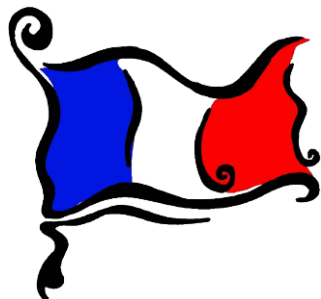


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## PARIS, FRANCE

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- In an emergency these numbers can be called toll free from any phone:  
**General emergency:** 112  
**Police:** 17  
**Ambulance:** 15  
**Fire:** 18
- If you have been the victim of a pick pocket, go to your nearest Police Station to file a report. If you have taken a taxi be sure to get a receipt, then you can track down that cab. You may also go and make a report at lost & found at the police station.
- There is no need for traveler's checks in Europe any more. Let your credit card company and bank know your travel dates then use the local ATM machine for Euros. Fees do apply and remember that there are high minimums for using your credit card in Europe. Always carry some cash.
- I have used my iPhone in Paris with no problems. Be sure to check with your wireless provider for an international plan.
- It costs you to use the public restroom in Europe. Be sure to carry some coins with you in case of emergency. **Tricia's tip:** Use the restroom at a café after your meal. Those are usually free and easy to find.
- Most parks, museums, libraries have free WiFi during regular business hours. There are also internet cafés and many hotels have a computer in the lobby for use. Get a free yahoo or gmail account for your email. At Victoria's apartments she offers free WiFi and telephone calls back home in all of her apartments.
- Tipping! This is the biggest question. It is included in the bill. However, if you have had exceptional service a few Euro is nice.

- Do be careful if someone tries to hand you something on the street. They probably want money for it.
- I always suggest that my friends take the hop on hop off bus. Especially for their first trip. It's a great way to see the whole city.
- Always carry a card on you with your hotel or apartment rental address on it just in case you get lost. Taxis are not that expensive. If you get lost, hale a taxi to restart your tour.
- Pick up a free map at the one of the tourist center's or at your hotel
- Your credit card will not work for the bike rental nor for the metro. We do not have smart chips in our US credit cards so we can't use those machines. Check out Fat Tire Bike Tours for a great afternoon and evening tour.

**MUST SEE:**

*Eiffel Tower, Louve Museum, Musé de Orsay, light show at the Eiffel tower (nightly), Notre Dame, Montmartre, and the Latin Quarter for dancing, dinner and people watching in the evening!*

**SUGGESTED VENDORS:**

**Fat Tire Bike Tours in Paris** - [www.fattirebiketours.com/paris](http://www.fattirebiketours.com/paris)

**Hop on Hop off Bus and Boat Tours** -

[www.grayline.com/Grayline/destinations/europe/paris.go?mode=activityDetail&apid=1436&sid=488](http://www.grayline.com/Grayline/destinations/europe/paris.go?mode=activityDetail&apid=1436&sid=488)

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