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Paris Accessible City Guide

5-day itinerary



for people with
reduced mobility

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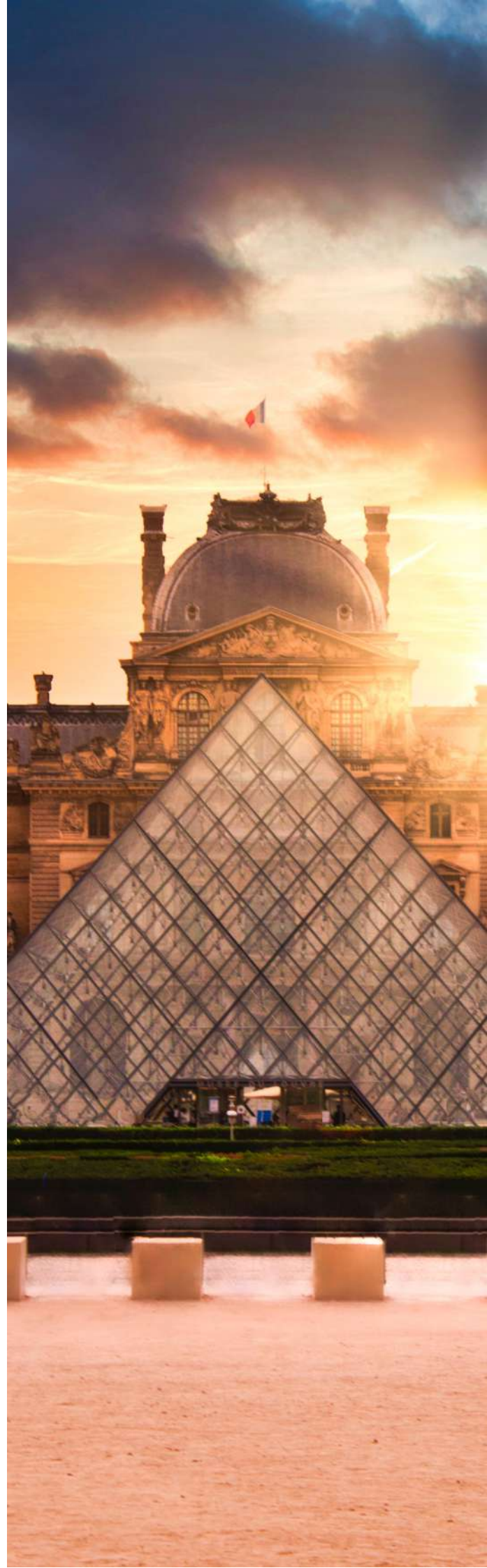
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Destination: Paris

"Paris is always a good idea," said Audrey Hepburn in the movie Sabrina. It seems that way to us, too. The French capital has emblematic monuments, excellent gastronomy, outstanding religious buildings, great art collections and a romantic atmosphere like no other.

This city is one of the most visited in the world. For this reason, many of its tourist attractions are accessible for travelers with **reduced mobility**.

In this guide we propose you make a 5-day **accessible itinerary**. However, you can always choose the information that interests you and plan your trip in the time you have.

You will discover...

- The places you can visit as a traveler with **reduced mobility**.
- The accessible activities in Paris.
- The accessible transportation options.
- The hotels we recommend from our catalog.



Airport accessibility

Paris has three airports. Located 25 kilometers away from the city center, **Charles de Gaulle** is the nation's main airport. **Orly** is 13 kilometers to the south, while **Beauvais-Tillé** is 80 km away.

As usual, you must request assistance from your airline at least 48 hours in advance. In this way, a quality service can be guaranteed.

Charles de Gaulle and Orly airports offer **self-service wheelchairs**, pick-up service

(you can contact an agent who will pick you up and take you to the assistance area), **accessible restrooms**, elevated seats in the facilities, conveyor belts, marked escalators and parking with reserved spaces. Beauvais also has **accessible buses** that go to Porte Maillot.

Find more information about accessibility on the [Paris Aéroport](#) and [Aéroport Paris-Beauvais websites](#).

Recommended hotels

TOP 5 IN AND AROUND PARIS



Hôtel Première Classe Roissy Charles De Gaulle

The Première Classe Roissy Charles De Gaulle Paris Nord 2 is located in Roissy-en-France and is an excellent option for those who want to rest in a specially adapted room at an affordable price. Its location is also very good, as Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport is just a ten-minute drive away.

