

A WEEKEND IN FRANCE

Last weekend, I _____ (**go**) to Paris to visit my best friend and celebrate his birthday. I arrived on Thursday evening, and we _____ (**eat**) at a restaurant called Le Papadello for his birthday dinner with our other friends. Afterwards, we walked along the river Seine and watched the sunset.

On Friday morning, we _____ (**take**) a train to Versailles to see the palace and the surrounding gardens. It _____ (**be**) very beautiful! The chateau and the gardens _____ (**be**) huge! After visiting the palace, we _____ (**have brunch**) where they served us savoury and sweet crêpes. They _____ (**be**) all so yummy!

When we arrived back in Paris, we _____ (**meet**) up with our other friends for lunch at this popular restaurant called Kodawari Ramen Tsukiji. It felt like we _____ (**be**) in Japan and not in France! The ramen _____ (**be**) so good that it _____ (**make**) me miss living in Asia. We _____ (**take**) a rest at the Jardin des Tuileries. I _____ (**read**) a book entitled "One Day" while my friends watched and _____ (**make**) tiktok videos. That evening, we also watched a jazz concert in the 11th arrondissement of Paris. It has been so long since we've been to a live music show because of the pandemic. After the concert, we _____ (**go**) to a karaoke bar and _____ (**sing**) all of our favourite songs. It felt very nice to be out with some of my best friends after such a long time.



The following morning, I _____ (**have breakfast**) with my aunt who also lives in the city, and we _____ (**go shopping**) at this huge shopping centre called Galeries Lafayette! Afterwards, I visited the Musée de l'Orangerie and _____ (**see**) the famous "Water Lilies" paintings of Claude Monet for the first time. While walking along the streets of Paris to head to Bouillon Chartier for lunch with my friends, I randomly _____ (**see**) two of my former professors from university who are now working and living in Paris. It felt very surreal to see them again after 4 years. After our lunch, we walked to Montmartre and saw the Sacre-Coeur and a view of the Paris skyline from above the hill. We _____ (**have drinks**) at Bar à Bulles, which is located on the rooftop of the infamous Moulin Rouge!

The next morning, my friends and I _____ (**wake up**) super late, and we _____ (**think**) we were going to miss our train to Rouen. In the end, we _____ (**catch**) our train, but we _____ (**be**) out of breath by the time we sat down on our seats. Rouen is a city in Normandy, the northernmost region of France. One fun fact about Rouen is that it _____ (**be**) the city where they burned Joan of Arc. Although it has a bit of a sad history, I still found the city to be very scenic and beautiful.

That evening, when we got back to Paris, we _____ (**have dinner**) at a Vietnamese restaurant where we _____ (**eat**) phở and lots of nem rán. Perfect for a rainy evening! Before heading home, my friends and I _____ (**go**) to watch the Eiffel Tower with its sparkling lights for the last time before I _____ (**take**) a cab to go to the airport for my flight back to Valencia. The perfect ending to the best weekend ever!