

Magnifique Monceau Guest Comments

Carl Glinsbockel – Burnaby, Canada
August 2017

Our family of four had a wonderful visit to Paris. Our home during our 10-day stay was the Magnifique Monceau. The apartment was peaceful, centrally located, and safe. It was our haven after touring Paris during the day and evening. There was much appreciated Paris related literature in the apartment. The staff of PerfectlyParis were always available, helpful, and professional. We would recommend the Monceau apartment to anyone visiting Paris. Thank you to Gail and Georgina! We will be back.

Charlotte Bergan – USA
February, March, April 2017

For a short Paris stay, this apartment offers a wonderfully local location with an absolute fantastic neighborhood. It's become one of my favorites! My host Gail was always quick to respond to any questions I had. The street is fairly quiet and the bed/pillows are great, so never had a bad night sleep. The lack of oven makes cooking a bit of a challenge, but there's definitely everything you need in the kitchen otherwise. I stayed here for 3 months and I'd say that for the price, a few upgrades should be made to the apartment. There's definitely not enough closet space for 2 people for a long-term stay, but I had what I needed as a single traveler.

John Harbin – Atlanta, GA
September 2016

Gail and her staff were very responsive and helpful and the apartment was very nice and just as depicted, and they were flexible about the departure time. The kitchen and the bathroom were set up well and thus worked well. The apartment is in a great area overall with a market street that is mostly pedestrian just a block away. The Metro stop just past that, and a great park (Park Monceau) a 5-10 walk away. The only negative is that the street was a bit noisier than we expected, primarily because of vehicle traffic, which was a bit surprising given the location. But the fan that was in the bedroom helped a lot with the noise.

Mitch Henrion – Colorado, USA
June 2016

Gail was awesome: helpful, personable, responsive! The apartment was comfortable--large for a Parisian apartment, and the neighborhood was great--right off a market street with everything including multiple places for organic fruit, veggies, and other foods. We also loved the corner restaurant, less from a block from the apartment--very yummy, with friendly staff.

Wendy Cook and family – USA
31 October 2015

Magnifique Monceau est fidele à son nom both on a business trip and on this return with children. It was so helpful to have the proximity of groceries and a pharmacy on our first Sunday morning with the kids feeling under the weather. We loved the nearby Parc Monceau and having the metro access of two lines. The apartment was very well equipped and we appreciated the supply of soap etc,...for showers, dishes and laundry. A la prochain.

The Denmans – USA
4 October 2014

Dear Gail, we enjoyed your lovely apartment so much. We loved this wonderful neighbourhood, especially the convenience of the market street and all the wonderful specialty shops. It was easy to reach anywhere in the city with the metro nearby. This was our second trip to Paris and we enjoyed having an apartment this time so much more than staying in a hotel. Merci beaucoup !

John, Linda and Robert – Canada
20 September 2014

Dear Gail, Preston and team. This was our first visit to Paris and we had a wonderful time and look forward to our next trip. The apartment was lovely and proved to be in an excellent location. Thank you for making our holiday truly wonderful.

Jon and Kitty Ramsey – Santa Barbara, California
12 September 2014

Concluding our third stay in the delightful Monceau neighbourhood and the terrific Magnifique Monceau apartment. Thanks so much for your on going help and for making our Paris dreams come true. Cheers

Abraham and Akiko – Austria
29 July 2014

Dear Madame Gail and team, we enjoyed our week in Paris and were very happy to be here in this flat. Thank you for all, we would very much like to come back again!

Kay and Colin Spry - Australia
22 July 2014

Once again very impressed with your service and attention to detail. Our fifth stay with you and all has been tops. Charin, who greeted us, on time was vibrant and bubbly, friendly and informative. A wonderful greeting. We will continue to recommend you.

Linda, Michael and Eric – Alberta, Canada
July 2014

Dear Gail, Georgina and PerfectlyParis, merci beaucoup pour tous! What a great location and neighbourhood. The apartment was such a great taste of Parisian life. We enjoyed our petite déjeuner each morning. We hope to come back very soon and stay with you again! Thanks for the smooth and friendly service.

Holley and Kennon Borden – USA
June 2014

Dear Gail and PerfectlyParis, my family of 4 enjoyed our stay very much. We loved the wonderful food and friendly people at the local restaurants. The daily market on Rue des Levis was unexpected and a lovely bonus. Our children quickly embraced waking up early and finding fresh pastries and fruit. Living in the apartment made us feel like Parisians for the week.

Bev and Carolyn – Adelaide, Australia
24 April 2014

We enjoyed our stay, a lovely apartment with all that we needed. Thank you for all the little extras, they really did help. Being so close to the market was great, we walked a lot and used the metro. Will recommend to friends. Best wishes

**Tony and Kathy – Byron, Australia
October 2013**

Our second time with PerfectlyParis. Last year, six of us enjoyed Luxurious Laborde. This time we discovered this wonderful apartment – just right for a couple. We love the neighbourhood – it has a real village feel. Everything you could possibly want is nearby. From the helpful man at Nicholas wine shop to the friendly checkout chicks at Monoprix and various boulangeries. We met many locals who were at first surprised, and then pleased that we chose to stay in this area. We adopted the Village Café as our drinking place and the staff was friendly and efficient. The lack of tourists in the area is a big plus! We will be back.

