

Moods of Paris



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Moods of Paris

By Ladi Terty

My dream to study not just anywhere but in Paris became a success when I arrived in Paris two months ago. But prior to my arrival, I had read a lot about this beautiful world, most popular tourist destination with loads of breath taking sites, the fashion sense, the operas and a whole lot. But I also had more exciting expectations that I am still searching for. I was looking forward to seeing very lively, friendly people that depict this beautiful city, but they all seemed to wear straight faces.



The first day I went on the train, I thought the city was mourning a great personality...Looking at the faces of people, I saw, tiredness, I saw stress. Then I began to ask questions like.....Why are people in Paris, especially in the metro, buses and sometimes in the park looking wearing sad looks? No one could really tell, but I could figure out that a

lot of people who work in Paris, resides in the outskirts of Paris so they are either rushing to their offices or rushing to catch the next train back home. They cannot seem to look excited about all that.

So I chose to enjoy every moment I will be in Paris and also affect as many as I can with just flashing a smile to brighten their moods, say thank you when I had to, and help those just need to find their way.

Everyone is a change agent as it is the most constant thing ever. Together, we can share a smile and enjoy our stay in Paris. Give a smile and change the mood today!



Moods of Paris: Let's do it!

By Zhaklina Kamcheva

If you are lucky enough to have lived in Paris as a young man, then wherever you go for the rest of your life, it stays with you, for Paris is a movable feast. – Ernest Hemingway

Being in Paris, being honored to fall asleep and wake up in the lap of this dazzling city of lights and love is like living in fairytales. And the harder you try to break down the cliché bounded to this city - you are falling even more into the spell. The first thing echoing in my ears when thinking of Paris is Cole Porter's "Let's do it (Let's fall in love)", a song written for the Broadway musical "Paris".

I found this one mood "Let's do it" consolidating in a hedonist way all the feelings and pleasures you can extract from every single motion and emotion you experience here: the sound of your step on the paving-stone walk sides, the cheese shops, the smell coming from the "boulangerie" bakeries, the flower shops, countless bars and restaurants, people passing you by, kisses stolen around the corner, they all say: "Let's do it!".

This is the mood that brought so many famous painters, writers, musicians, singers, artists, fashion designers in this cradle of creation, inspiring them by whispering "Let's do it!". Picasso, Monet, Modigliani, the Fitzgerald's, Hemingway, Chanel, Hugo, Balzac...they all had an address in Paris, leaving a piece of their heart here.

Still hesitating? Well then stop, listen and look. Think for a moment... You are here. Paris. Give yourself to the mood, seize the day, race the moon, catch the wind, ride the night to the end. Be part of the story. Let's do it. Let's fall in love.

Let's do it,
let's fall in love.

[COLE PORTER]

Moods of Paris
By Macheri Samuels



Have you ever woken up early in the morning to sit at your window and simply survey your street? No, not that time of morning when the cars begin to pile up and horns begin to honk as impatient persons rush to work. It's the hours just before that. And no, it's not that time when the streets are empty and you feel like you may just be the last person left on this earth. No it's the moments just after that.

It's the moments when the city begins to yawn and stretch, when the early morning risers begin their daily routines, before the city even knows a new day has begun. It's that time when the shopkeepers come to open their doors and sweep off the sidewalk. When they smile and wave to each other from across the street as they lay out their wares. And old friends cross in the middle of the street not caring about the non-existent cars while they converse with friendly banter. Yes, it's that time of the morning. And, if you are anything like me you watch the puffy white air billow in front of them and you make up silly conversations of your own of what you imagine they may have been talking about. Until you can no longer resist the urge to open the window and make little white puffs of your own.



Yes, it's that time of morning, when the mood is calming, friendly, soothing and people are open with genuine smiles and you truly feel that people hold dearly in their hearts goodwill towards all mankind.

Then there is this other mood which is almost impossible to ignore, when the City of Lights lives up to its name and the eyes of the Parisians shine bright with mirth and youthful exuberance. And we become one, no longer French, Jamaican or Asian, but one with the night as we drink merrily, laugh haughtily and dance to our hearts content.



In this charged atmosphere we become fast friends forgetting the cares of the day and the worries of tomorrow while we sing along to lyrics we don't know, throwing caution to the wind, ignoring the warned dangers of the night. For in blissful ignorance we realize we are safe in the company of strangers. For the mood is just right for us to stop thinking about what could be and to simply enjoy that which is....

