

WEEKEND IN PARIS FOR SAVVY TRAVELERS



Paris is the tourism destination no. 1 for millions of tourists coming annually to the French capital. However, those who want to avoid the crowds should visit Louvre on Friday evening, skip shopping on Saturdays and explore the Jewish quarter on Sundays.

Paris is one of the world's most popular tourism destinations. Millions of tourists come every year to enjoy the most popular attractions like the Eiffel Tower, Louvre or Notre Dame Cathedral.

However, those who want to experience Paris from different, quieter, perspective should avoid the crowds of tourists. The best time to visit Louvre for instance is Friday evening. Between 6 pm and 10 pm the so called nocturne takes place. **Unknown to most tourists during the nocturne visitors can enjoy the magic of the museum as well as romantic views at the Parisian streets at night.** The unique experience is well worth the visit especially for those under 26 years who have free admission, reported Lidovky.cz.

It is important to keep in mind that Parisians go shopping on Saturday and on Sunday they often visit museums and exhibitions. Therefore it is advisable to avoid the shopping centers on Saturdays and enjoy other attractions of the city instead. There is for example the newly reconstructed Musée des Arts Décoratifs where a visitor can admire precious furniture, jewelry and posters.

On Sundays most shops are closed so it is good to be prepared - in some places it might be difficult to buy even a bottle of water. However, smaller shops open even on Sundays around attractions with bigger concentration of tourists. Also, shops in the Jewish district Le Marais are naturally open as well.

When searching for a comfortable room to spend the night in tourists have a number of options. Of course there are the luxurious hotels like Plaza Athénée or Hemingway's favorite Hotel Pont Royal. In these you obviously don't need to be afraid to get insufficient breakfast or find mould on walls, which is however not always true about the cheaper hotels.

If you are not willing to pay a fortune you might look for cheaper hotels around big railway stations. Standard is more or less guaranteed in bigger chains of hotels such as Etap La Villette. These hotels provide quality accommodation for reasonable prices.

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