**Christine and Frank Gatt – Australia
July 2013**

What to say about our 4th stay in Paris. Paris is still beautiful, but on this occasion we were struck by a major heat wave, which does make things more difficult as Paris is not known for its air-conditioning! We soon found we had to decide between lack of sleep, because of the noisy street if we left the windows open, and uncomfortable heat when we closed them. Despite all of this we had many highlights – the fireworks on Bastille Day, the wonderful light show at the Arc de Triomphe after La Tour de France, the great food at the local market on rue de Levis, the wonderful buildings, shopping at Galleries Lafayette. Thanks to all the team.

**Richard and Linda – Ottawa, Canada
June 2013**

Wonderful stay in this apartment – perfect for the month of June! The market on rue de Lévis has everything one could ask for. We highly recommend La Bistrot du Passage at 14 Passage Geffroy-Didelot, just around the corner. Great prices and great meals. Also La Village Café on rue de la Terrasse has good salads with continuous service. Hope to be back soon.

**Lorna and Richard Murphy - USA
16 May 2013**

We really appreciated the comfort and convenience of this apartment. Especially as we both have food sensitivities so we need to do most of our own cooking. The rue de Lévis has great food shopping – Monoprix supermarket has excellent fresh fish. Gail – an idea would be to advertise gluten free sites in Paris. Others have the same problem and may not think of apartment rental as an option. You could also list some gluten free restaurants for dining out. La Noglu near Opera was excellent although a bit pricey.

**Cathy and Lou - USA
April 2013**

Another wonderful two weeks in Paris at Magnifique Monceau. We have been walking in the park in the evenings and we rented a car and drove to Bruges for a few days. Hope to return over the holidays.

**Margie and Bart
20 November 2012**

Dear Gail and Preston,

Thank you for making our stay here in Paris so "magnifique". We thoroughly enjoyed the apartment and all the amenities. This is a wonderful neighborhood to experience Parisian life in, the shops and restaurants gave us so many choices. And, the metro was so convenient too.

This space was great for 4 people. We will definitely be spreading the word to anyone planning to visit Paris !!!!

Cathy Castellani – USA

25 October 2012

Dear Gail and Team. Great apartment, loved the location, market, shops and metro. Had good meals at Pizza Louisa around the corner and Patio in Rue des Dames. Thank you!

Nigel and Susan

8 October 2012

Dear Gail and Team. Really enjoyed our stay. Lovely apartment and beautiful area of Paris. Convenient metro allowed us to see everything we wanted to. Took your recommendations for restaurants and had a great meal at the family owned one nearby. Great holiday in Paris as always.

Margaret Sims – UK

1 October 2012

Dear all, I'd recommend so many things about Paris. The beautiful buildings, the dramatic landmarks, hot chocolate in Maison Angelina, the lovely gardens. The shops in Rue de Levis – such delicious food! The convenience of the metro. The Bateabus – a great way to get between the sights, and a chance to rest your feet too. And of course the Monceau apartment. Everything we need and in a perfect location. We'll spread the word when we get home. We intend to come back next year ourselves!

John and Kitty Ramsey

15 September 2012

Dear Gail, Preston and Lara,

We greatly enjoyed our second stay in Magnifique Monceau.

It's a charming, roomy apartment and a fabulous Paris neighborhood. Thanks for your help and hospitality.

Trudi and Jack – NYC, NY, USA

9 June 2012

To Gail and Preston, Thank you for the wine and meeting us and getting us settled in. We've liked the apartment – it's a great location. It's wonderful to walk out the door, turn right and then to the bakery – we loved the croissants and the pain au chocolat!

Diane and Jon – Maine, USA

30 April 2012

If you are cautious and aware of your surroundings, Paris is a very safe city. Blend in and try to speak French as much as possible and you will be fine. It's Paris... what more does one have to say. Great apartment and location. Au revoir!

Bill and Pat – Atlanta, Georgina, USA

11 March 2012

Love this place. Spacious, awesome shower and so quiet at night. Convenient and easy metro access everywhere you want to go. Great market in rue de Levis. Fridge broke while we were here but Gail and Preston did their best to put things right (replaced in two days), pretty good for France, having lived sur la Cote d'Azur for 3 years. Love working with Gail and PerfectlyParis – our 2nd stay (first was at Rooftop Vista in 2005). We like this place even better and will definitely book again.

David and Grace – Brisbane, Australia
3 November 2011

Thank you Gail for thinking of everything to make our stay so informed and helpful! Perfect location. Loved the market street and the locals. Loved the wine and really appreciated the free phone service! Just fantastic. Veteran metro users now! Can I suggest to make Monceau even perfection: a few more pillows, real wine glasses, blackout curtains and a new bed.

Otherwise, just a lovely home away from home in beautiful Paris – so special. We will most definitely recommend 'PerfectlyParis' to all and will be back.

Julia and Jim – Melbourne, Australia
31 August 2011

Thank you for a well appointed apartment – all that I expected from perusing the internet site. Our comfortable accommodation enhanced our already memorable experience of staying in the 17th district. We have thoroughly enjoyed our short stay here.

Jan and Elouise
5 August 2011

Thank you for a wonderful central venue to relax and wander the beautiful city of Paris! We shall return.

Harry and Shirley – Maple Ridge, BC, Canada
25 June 2011

We were so grateful for the phone service due to medical problems at home and for the loss of a friend. Thanks so much for allowing us to keep in touch. This has been a wonderful “home” away from home. Paris is wonderful – a dream come true.

The MacDonell Sisters – California and Minnesota, USA
16 June 2011

We really appreciated having the “free” phone service since we had a family emergency in the US and had to make many calls! We took the metro everywhere and found your notebook very handy and especially handy was the Paris pocket sized guidebook! We took it everywhere!

