



Paris With Kids

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## Day 1 Itinerary-You've Arrived!

Today is all about your arrival. Check in to your hotel or apartment. If you've rented an apartment in the Rue Cler area, go to the neighborhood grocery store to pick up drinks, snacks, and other goodies that your family might enjoy at the apartment.

Get to know your neighborhood. Take a stroll through the Rue Cler Market towards the Eiffel Tower. Although you are tired, try to stay awake until a reasonable Parisian hour to help reset your clock. A walk is the best thing for jet lag.

### Grocery Stores

You'll find small grocery stores on almost every corner of Paris. There are two small, but conveniently located, **Fran Prix** grocery stores in the Rue Cler neighborhood. One is located at 27 Rue Cler and another at 7 Rue Champs de Mars.

**Carrefour Grocery** is located near the Metro Ecole Militaire station at 42 Avenue de la Motte Picquet. It has the best selection, but choose whichever store is convenient or closer to your apartment.

### Grocery Advice

1. Don't buy too much at the grocery, because you will want to take advantage of the fresh offerings at the street markets, boulangeries, and cheese shops. Also kitchen space will be limited.
2. Let your kids pick out a box of cereal to munch on during the week. It's a surprisingly fun treat!
3. Pick up a box of pasta if you have picky eaters. Or, consider packing macaroni and cheese boxes and peanut butter from home.



4. Buy yogurt (it's delicious here) and other staples like milk, OJ, citronade, etc. We would snack on cereal and yogurt in the morning and then grab a croissant or pain au chocolat at the local boulangerie on the way to our destination.
5. Remember to bring a collapsable shopping bag for the markets and grocery stores and carry it in your travel pack at all times (that way you don't have to run by the apartment first). The grocery stores and markets do not provide bags for you.

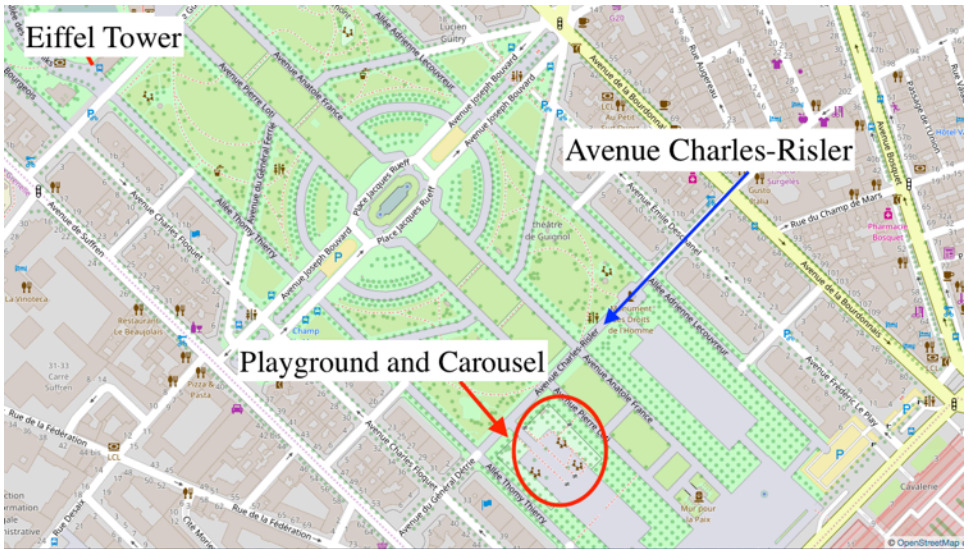


*Rue Cler Market Street*



## Day 2 Morning Activity-Playground and Hand-Cranked Carousel in Champs de Mars Park

Under the shadow of the Eiffel Tower and just a 5 minute walk from its base, you will find the wonderful playground and carousel in the Parc Champs de Mars. It includes plenty of green space with benches, playgrounds, a puppet theater, and most importantly, a 100 year-old, hand painted, hand-cranked carousel.



*Playground and carousel areas in Champs de Mars Park*



## Hand-Cranked Carousel

You will love seeing your kids try to “spear” the rings with their baton as they circle on their horses. The attendant cranking the carousel will cheer them on in French adding to the fun! They are playing the *jeu de bagues* (ring game) - a children's version of the medieval tournament where galloping knights spear rings with lances. Definitely a highlight of our trip.



