Paris Information

Paris, the city of lights, has many of the world’s most famed attractions. Among them, the Eiffel tower, the Louvre, the Cathedral of Notre-Dame and the near-by Palace of Versailles are truly unique. These attractions together with the city’s world fame as a shopping and cultural centre, have helped to make the city the world’s number one tourist destination. Likewise the business district of La Défense with the Grande Arche created by Danish architect Otto von Spreckelsen testifies to the economic and artistic vitality of Paris.

Airports

Paris is served by airline service into two airports, the biggest one being Charles de Galle (LFPG/CDG), which is located in Roissy, 23 km from northeast Paris. The second is Orly (LFPO/ORY) located 14 km to the south of Paris. Both airports have good connections with the centre of Paris. Additional information about travel to and from the airports and the facilities the offer can be found here.

Travel from CDG

Using the RER B

The RER B has a direct line that will take you to and from the CDG. With a one way ticket costing €9.10 it is probably the cheapest way to get into Paris although it helps if you know your way around. There is a terminal inside the airport, and by following the “Paris by Rail” sign, you will find your way to the RER B.

It’s worth remembering that this is not a dedicated “airport express” line, so you will see Parisians hopping on, travelling during rush hours may be challenging!

If you take the RER B to St. Michel-Notre Dame you can change to the RER C line (in the direction of Versailles and St Quentin-en-Yvelines) five stops will bring you to the Javel station which is about a 500m walk from the Novotel, worth thinking about if you have a lot of luggage.

Using the Roissybus

The Roissybus service runs from a number of stops at CDG to the Opera Metro Station a journey which in good traffic will take around 50-60 minutes and cost €10. The advantage of the service is that it is a dedicated airport express route so luggage does not pose the problems that it might on the RER. On the other hand you will then have to make your way from the Opera to the Novotel (there are two routes you could take but both will require a change of train).

Using the Cars Air France bus

Cars Air France offer a number of bus services from CDG to central Paris (at a fare of €15). These services offer all the advantages of the Roissybus but like that service you also need to keep in mind travel from the pickup/drop off points to the Novotel which will mean either multiple Metro/RER changes or a Taxi.

Taxi

Clearly taxis provide the most hassle free means of transport into town although this will come at a premium. Expect to pay between €50 and €80 depending on the time of day and or the traffic conditions. If traffic is light, journey times can be as short as 25-30 minutes but considerably longer (as much as two and half times longer in the rush hour).

Moto Taxi

For the bold of heart and light of luggage there is also the option of a motorcycle taxi or Moto Taxi. While the Moto Taxis have their obvious limitations as far as luggage is concerned they are probabaly the quickest way to and from the airport especially during rush hour. This speed comes at a premium though you can expect to pay €80 for the trip to and from CDG to the Novotel. To find out more click here.

Travel from Orly

Using RER B

Like it’s sister to the north of the city, Orly airport is linked to the RER B line although this time by the Orlyval shuttle train. Once on the RER take the trains for either Mitry-Claye or Aéroport Charles de Gaulle to St. Michel-Notre
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Dame where you can change to the RER C line (in the direction of Versailles and St Quentin-en-Yvelines) five stops will bring you to the Javel station which is about a 500m walk from the Novotel, worth thinking about if you have a lot of luggage. You can expect to pay €10.75 (inclusive of the Orlyval and RER).

**Using the Orlybus**
The Orlybus, provides a link between Paris’ Denfert-Rochereau station and Orly Airport. It stops outside the South Terminal at entrance H and outside West Terminal at entrance D. The service, which operates every 15 to 20 minutes, takes 20 to 30 minutes and costs €6.10. The first bus from Paris leaves at 5.35am, and the last bus leaves Orly at 11.30pm. The Paris Visite travelcard, covering zones 1 to 5, is accepted on Orlybus. The advantage of the service is that it is a dedicated airport express route so luggage does not pose the problems that it might on the RER. On the other hand you will then have to make your way from the Denfert-Rochereau metro station to the Novotel (there are two routes you could take but both will require at least one change of train).

**Les Cars Air France**
The coach service of Air France, provides a link between three central Paris locations (Gare Montparnasse, Invalides and Étoile) and the airport. Buses leave from south terminal at entrance L and from west terminal at entrance D. It takes 35 minutes and costs €11.50. These services offer all the advantages of the Orlybus but like that service you also need to keep in mind travel from the pickup/drop off points to the Novotel for that reason the route to Invalides is the best bet since this is just a few stops on the RER C from Javel station – itself about a 500m walk from the Novotel.

**Taxi**
There are two types of taxi you can use at Orly Airport. Paris taxis cover the city itself and three bordering départements, Hauts-de-Seine, Seine-Saint-Denis and Val-de-Marne. They have ranks at exit M of south terminal and exit B of west terminal, at the arrivals level. Fares vary slightly, but with Paris taxis you can expect to pay about €39 to Notre Dame (€45 on Sundays and bank holidays).

**Moto Taxi**
As with CDG, for the bold of heart and light of luggage there is also the option of a Moto Taxi. While the Moto Taxis have their obvious limitations as far as luggage is concerned they are probably the quickest way to and from the airport especially during rush hour. This speed comes at a premium though you can expect to pay €60 for the trip to and from Orly to the Novotel. To find out more click [here](#).

For a map of the RER click [here](#). For a map of the Metro (and central part of the RER) click [here](#).
General Public Transport
The city has extensive public transport with a bus network and the Metro a system of 13 underground rail lines that cover the entire city and some of the suburbs. In addition, there are four RER lines that provide express links to the outer suburbs as well as CDG, Orly and Le Bourget. As a healthy alternative, and if the spring weather co-operates you might consider making your way around the city under your own power. The central part of the city and its attractions is quite compact and the terrain is easy walking.

On Your Bike! – Le Vélib in Paris
Since its launch in 2007, the Vélib’ system of bicycle rental has met with tremendous success. Originally limited to use in central Paris, it has now crossed over into a number of nearby suburbs and the concept has spread to several other cities in France. So what is Vélib’?
The term Vélib’ is a combination of the French words “vélo” (bicycle) and a truncated version of “liberté” (freedom) and the concept is that of public bicycle sharing. There are 1,451 Vélib’ stations stocked with 20,000 bicycles if you feel like two wheeled locomotion. The average distance between Vélib’ stations is just 300m and if the roads and traffic seem daunting the city boasts 370km of cycle paths.
The majority of Vélib’ users take out an annual subscription which allows unlimited use, but the Vélib’ is not confined to Parisians and even a short-term visitor to Paris can avail of them. A recent innovation is the one day ticket which costs just 1.70€, the same price as a Métro ticket, and a weekly pass is 8€. The tickets can be bought using a credit card number on line at http://en.velib.paris.fr/ (English language version) or with a Smartphone. There are also pay as you go options available. You will feel like a true French native as you cycle around town with the wind in your hair, but keep remember to an eye out for motorists who are not so cyclist-friendly.

Currency
The official currency of France is Euro. Banknotes used in France have the following denominations: 500, 200, 100, 50, 20, 10 and 5 euro. Euro coins used in France have the following denominations: 1 and 2 euro coins, and then 50, 20, 10, 5, 2 and 1 cent coins. Exchange services are provided by foreign exchange offices at many locations around the city, however, banks are considered more secure and offer better rates of exchange at lower commission.
Clearly it is beyond the scope of this document to list all the possibilities that Paris offers visitors so why not visit the Official website of the Paris Visitor’s and Convention Bureau by clicking [here](#).

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