



France Summer 2019

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Paris

At first I was overwhelmed by the city. I did not know how to navigate the city, and I did not speak the language. Who cares? We all figured it out eventually...

I have never witnessed a city with architecture quite like Paris. From the Louvre to the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame, every building is exquisite.



Hidden Gems of Paris



The Catacombs of Paris, site of 6 million human remains.



I appreciated visiting the Paris campus of Arts et Metiers where we saw the engineering manuscripts of the Eiffel Tower



The Paris Metro. Easy to use once you get the hang of it. Beware of pickpockets!

A great man with a crepe shop. After a month in France, I can say I am an expert at consuming crepes, gelato, and croissants.

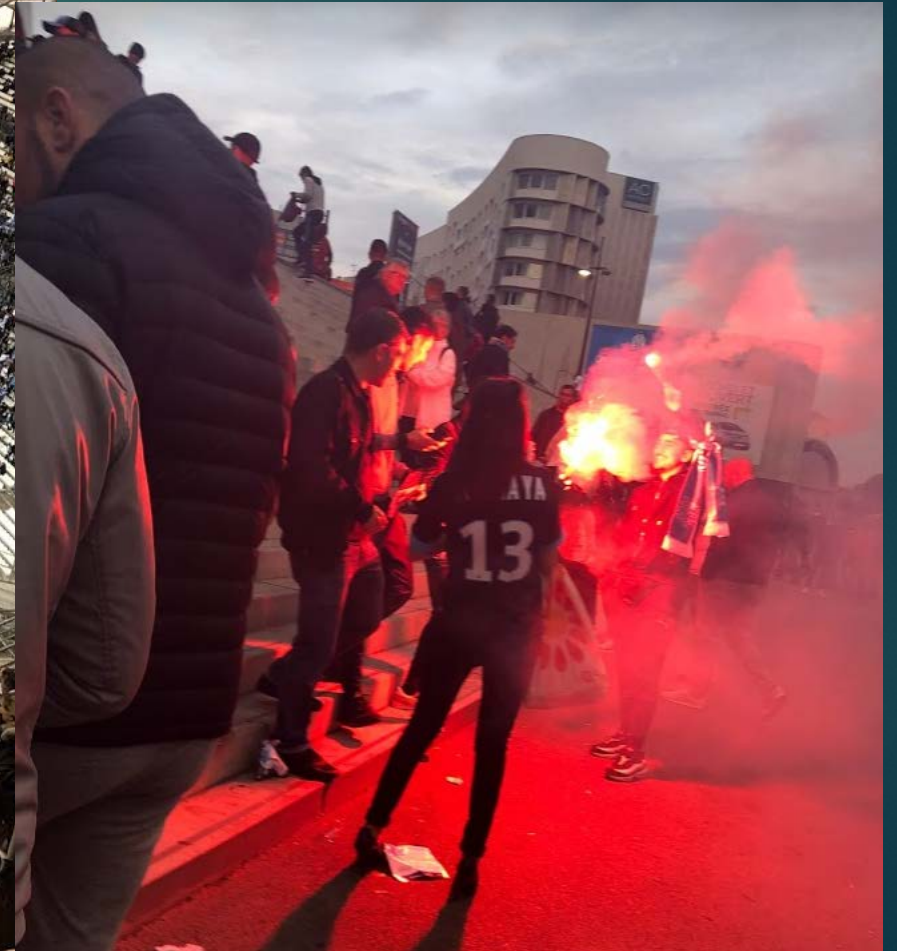




Marseille



Marseille Montpellier Soccer Game



Calanques hiking

On our first open weekend we spent 6 hours hiking to 3 different beaches in the Calanques.



Hiking turned into rock climbing. On the way to the third beach we went nearly straight up and down. Once we arrived, it was well worth it.



Trip to Chamonix



These were views from our train... it gets better





Day 1 – Hike to Refuge de Bellechat







Day 2: Mar de Glace Glacier



Day 3: Paragliding of Aiguille du Midi



Takeoff!

