FRANCE

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PARIS

ATTRACTIONS

River Cruise on the Seine: Nice activity to do at night if it is not too cold. Great way to see the Eiffel Tower for the first time and the many sights along the river. (many hostels have affordable deals with the boat companies for 10 euros).

Versailles: A must do. Arrive very early (the line will get crazy). Get in for free with student visa. The inside of the palace is spectacular but the most impressive section is the gardens. You can rent a golf cart to see more of the garden in less time.

Eiffel Tower: Nice to see it both during the day and night. At night, there is a light show each hour but it is seasonal.

Champs Elysee: Major shopping street close to the Eiffel Tower.

Arc de Triomphe: Climb to the top, most beautiful views of the city and you can see the tower!

Notre Dame Cathedral

Pont des Arts Bridge: The lock bridge! They sell locks and sharpies here that you can sign but they will be

Latin Quarters: Markets during the day, also good for dinner and crepes.

Les Catacombes: Bones put underground when cemeteries got too full and started spreading diseases, years later someone went in and organized all the bones. Go early, they only let a certain amount of people in at a time.

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Montmartre Neighborhood: Cable car to top of the hill or walk. Really cute, artsy area. Cool views, stores and stands.

Sacre Coeur: Church up a hill in Montmartre with beautiful view of the city.

Sainte-Chapelle Church: Gothic style church with the most beautiful stained glass windows that let the light in.

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Tuileries Gardens: Nice to walk through next to the Seine and near the Louvre. Really nice place to walk around.

Musee d’Orsay: All types of art; Architecture, models, paintings, sketches, statues, etc.

Musée De L’Orangerie: Impressionist and classic French artists.

Musée Rodin: Sculpture garden and museum of Rodin, considered one of the most remarkable sculptors of his time.

FOOD

Ladurée & Pierre Hermes: Amazing option for French macarons. There will be a lines but it is worthwhile!

Crepes: These can be bought on the streets, restaurants, etc. Just get them and they are amazing!

Angelina’s: Famous tea and hot chocolate place near the Louvre with sit down option too.

JEWS ACTIVITIES

The Jewish community of Paris is the largest in Europe. It is thriving and spread out across several districts, with a lot to discover! There are multiple Kosher restaurants and synagogues of all denominations throughout the city, with a very active “Chabad on campus” too. Each major campus in France has a representative Jewish Student Union, known as UEJF, which provides opportunities for students to engage with politics, advocacy, and activism. There are two Moishe Houses and a variety of social and cultural opportunities for students to get involved with. It should be noted that for security reasons, getting involved with the community requires an “in” - which KAHAL can provide!

Connect with KAHAL to find your Jewish home in Paris, France.

Home Hospitality: There are many families that love hosting study abroad students in their home for Shabbat and Holiday meals, with a dedicated (secret) Facebook group that KAHAL staff can point you to - just contact us to be set up with locals.
L'as du Falafel: Heavenly falafel endorsed by Lenny Kravitz; competes with the best Israeli falafel around.

The Jewish Quarter

Jewish History Guided Tour

Kehilat Gesher: A Progressive (Reform) bi-lingual (French and English) synagogue in Paris that holds weekly Shabbat and Holiday services. There are many expat members, and the community is very welcoming and hospitable towards study abroad students.

Marom Paris: A group of students and young professionals that organize Shabbat and Holiday dinners and services, as well as social and cultural events. They are affiliated with the Masorti (Conservative) movement, but are open and welcoming to Jews of all background. Their events are publicized in a private, secret Facebook group. Ask KAHAL for access!

JewSalsa: A group of students and young professionals that organize occasional Shabbat and Holiday dinners and services, as well as social and cultural events. They often draw in musical inspiration and have a fun and lively atmosphere. Their events are publicized in a private, secret Facebook group. Ask KAHAL staff for access!

Moishe House: A group of young adults and students that live together in an apartment and put on several events a month (Jewish and social/educational events for locals). Events include falafel nights, yoga, Shabbat dinners, study hours, paintball, and more. All of the residents speak excellent English and love having international students join. Their events are publicized in a private, secret Facebook group. Ask KAHAL staff for access!

PilPoul is a new, grassroots modern orthodox young adult chevruta/Shabbat event community that is extremely welcoming and creative with their approach. They are extremely happy to have students join, although many of their events are in only French and Hebrew.

Chabad: An Orthodox Lubavitch organization that welcomes Jews of all backgrounds and caters specifically to students. They have a student study building near to the Sorbonne with social space and study areas. They hold Friday night, Saturday morning and Holiday services, and have free meals for students. It’s an open and welcoming environment, and they organize Jewish learning opportunities as well.

Kosher in Paris: Paris is home to the most kosher restaurants of any city in Europe, and you’ll find many of the Kosher spots in the 8th or 17th district, but others are spread throughout the city. Check out this handy list of the best in Paris: (yeahthatskosher.com/2013/06/top-15-kosher-restaurants-in-paris-france) please have interns check this is up to date/see if there is a newer version

NIGHTLIFE

Yellow Mad Monkey
Charlotte Bar
Lavomatic: Speakeasy with a laundermat front.
NICE

ATTRACTIONS

The Beach: Hit the beach but be sure to bring a towel because it is rocky. You can also rent beach chairs for 10 euros.
Le Chateau / Castle City: You can climb this for free for views of the whole city.
Cours Saleya: Pedestrian area of Nice with a farmers market during the day and a craft market at night

FOOD

Pôp-ô-thym: Great place to grab a crepe.
Le Luna Rossa: Delicious and fresh seafood from the coast.
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NIGHTLIFE

American Bar: If you go during happy hour and get a pitcher it is a fun and affordable time.

DAY TRIPS

Monaco or Monte Carlo: Beautiful place to go for the day and not difficult to get to.
Cannes: Only a 30 minute train ride from Nice and filled with great shopping, food and the beach! Going during the film festival is supposed to be awesome but very busy!
Grasse: A short train ride away from Cannes. This is where all of the perfume factoers are and they offer free tours that are really interesting! Only need a couple of hours here but makes for a great afternoon.