



Sight Seeker's Delight

UNIQUE WALKING TOURS AND TRAVEL SERVICES

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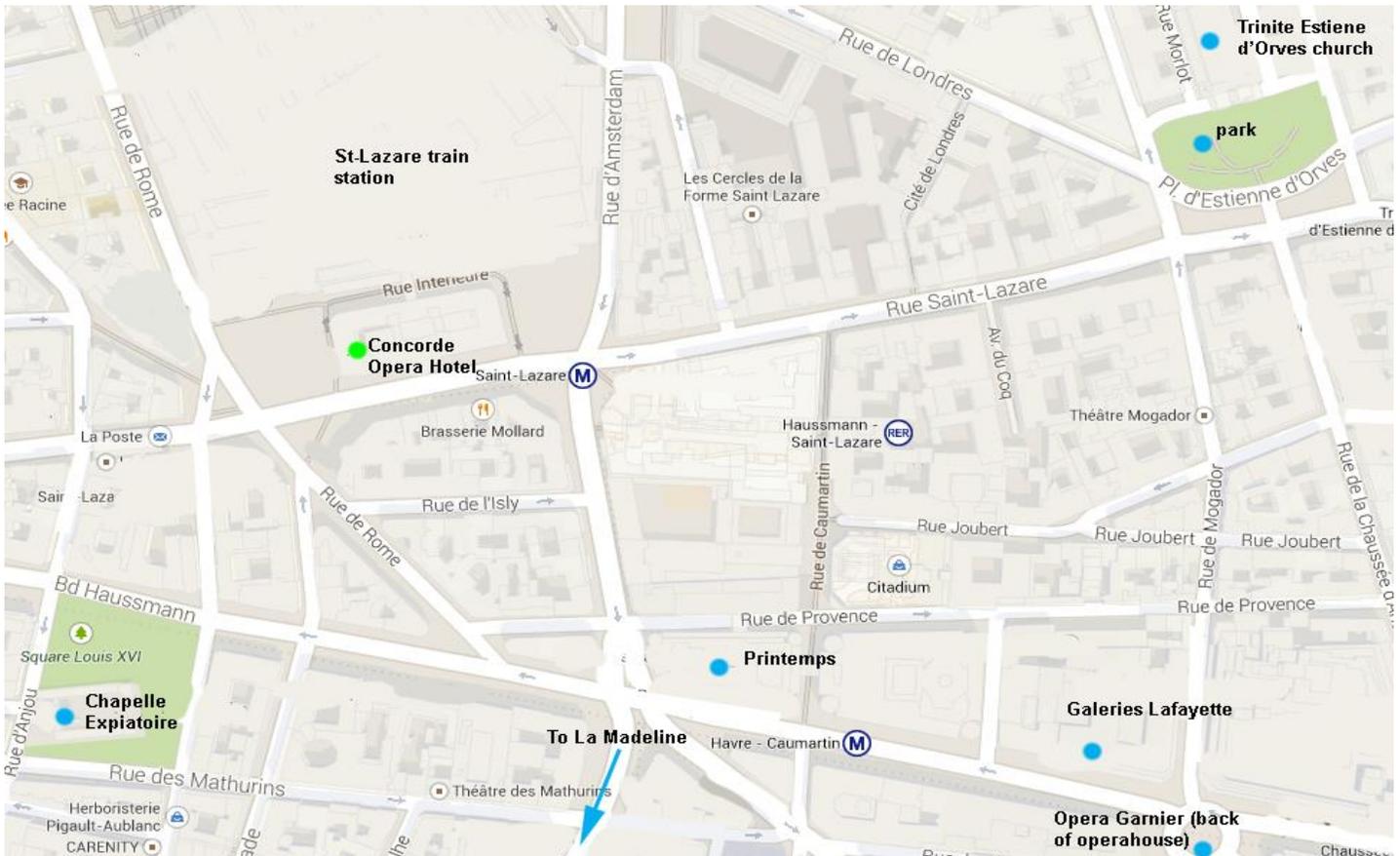
7:30am – Arrive at airport

Welcome to France! You can count on arriving at your hotel about 2 hours after your plane is set to land.