The apartment is very comfortable, clean and nice. Thanks so much for having us. We would recommend it to any friends travelling to Paris.

Guillermo and Delma – Puerto Rico
9 June 2011

The location of the apartment is very convenient. Close to Monoprix and rue de Levis, where you can buy almost everything you need. Nice place to come back to after a whole day of walking and going up and down the stairs in the metro. We got tired of the metro and started using taxis (get them at Villiers) and we never paid more than 12 Euros, even if we were far from here.

Every place we visited, people were very nice and helpful, especially if we tried to speak in French. We ended up speaking English, Spanish and a little bit of French and everyone was happy!

We had rented another apartment from Gail a few years ago on rue Caulaincourt (I love that street) when we visited Paris with 2 other couples. It was a wonderful experience, and we kept Gail's card in case we came back and we did!

Gail and Preston, thank you for everything. We will recommend PerfectlyParis to friends in PR who want to visit Paris!

Colin and Mary – Ottawa, Canada
21 May 2011

See my daily blog: <http://colinchurcher2011-01.blogspot.com/>

Would recommend Le Petit Canon at the end of the street, packed with locals – a good sign. Also, Le Bistrot du Passage - again, packed with locals.

Jane and Andy – Belmont, MA, USA
9 April 2011

A very comfortable apartment. Comme chez nous! Merci.

Mary, Jeff and Eva – Portland, ME, USA
26 November 2010

Monceau has proven to be a great place to stay and rue de Levis has made our dinner plans very easy. We love Paris and we want to keep coming back!

Kathy and Marilee – Seattle, WA
25 September 2010

Gail and Preston, As always, we had a great time in Paris. The apartment was just as great as we remembered. Thanks. We'll be back (hopefully)!!

Lee – Toronto, Canada
3 September 2010

When I travel, there are three things I hope for:

1. Good bed
2. A good shower
3. A clean space

This apartment scores full points on all those issues. In addition it is well laid out, well equipped and very handy to use Levis and the metro. Perfectly placed, perfectly appointed and PerfectlyParis.

Thank you Gail for your help and efficient service. Thank you Kate for opening your door and sharing your home.

Alan and Susan – England
29 May 2010

After staying in different hotels in previous years it has been very pleasing to have the space the convenience of this apartment – we parked up the car for the week and used the local bus service to travel around – another experience.

There are plenty of shops and eating-places around the area of the apartment.

The booking and admin side is good and friendly with a very pleasant welcome. Would we come again? Yes, most certainly.

Joan (Toronto) and Patricia (Sydney)
17 May 2010

Thank you Gail for your ongoing contact when we were booking our apartment. It's been wonderful and we hope to return!

Trish and Roger – Berwick (Melbourne) Australia
4 January 2010

Enjoyed our stay here, there are so many things to do within walking distance and great food around the corner. Also, easy access to everywhere else with the metro. Very roomy, well-equipped apartment – glad it's on the first floor!

Claire, Hannah, Julia and Jules – Ireland
19 August 2009

Thanks Gail! We had a wonderful time. The apartment was great. You have thought of everything. All the little extras like the wine were very much appreciated. We love the neighborhood, the people, and the shops. We would love to return here someday and we'll recommend PerfectlyParis to our friends and family.

Sue, Frank and Nora – San Francisco
18 July 2009

Gail/Preston – thank you for a wonderful week. Great to have all the amenities and a very comfortable apartment! We will definitely recommend PP to our friends!

Sublette Family – Denver, CO, USA
4 June 2009

Wonderful little neighborhood off the tourist beaten path – always a pleasure to come home to. Our feet ache from all our walking/exploring. We're hoping that all that activity offsets the amount of cheese and pastries and chocolate that we consumed. Beds very comfortable. Dining chairs very uncomfortable. Everything else is lovely! Au revoir Paris – and thank you, Gail!

Rick and Roxanne – Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
27 May 2009

The amenities provided at the suite were great! This suite is very close to the main areas and sites, so using the metro/bus system was easy and seemed to be very centrally located.

Suggestions: as mentioned before, a carafe for coffee would be very useful. Also, a pair of (better) scissors would be handy. Rick bought me roses for my birthday, and they wouldn't cut the stems (had to use a knife). Other than that, we couldn't have felt more at home here!

Will definitely look to "PerfectlyParis" for accommodation when we come back and also refer anyone we know who's interested in coming to Paris!

Marcia, Doug and Katherine Moore – Indianapolis, IN, USA
19 May 2009

Everything was wonderful! This is a great apartment in a perfect location. We really enjoyed the street vendors and buying fresh food. Lots of walking and appreciated the ease of the metro in getting from place to place.

Would definitely love to return and would definitely recommend Magnifique Monceau to everyone! Thank you for a warm greeting and great hospitality!

Jan and Al – Indianapolis, IN, USA
3 May 2009

Great apartment – great area. Would stay here again and again. Best shower in France and lots of hot water. So very nice to have phone and computer with the weather, check directions, research options for sightseeing. Thanks to all who make this place so magnifique!

Jean, Peggy and Mary Ann – London, San Francisco, Chicago
March 2009

We will recommend PerfectlyParis to our traveling friends. Lovely location, wonderful apartment.

Lydia, Claire and Malcolm – Melbourne, Australia
4 February 2009

Thank you for such a delightful and cozy apartment. We bought food from the market and ate every meal at home... thank you for the well-equipped kitchen, including the seasonings. It was so lovely to be able to come home to this beautiful apartment after an exhausting day in the city.

