

Paris Travel Checklist

Everything to sort before your trip. Work through this a few weeks in advance.

TICKETS — BOOK FIRST

- Eiffel Tower**
toureiffel.paris · First slot · 4–6 weeks ahead in summer
- Versailles (if going)**
chateauversailles.fr · Books quickly in summer · Go early
- The Louvre**
louvre.fr · Opens 9:00 · Closed Tuesdays · Pick 2–3 areas
- Sainte-Chapelle**
monuments-nationaux.fr · Security: allow 30 min · 45 min inside

TICKETS — WORTH BOOKING

- Notre-Dame time slot**
notredamedeparis.fr · Free entry · Saves queuing in summer
- Musée d'Orsay**
musee-orsay.fr · Closed Mondays
- Specific restaurants**
24–48 h ahead · More for popular spots & weekend evenings

DOCUMENTS

- Passport — check expiry now**
Many countries need 3–6 months validity beyond travel
- Visa (if required)**
Check for your nationality · Allow several weeks
- Travel insurance**
Medical, cancellation, luggage
- Screenshot all confirmations**
Flights, hotel, tickets — offline access
- Passport photo on phone**
Useful if original is lost or stolen

MONEY

- Notify your bank**
Avoid a blocked card abroad
- Check card fees**
Foreign transaction & ATM fees add up · Consider Wise/Revolut
- Cash: €50–100**
Bank ATMs only · Tourist-area kiosks charge more

GETTING THERE & AROUND

- From CDG: RER B**
35–45 min to centre · Every 10–15 min
- From Orly: Orlyval + RER B**
35–40 min total
- Decide on Métro ticket**
Single / Navigo Easy / Navigo Weekly (best for 5+ days)
- Download offline maps**
No data in Métro tunnels — set up before landing
- Check airport → hotel route**
Do this before the flight, not after

PACKING

- Comfortable walking shoes**
6–10 km/day is normal · Test before you go
- Layer for variable weather**
Light jacket or cardigan · Compact rain layer
- Power adapter**
Type E plug (two round pins) · 230V
- Portable charger**
A full day of navigation drains a battery
- Crossbody or closing bag**
Sits in front · Simple pickpocket precaution
- Reusable water bottle**
Tap water safe · Free Wallace fountains across city

PRACTICAL DETAILS

- Free museum days**
Louvre, Orsay + others: first Sunday of each month
- Check closing days**
Louvre closed Tuesday · Orsay closed Monday
- Public holidays**
Some attractions close — check if any fall on your dates
- Emergency numbers**
112 general · 15 medical · 17 police
- Basic French**
"Bonjour" to start · "Merci" to end · Makes a difference

24 HOURS BEFORE DEPARTURE

<input type="checkbox"/> Screenshot all confirmations	<input type="checkbox"/> Download offline maps
<input type="checkbox"/> Check flight time and terminal	<input type="checkbox"/> Save hotel address offline
<input type="checkbox"/> Check airport → hotel route	<input type="checkbox"/> Charge phone and power bank
<input type="checkbox"/> Check weather forecast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack power adapter
<input type="checkbox"/> Confirm restaurant reservations	<input type="checkbox"/> Share itinerary with someone at home