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MAGIC WEEKEND In Paris

Congratulations on making history by attending the first **Magic : The Gathering®** joint Pro Tour / Grand Prix !

In order to facilitate planning your visit to Paris, local and foreign judges have prepared this short guide.

We hope it proves useful and allows you to enjoy even more your stay in France.

Quick Facts

Electricity:

220 VAC, 50 Hz, Euro - type plug.

Calling code: +33.

Time zone:

GMT+1 winter /
GMT+2 summer.

Cell phone network:

3G at 900/2100 MHz (UMTS or WCDMA) and GSM.

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Language and communication

The official language is French. A lot of French people can speak English, especially the young generation.

Obviously, it is not their native language so if you need to talk to them, you should try to speak slowly and without accent.

French players can understand most **Magic** words in English, such as tap, untap, instant, stack, damage, mulligan, life, and so on. You can normally play a game with a French player without having to say anything in French. However, you might want to know some French sentences used by local players. Here they are, along with some other useful phrases:



Pompidou Modern Art Museum, full of mana colors

Numbers

0 — zero	11 — onze
1 — un	12 — douze
2 — deux	13 — treize
3 — trois	14 — quatorze
4 — quatre	15 - quinze
5 — cinq	16 - seize
6 — six	17 — dix-sept
7 — sept	18 — dix-huit
8 — huit	19 — dix-neuf
9 — neuf	20 - vingt
10 — dix	

Playing

Nice to meet you. — Heureux de faire votre connaissance.

I play first. — Je joue en premier.

I play second (I draw). — Je joue en second (je pioche).

How many cards in your hand? — Combien de cartes en main ?

What's your total life? — Combien de points de vie ?

Please wait a second — Un instant s'il vous plait.

I concede. — Je concède

Thank you. — Merci



Notre Dame de Paris, Kilometer starting place for all roads in France.



Currency

The Euro (€ symbol) is the French currency.

1 Euro roughly equals 110 Japanese Yen - 1,31 US Dollars - 0,85 British pounds.

Most shops accept credit cards such as VISA and Mastercard – AMEX is less popular and recognized. Therefore you shouldn't have to keep a lot of cash in your pocket. However, sometimes, a minimum amount (10-15€ depending of the store) is required for using a credit card to pay.

You can ask for an invoice/receipt for any amount.

Traveling

Where is [Louise Michel] Station? — Où se trouve la station [Louise Michel] ?

Is it near here? — Est-ce proche ?

Can I walk there? — Puis-je y aller à pieds ?

Does this train stop at ~? — Ce train s'arrête-t-il à ~?

What's the next station? — Quelle est la prochaine station ?

How long does it take? — Combien de temps cela prend ?

I'd like to buy a return ticket. — Je voudrais acheter un billet aller-retour.

Please take me to [Espace Champerret] —

Emmenez moi à [Espace Champerret] s'il vous plaît.

How much does it cost to go to [Espace Champerret]? —

Quel est le prix pour aller à [Espace Champerret]?

Where are the toilets ? — Où sont les toilettes ?

Tipping

There is no tipping habit in France. Service is already included in the invoice. At restaurants, taxis, hotels, etc. you never need to provide any tip but if you do so, it'll be likely accepted if a special attention or a particular service has been provided.

In comedy theatres and concert halls, you usually tip the staff member who led you to your seat. Most of the time, tips are his/her only salary.

Safety

Paris is a safe place but it doesn't mean there is no crime. It depends on the time and the place, and your luck. Police forces are permanently placed on terrorist alert level so please do not leave your baggage unattended in public places and transportation.



Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in public spaces (bars, restaurants, stations, transports, hotels) but not outdoors.

Convenience stores.

In Paris there are convenience stores in almost every corner that are open with extended hours. They tend to have not only a great array of hot and cold snack foods and drinks, but also things like battery packs for phones, toiletries, and alcoholic drinks.



Yes, you can buy beer and wine in convenience stores. Drinking in public space is not prohibited in France, but it's not recommended.

If you're looking for a cheap takeaway meal, you can easily find a cold one in a convenience store. There are lots of sandwiches and take away stores open late at night in Paris main streets.



