# TRAVEL WITH KIDS FAMILY ACTIVITIES IN PARIS





The City of Lights is famed for its high brow culture, but kids won't be bothered as they enjoy roadside crepes and huge sweet shops and rides down the Seine and climbs up the famous Eiffel Tower. Paris is an exciting city and the ambiance is contagious. Kids will find fascinating museums, many of which are more kid-friendly than you would guess, fun transportation options including boat rides along the Seine river, and great food.























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#### ORSAY MUSEUM TREASURE HUNT

Do you still think that showing **the world's biggest collection of Impressionist paintings** to your children is going to bore them? Not any more with our sensational **Scavenger Hunt at the Musée d'Orsay**. Throughout this 2 hours fun-packed visit, your whole family will experience a true family-bonding moment.

Your experienced guide will meet you at the entrance of the Musée d'Orsay, next to the impressive rhinoceros statue. The skip-the-line tickets will grant you an easy access inside the museum, where the scavenger hunt will begin.

This exciting visit will cover the masterpieces of Impressionist and Post-impressionist paintings from the likes of Monet, Renoir, Van Gogh as well as other iconic masterpieces such as sculptures by Rodin. The **entertaining game booklets for the children** will also let them discover the history of the Musée d'Orsay, from its original purpose as a train station built for the 1900 Universal Exhibition to its transformation into the must-see museum it is today.

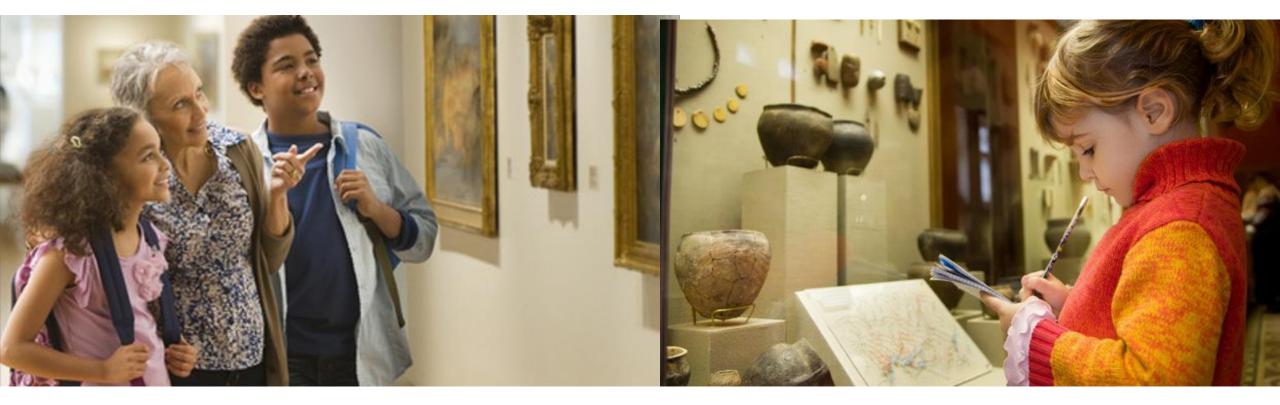
**Solve all the mysteries and find all the clues** hidden in each statue, painting or architectural feature of the Musée d'Orsay as these will lead you to a secret treasure in the end...

For an entertaining and family-bonding cultural experience, treat your whole family to the Scavenger Hunt at Musée d'Orsay.

#### **Key Benefits:**

A private experienced guide in the Musée d'Orsay A fun-packed scavenger hunt for the children A chance to see the biggest collection of Impressionist paintings in the world

DURATION – 2 hours Minimum age – 6 years



#### LOUVRE MUSEUM SCAVENGER HUNT

Stop boring your children with a classic visit to a museum! It's time for both parents and children to have fun while **discovering fine arts with our special Treasure Hunt at the Louvre** museum in Paris.

This is one museum visit that your children will always remember. A private guide will welcome you and your family at a convenient area outside the Louvre Museum. Thanks to our priority access tickets, you will enter **the largest and most famous fine-arts museum in the world** very quickly and start the exciting treasure hunt.