[Learn more](#)

Pullman Paris Centre - Bercy

The Pullman Paris Center-Bercy is located in the center of the Bercy district in Paris, a quiet area and very well connected by public transport to the heart of the French capital.

This accessible four-star hotel captures attention with its contemporary design.

[Learn more](#)

Explorers Hotel

Located in Marne-la-Vallée, this pirate-themed hotel is ideal for families who want to enjoy Disneyland Paris, as it is only a few minutes from the park. Some of the perks of staying at this accessible hotel include the sale of Disney park tickets directly at the property's reception desk and free bus shuttles to Disneyland Paris.

[Learn more](#)

Staycity Aparthotels Marne La Vallée

Staycity Aparthotels Marne La Vallée is an elegant accommodation where you can enjoy an accessible holiday. Located in Bailly-Romainvilliers and opened in 2019, this new accessible aparthotel is located near Golf Disneyland Paris and DisneyLand® Paris (5 minutes by car), making it an ideal place for fans of amusement parks or to stay in family.

[Learn more](#)

Hilton Paris Charles De Gaulle Airport

The Hilton Paris Charles De Gaulle Airport is an accessible four-star hotel noted for its proximity to Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport. It has a free shuttle service to Terminal 2 and is also located just minutes from the RER train station, so guests can travel to Paris in just half an hour.

Its common areas are spacious and have a contemporary, attractive and luxurious design.

[Learn more](#)



5-day accessible itinerary

Day 1

Begin your tour at des Champs-Élysées Avenue. The **Arc de Triomphe** will be your first stop in the heart of the city. This monument was designed by architect Jean Chalgrin, who takes inspiration from the Roman Arch of Titus.

Then head towards the **Musée d'Orsay**. This large picture gallery houses famous works such as *The Luncheon on the Grass* by Édouard Manet, *The Origin of the World* by Gustave Courbet, *The Gleaners* by Jean-François Millet and *Self-Portrait* by Vincent van Gogh.

Visitors with **reduced mobility** can access all the museum spaces. They can also use the **accessible restrooms** and **borrow wheelchairs**.

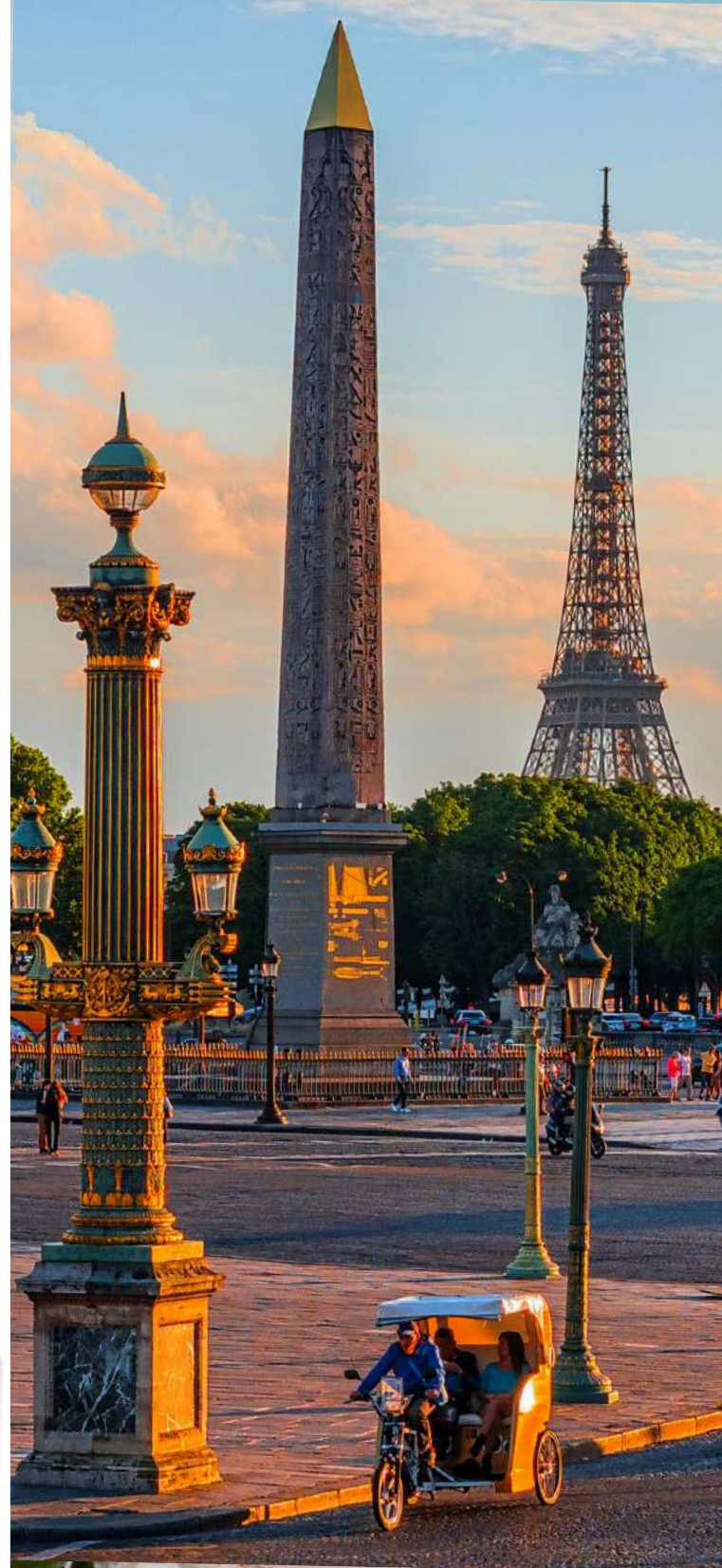
Buy your ticket in advance, as the waiting time for those without a ticket is usually 30 minutes. You can find more information about [opening and closing times](#) on its official website.