9:30am – Arrive at Paris hotel

Concorde Opera Paris
108 Rue Saint Lazare
01 40 08 44 44

Below is a map of your hotel and surrounding areas. Your closest metro stops are St-Lazare (lines 3, 12, 13, 14) and Havre Caumartin (lines 3, 9)... in terms of public transport, you're really lucky! Note that St-Lazare is a very large metro stop though



since it is also a regular train station. You're closest to exits 2 (Place du Havre) and 8 (rue d'Amsterdam). It's a good idea as you're walking around your neighborhood to mark directly on the map your closest pharmacy, bakery, and grocery store. Points of interest in your neighborhood are shopping on Bd Haussmann (Printemps, Galeries Lafayette), Opera Garnier, Madeline, and churches Expiatoire (fabulous on the inside) and Trinité Estienne d'Orves.

Morning – Relax in hotel, or Hop-on Hop-off bus

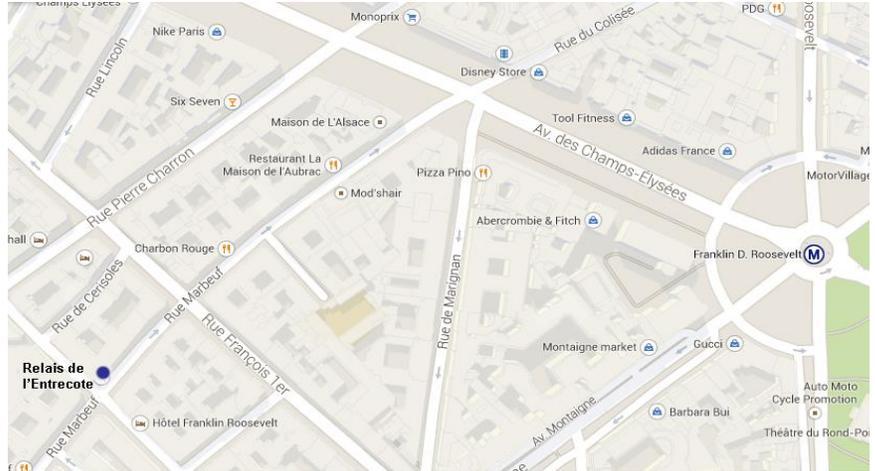
There are several hop-on hop-off bus tour companies that you could consider for your first day. Les Cars Rouges/Big Bus Paris sees most of Paris' main sites, though certain notable areas (Montmartre, Latin Quarter) are not included: <http://eng.bigbustours.com/paris/home.html>. L'Open Tour, though more expensive, offers more comprehensible tour routes: <http://www.paris.opentour.com/en/> Each of their sites will provide details on where to meet, depending on what you choose (if you do choose to do this). Take a look at the metro guide in your Annex to help you get acclimated to the Paris metro – one of the best city public transportation systems in the world.

1:00pm – Lunch

Relais de l'Entrecote, 15 rue Marbeuf, 75008
Open noon-2:30pm, 7-11pm
01 49 52 07 17

This casual restaurant (famous for delicious French cuts of steak and fries, but also other traditional French food) does not take reservations, which is actually perfect for you today! Depending on what you do with your morning, you may or may not want to go to lunch here (or at least not at 1pm – maybe earlier, maybe later).

To get here from your hotel, go to metro Havre-Caumartin and take line 9 direction Pont de Sèvres until Franklin D Roosevelt. Walk to the restaurant from there. This will take about 15-20 minutes.



As an alternate, shorter, and more low-key choice for lunch, you can head to the bakery Eric Kayser, 19 rue du Bac 75007. This bakery is by the Musée d'Orsay and is labeled on the map below. If you do this, I would suggest heading down to the banks of the Seine river right by the museum to enjoy your meal – the Riverwalk there (labeled on the map below) is quite nice and even has food trucks in case you want dessert!

