

Small Guide : Getting around Paris

Public transportations

Means of transportation	Details	Schedules
Metro	Metro is the cheapest and the fastest way of getting around Paris. Very difficult with a stroller	Every day of the year, 7 days a week From 5:20 AM to 1:20 AM, 2.20 on Saturday night
RER	The RER is a wild rail network with 5 lines designated by letters. It covers a great part of the Ile-de-France. You can get across Paris quicker than with the metro because it stops less often.	Every day of the year, 7 days the week From 4 :45 AM to à 1 :30 AM The times are listed at the train station
Bus	Bus is a good way to visit Paris. Each bus can be identified by his number (line) and his color. The number and the color help to know the destination and the principal stops are indicated on the side.	From Monday morning to Saturday evening for the whole bus network. Some of the them runs also on Sunday and holidays. From 5 :30 AM to 8:30 PM. Some lines run until 12:30 AM
Tramway	There ar 4 lines of tramways running around the capital or on « The maréchaux » (boulevards which surround Paris).	Every day of the year, 7 days a week From 4 :50 AM to 11 :40 PM
Noctilien	Noctilien runs through the entire Ile-de-France with 42 lines.	Every day of the year, 7 days a week From 12 :30 AM to 5 :30 AM

Rates

Tickets are available in every metro, tramway or RER station, at the bus final destination : dans toutes les stations de métro et de RER, at the tobacconists or the newspaper sellers.

Some season tickets are also available (year, month, week) and some discount for students or seniors for example. With the season tickets, you will get a « pass navigo

The « ticket + » allows you to travel during 1:30 am on the public transportation network:

- 1,70 € the unit
- 12 € a book of 10 “tickets +” full price
- 6 € a book of 10 « tickets + » reduced rate (in particular for 4 to 11 year-old kids)

In the bus, tickets are sold in singly in the 1,80-price rate without possibility of correspondence.

All the details on http://www.ratp.info/informer/tarifs/tarifs_2010.pdf

Taxi

Another way to getting around Paris is to take a taxi. You can find a taxi at any hour of the day or night every day of the year.

Be careful, at certain hours in particular on Friday and Saturdays evenings, he can be complicated to find a taxi in the street.

You can call the closest taxi point from your home.

All the telephone numbers on <http://www.taxi-paris.net/page40.html>

You can also contact companies of taxis for a taxi for the moment or a reservation in advance.

- Taxis bleus : 0 891 70 10 10 ou www.taxis-bleus.com
- G7 taxi : 3607 (0,15ct the minute) ou www.taxig7.fr
- Alpha taxi : 01 45 85 85 85 ou www.alphataxis.fr

Rates

The pick-up charge is 2,20 €. The rates rely on the zone where you are and the timetable. Taxis are a little more expensive in the evening and the weekend and beyond the "périphérique". Supplements are applied for a 4th person and more and for luggage.

You have to know that in principle, a taxi driver is allowed to have 4 persons on board and is not supposed to refuse that you go on board if you are 4. In the practice, it is not still so simple.

By car

To get around Paris, you can also take your car. It is more practical if you have kids and if you have things to carry. There is a lot of traffic jam and the car park can be difficult.

In most of the streets, the authorized car park is paying from 9 am till 7 pm from Monday to Friday and on Saturdays on certain streets which are not subjected to the residential car park. All the places are free on Sundays.

The rates vary according to the districts from 1,20 € to 3,60 € an hour.

In your neighborhood, you can benefit from the residential rate :

- 0,65 € a day
- 3,25 € a week

You have to apply for the residential car park card at the « Mairie de Paris ». All information on:

http://www.paris.fr/portail/pratique/Portal.lut?page_id=369&document_type_id=5&document_id=11472&portlet_id=1169

To pay you your car park to the green borders being situated in the street. The car park can be paid with Moneo or Paris Carte. The credit cards and coins are not accepted. The cards "Paris carte" are available at the tobacconist's and the certain newspaper sellers and have a 15-€ value.

You can also park in the public parking at your disposal almost everywhere in the capital. Rates can vary from a parking lot to the other one.

Le vélo

Bike riders are gaining ground in Paris. There are 200 km of bike paths and 70 km of bus lanes. You should be careful, the traffic is dense and the bike riders have to be vigilant.

The city hall of Paris set up « Velib' » which is a self-serve rental service that put at your disposal several thousands bicycles, available 24/24 and 7 days a week. There are pit stops all over Paris.

The 30 first minutes of each trip are free. Afterward, the first half hour cost is 1 € and the second 2 €. The service cost will be debited from your Velib'account. Or your bank account.

All information on : www.velib.paris.fr