On the way to the museum, your attention will be drawn to the beautiful **Place de la Concorde**, the second largest in the country. The Jardins des Champs-Élysées are nearby, which you may take the opportunity to visit calmly tomorrow.

To replenish your energies, enjoy a picnic at the **Field of Mars**. This iconic park offers wonderful views of the **Eiffel Tower** and has easy-to-navigate trails. Likewise, the green space is framed by the **École Militaire**, which currently brings together different organizations related to defense and weapons.

Next, take the elevator up to the first and second floors of the **Eiffel Tower**. According to the [Parisian tower's official website](#), **wheelchair users** cannot access the top for safety reasons. However, you can enjoy incredible panoramic views from the windows on the second floor.



As with visiting the rest of the tourist attractions, we recommend buying tickets well in advance.







Complete your day with an **evening cruise on the Seine River**. Some boat companies offer dinner on board, so you can marvel at the illuminated monuments while savoring delicious French cuisine.

The [official website of the Paris Convention and Visitors Bureau](#) indicates that the following cruise lines have an **accessible fleet**: [Bateaux-Mouches](#), [Bateaux Parisiens](#), [Batobus Paris](#) and [Vedettes de Paris](#).



Day 2

Today it's time to explore the **Ile de la Cité**, considered the old center of the city. There is the beautiful **Cathedral of Notre-Dame**, a World Heritage Site whose construction began in 1163 and ended in 1345.

Keep in mind that since the fire in 2019, the imposing Gothic-style building and its esplanade have been closed to the public.

However, you can get closer to contemplate its facade and take pictures on the island.

The **Palais de la Cité** and **Holy Chapel** are nearby. As stated on the [Centre des Monuments Nationaux website](#), Château de Fontainebleau is not accessible. Instead, it is possible to enter the Holy Chapel at 4 Boulevard du Palais.



Later, visit the **Louvre Museum** and take your time to explore its collections of antiques, graphic arts, paintings, objets d'art and sculptures.

People with **disabilities** enter the museum for free with preferential access. There is an elevator under the Pyramid that leads to the reception, courtesy **wheelchairs** and **walking sticks**, **accessible restrooms** and reserved seating in the auditorium.

The [Louvre's website](#) provides information about an **accessible trail** across the museum (the leaflet is in French) and other useful information for a barrier-free visit.

When you finish, take the opportunity to visit the **Jardin des Tuileries**, the oldest public park in the city.



The **Palais Garnier** is 1.3 kilometers away; it opened in 1875 and was the inspiration for The Phantom of the Opera. If you have the chance, take a guided tour of this masterpiece of 19th-century theater art architecture. XIX. The temporary exhibition area is not accessible, but you can visit the rest.

For more information, write to accessibilité@operadeparis.fr or call +33 1 40 01 18 50 (Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.).

Continue your way to the historic **Place Vendôme**, dominated by the unmistakable bronze column that was made from the thousands of cannons confiscated from the enemy in the German war.

Finally, go to **Galleries Lafayette**, if only to admire the immensity of its dome.





