ANTHONY AYALA · PARIS TRAVEL GUIDE

Paris in 4 Days

A walking-first itinerary — every stop sequenced so you start in one spot, end in another, and never backtrack.

Full guide with photos, film locations & pro tips:
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Getting Around: The Metro Cheat Sheet

- **Single ride €2.55** — Metro, RER and trains, 2 hours with transfers. Buses and trams take a separate €2.05 ticket.
- **Navigo Easy (€2, reusable card)** — Load rides at any station machine — or skip the card and load tickets straight onto your phone with the Île-de-France Mobilités app.
- **Riding 4+ times a day?** — The €12.30 day pass (all modes, except airports) wins. Here Monday–Sunday and riding heavy? The €32.40 weekly pass covers everything, airports and Versailles included.
- **Airport runs** — A flat €14 ticket between CDG/Orly and Paris.
- **Lazy option** — On buses — and the Montmartre funicular — you can tap a contactless bank card to board. Metro gates don’t take bank cards yet (the rollout runs to 2030, and it costs more anyway), so grab a Navigo Easy.
- **The golden rule** — Every day below is clustered by neighborhood — most moves are a short walk or one straight metro line. No crisscrossing the city.

Fares change most Januaries — verify current prices at iledefrance-mobilites.fr before you go.

Day 1 — The Tower & the River

First look: the icons, done right — everything within walking distance of the Tower.

START · Eiffel Tower **END · Seine cruise port, back at the Tower**

One easy loop — about 4 km total on foot, no backtracking.



MORNING

Eiffel Tower summit

Subway line 6 · Bir-Hakeim station

Pre-booked summit tickets, first slot of the day. Beat the crowds, get the panorama while the light's clean.

MIDDAY

Champ de Mars picnic

On foot — right under the Tower

Grab baguettes, cheese, and fruit from a nearby boulangerie and eat on the grass with the Tower overhead. Cheaper and better than any tourist café.

AFTERNOON

Trocadéro & Palais de Chaillot

On foot across the Pont d'Iéna bridge · or subway lines 6/9 · Trocadéro station

Cross the river for the classic postcard view back at the Tower. Photo stop, no ticket needed.

EVENING

Seine cruise + sparkling Tower

On foot back across Pont d'Iéna · or subway line 6 · Bir-Hakeim station

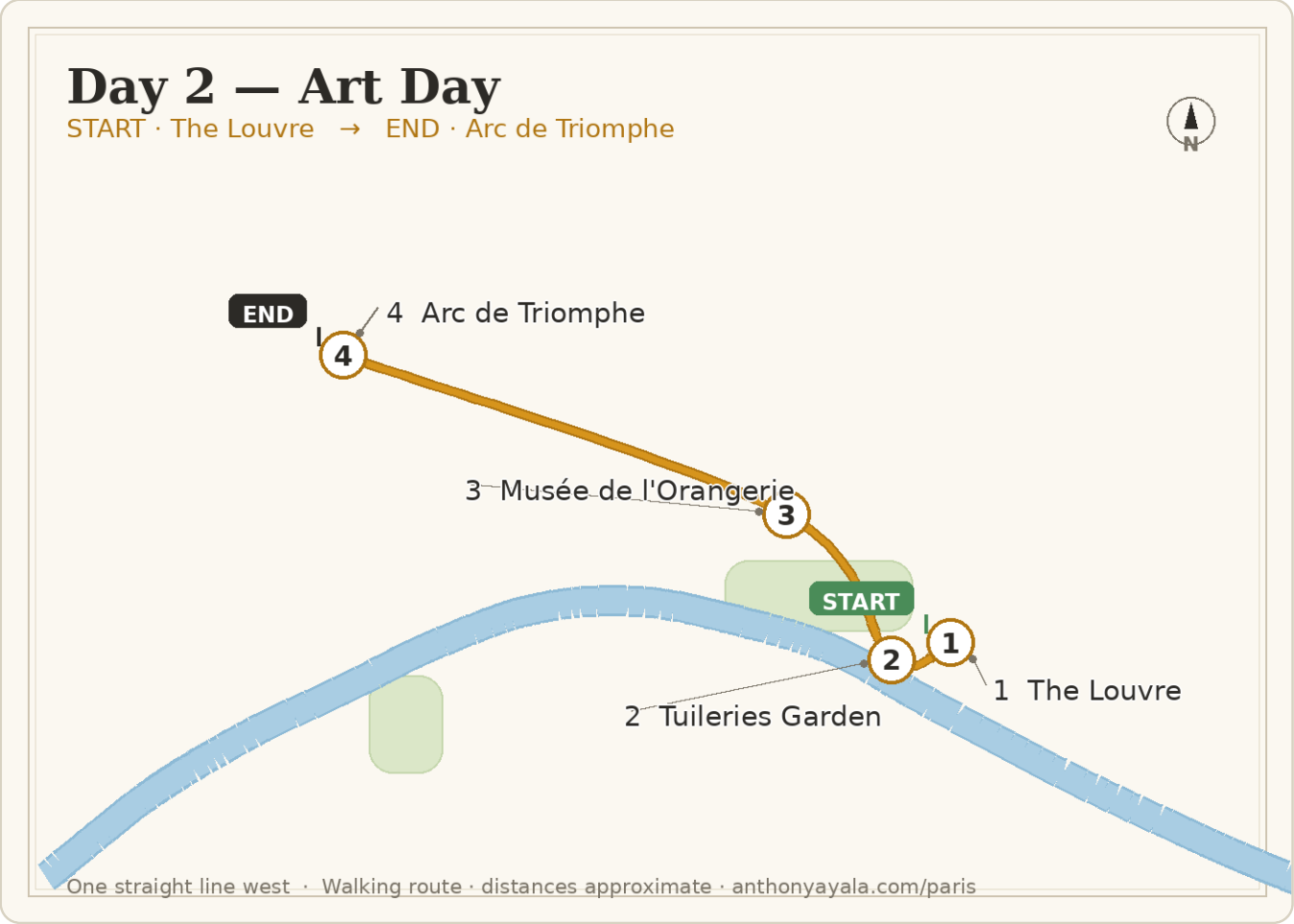
Bateaux Parisiens evening cruise, departing right by the Eiffel Tower (Port de la Bourdonnais, pontoon 5 or 7 — arrive 15 minutes early). Watch the monuments light up, then the Tower sparkle on the hour from the river.

