



## Friends and Family Paris Information

We're delighted you have decided to come and cheer in your rider as they arrive in Paris. The following information should help you plan your day.

### **PART 1: ARRIVAL**

Hotel Check-in Sun 20<sup>th</sup> July

[Mercure 17 Batignolles](#), 118 Rue de Tocqueville, 75017 PARIS

#### **From CDG airport:**

Option 1: A taxi will cost approx. 70 euros to the hotel.

Option 2: Take RER train line B in the direction of Paris. Change at St Michel-Notre Dame for line C, direction either Montigny Beauchamp or Argenteuil and get off at stop Pereire Levallois. This stop is less than 800m from our hotel.

Option 3: Take an Air France airport bus to the PORTE MAILLOT stop. From here it is a 25 min walk or a short taxi ride to the hotel.

#### **From the Gare du Nord:**

Option 1: A taxi will cost approx. 25 euros

Option 2: Take metro line 4 (direction Mairie de Montrouge) to Reamur Sebastapol. Change here to line 3 (direction Pont de Levallois) and get off at Wagram. From here it is 800m to the hotel.

Hotel check-in is officially from 2pm. If you arrive early you may be able to get your room but if it isn't ready, you can store your luggage free of charge.

Your room will be booked under your name as part of the Le Loop reservation. If you have any problems with your check-in, please try Sarah on +44 7827 156930 (or if no reply call Kate +44 (0)131 3000796, ext 2).

### **PART 2: CHEERING**

There are two stops where you can see the cyclists pass by. Whichever option you choose, please be aware that timings are approximate and all manner of things may affect or change timings on the day.

**For up-to-date recorded information on timings, phone +44 7789 807906. The message will be updated every hour or so starting at 1 pm.** PLEASE DO NOT PHONE THE CYCLISTS: their information will be less accurate than the recorded message and they're too busy cycling anyway!

#### **STOP 1: CHAMP DE MARS (VIEW OF EIFFEL TOWER)**

This will be the group's first stop in central Paris and we will take a big group photo with the Eiffel Tower in the background. We will have a member of staff near the stop by 3.00pm at the park end of Av. du Général Dérive - look out for our van. From here the cyclists will walk into the middle of the park for photos. ***We expect the cyclists to arrive at around 3.30pm.***

**How to get there:** The closest metro stations are ECOLE MILITAIRE (line 8), LA MOTTE PICQUET GRENELLE (lines 6, 8, 10) or CHAMP DE MARS (RER line C). From any of these stops it is approx. 10 mins walk.

#### STOP 2: ARC DE TRIOMPHE

We will cheer cyclists past the Arc de Triomphe after their final lap of Montmartre and the Champs Elysees. We will travel by metro from stop 1 directly to stop 2 and ***expect to see cyclists at this point at approx 4.30pm***. The stop will be at the corner of Av Carnot and Av de la Grande Armee (on the outside of the Arc de Triomphe roundabout).

**How to get there from STOP 1:** Time will be of the essence and we will lead anyone who would like to follow the way to the next cheering point. Please have a metro ticket ready for the journey. It is a simple walk from stop 1 to metro station BIR-HAKEIM. From here you take metro line 6 in the direction of CHARLES DE GAULLE ETOILE and go all the way to this last station. Take exit 'Ave Carnot' and our stop will be on the corner of Av Carnot and Av de la Grande Armee.

**How to get there (general):** From the hotel it is a 30 min walk to the Arc de Triomphe. Alternatively, metro station CHARLES DE GAULLE ETOILE is on lines 1, 2 and 6 of the metro. Take exit 'Ave Carnot' and our stop will be on the corner of Av Carnot and Av de la Grande Armee.

#### FINISH: HOTEL

Once we have seen the cyclists through stop 2, you can either walk to the hotel (25 mins) or hop in a taxi (approx 15 euros). We expect this to be (very roughly!) at about 5pm. The hotel is only 2.5km after the Arc de Triomphe. The cyclists are likely to get there before you so please consider the Arc de Triomphe to be our finish line – the hotel is for loading bikes and getting ready for the party!

### **PART 3: EVENING PLANS**

7:15 pm: Meet in the hotel reception. Coaches will take us to the Bateaux Mouches where we board our Seine dinner cruise boat. Coaches will return to the hotel at about 11:30pm after the party.

### **PART 4: DEPARTURE**

Monday morning breakfast in the hotel is included. The hotel check-out time is 12pm.

Taxis to both airports as well as the Gare du Nord can be booked from reception. See arrival notes for metro, RER and bus stops.