Day 3

After resting at the hotel, take a short drive to the **Palace of Versailles**. What was the royal residence from 1682 to 1789 is just a 39-minute drive away.

This site has been a World Heritage Site since 1979 and one of the great works of French art of the 17th century, so it is worth every minute of the visit. If you need help at any point, ask the welcome and security staff. They will facilitate the entry to the most accessible routes.

The [Palace of Versailles website](#) specifies the following:

- Admission is free for people with disabilities and one companion.
- The attics are inaccessible to **wheelchair users**.
- The tour of the gardens can be complicated. The La Lalanne at Trianon exhibition is also difficult to access for visitors with **reduced mobility**.
- There are **accessible restrooms** throughout the Palace.
- Restaurants are accessible.



In addition, if you have further questions, contact the team that looks after people with special needs, either by email versaillespourtous@crm.chateauversailles.fr or by phone +33 130 83 75 05.

On your return to Paris, visit the **Basilica of Sacré Coeur de Montmartre**. You should know that the neighborhood is located on a

fairly steep hill, so traveling by cable car is a good option.

There is an **access ramp** and elevator behind the **Basilica**, at 35 Rue du Chevalier de la Barre.

To end the day, visit **Moulin Rouge** and enjoy the show.





Day 4

On the fourth day, we suggest you live a magical experience at **Disneyland Paris**. It will be unforgettable. The famous theme park has **accessible vehicles** in some attractions.

Prior to your visit, check out the [accessibility map](#) of the attractions, restaurants, shops and services.



Day 5

Start your morning with a good breakfast in one of the cafes in the **Latin Quarter**. The youthful college atmosphere is remarkable.

Next, get up close to the **Pantheon**. Unfortunately, the monument does not have an accessible entrance, but you can see the details of its neoclassical façade.

Your last stop will be the **Luxembourg Gardens**, which covers 25 hectares. The gardens were created on the initiative of Queen Marie de Médicis in 1612. They present a part English and part French style.

Tourists and Parisians love this place. Depending on your preferences, you can practice some of the activities offered — for example, children can have fun with puppet shows — or simply relax.

The official website of the [Paris Convention and Visitors Bureau](#) indicates there are two **accessible restrooms** (one next to the Senate and another at the entrance on rue Auguste-Comte).

If you want to explore additional **accessible attractions**, see below.



More accessible attractions

1 The **Musée de l'Orangerie** is located in the Tuileries Gardens and houses mainly Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings. It is possible to borrow wheelchairs, walking sticks and folding chairs to make your way across the museum. In addition, there is an elevator and accessible restrooms.

2 The **Pompidou Center** has a priority entrance on rue Beaubourg, which is more suitable for people with reduced mobility. It also lends wheelchairs on floor 0.

3 Except for the historical room, the **Musée national Picasso-Paris** is fully accessible.

Visitors have wheelchairs and canes at their disposal.

4 **Les Invalides** is known for being the resting place of Napoleon Bonaparte. However, the location of his tomb is not accessible. The architectural complex does have accessible restrooms and elevators. Wheelchairs can be borrowed.

5 The **Petit Palais** offers free admission for people with disabilities and accompanying persons. The entire building is accessible except the upper level Hall. In addition, mobility equipment is loaned upon request.



Transportation around the city

It is essential that during your stay you can adequately move to all the places you want to visit. Therefore, do not forget to take a look at this list with information on transportation and rental of mobility equipment:

- **SNCF (*Société nationale des chemins de fer français*)**. The main rail operator provides services to promote passenger autonomy.
- **Station accessibility**. Learn about the accessible facilities.
- **SNCF guide for persons with reduced mobility**. Only available in French..
- **RATP**. Search for accessible bus, metro or tram routes.
- **Official website of the Convention and Visitors Bureau**. Additional information about the Access Plus Service and accessible facilities at the train station.
- **G7**. Accessible taxis.
- **AXSOL LOCATION**. Mobility equipment rental.
- **Bastide Le Confort Medical**. Medical and accessible equipment.