This activity will take you to all the most famous artworks of the Louvre's collection, including the 3 women of the museum: the Mona Lisa, the Venus de Milo and the Winged Victory of Samothrace. The treasure hunt will also let you and your family discover masterpieces of the Middle Ages, the Italian Renaissance and objects even dating as far back as Ancient Egypt. The sight of a real Egyptian sphinx is always a treat for children! Our experience guide will give you all interesting details concerning each work of art as well as the Louvre palace as a whole.

Clues, puzzles, a game booklet and the treasure at the end for your children will make these 2 hours unforgettable for your whole family.

#### **Key Benefits:**

A fun-packed and educational treasure hunt at the Louvre for the whole family A fast-pass priority access ticket to avoid the long lines
An experienced and fully licensed guide who knows how to entertain children A game booklet and a treasure at the end for the whole family





#### PASTRY CLASS

Is there anything more delicious than French pastries, or *Pâtisseries* in French?

If you and your children have a sweet tooth, you will love this **Patisserie Baking Class** activity. This is your one and only chance to learn the secrets of how to make *choux*, *éclairs* and other delicious treats.

Our **Patisserie Baking Class** is held in a privatized cooking school. There, **our private experienced chef**, who is there just for you, will introduce you to his art. After a short introduction on French pastries, everyone will get their hands in the dough!

During 2 hours, you will prepare your very own pastries. These include **choux and éclairs**, which are very traditional and so delicious! With the help and advice of the chef, you will make the best out of this highly entertaining experience.

And after kneading the dough and adding fillings and toppings, you will have the pleasure in eating your tasty creations after baking them. This is a typical French snack break during which your chef will tell you many exciting stories and **fun facts about the art of the French cuisine**.

This family-bonding activity is a must do when traveling to Paris with your children.

#### **Key Benefits:**

Learn how to make your very own French pastries
Enjoy a delicious hot chocolate
A privatized chef for your family only
Hear exciting stories and fun facts about French cuisine

### DURATION – 2,50hours Minimum age – 6 years



#### VINTAGE CAR TOUR

A classic Citroën 2CV and its chauffeur will await you at your hotel and drive you all over the city. You will see the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs Elysées, Place Concorde... He can fill you in on lots of stories about Paris from his own unique perspective!

This tour will make you discover the "must-see" monuments with a 2CV tour in Essential Paris. Keep your eyes wide open and admire Paris....

#### Key Benefits:

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DURATION – 1,30 hours Minimum age – 7 years



## PUBLIC RIVERCRUISE – THE ENCHANTED CRUISE

By day or by night, enjoy an hour's cruise on the River Seine to rediscover the full splendour of the river banks and monuments of Paris.

Families can combine culture and fun aboard the Enchanted Cruise!

The Bateaux Parisiens Enchanted Cruise is a one-hour tour with actors describing the history of Paris in song and stories. Throughout the cruise, two elves, Lila and Philou, engage children by dancing through the aisles and asking silly questions

Departure at 2pm or 3,45pm



#### COSTUM VISIT OF VAUX LE VICOMTE

The château offers children a number of ways to enjoy their visit and learn while having fun:

A book of riddles to accompany a visit of the château,

**Period costumes** from size 2 years and up) during daytime visits– prince and princess, King's musketeer, marquis or marquise –

Children's 90 minute tours to learn about child life in the 17<sup>th</sup> century (bows and curtsies, sword fights and memory games).

Upon arrival you will be shown to your princess wardrobe, where you will be able to choose the very finest dresses to wear, transforming you into a true princesses for the day! Enjoy a lively and historical visit of this castle as princesses with your royal escort guide, who will teach the history of this famous French château and its magnificent garden. Your guide will show you how in 1641, Nicolas Fouquet, the young, 26 year old parliamentarian, bought the fief of Vaux le Vicomte and its small Château and how twenty years later, in 1661, Fouquet had transformed it into a unique masterpiece with a Château and a garden amongst the most beautiful in France. The harmonious beauty of the estate is the result of the fraternal collaboration between the architect Louis Le Vaux, the painter Charles Le Brun and the landscape gardener André Le Nôtre, each well-known for their respective expertise.





