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Hi,

[Redacted] reviews speak for both of us. See below. HOWEVER, for the record Frenchie offers only a prefix menu and everyone in the restaurant has to finish a course before we move on to the next. Dinner took 2 hours and 18 minutes for three courses!!! Delicious, but my butt was hurting sitting for such a long period of time. I could have done so much more in that amount of time.

The one thing we learned while in Paris is to not recreate memories. Just create new ones. A few years back we had an amazing picnic with the best cheese sitting in the sun with a direct view of the Eiffel tower. Our attempt to recreate that was an epic failure and I still swear I got lice and/or bed bugs sitting somewhere almost with a view of the Eiffel tower eating mediocre cheese, not so good jambon and the wind blowing dust and more bugs our way. Whatever, we learn... Our very best meal of our vacation was tonight at the Frenchie wine bar. Yes, better than Dishoom, though Dishoom is the best Indian food ever. The Frenchie wine bar offers delicious pastas and not a prefix. Each entree was thoroughly delicious and left you wanting more. We stuffed ourselves to an uncomfortable point and then had some more. Vacation is good, but I'm excited to come home! I'm looking forward to Russian Hill – who cares about the Castro. And, I'm looking forward to my meandering walks to work.

Marzia

Merci Au Revoir!

Paris continues to be one of those cities that grabs hold of me. Someplace I wish I could live for a while. It's not quite as romantic or magical as my memories but still there's something pretty spectacular and breathtaking about riding your Velib bike down the road and coming onto the foot of the Champs-Élysées...with the Eiffel Tower in the background. The streets don't get boring...the food rarely disappoints...the patter of conversation is never annoying and the men, women and especially children are so damn fashionable.

A couple of minor bad moments (black shag carpeting, small hotel room that we were able to remedy and getting softly accosted on the street by unsuccessful pickpockets) did nothing to spoil this lovely end of our vacation.

See you soon.

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City	Restaurant or Attraction	Genre	Review	Website
Paris	Frenchie	Like Frances	Summary: Go here. It's delicious. It's better than it looks on Bourdain. [Redacted] "This place makes me love quail. And I don't even like quail. Probably because whenever I usually get it at home it looks like a quail and that's pretty sad." Marzia: "I can't believe it's taking so long to get each course." Marzia, to the server: "We're ready to leave as soon as we get our next course." Server: "...?" Marzia: "I mean as soon as we get the dessert you can bring us our check." Bonus: The servers speak better English than you do. They have a cheese course from Neal's Yard Dairy, but no Stawley.	http://www.frenchie-restaurant.com
Paris	Frenchie Wine Bar	Like Frances and Inopia and Ssaam Bar combined	Summary: If you are in Paris any time soon and you don't go here I will personally punch you. Seriously. This place is so amazing that if we went here on our first night we would have gone back every night of our trip.	http://www.frenchie-restaurant.com
Paris	Paris By Mouth Tour		Summary: If you're planning on becoming a food tour guide, it's probably a good idea to be comfortable with public speaking. Alas, our tour guide was not. When the first 1/2 hour	http://parisbymouth.com

was spent around a table at a bakery watching her sweat profusely while she nervously talked about the history of the shop, we knew we were in trouble. And if you're going to lead a tour to a bakery and talk about the amazing history and current politics of the baguette, please don't take us to a bakery that doesn't make baguettes. That's just cruel.

Marzia to another tourist on the tour: "I'm going to try to pretend to be sick so we can leave."

Tourist: "Not if I do it first. And where's the cheese?? We spent 1 hour talking about it and picking it out and it's been in her back for the past 1/2 hour."

Redacted "This is *nothing* like the Istanbul Eats tour. I'm going to write a letter to the *New York Times* about it."

Marzia: "I'm going to write to them about their article about the French season of kindness."

Apparently there's a bit of an American food renaissance happening in Paris (artisan burgers, cocktails, hot dogs and bagels).

