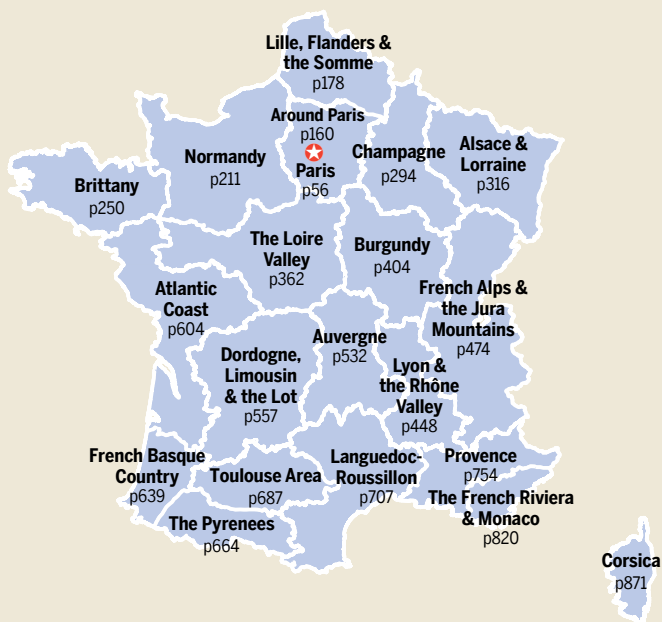


On the Road





Paris

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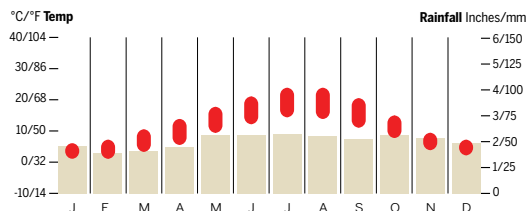
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Why Go?

Paris has a timeless familiarity for first-time and frequent visitors, with instantly recognisable architecture – the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe guarding glamorous Champs-Élysées, gargoyled Notre Dame cathedral, lamplit bridges spanning the Seine and art-nouveau brasseries spilling onto wicker-chair-lined terraces. Dining is a quintessential part of any Parisian experience, whether at cosy neighbourhood bistros, Michelin-starred temples or gastronomy, *boulangeries* (bakeries), *fromageries* (cheese shops) or street markets. Shopping is also essential in this stylish city, from discount and vintage fashion through to groundbreaking emerging designers and venerable haute couture houses. And Paris is one of the world's great art repositories, with priceless treasures showcased in palatial museums. But against this backdrop, Paris' real magic lies in the unexpected: hidden parks, small museums and tucked-away boutiques, bistros and cafes where you can watch Parisian life unfold.

When to Go

Paris



Jun & Jul Afternoon concerts every weekend during the Paris Jazz Festival.

Mid-Jul–mid-Aug Paris Plages transform the riverbanks into sandy beaches.

Oct Museums, bars and more stay open all night during Nuit Blanche.