

# EIFFEL TOWER

## Overview & History

- The Eiffel Tower (French: *La Tour Eiffel*) is a wrought-iron lattice tower located in the 7th arrondissement of Paris, standing on the Champ de Mars beside the Seine.
- It was constructed by Gustave Eiffel's engineering company between 1887 and 1889 as the entrance arch for the 1889 Exposition Universelle (World's Fair) marking the 100th anniversary of the French Revolution.
- Height: about **300 metres** to the top platform; including antennas, roughly **330 metres**.
- It has three levels accessible to the public: the First Floor, Second Floor, and an observation deck ("Summit" / Top). Restaurants are located on the first and second floors; the summit has observation decks and historic/exhibition spaces (plus a champagne bar).



## Location & How to Reach

- **Address:** Champ de Mars, 5 Avenue Anatole France, 75007 Paris, France.
- **Closest Metro / RER / Bus:**

*Metro Line 6:* Bir-Hakeim (walk ~8 min)

- *RER C:* Champ de Mars - Tour Eiffel (walk ~6 min)
  - Bus lines 82, 30, 42, 69, 72, 86 have stops near the tower.
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- There is no dedicated onsite parking immediately at the Tower; visitors using cars should use nearby public parking. Walking from nearby metro/RER is usually more convenient.



## Opening Hours / Access Times

- The Eiffel Tower is open **every day of the year**.
- Summer (roughly mid-June to early September): ~ **9:00 AM to midnight (last entries before closing)**.
- Rest of the year: typically **9:30 AM to 11:45 PM**, though last entry times differ; the summit access may close earlier due to weather or maintenance.
- Last elevator / lift entry is usually about **one hour before closing** for the summit; similarly for other floors lifts/stairs have cut-off times.



## Ticket Types & Entry Fees (2025 Estimate)

Here are the typical ticket options and pricing tiers, depending on age / method of access / which level you wish to visit. These are indicative and may change, so always check the official Eiffel Tower site when booking.

Ticket Type / Access	Adults (25+)	Youth (12-24)	Children (4-11)	Under 4 / Disabled*
Stairs to 2nd Floor	~ € 14.20	~ € 7.10	~ € 3.60	Free or reduced*
Elevator to 2nd Floor	~ € 22.60	~ € 11.30	~ € 5.70	Free/reduced*
Stairs to 2nd + Elevator to Summit (Top)**	~ € 26.90	~ € 13.50	~ € 6.80	Free/reduced*
Elevator all the way to Summit	~ € 35.50	~ € 17.70	~ € 8.90	Free/reduced*

\* Children under ~4 years often free; persons with certain disabilities may get reduced or free access (depends on documentation). Check explicitly with the official source.

\*\*Ticket combining stairs + elevator to summit: meaning you climb stairs up to second, then elevator from 2nd to summit.



## Inclusions / What Each Ticket Gives You

- Access to the floor(s) indicated on the ticket (ground → 1st → 2nd → summit depending on your choice).
- Use of stairs to first or second floors (if your ticket includes stair access).
- Use of elevators where applicable (if your ticket includes elevator).
- Views from the platforms.
- Access to restaurants / shops on first and second floors (but a restaurant reservation does **not** usually include summit access unless specifically booked).

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## Exclusions / What the Ticket Does NOT Cover

- Food, drinks, or meals (unless you have a separate reservation at the Tower's restaurants).
- Optional extras like guided tours, souvenir photos, special exhibits, or events.
- Transport to / from the tower.
- Access to summit if your ticket is only for lower floors.
- Some restricted sections (e.g. restricted access during maintenance, or interior access during special events).



## Rules, Terms & Conditions

These are the rules clients should be aware of, so there are no surprises:

1. **Ticket Reservation / Validity**
  - Tickets are tied to a specific time/date; arriving late can result in losing the reservation.
  - Some tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable.
2. **Security Screening**
  - All visitors must pass through security checks. Bags may be inspected. Large luggage is often not permitted.
  - Picnics inside the monument are prohibited.
  - The Tower is partially accessible: elevators reach the first and second floors. Summit access and many stairs are **not wheelchair accessible**.
3. **Weather / Operational Disruptions**
  - Summit elevator and/or top platform may close temporarily due to high winds, extreme weather, maintenance, or other safety concerns.
  - Scheduled maintenance days or unexpected closures can happen. Always verify in advance.
4. **Photography / Night Illumination Rights**
  - The structure itself is public domain, but the **illumination (“light show”)** at night is under copyright. Use of night photographs or videos for **commercial purpose** may require permission. For personal/social use, this is generally not enforced.
5. **Behavior / Safety**
  - Follow all safety rules: do not climb railings, don’t lean over edges, follow staff directions.
  - For children, guardians must ensure safety.
6. **Refunds / Changes**
  - Some tickets allow changes or refund under specific conditions, others don't. The policies depend on the type of ticket and provider. Official site and terms & conditions of purchase should be read carefully.



## Best Times & Tips for Visitors

- Arrive early in the morning or later in the evening to avoid large crowds. Between **9-11 AM** or **8-10:30 PM** tends to have shorter lines.
- If visiting the summit, allocate **~2.5 hours** for the whole visit (allowing for queues, elevators, time on each level). For just up to second floor, about **1.5 hours** should be sufficient.
- Book tickets well in advance — summit tickets especially tend to sell out. Ticket windows open ahead of time; in peak seasons (summer, holidays) demand is high.
- Check the weather forecast. On clear days, the view is spectacular; fog/clouds reduce visibility from upper levels.
- Dress in layers: higher up, especially at the summit, it can be colder and windy, even in summer.

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## Additional Services / Dining Options

- **Restaurants inside the Tower:**
  - *Le Jules Verne* (on the 2nd floor) — gourmet / fine dining. Requires reservation.
- *58 Tour Eiffel* (first floor) and other lighter dining/rest stops.
- Shops / souvenir stores on lower levels.
- Exhibits / galleries about the engineering, history etc., especially on the first floor.



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## Why It's Exceptional / What Makes It a Must-Visit

- It is one of the world's most recognisable landmarks, symbolic of Paris and France.
- Offers panoramic views of Paris and its major landmarks (Seine River, Louvre, Notre Dame, Champs-Élysées, etc.) from different heights.
- The architectural/engineering marvel — iron lattice construction, historical context, role in world fairs, etc.
- Dining options add a luxurious or romantic dimension. Evening lighting and night view is particularly magical.