It was also great to have the place so well set up with Paris guides, computer + Internet, phone and the support of Gail. Warmly recommended.

Linda, Julie and Betty – Michigan, Ohio and Scotland
15 October 2008

This place was truly wonderful! Would come back here! Thank you for the wine. How sweet! Hope to meet you sometime Gail or Preston.

Mark and Gay – Sydney, Australia
12 October 2008

Thank you Gail for another great stay in Paris. We both loved this area with local markets, cafes, etc. We hope to come back again and will continue to recommend your website to our many friends who love to travel.

P.S. Really loved being able to access the Internet to check e-mails and phoning home to Australia for free was great to check everything was OK at home (as we left our 2 boys 22 + 19 to look after things while we were away).

John and Kitty – Santa Barbara, CA, USA
17 September 2008

Thanks so much to Gail for providing such a comfortable and charming apartment in the 17th and for her unfailing commitment to friendly and prompt help. And thanks to Preston for his lovely greeting on August 19th and for lugging (it seemed easy for him) our 100 lbs of bags up to the first floor.

We now believe the 17th is the place to stay in – a genuine, peaceful French neighborhood. The many activities on rue de Levis were a constant pleasure. Magnifique Monceau proved to be a wonderful retreat after our daily visit to the “big city”.

Lora and Mike, Ken and Sharon – Portland, OR, USA
19 August 2008

Magnifique Monceau says it all with special thanks to Gail for all her help and kindness in assisting us with our holiday – have already referred her to many of my TWA retired fiends – hope to return one of these days! Gail – it was the best!!

Francois, Kerensa, Amélie, Félix
2 August 2008

The apartment is close to everything and well equipped. Thank you for the wine.

The Hamrick Family
20 June 2008

The apartment was perfect in every way! We have a 10 + 14 year old and we were all very comfortable. The apartment is wonderfully located around the corner from all the conveniences. We will recommend Gail and Preston to our family.

The MacArthur Family
17 June 2008

Enjoyed our stay. The apartment was great.

The Peters Family
3 June 2008

The apartment setting was great for our family of four. We enjoyed going to market and loved the neighborhood. We'll definitely want to stay here again in the future! Thanks for the nice accommodation and welcome bottle of wine!

Friedrich, Jo, Anja and Kai – Sydney, Australia
20 May 2008

It was a pleasure dealing with Gail from that first inquiry email! She's always prompt and always friendly and helpful. We all love “Monceau”. It is as lovely as the pictures on the website. What a wonderful set up to be in – we honestly feel like coming home every evening after all that walking – and Magnifique Monceau is just like home. Being located a stone's throw from rue de Levis makes this apartment even more special. We love the neighbourhood and are absolutely mad about the variety of food available. We were here 7 nights and didn't eat out a single night. We ate like kings the past week – wow! The street and apartment block is generally quiet – except the men from an upstairs apartment across the street likes to shout out the window and play loud music, but even the antics cannot damper our enjoyment living among Parisians of the 17th arr. Gail, thank you for all your friendly e-mails and advice. The SOS medical number is, of course, a lifesaver! We will not be visiting Paris in the near future, unfortunate, bur when we do – you can be sure I'll be checking out PerfectlyParis.com for accommodation.

Suzanne and Don – Berkeley, CA, USA

17 May 2008

The apartment chairs need new cushions. We put extra pillows on top of the chairs in order to sit comfortably. However, everything else is well – thought out and greatly appreciated. I've stay in Paris over the past 20 years about 10 times – usually for a week, but a few times for 2 weeks. I've always rented an apartment this has been the best located for “living” purposes and well provisioned. Thank you Gail, Preston and the owner. The free telephone to US and the Internet access are greatly appreciated.

Robert and Ann – Olympia, WA, USA

15 March 2008

I spoke with shopkeepers, taxi drivers, people in restaurants, i.e. other guests – trying to be more at ease speaking French. It was fun. (Robert)

I was interested in contemporary art/artists and “Made in France” work by French artisans. If that's your thing, visit the Viaduc des Arts (a long stretch of artisan shops – see Internet) and their three boutiques on Avenue Niel. (Ann)

Sara and Joe – Oakland, CT, USA

27 February 2008

Laura did a great job getting the apartment ready for us. Thanks for the bottle of wine and we hope to be back in a couple of years!

Roger & Carol Price – Oakland, CA, USA

5 February 2008

We would recommend Musée Marmottan, it is marvelous! Worth a trip to Fontainebleau (check train schedules), George V café is yummy on the Champs Elysées. Every moment in this lovely city was a special highlight. Beautiful apartment where everything works (a first for us) we will highly recommend this in the States! Thank you so much Gail and Preston, who are outstanding, cheerful people.

Danna & Naomi Farabee – Minnesota, USA

21 January 2008

Just being able to shop rue de Lévis was so much fun – as someone else mentioned, the apartment's shower is amazing! We recommend Pizzeria Sophia (rue Legendre), le Patio Provencal (rue des Dames), GR5 (near place des Ternes), Denise Acabo's l'Etoile d'Or chocolate shop near Blanche station.

Mary Samson & Colin Churcher – Ottawa, Ontario

4 January 2008

The great thing about the rue de Lévis is that there are not many tourists. There is so much food choice available that there is little need to cook. Our 17-year-old niece had a great visit, first time in France.