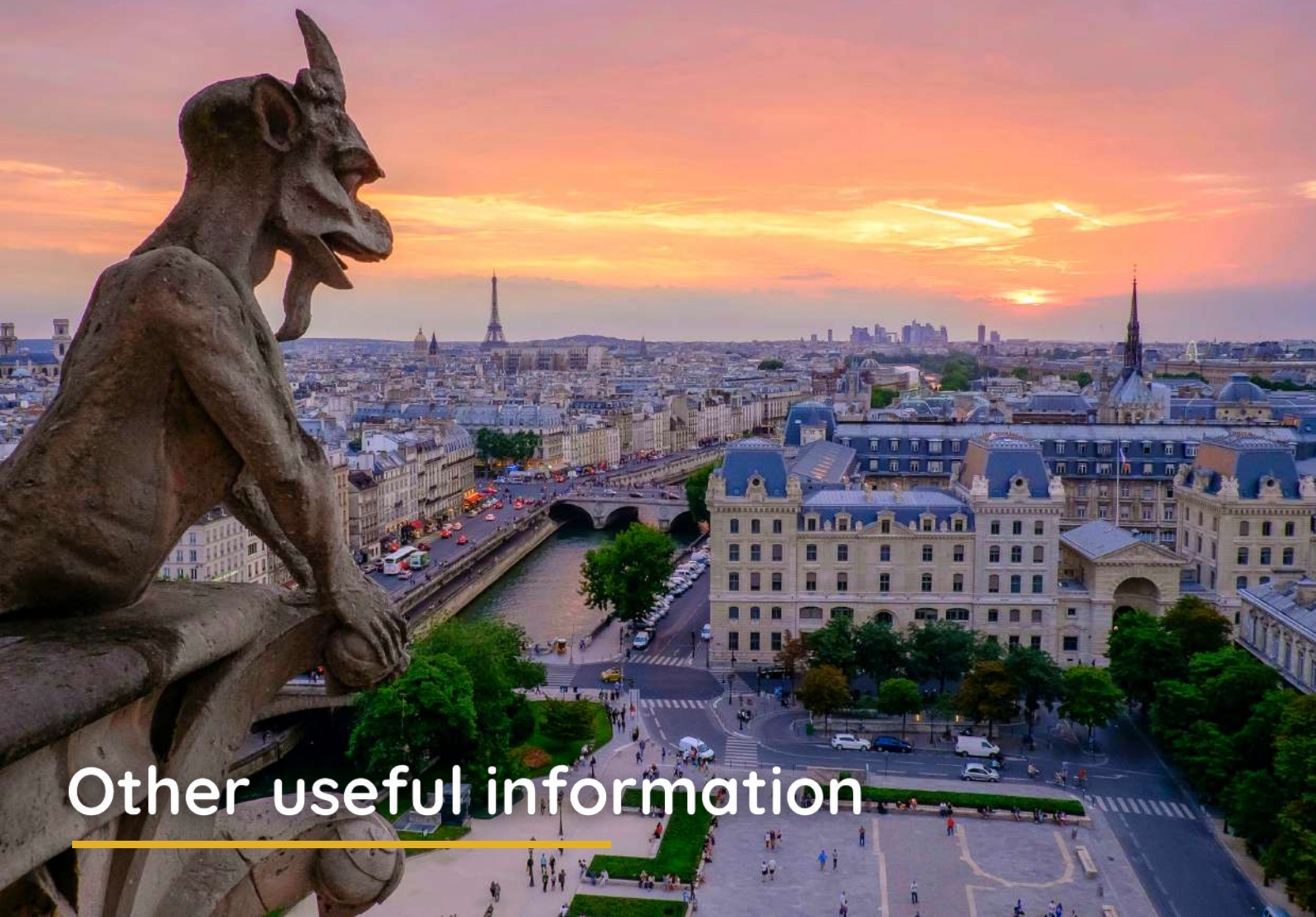
Medical attention

If you witness an accident in Paris and the person needs immediate attention, call the European **emergency number**, 112.

Many doctors at the American Hospital, the Hôpital Foch and the Institut Franco-Britannique are bilingual, so you can go there if you need to. You can also make use of the

Bakup app, which connects travelers with local healthcare professionals when they need to make a query in their foreign language.

In case you have a minor problem and simply need to buy some first aid products, this list of **24-hour pharmacies** will be useful.



Other useful information

Concierge Service

Travegali.com offers a **free Concierge service** to all its clients. It will find the best accessible room. It also helps with booking mobility equipment, accessible activities, airport assistance and accessible transportation.

Accessible restaurants

The official website of the Paris Convention and Visitors Bureau allows you to find **restaurants, cafes, bars and pubs** accessible to people with disabilities.

Weather conditions

The following links show the weather conditions so you can choose when is the ideal time to travel:

- **El tiempo**. Weather forecast for the next 14 days.
- **AccuWeather**. Daily, monthly weather and air quality.

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