

## Report# 4

### Culture Shock

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I was studying in Holland for spring semester before I moved down to Paris for autumn semester. Though Holland and France are not too far away from each other (Train only takes 2.5 hrs), the cultures are very different!!!

1. Eat Late - French people tend to eat dinner very late in the evening, around 8pm or 9pm. If you are meeting a French friend for dinner, maybe you shall have some snack around 5 or 6pm first.
2. Breakfast – Only French baguette / bread and coffee. But of course you can find cereal at the grocery stores.
3. Drinks – Drinks are very expensive in Paris. For a small beer or juice, it is around EUR 5. In Holland, it is only EUR 2.5! Paris is a dream place for many people, but please do not forget about how expensive to live in Paris.
4. Wine – Though drinking at bars is not cheap, you can always find a bottle of good wine at affordable price at any supermarket.
5. Fashion – Either men or women have very good styles in Paris. I still remember the first cold winter day at school, all the French male students wore very nice winter coats; I just love the fashion senses in Paris.
6. Paris is Dirty – You might be shocked by what I wrote here, YES, Paris is dirty. On the weekend, you can easily find some drunk people peeing in the street. There was one time; I saw a guy was peeing inside of Metro station in front of everyone.
7. Free Admission – Many museums offer free admission on the first Sunday of the month. For details, you may please review this link <http://www.patroc.com/paris/free-museums.html>