Neil, Kathryn, Benjamin & Bethan – Lesvos, Greece

7 November 2007

Thank you Preston for getting us a new travel cot when the other one was missing its mattress! It was also lovely to receive a welcome gift of a nice bottle of wine!

Jill, Laurene & Jean – Ontario, Canada
30 October 2007

Thank you Gail and Preston for a wonderful week at Magnifique Monceau!

Ian & Vanda Mackenzie – Toronto, Canada
24 October 2007

Thanks to Gail, Laura and Preston for taking care of everything and for always answering our questions. This was our third time in Paris, but our first staying in an apartment. This was always a dream of mine and I'm happy to say it more than exceeded my expectations, we will definitely stay in an apartment again.

Mike & Kathy Porter & Marilie Routenberg – Seattle, USA
21 September 2007

Gail and Preston, you're fabulous. We loved staying in the apartment; we felt much more a part of Paris. Thank you so much for everything.

David & Laura Shipper – Mississauga, Ontario, Canada
5 September 2007

Just want to let you know Gail that we really loved the apartment – so much better than a hotel. We will definitely be back in Paris sometime soon, but we will have to book much longer than only four days. Thanks for making everything so easy for us – this was my first (and not last) time making accommodations bookings outside of a hotel – and it has been a success. This is truly a great place for two young people. Thanks again!

Matthew, Chimene & Charlie – Oxford, UK
1 September 2007

In fifteen years in Europe, I have never come across a better shower than the one here – like being in Australia or the US. Well done! The apartment was great! We thought the apartment was fabulous and would definitely come back again. The only thing I couldn't find was a can opener (was it hidden in plain view?)

Note to fellow Americans (I am a transplanted one): the washing will dry very quickly if you hang it on the laundry rack. It's the European way. This apartment was much, much better than staying in a hotel.

Sarah, Chris, Rosie & Nicholas – Dalton, England
5 July 2007

The apartment is clean, tidy and welcoming but be prepared to be woken up easily by the garbage collector next door!

Bob, Lut & Bettina – Van Nuys, CA, USA
19 May 2007

Location is great – with rue de Lévis just around the corner – baguette tradition, fromage, veggies and fruits.

Dear Gail and Preston, thank you for helping us find very comfortable home during our stay in Paris. Rue de Lévis was perfect and central. Both apartments Living on Lévis and Magnifique Monceau were perfect and provided the comforts of home. Thank you again and hope to visit again!

Judy – San Francisco, CA, USA
13 May 2007

Is this apartment perfect or what?? My first European trip sans husband and my days were filled with delight to be in Paris and have such a lovely place to come home to. Everything is here for you. "PerfectlyParis" the perfect name!

Greg & Jane – Tucson, AZ, USA
21 April 2007

Tips: owner of fabric shop on rue de Levis (next to Paul) is a very nice man. Woman at Shannon (down a couple doors from Village restaurant) is a great sales lady – works hard for your business. The patio table at Café Trocadero at night, great food and awesome views of Eiffel Tower, Louvre especially section called History/Medieval Louvre, Ste. Chapelle – very cool – top of Art de Triomphe...

A special note to visitors: I encountered not one "rude Parisian" It is vital to understand French customs – always greet people in French, thank them and depart the same way. The French people just melt when you use their language – I only know about 50 words of French and everyone I encountered liked me trying to communicate in French. When an American enters a shop without a greeting, merely asking for something, then we are the rude ones! Au revoir.

Andy & Cathy – New York & Orlando, USA
19 March 2007

We could recommend the Patio Provençal – a must! Au Pied de Cochon near les Halles has great desserts. Le Petit Marché – 9 rue de Béarn – very hip, great food. Musée Rodin's garden, only 1 euro ! Cathy loved the Tour Eiffel at night when it twinkled, while Andy liked to sit at cafés and eat and drink and people watch. Tips: liked Musée d'Orsay better than the Louvre. Chez Denise has huge portions of great food. If you do the bateaux mouches, do it at night. See the Eiffel Tower from Trocadero. Skip the flea market unless you like buying one-legged dolls for 80 euros. Look for the bored gargoyle and point zero at Notre Dame. Get the rose ice cream with piglet meringues at Au Pied de Cochon. Drink hot chocolate at Angelina's. Have fun making memories!

Lois, Jim & Christine Colburn
December 2006

Gail, another great stay. The area is fabulous and gives you the idea of what it's like to live here, the kitchen was great for cooking also. Until next time!

Amber & Stephen Grigsby - Dallas, TX, USA
30 October 2006

My husband and I loved the apartment and our first trip to Paris. The shopping, the food, and the sites were all amazing. Coming back to the apartment after an all day affair was so nice to "go home". We thank you so much for all of your hospitality; the apartment was very roomy and clean, just perfect. Having the Internet was priceless! Thanks again and this made our honeymoon complete!

Sherman & Debi - Baltimore, MD, USA
20 October 2006

My husband and I really enjoyed Paris. The apartment was quite convenient to the metro and we loved the fresh bread in the mornings!

Shobha, Manju & Purnima - New Jersey, USA
14 October 2006

The location of the apartment, just perfect. Every amenity is in walking distance – metro, market, restaurants, bank, Laundromat, shops, etc. Having the computer and access to the Internet was definitely an added bonus. Having Patrick an English speaking person that met us upon arrival was absolutely great. All of the above contributed to us having a fantastic vacation in Paris, this beautiful city. Thank you to Gail for this place that allowed us to have a great time.