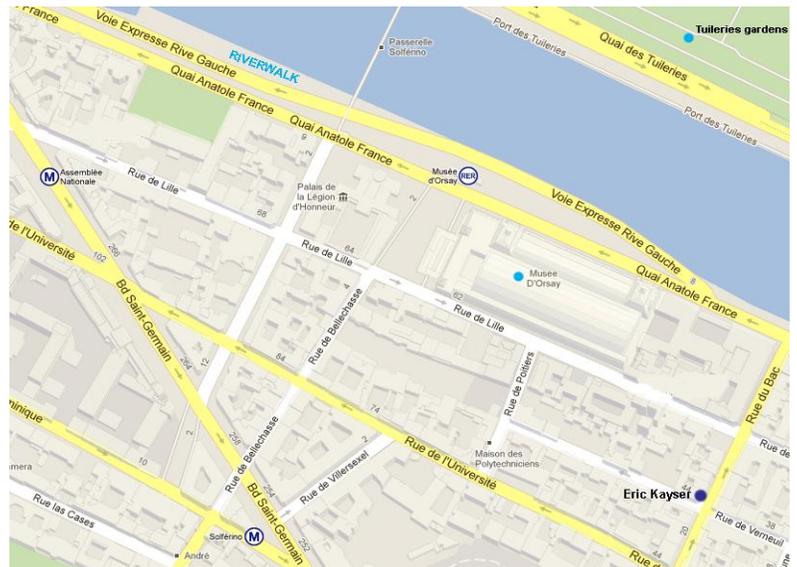
If you'll be headed in the Musée d'Orsay direction instead, go to metro St Lazare and take line 12 direction Mairie d'Issy until Solferino. This will take about 20 minutes.

2:30pm – Musée d'Orsay

Located in a converted old train station, the Musée d'Orsay is home to a great collection of impressionist pieces. Here you can see Van Gogh, Manet, Monet, Renoir, and many more. The building is magnificent and still looks like the inside of a huge train station. This museum takes about 2-3 hours to go through.

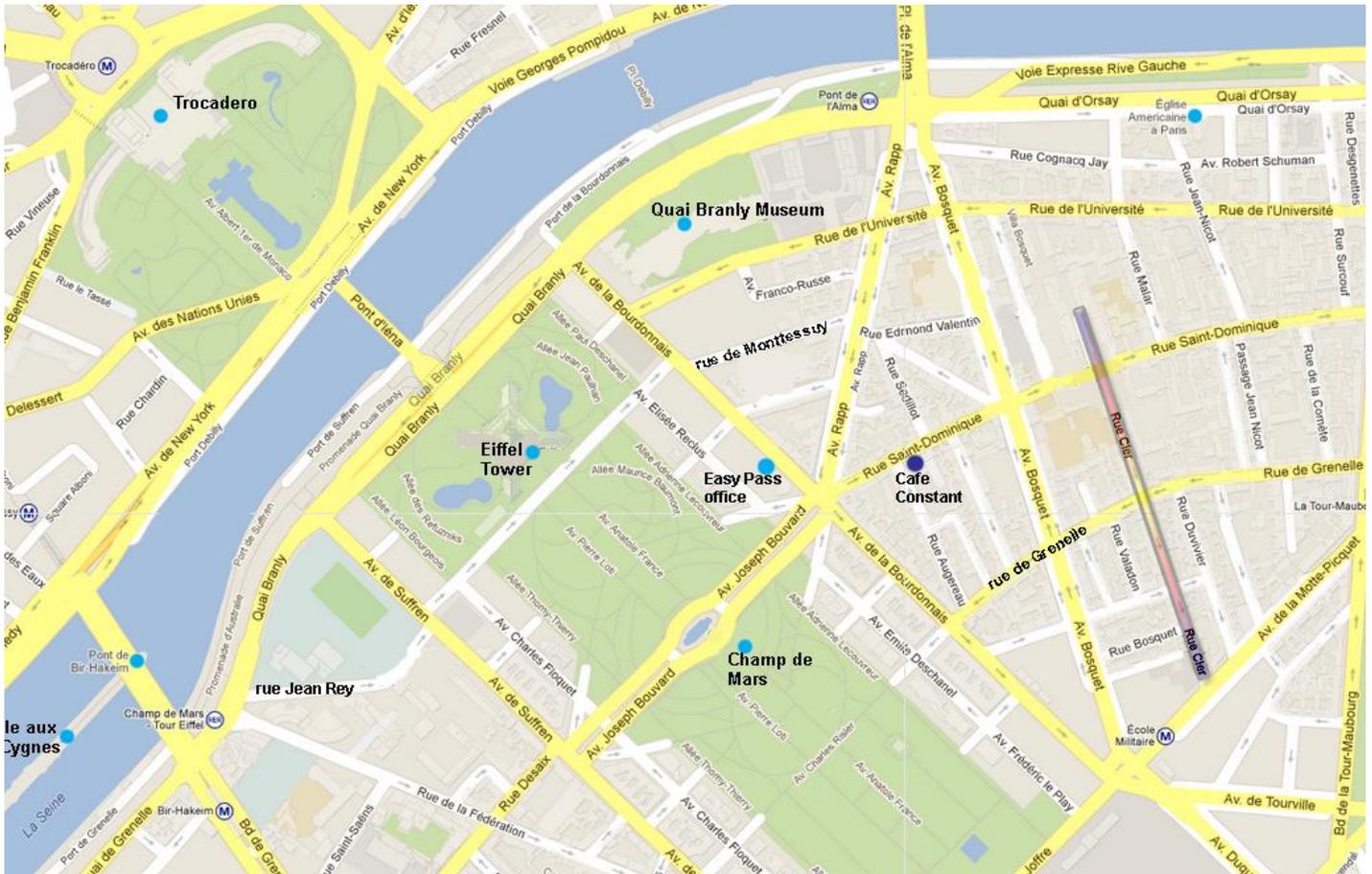
Address: 1 avenue de la Légion d'Honneur 75007
Open every day except for Mondays from 9:30am – 6:00pm, open until 9:45pm on Thursdays
Closed January 1, May 1, December 25
Entrance: 9 euros, audioguide additional 5 euros (or Museum Pass)