#### EIFFEL TOWER

Everyone has seen the Eiffel Tower ... whether it be on a postcard, the television, in real life, close up, or from afar. It is one of the most visited monuments in the world! To celebrate its 125th anniversary, the Tower has had quite a makeover — a newly-redesigned and renovated first floor.

If you have never been to see it or have never visited the first floor, here are **4 good reasons to (re)discover the Eiffel Tower** and its new attractions

#### Because you have never stopped off there ...

Like a great many of the **7 million people** who visit the Eiffel Tower every year, you go straight up to the top to get an incredible panoramic view of Paris. So now is the time to go back and discover **the newly-designed 1st floor**. With two pavilions entirely rebuilt, a new glass floor, a modernized visitors itinerary with information panels, films ... the Tower has had a refit involving two years of work.

#### For thrills all round ...

The biggest innovation is the spectacular glass flooring that has replaced the old floor and which offers a bird's eye view of Paris. **Fifty seven metres above the ground**, you have the impression that you are walking in a void. A new not-to-be-missed attraction that may set your head spinning!

#### For a fun and educational pause

Visited less frequently than other floors, the 1st floor is the ideal place for a break away from the crowds of visitors. And to find out all about the Eiffel Tower, the cultural itinerary devoted to Gustave Eiffel and the monument will provide you with lots of information. Since it was built in 1889 for **the World Fair in Paris**, the Eiffel Tower has accumulated some startling facts: did you know, for example, that in 1948, the oldest elephant at the Bouglione circus was taken up to the 1st floor via the steps?



#### UPGRADE YOUR VISIT – EXCLUSIVE PRIVATE BACKSTAGE VISIT OF THE EIFFEL TOWER

Accompanied by our expert guide, learn about the numerous anecdotes throughout this tour of the Eiffel Tower! Go behind the scenes of this staggering monument. Visit the military bunker of the Eiffel Tower, under the Champs de Mars. Get exclusive access to the machinery room under the east pillar of the Eiffel Tower and see how the Tower's elevators operate. End your tour on the roof-top of the famous restaurant Le Jules Verne for a stunning view of Paris.

#### **Highlights**

Visit the military bunker of the Eiffel Tower, under the Champs de Mars Get exclusive access to the machinery room, under the east pillar of the Eiffel Tower Learn about the workings of the impressive engine room and see how the Tower's elevators operate

End your tour on the roof of the famous restaurant Le Jules Verne for an extraordinary view of Paris







How about taking a walk in Paris and tasting some of the finest chocolates in the world?

Paris is home to some of the best chocolate boutiques in the world, and the art of **chocolate making is part of the French culture and savoir-faire**. Almost all the prestigious boutiques are located either in the Saint Germain des Prés or Saint Honoré areas.

Accompanying you during this 2 hour walking tour is **our chocolate expert** (*Maitre Chocolatier*). She will introduce you to this sweet world, letting you enjoy a delightful and indulgent experience! While walking through the small streets of Saint Germain des prés or Saint Honoré, you will step inside several prestigious chocolate boutiques and **taste each of the house specialties**.

During the **tasting experiences**, our chocolate connoisseur will tell you how these specialties are made. You and your children will also learn everything about the different types of chocolate, be it white, dark or milk chocolate.

The **Chocolate Walking Tour** ends at *Un Dimanche à Paris*, an iconic traditional café in the Saint Germain area, or at Angelina near Saint Honoré, where Proust and Coco Chanel, as well as many other iconic historical figures, once enjoyed a quiet and delightful moment. There, you and your children will take pleasure in **savoring one of the best hot chocolates in Paris** while our chocolate expert will tell you the history of chocolate and how the cocoa bean was introduced to Europe.

If you and your children have a sweet tooth, than this Chocolate Walking Tour is the perfect Parisian experience!

