



LOVING LIFE IN THE CITY OF LIGHT

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BALTIMORE... WATERFORD...
PARIS... NEW YORK...
PANAMA...



...AND FINALLY BACK TO PARIS!





MY FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT LIVING IN PARIS...

- The art and architecture
- The ease of getting around without a car
- The expat community
- Café culture and French cuisine
- Ability to travel often
- Plenty of parks
- The Seine

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THE ARTS AND ARCHITECTURE

- Paris is an open-air museum
- Some of the best art in the world, from all over the world
- Concerts, theater events, opera, symphony, etc...
- Easy to get to other cities for events, art, etc.
- Living in well-kept beauty





THE EASE OF GETTING AROUND WITHOUT A CAR

- Flat city with well-maintained roads and sidewalks
- Walkable from end to end
- Bikable—and enjoyable to do so
- Best public transport in the world (not always 100% accessible)
- No car cut my living costs by a third



THE EXPAT COMMUNITY

4.4 million foreigners in France; 60,000 Anglophones in Paris alone

- American library, church, etc.
- Groups for all niches
- You need to be on social
- Language classes





CAFÉ CULTURE AND FRENCH CUISINE

- Your local corner café
- Never have to walk more than 5 minutes without an opportunity for a break
- French cuisine is classic and traditional
- Care taken over meals, decorum above all
- Appreciation of meal times





ABILITY TO TRAVEL OFTEN

Train, plane, car, boat...

Aer Lingus, AirBaltic, Blue Air, Condor, EasyJet, Eurowings, Icelandair, Norwegian, Pegasus Airlines, Ryanair, SmartWings, Transavia, TUIfly, Vueling, Widerøe, Wizz Air

Skyscanner, Kayak, Momondo

PLENTY OF PARKS

Never far from
greenery, plus acres
and acres of forest on
all corners of the city





THE SEINE

Living on the water even in a landlocked city...





BUT ISN'T IT TOO EXPENSIVE...?

- The best of Paris is 100% free...
- What I use to buy imported is now local
- No car means a massive cut in expenses
- Museum memberships and partnerships
- Eat decadent lunches out rather than dinner
- Shop the markets
- Drink tap water
- Get *pichets* or *carafes* of wine
- Cinephiles get great deals with memberships



MY 4 TIPS FOR WANNABE EXPATS...

1. WHAT TO TAKE AND LEAVE
2. ADJUSTMENT TO NEW ENVIRONMENT
3. ADJUSTMENT TO NEW CULTURE
4. APPRECIATING THE NEW



1. WHAT TO TAKE AND LEAVE

- Practical versus sentimental
- Size
- Language
- Pets
- Shopping



2. ADJUSTMENT TO NEW ENVIRONMENT

- Seasons
- Daylight hours
- New habits



3. ADJUSTMENT TO NEW CULTURE

- Friendliness/openness/small talk, etc
- Customer service
- Meal times
- Biz hours
- Holidays
- New language



4. APPRECIATING THE NEW

- From honeymoon to divorce talks to golden years in the first 12 months
- Realization that “this” is your everyday, normal life
- Distance from news and politics
- Never stop being a tourist, but don’t act like one



La vie est belle en France...!