*The hand-cranked carousel in Champs de Mars Park*

Please note that this is not the fancy, new carousel at the foot of the Trocadéro behind the Eiffel Tower and next to the Seine River. You want the real, authentic, Parisian carousel located off the Avenue Charles-Risler that runs across the park and is accessed from the 7th from Rue de Belgrade. Small fee: €2.50.



## Champs de Mars Playground

A nice playground and benches are located right behind the carousel. Grab a snack at the stand next to the carousel if you need to refuel before continuing your day. They have crepes to order, sandwiches, croissants, ice cream, etc. Cafes also line the streets surrounding the park.



*Playground in Champs de Mars Park*

**Tip:** Buy a sandwich, croissant, or baguette in the morning on your way to activities, stuff it in your backpack, and snack as needed.





## Day 2 Afternoon- Promenade Les Berges de la Seine

You can bike and/or walk this pedestrian-only 2.3 kilometer path along the Seine River. You can go from the Eiffel Tower (Pont de L'Alma) to the Louvre (Pont Royal) and experience the views and activities along the way.



*Berge de Seine entrance from the Eiffel Tower area*

With climbing walls, hopscotch, and other activities, the whole family is entertained while enjoying a beautiful stroll along the Seine. Follow for as long as you'd like or make your end point the climbing wall at Pont des Invalides. FYI: "Pont" means bridge.

### Approximate Walking Times

- From the Eiffel Tower to the climbing wall at Pont des Invalides: 20 minutes
- From Pont des Invalides to Musée D'Orsay: 20 minutes
- From Pont de L'Alma (near Eiffel Tower) to Pont Royal (Louvre): 30 minutes



*One of the climbing walls on the Berges de Seine Walkway*



*Les Berge des Seine Walkway*



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## **What Makes Our Itineraries Unique?**

### ***Where To Stay***

The lodging choices for each destination have been carefully selected for their ideal location, price point, safety, and proximity to the day's activities. We tell you the best area to stay so you can minimize driving or walking distances and maximize your moments having fun. Knowing what part of town to stay in is a huge part of making a trip a success, and that's hard to do when you are not familiar with a destination. We save you time and energy by doing all the research for you.

### ***Where To Eat***

Local dining establishments are highlighted. The kind where children are welcome but isn't necessarily a restaurant geared primarily towards kids. You won't find many restaurant chains in our itineraries, just good local food mirroring the destination's culture. This could mean a food truck, a pizza place, or a nice sit-down restaurant, but always delicious. If there are any local brews, specialty foods, wines, or coffee houses around, we'll mention those too.

### ***Where To Play***

The organization of each day has been thoughtfully planned in order to group activities together by proximity, ideal time of day to visit, and the best nearby dining choices. It's all been laid out for you, along with directions, maps, travel tips, links to more info, and more. We cover the most worthwhile activities to do in a destination (based on our own family's reviews) without forgetting that vacations are meant to be fun and relaxing, not a list to be checked off while hauling around whining children.





You'll find plenty of outdoor activities for the family as well as cultural and historical sites unique to the destination. Many itineraries include easy hikes, bike rides, and float trips that have been selected for their kid-friendly length and ease of difficulty as well as their scenic beauty. (Always worth it!) We are all about getting families outdoors so we include as much fresh air as we can in our itineraries, whether it is a day-long trek in a national park or just the location of a fantastic playground perfect for a break from sight-seeing.

### ***Unbiased Recommendations***

At the founding of Simply Awesome Trips, we agreed to travel as we always have with our families—on our own dime. No free nights, no comped visits, not even any swag. We continue to feel good about that decision. We do participate in affiliate marketing with some of the companies that we personally use (Booking.com, VRBO.com). They don't pay us to write, we simply get a commission if you enter those sites through our "gate" as opposed to say a Google search.

But we also recommend lodging, restaurants, and activities, where we don't receive any commission, such as Airbnb or private rental companies. We don't change recommendations based on vendor. If it's good; it's good.

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