

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!