

# Thursday, July 3, 2008

## The Day Along the Seine

Day 3

Our plan was to go to Versailles, but given the threat of rain, we skipped it for the day.



Instead, we thought museums might be a better option. The sights along the banks of the Seine are UNESCO World Heritage Site.

We slept in and then headed down near the Louvre. We had a delicious brunch of quiche at [Ragueneau](#) on Rue Saint-Honore. It's a delightful little establishment and has an excellent location near the Louvre. We would highly recommend it.

After brunch, we headed over to the Louvre. Man this place is huge! This isn't our kind of art (we love modern and contemporary art), but it was nice to see. We hit the highlights, including Venus de Milo, Psyche and Cupid, da Vinci's Mona Lisa and Winged Victory of Samothrace. After seeing some art, my wife briefly hit the gift shop, but decided not buy anything. There is a Starbucks in the Louvre, which we did patronize.

After the Louvre, we walked through the Jardin des Tuileries. Then we walked back along the path along the Seine to Pont Neuf. We stopped at several places along the way and had some romantic moments sitting on the park benches. After, we had a nice drink in the Square Du Vert Galant.



We then went to the Saint Chapelle, which was recommended by my wife's friend who lives in Paris. The Chapel was built to house early Christian relics, including the original Crown of Thorns. There are loads of churches in Europe, but the stained glass windows at Ste. Chapelle are probably some of the most impressive in all of Europe. The chapel offers evening concerts that are very reasonably priced. So you might consider taking in some live music in this beautiful venue!



From Saint Chapelle, we headed to Notre Dame. We took some pictures in front of the cathedral. From there, we headed down into the crypt beneath it to view the old foundations of early Paris.

We walked down Ile St. Louis and my wife stopped for ice cream at Berthillon. We then crossed the bridge and back into Le Marais. This time we walked down Rue de Rosier – filled with falafel houses and Jewish delis. And then suddenly, we were in Paris' gayborhood. And for the first time since we came to Paris, we felt absolutely at home!



We went back to the hotel to freshen up before dinner. Then we went down to the Trocadero for dinner at Café Kleber. It was expensive for what it was.

And, of course, the reason why anyone goes to the Trocadero – the view of the Eiffel Tower at night! It is truly a beautiful sight.



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