This place is considered one of the best burgers in Paris and given our experience and expertise in this arena we would agree. While we only had one burger in Paris, this one definitely matched some of the best in the Bay Area.

Homemade buns, house-ground meat from an artisan butcher, really amazing cookies and lines around the block.

The two low points were when Marzia saw the burgers and thought, "there isn't enough meat" on them and when she got homemade A1 sauce spilled all over her back by the server who pretended not to notice.

Overall: 4 1/2 star burgers.

Summary: It's the Louvre. They have the Mona Lisa, Venus de Milo and some really old Sphinx sculpture. They are famous for these things as well as being the setting for the Da Vinci Code. There are signs everywhere with a picture of the Mona Lisa in case you get lost or get out of the stream of people trying to find it.

Redacted "I feel bad for all these paintings on the way to the Mona Lisa. I mean, nobody even looks at them and when someone stops randomly at one a bunch of people queue up behind them trying to figure out if it's the Mona Lisa or another painting from The Da Vinci Code."

Marzia: "Stand over there. Kind of hunch over a little bit. Put your arm behind your back like that."

Paris

Blend

Burger place

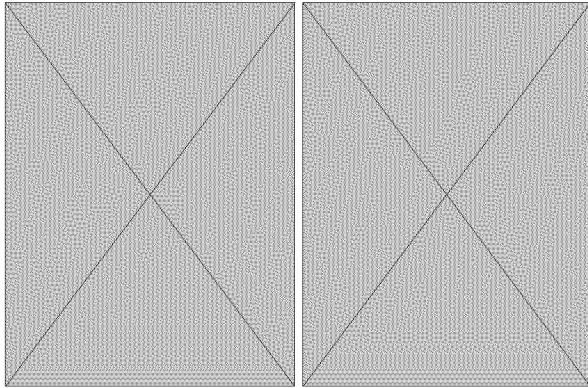
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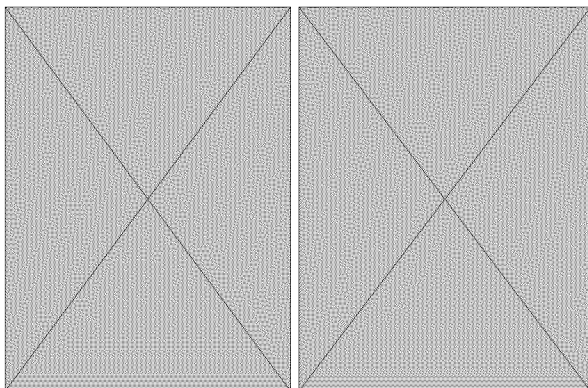
Where they have the Mona Lisa

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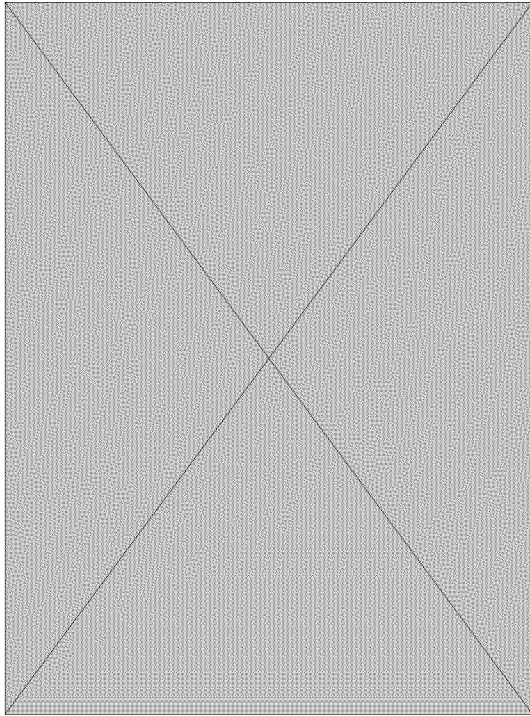
The Louvre



Frenchie (Wine Bar)



Paris by Mouth Tour



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