Anna & Kim - Baltimore, MD, USA
7 October 2006

We had a fantastic stay. Apartments are the way to go. Perfect location with metro just up the street and the market one street over. The Laundromat around the corner is much easier than the washer in the apartment! We liked having Internet access. Thanks for the great time!

Lynn & James - Wilmington, DE, USA
23 September 2006

We were married on September 16, 2006 and spent the very next night here. The location is perfect, close to the metro and the market place. The market is an amazing place with everything you could ask for from dinner to clothing or even an electric converter. The apartment is comfortable and relaxing. We also took a car to Mont St. Michel and the Normandy coast. This was my 1st time in Paris and my husband's second time. It was a great stay. Our only concern is that the street was a little loud for two people from the suburbs. All in all it was a great stay.

Lori, Don & Kirsten - Ontario, Canada
25 August 2006

Perfect location. We had a wonderful time! This was a beautiful city to visit. We will be back! Having the Internet and computer were fantastic bonuses. Our daughter has been to Paris many times and was thrilled with our location. Thank you for the wonderful stay.

Summer & Jill
19 August 2006

After travelling to seven countries in 30 days, this beautiful apartment was straight out of our dreams. We loved the small town atmosphere, the welcoming people, and the feel of a home away from home. One of our most favourite past times was cooking dinner after shopping on the Parisian streets. Italia was great for take out and La Familia was nice for lunch. Although many of the stores were closed due to holidays and rain, we found a variety of places that "hit the spot". Trois Pièces was a nice bar close to home. The internet was fantastic to reach home and do some research on new places to visit. This has been a fantastic experience. I hope to revisit. Thanks Preston for showing us the ropes. This was a great way to be a part of Paris for our 1st visit.

Wayne & Kaaren - Toronto, CA
14 August 2006

We have been to Paris several times but this is the first time we rented an apartment (vs. hotel stay). What a fabulous idea! Thank you for your hospitality. We really felt at home here and enjoyed living in this neighbourhood – so lively and colourful! Being so close to the metro has been excellent and being able to contact home via Internet was such a blessing being away for so long. The apartment

flooded with sunlight with the windows open so we could hear the Parisian street noise! Paris in the anytime is always wonderful and we were glad to have stayed here this trip. Thank you for providing such a lovely home away from home!

Glen & Vicki Albright - Rochester, IN, USA
28 July 2006

We had a very interesting time in Paris. Your history is amazing with all of the monuments and museums. We walked most places. We live in the country, so being in a big city was quite different but enjoyable. The Eiffel tower being lit up was beautiful. We have many pictures to take back to the USA.

Samuel & Pamela
22 July 2006

Thanks for a great stay! We have had a great trip in this beautiful city!

The Crabtree Family - Melbourne, Australia
14 July 2006

This place is located centrally between all the different worlds of Paris. From the bustling Montmartre to the beautiful Champs Elysées. We all had a great time and were disappointed to see France lose in the final. It's a BIG shame. The only problem is the language barrier, but that can be overcome in time. Thank

Louise Lore - Toronto, Canada
7 July 2006

A very charming and convenient stop in Paris. Thanks for the comprehensive apartment inventory. What a bonus to be here during the world cup finals! Soccer fever. Thanks for a wonderful stay. you for a great week in old Paris.

Donna & Kim Phillips - Barrie, Ontario, Canada
1 July 2006

We had a great trip!

Alan Atkins - Barrie, Ontario, Canada
24 June 2006

Our home away from home. It gave us a taste of the real Paris and a refuge from the tourist mobs! C'est magnifique.

Sarah & Kristin - Los Angeles & San Diego, CA, USA
10 June 2006

Thanks for a great stay! We had a wonderful time in your beautiful city!

The Taylors
3 June 2006

Thank you Gail for this beautiful apartment, situation is perfect to the local market which is a credit to the local life around this area. There is also no problem if you require to site see around the beautiful sites as the metro system is only 2-3 minutes away from the apartment. If you had decided to eat out after a long day, the local restaurants are excellent.

Linda & Francis McEvenue - Owen Sound, Canada
13 May 2006

Beautiful apartment! Beautiful area! We will never forget our week in Paris. Thank you.

Helen, Aaron & Laura - Toronto, Canada
29 April 2006

We had a wonderful time in Paris. Thank you so much for your apartment. The location was perfect. We walked to many of the sights and the metro was just as accessible – loved the market!

Charles & Bev Schumacher - Colorado, USA
22 April 2006

Thank you so much for your wonderful apartment. It fit our needs wonderfully and provided a great base for our exploration and introduction to Paris!

Patrick, Gretchen, Erin & Maura – MD, USA
15 April 2006

We had a wonderful time experiencing Paris with this as our base. What a great location! So convenient yet not touristy. The Market is so Paris. Wonderful food stuffs also stop here for wine, cheese, chocolate, and even clothes. Parc Monceau is a great place to run or walk. Everything was clean and very nice. The computer made planning each day a breeze and I was able to save my photos, stay in touch with home – it was great to have! Thanks for everything!

Cor & Rina - Apeldoorn, Holland
7 April 2006

Thank you for this lovely home away from home that helps you feel the love and life of the Parisians. The apartment is central to all the sites and markets and parks. We were very comfortable and didn't miss anything. The people are very friendly and the city is very interesting. The books and tour guides helped us lots. Thank you again for a very beautiful and well maintained resting place for our vacation. France has so much to show through the art works, wood works, and glasswork, much to be very proud of. A culture we can certainly learn from. Thank you Gail and Eric.