Day 2 — Art Day

The museums, without the misery — one straight line west.

START · **The Louvre** END · **Arc de Triomphe**

One straight line west — every stop flows into the next.



MORNING

The Louvre

Subway lines 1/7 · Palais Royal–Musée du Louvre station

Pre-booked entry, straight to the Denon Wing: Mona Lisa, Winged Victory. Give it three hours, then leave before museum fatigue sets in.

MIDDAY

Tuileries Garden stroll

On foot — out the Louvre's west doors

Walk it off through the gardens toward Place de la Concorde. Pony rides, fountains, Paris at its most Parisian.

AFTERNOON

Musée de l’Orangerie

Subway lines 1/8/12 · Concorde station

Small, quiet, perfect contrast to the Louvre — Monet’s Water Lilies in rooms designed for them. It sits at the garden’s west end, so you’re already there.

EVENING

Champs-Élysées → Arc de Triomphe

Subway line 1 · Charles de Gaulle–Étoile station · or walk the avenue

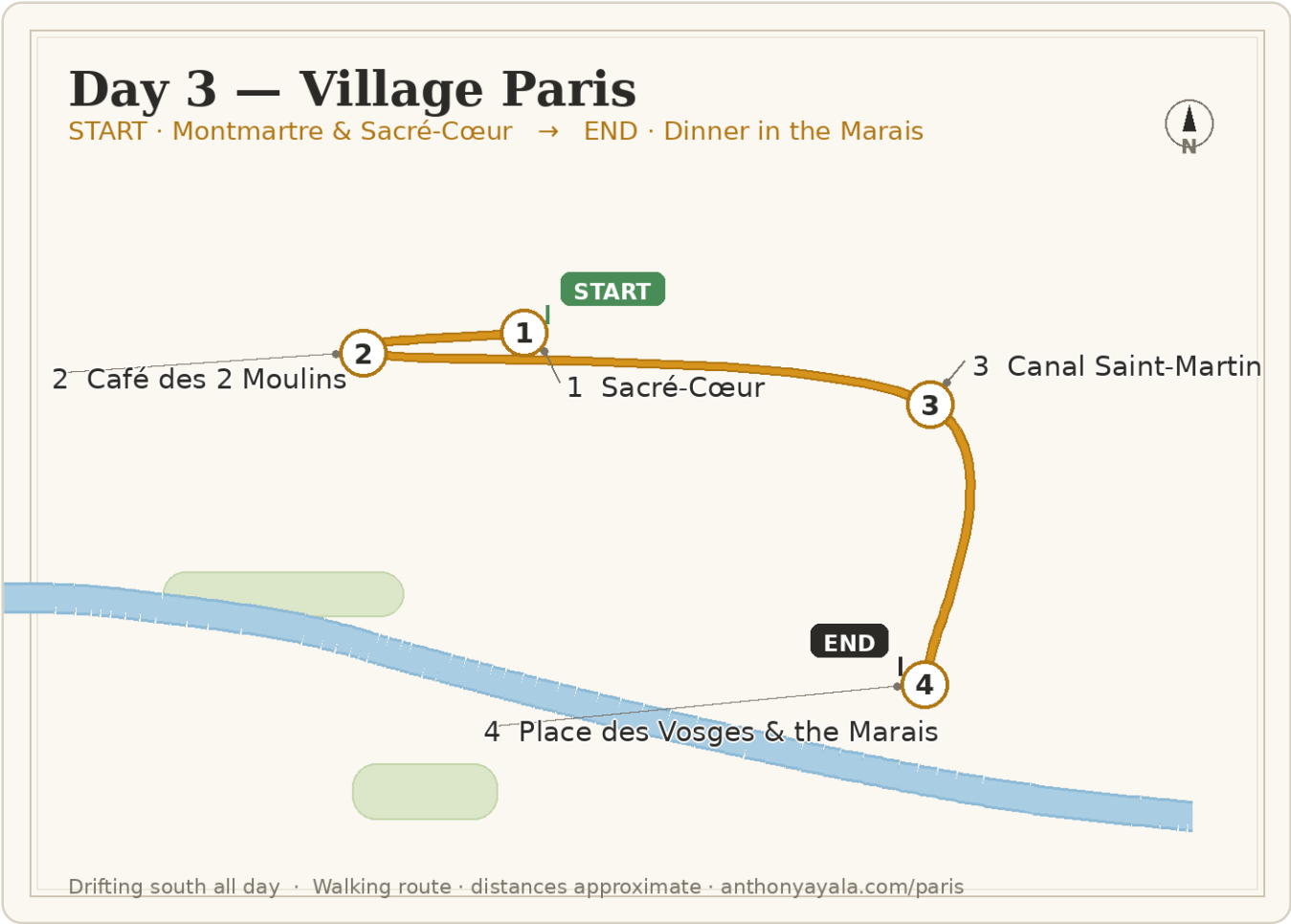
Walk the boulevard up to the Arc, climb it for sunset. Twelve avenues of Paris glowing below you.