The Town Hall, close to the Seine river

Transportation



1) From Charles de Gaulle airport to Paris

Most visitors will arrive at Paris-Charles de Gaulle airport and can easily go to Paris and get a connection to the tournament venue by public transport

By train

The Paris-Charles de Gaulle SNCF station is located between terminals 2C-2D and 2E-2F.

The RER line B links Paris-Charles de Gaulle to Paris and its suburbs.

Frequency: every 10 - 15 minutes on week days.

Journey time: 40 min

Fare: € 8.40

You can find timetables and details here: http://www.ratp.fr/fr/ratp/c_21904/aeroport-roissy-charles-de-gaulle

By bus

There's also an express bus to the Opera area (Paris IInd district).

Frequency: every 20 minutes.

Journey time: 40 min

Fare: € 9.40.

You can find timetables here:

http://www.ratp.fr/informer/pdf/orienter/f_plan.php?loc=bus_banlieue/300&nompdf=352&fm=gif

2) From Orly airport to Paris

By train

The Paris-Orly airport is linked to the RER B station « Antony » by the ORLYVAL shuttle train.

Paris-Orly South: entrance K

Paris-Orly West: entrance A, Arrival level

From « Antony » towards Paris and its suburbs take the trains heading for "Mitry-Claye" or for "Airport Charles de Gaulle".

Frequency: every 20 minutes.

Journey time: 25 min (RER) + 8 min (ORLYVAL)

Fare : € 6.10 (RER) + € 7.90 (ORLYVAL)

You can find timetables and details here: http://www.ratp.fr/en/ratp/r_28066/rer-b

By bus

There's also shuttle service between Orly airport and Place Denfert-Rochereau.

Frequency: every 15-20 minutes.

Journey time: 30 minutes.

Fare: € 6.60.

You can find timetables here: http://www.ratp.fr/en/ratp/r_28017/orlybus

3) From both Airport to Paris by car

From both airports, you can also travel by car. Of course you can take a taxi, but it is very expensive. You can order a shuttle company and share the fare to get an average and competitive price : during booking, ask Jean-Michel and mention the Magic word.

<http://www.parisairportservice.com/index.php?lng=en>



3) Within Paris

In Paris, the main ways to travel are by train, bus and subway. There is a considerable amount of people living in Paris without having a car. Tourists would be advised to travel in the same way.

Sure, you can take a **one way-ticket**: 1 ticket 1,70€ or a book of 10 tickets (standard fare http://www.ratp.fr/en/ratp/c_21158/ticket-t) 12,00€ but you can also buy **The Paris Visite travel card**.

http://www.ratp.fr/en/ratp/c_22599/copy-of-presentation/

This is perfect for those wanting to visit Paris and make unlimited, unrestricted trips around the Île-de-France region !

Validity

The Paris Visite travel card is valid for 1, 2, 3 or 5 consecutive days in zones 1-3 or 1-6 (Please note: each day begins at 05:30 and ends at 05:30 the following day).

Depending on which zones you select, Paris Visite allows you to travel on subway (or Metro); RER lines (RATP and SNCF commuter lines);

Île-de-France bus lines (RATP and OPTILE), except those circulating on Jetbus, Allobus Roissy CDG, tourist excursion and Air France networks; the Orlyval line (linking Orly Airport to the RER B); the Montmartre funicular.

Check condition and fare:

http://www.ratp.fr/en/ratp/c_21894/paris-visite



Paris travel on your mobile

Airports:

<http://itunes.apple.com/fr/app/my-airport-service-officiel/id322543617?mt=8>

Train subway and bus:

http://www.ratp.fr/en/ratp/r_26720/iphone-ipad

RATP Lite is the free version of RATP Premium. Paper maps are outdated, thanks to this application: view maps of the transport networks in the Île-de-France region, on- or offline!

http://www.ratp.fr/en/ratp/c_22059/ratp-lite-for-iphone

Of course, this app is also available on Android:

<http://yaam.mobi/app/?id=com.fabernovel.ratp>

TOURNAMENT LOCATION

ESPACE CHAMPERRET

6 rue Jean Ostreicher
75017 Paris
Tél. : 033.1.40.68.22.22

Access :

- Subway (Metro) : Porte de Champerret station or Louise Michel station (line 3).
- RER : Station Pereire (Line C) and Métro (line 3).
- Bus : N° 84-92-93-163-164-165 et PC (Station Porte de Champerret).