The Campbells - Toronto, Canada
31 March 2006

Thank you for a fabulous apartment from which to explore the sights of this beautiful city. We've been coming to France for 18 years and it just gets better each time. This location is perfect for touring or just making ourselves at home. Having the marché around the corner was so convenient and colourful. We will definitely recommend Magnifique Monceau to our friends. A bientôt.

The Elliots - Mustang, OK, USA
18 March 2006

Thank you for the use of this beautiful apartment. We enjoyed calling it home for a week. It went so fast. We still have a list of hundreds of things we still would like to do! Until next time...au revoir!

Lisa & Rachel - West Hartford, CT, USA
23 February 2006

We very much enjoyed our stay here. This apartment is better than any hotel! It is nice to be welcomed by a cozy spot in the evening after a long day in the city. We recommend a visit to Parc Monceau, especially if you're with kids. It was fun shopping on the closed off part of rue de Lévis especially on Sunday mornings. This apartment has everything we need! We hope that everyone else liked the apartment as much as we did.

Paul, Kim, Nicholas & Liam - Christchurch, New Zealand
14 January 2006

Thank you Gail and Eric for being so helpful to us. The apartment was the perfect place to explore Paris from close to a wonderful market with great shops and delicious food. Staying here was a home-away-from-home and much better than the hotel stays we have had thus far! We have loved Paris, and hope to come again some day.

The Chandlers - Indiana, USA
31 December 2005

We had a great time in Paris seeing all the sights we had only read about before. The location of Magnifique Monceau made it a terrific place to stay – close to a metro stop and the delightful rue de Lévis market street. Thank you, Gail and Eric for your help and for the cleanliness of the apartment. It beat a hotel room by a mile and added to our Paris experience. A restaurant recommendation – Un Air de Famille, on rue des Dames - just a short walk away. The food was delicious; the menu offered numerous choices and the prices very reasonable.

Jill & Marilyn - Canada
19 November 2005

We are extremely pleased with Magnifique Monceau. It was a pleasure to deal with Gail, a fellow Canadian, in arranging our stay here. The apartment was clean and attractive – thank you Eric. The kitchen was well equipped for preparing meals from the goodies bought on the nearby market street. We certainly felt comfortable and safe touring the neighbourhood. We thoroughly enjoyed our wonderful home away from home while exploring the beauty of Paris.

Ada Vaughan - Chicago, IL, USA
10 November 2005

What a great find! Thanks to Gail for accommodating us on short notice. The apartment was lovely, well appointed and clean. My father played in Parc Monceau as a young boy and it's always such fun to visit Paris – where historic places just get better and more beautiful each year. We recommend visiting the Chateau de Chantilly (take the SNCF train out of Gare du Nord, direction Creil). It's a 30 minute ride and well worth it. It all, this was a wonderful visit. We "girls" enjoyed ourselves very much. For my mother, my sister, and myself, we thank you.

The Maslak Family - Ontario, Canada
8 October 2005

To see thousands in a metropolis "still living in a neighbourhood with a graciousness to others, and with time to choose the special cheese of wine or chicken dinner", has brought our family back. France with its manners, art, and historical treasures, has all a visitor would want and much to copy and duplicate in lifestyle what we can at home.

Mike & T.J. - Wenatchee, WA, USA
21 September 2005

Wow! What a great vacation! We arrived here so tired from the trip and found such a comfortable place to stay! Thanks Yetunde and Gail for providing everything we needed and in such a great neighbourhood. We loved shopping at the rue de Lévis market and cooking our meals here. No hotel room would compare to this experience. We went all over Paris and saw so many things and I even got a tattoo at Tin-Tin's! We would definitely love to stay here again. Thank you so much for a wonderful experience.

Jackie Morales - Montreal, Canada
6 September 2005

This is my third time here in Paris and it's by far better than the other times. Your apartment truly made us feel like it was home. Thank you for all of your help. Without you and Yetunde's help, I'm more than convinced this whole weekend would have gone badly. Thank you so much for all of your help and kindness.

David & Shirley Burkis, Dylan & Francesca – UK
10 August 2005

The perfect base from which to explore the magic of Paris. Every need was catered for. We will definitely be coming back!

The Andersons - Grenoble, France
6 August 2005

We had a very nice time – this is a most conveniently located apartment. Rue de Lévis is great. There's a great vegetarian restaurant in the 14th well worth the trip – Aquarius. Totally recommend the catacombs as a unique and thought provoking experience.

Elizabeth & Bonnie - Rochester, NY, USA
17 July 2005

We had a wonderful stay and hope to return. Having rue de Lévis and its fresh food market at hand was a real treat. We loved going there in the morning for fresh berries and pastries. Italia was a great spot for take-out dinner and your recommendation of Le Patio Provencal on rue des Dames was spot on! Delicious! The apartment has been very comfortable and we felt right at home. Our sightseeing recommendation for other visitors is Opera Garnier. It's as elegant as Versailles Palace (though on a much smaller scale of course) and not at all crowded. Stunning at night.

The Somilli Family - San Diego, CA, USA
1 July 2005

What a lovely apartment in a wonderful part of the city! We had a terrific time! The fresh produce close by made cooking a joy! We had everything we need, and hope to return in the near future.

The Gilles - Scottsdale, AZ, USA
24 June 2005

What a pleasant and refreshing change of space from the hotel/tourist hustle and bustle! We felt right at home in our charming little Parisian flat. It is certainly well-equipped and when we arrived we were ever so pleased to find high-speed Internet and a telephone at our disposal. Voila!