Day 3 — Village Paris

Montmartre, movies, and the Marais — drifting south all day, no backtracking.

START · **Montmartre & Sacré-Cœur** | END · **Dinner in the Marais**

Drift south all day — you finish where you eat.



MORNING

Montmartre & Sacré-Cœur

Subway line 2 · Anvers station, then the hill cable car up

Climb to the basilica early for the panorama. Wander down through the village: artists' square, the vineyard, the Musée de Montmartre gardens.

MIDDAY

Amélie trail

Subway line 12 · Abbesses station, then line 5 · Jacques Bonsergent station

Café des 2 Moulins for a crème brûlée, the Abbesses metro station's Art Nouveau entrance, then drift east to the Canal Saint-Martin for a waterside breather.

AFTERNOON

Le Marais

Subway line 1 · Saint-Paul station

Hidden courtyards, Place des Vosges (Paris's oldest square), falafel on Rue des Rosiers. No agenda — just wander.

EVENING

Dinner in the Marais

You're already here · subway line 1 · Saint-Paul station

The neighborhood eats late and well. Pick a bistro with a terrace and settle in.

Day 4 — Day Trip or Deep Cut

Choose your own ending.

START · Versailles or Île de la Cité **END · Farewell dinner in Saint-Germain**

Pick a morning adventure — both paths end in Saint-Germain.



OPTION A

Versailles

RER commuter train C · Versailles Château–Rive Gauche station · ~40 min

Morning train out, Hall of Mirrors, the gardens, back by late afternoon. Book the earliest slot you can.

OPTION B

OPTION B — Île de la Cité morning

Subway line 4 · Cité station

Sainte-Chapelle in the morning light, Notre-Dame, then Shakespeare and Company bookshop just across the river on the Left Bank.

AFTERNOON

Luxembourg Gardens + Catacombs

RER commuter train B · Luxembourg station, then stay on to Denfert-Rochereau

Green chairs by the pond, then ride two stops south and descend into the Catacombs (pre-booked). Quite the contrast — very Paris.

EVENING

Farewell dinner in Saint-Germain

Subway line 4, no transfers · Saint-Germain-des-Prés station

Café de Flore or a neighborhood bistro. Order the thing you can’t pronounce. You’ve earned it.

Pro Tips

- Book the Eiffel Tower summit, the Louvre, the Catacombs and Sainte-Chapelle online before you fly — timed entry sells out.
- Museums are closed one day a week (usually Monday or Tuesday) — check before you plan around them.
- Dinner starts late: most kitchens don’t get going before 7:30pm. A 6pm dinner reservation marks you as a tourist.
- Validate every ride, every time — inspectors fine on the spot, no excuses.
- The Tower sparkles for 5 minutes on the hour after dark. Plan to be watching.

Bon voyage.

This is the short version. The full Paris travel guide — top 15 things to do, where to stay, where to eat, photo spots, film locations & more — lives at

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