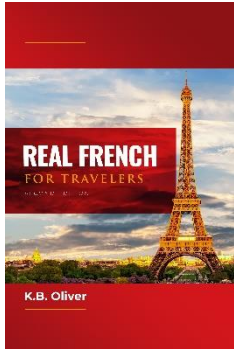


Travel Resources*

www.OliversFrance.com My website to help you find new places in France to visit that you might not have thought of! Travel tips and more.



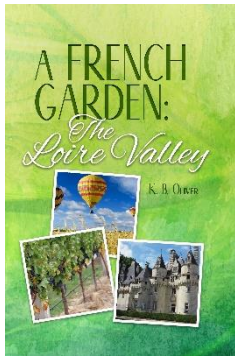
Books from Oliver's France

Real French for Travelers

For your trip to France, you may want to take a phrase book. Let's be honest: How likely are you to roll out a French phrase when you need one, and pronounce it correctly?

Wouldn't you rather speak REAL French? With just a bit of regular time and effort, you can learn the basics of French, and this will greatly enrich your travels. And if you plan to visit France more than once, it is even more important to get basic language concepts under your belt. It isn't as difficult as you think.

This book provides you with a clear and easy-to-use overview of French, so that you can speak and read REAL French **during your trip and after**. Go ahead... before you pack your suitcase, invest in your trip to France, with REAL French.

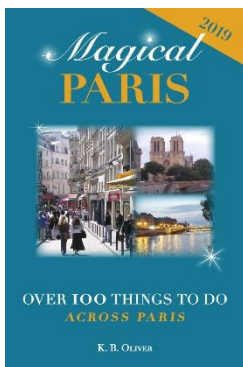


A French Garden: The Loire Valley

Just over an hour south of Paris, France, is a place you might encounter in your dreams, yet you can go there and experience it for yourself. It's the Loire Valley, known as the garden of France, a peaceful paradise of rolling hills covered by vineyards, fairytale castles, and charming, vibrant towns. So much awaits you to discover, eat, drink, and enjoy in the Loire River Valley.

This easy-to-read guide will give you the inside scoop on a stunning variety of activities and adventures for all interests, from castle-hopping to biking or camping to vineyard tours and more. Sample itineraries and practical details will help you plan your unforgettable trip to the French Garden.

Magical Paris: Over 100 things to do Across Paris



Do travel books confuse you? It can be stressful to wade through pages of information that you don't need just to reach what you're looking for. Discover Paris without stress, with *Magical Paris: Over 100 Things to do Across Paris*. It gives you all of Paris at your fingertips, and all of the big-city intimidation falls away. Tour your way across all 20 districts with clear guidance on what to see and how to get there, as well as when things open and how much they cost. Let Paris become yours, as you get around like a local. Check it out and see if *Magical Paris: Over 100 Things to do Across Paris* isn't the easy travel book to understand and to take along on your trip.

More Travel Resources . . .

Trains

SNCF Train schedules, including TGV: en.oui.sncf/en/ Also, <https://www.raileurope.com/destinations/country-guides/article/france-10>

Eurail Europe passes: www.eurail.com/

France Rail: <https://www.raileurope.com/en-us/destinations/trains-france> (ticketing fee added)

Here's a helpful article by Rick Steves on train options in France:

<https://www.ricksteves.com/travel-tips/transportation/trains/france-rail-passes>

TER Regional Trains (by SNCF): www.sncf.com/en/passenger-offer/travel-by-train/ter

Driving

Tolls in France: www.autoroutes.fr/en/key-rates.htm

Driving distances: <https://bit.ly/2yQMirn>

Inter-Europe Airlines

Ryan Air: www.ryanair.com Limited routes in France but includes Paris, Nice, Biarritz, and Tours. Flights to UK and Ireland.

Easy Jet: www.easyjet.com Destinations to many large cities in France: Strasbourg, Bordeaux, Lyon, Toulouse, Marseille and others. Goes to Corsica as well.

Wizz Air: www.wizzair.com (leaves from Paris and goes eastbound; not useful for travel within France.)

Corsair: www.corsair.fr/en Flies to 18 cities in France and elsewhere in the French-speaking world.

Air France: www.airfrance.us

Airport Transportation (Paris airports)

Transportation into Paris from Charles de Gaulle airport

Roissy Bus: <https://easycdg.com/roissybus-paris-cdg-de-gaulle-airport/>

Air France shuttle: <http://transfer.airport-paris.com/air-france-coach-service.htm> You don't have to be traveling with Air France in order to use this shuttle service.

RER B: This is a train that goes from the CDG airport into the center of Paris about every 10-15 minutes. You can get off at at Gare du Nord or Châtelet for any other stop along the RER B and change to a Métro line. Cost: 10.30 euros. (7 euros for children.)

Maps of Paris:

Downloadable Metro Map: www.ratp.fr/en/plans-lignes

Downloadable city map: <http://en.parisinfo.com/how-to-get-to-and-around-paris/maps-and-plans> this downloads a map of Paris (streets) which you can zoom in or out or move around to show where you want. It's provided by the city of Paris. Click on "Paris Map" and scroll down under the section "Street Plans", or maps.

For extensive information on things to do in Paris, please refer to my book *Magical Paris: Over 100 Things to Do Across Paris*.

Hotels

In Paris: <http://en.parisinfo.com>

Around France: www.france-hotel-guide.com/en/

Gîte: a gîte is a private home (usually in rural areas) that is rented out to tourists. www.gites-de-france.com/en/ / or www.gite.com

This is a respectable chain of lodging all over France www.logishotels.com/en/

Specialty trips

Small Group tours

Provence: Simply France with Dawn <http://www.simplyfrancewithdawn.com>

Groups of four to eight people visit Provence for thematic tours, including small town Provence, wine tours, and cooking tours.

[Blueroads Touring www.blueroadstouring.com/tours/europe/france](http://www.blueroadstouring.com/tours/europe/france) Maximum group size of 18

Cooking tours around France (International Kitchen)
www.theinternationalkitchen.com/cooking-vacations/france/ See more ideas in *Oliver's France* website.

French Escapades <https://frenchescapade.com> Cooking, painting, or cultural tours

River and Barge Cruises

Canal du Midi, other French waterways www.leBoat.com

www.avalonwaterways.com (Many European destinations)

<http://www.french-waterways.com>

Bike and walking tours

www.utracks.com You can choose a walking, hiking or biking tour, or combine one of these with a barge cruise. Hiking tours through the French countryside, vineyards, forests, beaches and mountains. Some tours are family-friendly.

Language Learning Resources

Barron's Mastering French Vocabulary: A Thematic Approach

501 French Verbs (with CD) by Christopher Kendris. There are other verb conjugation books that are also good.

Coffee Break French <https://radiolingua.com/coffeebreakfrench>

Duo-Lingo <https://www.duolingo.com/course/fr/en/Learn-French-Online>

You Tube videos for pronunciation

Word of the Day <http://www.transparent.com/word-of-the-day/today/french.html>

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