The Fact Sheet

First of all, have you checked the event fact sheet webpage? It's got lot of information about the main tournament, the public events and the hall attractions. You should take a close look at it and decide which things you wouldn't like to miss:
<http://www.wizards.com/Magic/TCG/Events.aspx?x=mtg/event/magicweekend/paris11>

Artists

Did you check which artists are attending? Yeah, it's on the webpage mentioned above. In Paris, **Magic** artists **Alexi Briclot**, and **Igor Kieryluk** will be attending.

You should start gathering all the cards you want to get signed at the event. By the way, here are a couple of tips about artists that you should keep in mind:

Be understanding: artists make long trips to attend these events and spend days signing cards. Please don't ask them to sign your full basic land collection – bring piles of maximum 10-15 cards. If you really want to get more cards signed, join the queue again, so other fans get the chance to get their cards signed, too.

If you want something special done to your cards or another item (like a binder), ask, don't assume, and accept what the artist is willing to do.

The best way to show your appreciation for their work and time is buying a print or an artist proof from them. This is especially true if you ask them to sign a lot of cards: be grateful and buy something from them.



Magic in Paris

There are several game stores in Paris. Some stores have play space where you can play booster drafts, EDH, etc.

WotC's own store locator is a handy tool for finding them:

<http://ww2.wizards.com/StoreAndEventLocator>

Main shops are:

Troll2jeux

(22, rue Hector malot 75012 Paris - <http://news.troll2jeux.com> - 33 1 43 40 90 46, Subway/Metro Station : Gare de Lyon)

Magic Corporation

(13 rue Amelot 75011 Paris - <http://www.magiccorporation.com> - 33 1 48 05 02 06, Subway/Metro Station : Bastille)

Game Center Paris

(41-43 rue Linné 75005Paris - 33.146330298, Subway/Metro Station : Jussieu)

Parkage

(25 rue geoffroy saint hilaire 75005 paris - <http://parkage.com/boutique.php> - 33 9 52 40 75 22, Subway/Metro Station : Saint-Marcel or Censier-Daubenton)

Uchronies games

(61 rue Letellier 75015 Paris - <http://www.uchroniesgames.fr> - 33.145798693, Subway/Metro Station : Cambronne or La Motte-Picquet-Grenelles)

Le Repaire du Dragon

(44 Boulevard de Magenta 75010 Paris - <http://www.lerepairedudragon.fr> - 33.144847069, Subway/Metro Station : Gare de l'Est or Jacques Bonsergent)



Magic Magazine

There is a French magazine about Magic since 1994 "Lotus noir". Last summer, a new company took back this newspaper published on a bimonthly base.

Some writers are well known in the Magic world: Guillaume MATIGNON – 2010 World champion, Guillaume WAFO-TAPA – World 2010 finalist, Pierre MALHERBAUD – European Championship finalist and Kevin DESPREZ – DCI level 4 judge.

The new website <http://www.lotusnoir.info> is going to be developed in the near future.

Be sure that they will attend this first joint Pro Tour / Grand Prix to bring you a nice coverage.

Hostels

There are lot of choice at various prices but I will recommend to you :

Close to the tournament location, 12 minutes walking, a special price has been negotiated for you in the Novotel Paris 17 Porte d'Asnières

(<http://www.accorhotels.com/fr/hotel-4987-novotel-paris-17-porte-d-asnieres/index.shtml>).

During booking, ask Foued and mention the “Magic” word.

In a very pleasant district and with good connection to public transport, a special price has been negotiated for you in the Novotel Paris Gare Montparnasse

(<http://www.novotel.com/fr/hotel-5060-novotel-paris-gare-montparnasse/index.shtml>)

During booking, ask Carole and mention the “Magic” word.

