

A Few More Tips

CONNECTING WITH LOCALS IN PARIS (1) Connect with *Paris Greeters*, an all-volunteer group of Parisians who share their love of Paris with visitors with walking tours. There is no official cost but they do ask for a small contribution to keep their services running. (2) The Paris Convention and Visitors Bureau also offers many options for ways to connect. One is called *Meeting Parisians At Work* where you visit a craftsman's place and get a behind-the-scenes tour. You can visit a boulangerie with an interpreter and make baguettes and croissants. Merveilleux and délicieux!

DON'T MISS YOUR TRAIN STOP When travelling by train in Europe or any country where you don't understand the language, write down the two stops prior to yours so you are aware of when your stop coming up. Although the stations are generally announced, if you are not fluent in the language you may not recognize their names via the public address system (it is difficult enough to understand announcements in English!). Also, try to sit in one of the front cars of the train. The back cars may not pull far enough into the station to read the station's name and you could be left scrambling to find out where you actually are.

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SHOP IN PARIS AND SUPPORT A CO-OP FOR YOUNG WOMEN IN MADAGASCAR *MERCI*, Paris's newest concept store, offers a breathtaking space where you can shop with a conscience. *MERCI* donates all of its profits to a co-op for young women in Madagascar. They stock everything from clothes to flowers and garden accessories, to perfumes, custom furniture, home goods and second-hand books. Much of the clothing on sale (from brands like Bonpoint, A.P.C., Isabel Marent, YSL and Chloe) has been created and priced exclusively for *MERCI*. Address: 111 Boulevard Beaumarchais - 3rd. Tel : 00 33 1 42 77 00 33. Open daily Monday to Saturday 10am-8pm Metro Saint Sébastien Froissard.

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