

YEAR 4 THE PARIS BASIN

Key Vocabulary

Paris Basin	a major geological region in France
Paris	the capital city of France
River Seine	a significant river for transportation in Paris
digital map	map on the computer which you can zoom in
temperate climate	seasonal changes with warm summers and cold winters
transportation	the movement of people, goods and information
agriculture	the science and practice of farming
valley	a long, low area of land typically found between hills or mountains, often with a river or stream running through it
fertile plains	flat land with nutrient-rich soil good for agriculture and plant growth/



Paris

Country: France **Area:** 105 km²
Continent: Europe **Population:** 2.249 million
Currency: Euros **Chief of state:** Elected president
Main language: French **Head of government:** Prime Minister
Main river: Seine **Most popular religion:** Christianity
Elevation: 35 m above sea level **National holiday:** 14th July



Transport:

Paris has an underground train system known as the Métro. It has 16 lines which are each given a number. The Métro has 214 km of track and has 303 stops. Paris also has buses, overground trains and taxis.

Fun facts:

- There are more dogs than children in Paris (about 300,000)
- Paris gets its name from the Parisii tribe that lived there before the Romans invaded in 52 BC
- The oldest café in Paris first opened in 1686
- There is a competition in Paris in March every year for the best baguette

Landmarks:

- The Eiffel Tower
- Notre Dame Cathedral
- The Louvre Museum
- The Arc de Triomphe
- Sacré Coeur

Average monthly temperature (°C)

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
5	6	9	11	15	16	20	20	16	12	7	5

Average monthly rainfall (mm)

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
18	22	24	25	26	24	22	21	16	25	22	26

VISIT PARIS

The Arc de Triomphe



Visit the Triumphal Arch at the end of the Champs-Élysées to see a monument to France's war heroes.

Notre Dame Cathedral

Explore the beautiful Gothic cathedral of Notre Dame on the Île de la Cité. See the spectacular stained glass windows and gruesome gargoyles.



The Champs-Élysées



Experience the shops, cafés, restaurants and theatres of Paris' most famous street.

The Louvre Museum

Experience the largest museum in the world as you explore masterpieces such as the Mona Lisa and Venus de Milo.



The Panthéon



Visit the tombs of some of the most famous writers, thinkers, poets and scientists in France, such as Victor Hugo, Louis Braille and Marie Curie.

Sacré Coeur



Climb to the highest point in Paris and visit the impressive Sacré Coeur church in Montmartre.

The Eiffel Tower

Travel to the top of Paris' most iconic landmark and see the stunning views of the city.



The Grand Palais

Stand under the largest glass roof in the world at this fantastic art and science museum.



The Tuileries Gardens



Visit the peaceful Tuileries Gardens in the heart of this busy city.