To get here from lunch at Relais de l'Entrecote, go to metro Franklin D Roosevelt and take line 1 direction Chateau de Vincennes until Concorde. Switch to line 12 direction Mairie d'Issy until Solferino and walk from there. This should take about 15 minutes.



5:30pm – Easy Pass boat ride (1 hour) - RESERVED

The boat departs from the Eiffel Tower. Either before you go up or after you come back down from the top of the Eiffel, be sure to wander around the gardens that surround the tower – they are really beautiful! If you have extra time, you can also visit the Ile aux Cygnes, off the nearby Pont de Bir-Hakeim. On the far end of this island is a miniature Statue of Liberty, which is fun to



see and take some pictures of. The famous rue Cler market street is also nearby and deserves a morning or afternoon wander if you have time later in your trip, though much will be closed during August.

As with any tourist destination, you should be extra careful with your belongings around the Eiffel Tower. There are pickpockets and people trying to scam tourists, so just use your common sense! Make sure your bags are closed and that your wallets or any other valuables are secured.

One thing to watch out for (and I fell for this myself when I first arrived in Paris): there are sometimes groups of children with petition clipboards for a deaf/mute organization that will come up to you, acting as if they are deaf. This is a shameful trick, sadly... when I fell for this, after I had signed the petition and given them 5 euros, I saw a group of them chatting amongst themselves until a deaf tourist walked up to them and started furiously signing. I can only assume he was yelling at them for pretending to be deaf. The children dispersed but have likely returned... since then I have even seen TV news specials on them! See your Annex for typical 'scams,' so that you can be prepared.

To get to the Eiffel Tower from Orsay, go to metro Solferino or Assemblée Nationale and take line 12 direction Aubervilliers until Concorde. Switch to line 8 direction Balard and exit at Ecole Militaire. Walk to the tower from there. This will take about 25 minutes. Note: I would normally have you take line 6 to the tower since it's closer, but there is some construction going on and the stations near the Eiffel Tower are closed!

7:00pm – Dinner – RESERVED (Doe, 4 people)

Café Constant, 139 rue Saint-Dominique 75007

Open: Every day noon – 2:30pm, 7 – 11pm

This is guaranteed to be one of your favorite meals! Chef Christian Constant cooks up typical, extremely high-quality, and beautiful French meals at reasonable prices.