We got a real taste of Paris and loved every bit of it. We took several tours, through the Louvre and to Versailles which was a great tour company. Tour de Paris (01.42.12.86.76) which picked up door to door. We found fabulous food everywhere. The surrounding neighbourhood is lovely with nearby

shopping for any needs. We will definitely look forward to returning with more of our family. We highly recommend "Perfectly Paris". Thank you for everything!

The Smiths – Pennsylvania, USA
31 May -15 June 2005

We loved our stay in your apartment. We had everything we needed to feel at home for our two week stay. The neighborhood was just right – Close enough to get to the sites we wanted to see each day, but far enough from the "touristy" Paris to make us feel good about coming home in the evening. We'd recommend L'Herbertard, a cafe near the theatre in rue de Cheroy (just off rue des Dames). We'll certainly contact you again when we return to Paris and heartily recommend Perfectly Paris to our friends.

Elby & Gerwim - Holland
25-30 May 2005

We love Paris and especially- Springtime! And this lovely apartment, spacious well equipped, nice neighbourhood etc. Since we had beautiful weather it was a pity that we couldn't open the latched window. Maybe you can also check the curtain in the bedroom and the door between the living and room. But the rest we really loved!

Angela & Leigh Golding & Angela Keit - Ontario, Canada
5 May 2005

We thoroughly enjoyed our week at this great little apartment April 29-May6. The beds are the best. Everything we needed was close by. Loved all the flowers in the stalls- but no vase or glass big enough! Love to come back some day.

Bridget - Aix-en-Provence, France
23 April 2005

Les Français aussi viennent dans cet appartement si... si agréable et accueillant après tant de kilomètres parcourus dans Paris. Et que dire de ce quartier si typique et si bien décrit par les écrivains français de romans policiers au XX siècle. Bon séjour aux futures habitant temporaires de ce "Magnifique Monceau".

Dafina, Yehuda and Amit Levy - Jerusalem, Israel
Lael Goldberg - London, England
21 April 2005

We are here now a week, and couldn't have imagined it better. The apartment is cozy, beautiful and well equipped. The neighbourhood is quiet, and yet has a huge variety of all we needed.

As I told you on the phone we'll recommend our friends back home to improve their stay in Paris by renting this "Magnificent Monceau" Thank you!

The Morrison-Cohens – Oregeon, USA
23 March 2005

Great apartment, great neighborhood, thank you – made Paris really fun, but avoid N. African restaurant Au Bon Couscous. Really a good find – felt like I got a taste of Paris.

Shayla & Dan Strapps; Trish & Paul Ryder - Australia
16 March 2005

Perfectly Paris...that says it all. A fantastic apartment with everything we could possibly want. So much more character than a hotel room and so tastefully decorated. The computer was an extra bonus with us being able to email family and friends. A really good location, a quiet street and yet within walking distance of the metro and just around the corner from rue de Levis.

We have really enjoyed our stay here. Thank you Gail for everything.

Mary Bach - MN, USA
February 2005

Hi Gail – you know we loved it – roadwork and all. Rue des Dames we refer to as “eat street” and the interesting cafes & sandwich shops stretch all the way to the cemetery. I enjoy cooking so we ate in a lot so I could experiment with crepes (buckwheat, whole wheat and chocolate (Nutella). Favorite bread was the country baguette at “Blonde Pain” take a right on rue des Dames (open most days). The excellent frozen food store Picard is in 2 locations nearby. They are good & very popular it seems.

It was cold during our stay & we love coming back to this cozy home away from home. Check out Parc Monceau, the nearby museums and music presentations at the music schools near too.

The Henner Museum on Villiers is free since it's partially closed, but very interesting. Nissam Comonda in Parc Monceau and the Jacquesmart-Andre on Haussmann- both great & near. Ride the little bus around Montmartre- especially uphill. Skip the flea market.

The apartment had everything – very thoughtful. Maybe could use a coffee thermal carafe.

The Bechly Family - Brisbane, Australia
07 January 2005

A delightful apartment in a beautiful part of Paris – the real Paris. Well appointed and spacious. Easily accommodates two adults and two young teenagers. The modern kitchen and ensuite blends well with the charm of the remaining rooms. Better than a hotel.

Melissa Gillies & Family - Australia
31 December 2004

Why would anyone stay in a hotel when there is wonderful place such as this to stay in Paris?? Our family had such an enjoyable time here. Perfectly Paris certainly delivered on everything they promisedand more!!!! Thank you all so much.

Liz, Malcolm & Lizzie - UK
29 August 2004

We had a great time in Kate's flat. It was well thought out, well equipped and very comfortable.

It was great having access to the internet whilst away from home and not having to go looking for an internet cafe (which I have never used but was willing to try). The only time we looked at the TV was to look at the liberation festival information on Wednesday. We saw the tanks and other military and civilian vehicles having extremely noisy practice circuits around the Hotel de Ville area on the Tuesday evening which was very interesting.

Just a bit of information in case anyone else asks, we parked the car in the garage at the end of rue Claude Pouillet at a cost of 66 euros for 10 days (much better than 2 euros per hour on the street!) and it was very easy to organise.

I'll be in touch with you before our next trip to Paris, until then - take care.

Cathy & Paul - OR, USA
28 July 2004

Thanks again for a terrific stay. The apartment is as charming as it was described on your website. We appreciated all the conveniences; the metro, the opportunity to shop and cook at home and especially the computer with internet access.

We will be happy to refer PerfectlyParis to our friends.