#### **Key Benefits:**

A discovery of the most prestigious chocolate boutiques in Paris A tasting session in each boutique to discover their specialties A private chocolate expert just for your family A taste of Paris' most delicious hot chocolate in a café

DURATION – 2 hours Minimum age – 6 years



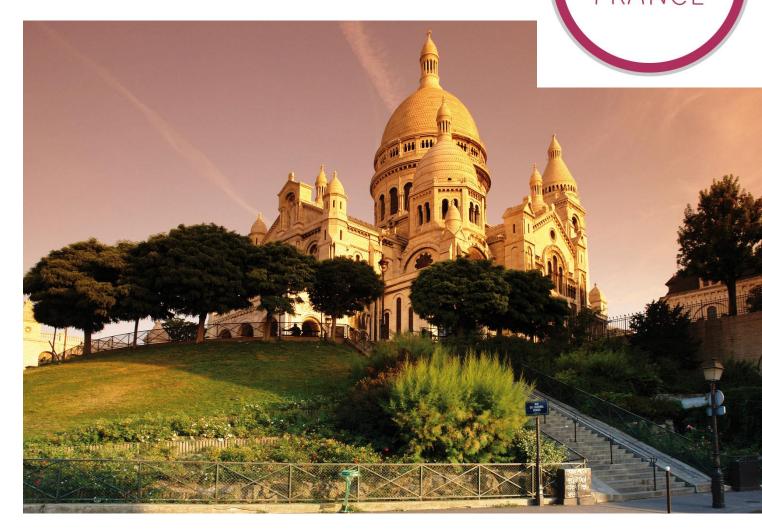
#### LE VILLAGE DE MONTMARTRE WALKING TOUR

How about taking a walk in what could be called **the village of Paris**?

With its narrow cobblestone streets, small shops, its artistic ambiance and its vineyard, **Montmartre** is more than just a neighborhood in Paris. It is **one of the most charming areas** of the French capital, and taking a walk there feels just like walking in a small quaint French village.

Our *Le Village de Montmartre* walking tour will let you see and feel all that, and much more!

Our expert and fully licensed guide will take you on a 2 hour walking tour through the secrets of Montmartre, from the iconic white **Sacré Coeur Basilica**, perched on top of the hill, to the cabarets, vineyard and mills that characterize this neighborhood.



You will also discover the artistic side of **Montmartre**, both past and present. Many would famous artists such as **Picasso**, **Renoir and Van Gogh** have lived here. Today, many talented artists join on the Place du Tertre, selling their sketches and paintings to those who want to bring home a piece of Montmartre's artistic legacy.

Your children won't just follow the guide. They will even lead you and the guide through the many curiosities of the neighborhood. Using an easy-to-read map and an entertaining guidebook, your children will have 2 hours of pure fun and excitement.

If you want to get a magnificent panoramic view of Paris and **discover the intimate side of Montmartre**, than our *Le Village de Montmartre* tour is perfect for your whole family!

#### **Key Benefits:**

A 2 hour walking tour through the many curiosities of Montmartre A professional and fully licensed guide A map and game booklet for the children

DURATION – 2 hours Minimum age – 6 years



#### PARIS'KNIGHTS & DAMSELS WALKING TOUR

Have you ever wanted to tell your children what life was like in the **Middle Ages**?

The Paris' Knights and Damsels tour will **take you and your children some 800 years back** to a time when knights, dames, monks and beggars roamed the narrow streets of Paris.

You will meet our experienced and fully licensed guide in front of one of the 2 last medieval castles left in Paris, the **Hôtel de Sens**. It is now a library, but after being the residence of famous royal figures, including Queen Margot, it became a jam factory!

During the 2 hours tour, you will discover the remains of Medieval wonders, still standing proudly in Paris. These include old houses of the middle ages, remains of the mighty ancient city wall finished in 1215 and narrow pedestrian streets.



One of the major highlights of the Paris's Knights and Damsels tour is the visit of **the 850 year old iconic cathedral: Notre Dame**. You'll even discover how it was saved by Victor Hugo's famous novel, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame". The tour will end at the Musée de Cluny, the exciting and highly interesting **medieval museum of Paris**.

Our guide, along with fun-packed game booklets will keep your children highly interested and amused. They will even be knighted in the traditional way.

Paris' Knights and Damsels tour is a fascinating time travel tour back to a fascinating time for your whole family.

#### **Key Benefits:**

A discovery of the Medieval side of Paris
A visit of the medieval museum, le Musée de Cluny
A visit of Notre-Dame Cathedral
A professional and fully licensed guide
An exciting and fun-packed game booklet for the kids

DURATION – 2 hours Minimum age – 5 years