Sightseeing

Paris is a fascinating city, with a rich historical background. There are a lot of highlights. Of course you can find plenty of guides and mobile applications that can help you to organize your journey and find things to discover in Paris. Here are 3 proposals :

DA VINCI CODE WALK

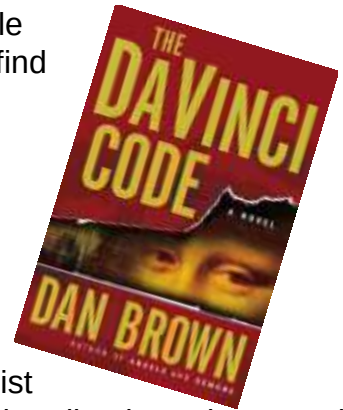
I propose you to discover Paris through

Robert Langdon's eyes with the **Da Vinci Code Walk**.

This trip will take us through the pages of Dan Brown's sweeping novel that has engulfed the world with intrigue.

We will follow the adventure of renowned Harvard symbologist

Robert Langdon as he searches for the hidden clues that lie throughout Paris. Beginning at the famous Hotel Ritz where the novel opens with Robert Langdon fast asleep. Walking through the Jardin des Tuileries and enjoying the beautiful gardens, we will enlighten you to a few of the author's liberties that he took in the writing of this book. We will enter the Carrousel du Louvre, where Silas murdered the museum curator Jacques Saunière, to see the inverted pyramid believed to house the Holy Grail itself before crossing the Pont des Arts on our way to the gallery district of the Left Bank. This walk will take us to the Church of St-Germain-des-Pres before closing the tour at our final destination; St. Sulpice (may be closed on Sunday for Mass). View the infamous Rose Line and take a look inside this dramatic church as you follow the Rose Line to the towering obelisk where Silas mistakenly believed the Holy Grail rested.



Duration: 2 Hours (approximately) **Distance:** 1.65 miles or 2.65 km



Ritz Hotel, place Vendôme

The story opens with Robert Langdon fast asleep in his room and the police knocking on his door.

He is being summoned to the Louvre to help solving Jacques Saunière's murder. Robert is not aware that he's actually a suspect in the crime.

The Louvre Museum

The book begins with the murder of Jacques Saunière in the Grand Gallery and later, the inverted pyramid hides an important secret. This is also the place from where Robert Langdon makes a daring escape from the French police.



St. Sulpice

St. Sulpice is located in the Latin Quarter and is still a functioning church today. In the book, Silas broke through the floor looking for the keystone in a hollow space of the floor at the base of the obelisk. The so called "Rose Line" can also be found here.

Tuileries Gardens

Robert Langdon and Sophie Neveu drive their car through the gardens and comment that it's the one place in Paris from which one can see the Musée D'Orsay, the Louvre Museum and the Pompidou Center



Pont des Arts

The Pont des Arts bridge is not included in the book, but we'll cross the pedestrian bridge during our walk. The bridge offers wonderful views of the Seine river, the Île de la Cité, the Académie Française and the Louvre Museum.

And so on...



2nd option : MONTMARTRE ETERNAL VILLAGE



Though it was a sacred hill from the Roman Temples period to the Abbey of Montmartre and the political tone of Henri the IV, Montmartre preserved its cultural and artistic identity by offering a home to the greatest painting movements of the XIX and XX centuries.

In this district is located the famous Red Mill "Moulin rouge Cabaret", universally known with the movie and the "French Cancan" dance.

The Sacré Coeur church, on the top of the hill, is a great place to watch the sunset. You can use the funicular to go up the hill. *It is included in the Paris Visite card or for a single subway ticket.*

Metro Line 2 – Station Blanche / Barbes

3rd option : RIVERBOATS

A one hour seightseeing cruise on the Seine River is a convenient and charming way to discover Paris. From the Eiffel tower, every 15 minutes:

<http://www.bateauxparisiens.com/english.html>
(<http://www.bateauxparisiens.com/resources/images/lightbox/pla-n-acces-croisiere-tour-eiffel.gif>)

Or the historical company starting from the Concorde Bridge : <http://www.bateaux-mouches.fr/en>



Have a

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Thanks for your attention

Think Green : print only if needed !