tourlaque & rue Damremont.

**Places I would recommend:** La Preuve Par Neuf, around the corner on rue Damremont, is a beautiful little secret – wonderful breakfast & great dinner, reasonable prices, charming people & place.

### **Sandy & Jo – Eugene, Oregon USA**

**20/12-27/12/03**

Joyeux Noel & Bonne Année

Our family had a wonderful week in the Artists Corner over the holidays!! One week in Paris is not enough! What a great city, we barely scratched the surface. My girls attend a French immersion school in the USA & so this was a great way to partake of the French culture & use their language skills. My 11 year old translates for us many times! The patisseries & chocolateries in the neighbourhood are fine (croissant almond c'est magnifique!) We all bought paintings in Place du Tertre, and attended an organ concert in Sacre Coeur. Many thanks for the wonderful apartment in Paris & for your hospitality - We hope to be back!

**Purpose of your trip:** Visiting Paris with friends from USA

**How I (we) travelled:** TGV

**Places I would recommend:** (DO NOT go to Mere Catherine restaurant at Place de Tertre). Food was not good.

**Favourite moments/Special highlights:** Organ music, singing at Sacre Coeur, artists in Place du Tertre, sparkling Eiffel Tower at night!