## Visiting Paris

I am visiting Paris with my family, and it is so exciting! We arrived yesterday and went straight to our hotel. Our hotel room is nice, and we have a view of the Eiffel Tower! It is so tall and beautiful. We can't wait to visit it.

Today, we went to the Notre Dame Cathedral. It is so old and pretty. The windows have pictures of famous people and stories from the Bible. I liked the rose window the most. It has so many colors and is so big that it almost takes up the whole wall. I bought a little statue of the Virgin Mary as a souvenir.

We also went to the Arc de Triomphe. It is so huge and impressive! It was built to honor the French army. We climbed to the top and had an amazing view of the city. We could see the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre Museum, and the Seine River.

For lunch, we went to a small café and ate croissants, baguettes, and cheese. The food is so delicious in Paris! Everywhere we go, there are bakeries and coffee shops.

After lunch, we went to the Louvre Museum. It is so big that we didn't have time to see everything. We saw the famous painting of Mona Lisa. It is so small that we had to squeeze through a crowd of people to see it. But it was worth it! It is so famous, and it was amazing to see it in person.

I can't wait to see what other adventures we will have in Paris. Tomorrow, we are going to the Palace of Versailles. I hope it will be as amazing as everything else we've seen so far.

### Answer the questions by reading the story

###### **What did the main character visit on their first day in Paris?**

 The Eiffel Tower A café The Louvre Museum Their hotel

###### **What did the main character buy as a souvenir from the Notre Dame Cathedral?**

 A book about French history A miniature statue of the Eiffel Tower A statue of the Virgin Mary A painting of Mona Lisa

###### **What building was built to honor the French army?**

 Palace of Versailles Notre Dame Cathedral The Louvre Museum Arc de Triomphe

###### **What is the main character going to visit the next day?**

 Notre Dame Cathedral Palace of Versailles Eiffel Tower Arc de Triomphe

## Visiting Paris: The Notre Dame Cathedral

The Notre Dame Cathedral is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Paris. It is a beautiful old building that was built over 800 years ago. The cathedral is located on a small island in the middle of the Seine River.

The cathedral is famous for its beautiful stained glass windows. The windows tell stories from the Bible and show pictures of famous people. In the middle of the cathedral is the rose window. It is the most famous window in the cathedral because it is so big and colorful.

Another thing that makes the Notre Dame Cathedral so special is its architecture. The building is very tall and has two towers. The towers are over 200 feet tall, and visitors can climb to the top for a great view of the city.

The Notre Dame Cathedral is also home to many important religious artifacts. These artifacts include statues, paintings, and sculptures. One of the most famous artifacts is a statue of the Virgin Mary. This statue is very old and is believed to have special powers.

Visitors to the cathedral can also attend mass or other religious services. These services are held in the main part of the cathedral, which is called the nave. The nave is very large and can hold many people.

Overall, the Notre Dame Cathedral is a must-see attraction for anyone visiting Paris. Its beautiful stained glass windows, impressive architecture, and important religious artifacts make it one of the most special places in the city.

### True or False?

###### **The Notre Dame Cathedral is located in the middle of the Seine River.**

 True False

###### **The rose window in the Notre Dame Cathedral is small and simple.**

 True False

###### **Visitors can climb to the top of the towers for a view of Paris.**

 True False

###### **The Notre Dame Cathedral was built over 800 years ago.**

 True False

###### **The nave is the smallest part of the cathedral.**

 True False

###### **The Notre Dame Cathedral is home to a famous statue of the Virgin Mary.**

 True False

## Different Kinds of Local Foods to Try in Paris

Paris is a great place to try new foods! There are so many bakeries and cafes to choose from. I tried a lot of different foods on my trip.

First, I tried croissants. They are a type of bread that is flaky and buttery. They are so yummy! I ate them for breakfast and sometimes for a snack.

Another food I tried was a baguette. It is a long loaf of bread that is crispy on the outside and soft on the inside. I ate it with cheese and sometimes ham. It was so filling!

I also tried macarons. They are small cookies that are crispy on the outside and soft on the inside. They come in many different colors and flavors. I liked the chocolate and raspberry flavors the most.

One day, we went to a restaurant and I tried escargot. It is a type of snail that is cooked with garlic butter. It was a little bit chewy, but it tasted good!

We also tried crepes. They are thin pancakes that you can put different fillings in. We had them with Nutella and bananas. They were so sweet and tasty.

Another food we had was French onion soup. It is a soup made with onions and beef broth. The top is covered with a layer of melted cheese. It was warm and comforting on a cold day.

Lastly, I tried a croque-monsieur. It is a type of sandwich with ham and cheese. The bread is crispy on the outside, and the cheese is melted on the inside. It was so delicious!

I loved trying all the different foods in Paris. I can't wait to go back and try more!

### Answer the questions

###### **What is a croissant?**

 A flaky and buttery bread A spicy dish A sweet dessert A type of soup

###### **What is a baguette?**

 A type of pasta A type of meat A sweet pastry A crispy long loaf of bread

###### **What is escargot?**

 A type of snail cooked with garlic butter A type of vegetable A type of fruit A type of fish

###### **What is French onion soup?**

 A type of salad with onions and cheese A type of dessert with onions and cheese. A type of bread with onions and cheese A soup made with onions and beef broth covered with melted cheese

## Dreaming of Rome

After visiting Paris, I dream of going to Rome. I have always been fascinated by the history of the Roman Empire, and I want to see the Colosseum, the Pantheon, and the Roman Forum. I also want to try authentic Italian pizza and gelato.

I want to walk on the same streets as Julius Caesar and explore the Vatican City. I want to see the Sistine Chapel and the works of Michelangelo. I want to throw a coin in the Trevi Fountain and make a wish.

I have heard that Rome is a beautiful city with so much to see and do. I want to learn about its rich culture and history. I hope that one day, my dream of visiting Rome will come true, and I can experience the beauty of this ancient city for myself.

### Which city do you want to visit and why?

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