Top 10 Headlines Around the World

For 2012 (in chronological order)

1. Costa Concordia Shipwreck

On January 13, Captain Francesco Schettino steered the 60,000-ton Costa Concordia cruise ship off course and brought it close enough to the Tuscan island of Giglio to ground it on jagged coast



2. Mohammed Morsi Wins Egypt Election

On June 24, the Islamic fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood's candidate of choice, Mohammed Morsi, was declared winner of Egypt's first democratic elections in more than a generation.



3. London Olympics

On July 27, London officially kicked-off the world's biggest sporting event with a star-studded opening ceremony that felt part Broadway musical and part history lesson.





4. Benghazi Consulate Attack

On Sept. 11, a date which already haunts the American psyche, the realities of a rapidly changing Arab world were again driven home in the U.S. with the deadly assault on diplomatic offices in eastern Libya.

5. Hurricane Sandy Ravages New York like Never Before

Sandy, a massive storm described by forecasters as one of the largest to hit the United States, thrashed and flooded many towns, leaving millions without power.



Palestinians extinguish the fire from the car of Ahmad Jabari, head of the military wing of the Hamas movement, after it was hit by an Israeli air strike in Gaza City, Nov. 14, 2012.

6. Israel Kills Ahmad Jabari

On Nov. 14, Israel assassinated the military commander of the Islamic militant group Hamas, Ahmad Jabari, in an air strike on the Gaza Strip, touching off a week of war that left at least 161 Palestinians, including dozens of civilians, dead. Five Israelis were killed in rocket attacks from Gaza and other cross-border violence.

It was the most significant fighting between Israel and the Palestinians in more than four years.

7. China Names New Leader

On Nov. 15, China's ruling Communist Party officially named Xi Jinping as the country's next president, who will likely lead the world's most populous nation, and its 2nd largest economy, for the next 10 years.



8. Typhoon Bopha Slams Philippines

On Dec. 4, a monster storm made landfall in the southern Philippines with powerful winds and torrential rains that inundated the island nation, where thousands of people live in substandard housing in flood-prone valleys.



Rescuers retrieve bodies of flash flood victims after Typhoon Bopha, in the remote New Bataan township, Compostela Valley in southern Philippines, Dec. 7, 2012.

9. "Gangnam Style" first video to hit 1B YouTube views



10. Mayan Calendar ends, World does not

Dec. 21 started out as the prophetic day some had believed would usher in the fiery end of the world. By Friday afternoon, it had become more comic than cosmic, the punch line of countless Facebook posts and at least several dozen T-shirts.



(Most of these headlines and pictures were taken from cbsnews.com)

What has happened at CNAME?

M1 students had a lovely trip to Versailles



Submitted by Linlin Zhu

Christmas Party



Gastronomie

Chapon Farci Rôti (Roast Capon with Stuffing) Servings: 6



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| 1 (7 lb) capon | chopped |
| Olive oil | 2 shallots -- peeled and chopped |
| Salt and freshly ground black pepper | 6 oz. white mushrooms -- trimmed and chopped |
| 1 loaf country-style white bread | 1 1/2 lbs. pork sausages -- removed from casings |
| 1 head garlic -- separated into cloves, peeled, and slightly crushed | 1 carrot -- peeled and chopped |
| 1 tbsp butter | 1 turnip -- peeled and chopped |
| 1 medium yellow onion -- peeled and | |

Preheat oven to 400F.

Rinse capon and pat dry with paper towels inside and out. Rub all over with 1-2 tbsp. oil, then generously season with salt and pepper and set aside. Slice bread into thick slices. Rub both sides of one of the crusty heels of the bread with 1 garlic clove, then discard garlic. Brush heel generously with oil, then stuff into the bird's cavity. Arrange the rest of the bread in a shallow roasting pan and scatter remaining cloves of garlic on top of bread.

Put capon, breast side down, directly on an oven rack set in the middle of the oven. Set the roasting pan with the bread on a rack under the capon so that the fat and juices will drip onto the bread. After 15 minutes, pour 2 cups of water over bread. Add another 2 cups water after 15 minutes more. After 40 minutes, turn capon breast side up. Roast until the skin turns crisp and golden, about another 35 minutes. Keep warm.



Meanwhile, melt butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add onions and shallots and cook for 2 minutes. Add mushrooms and cook until they release their juices, about 5 minutes. Stir in sausage meat, carrots, and turnips and reduce heat to medium-low. Stir occasionally with a wooden spoon, breaking up and crumbling sausage meat. Reduce heat to low and cook until vegetables caramelize slightly, about 30 minutes.

When capon is done, remove from oven and allow to rest for 10-15 minutes. Add a few spoonfuls of the pan juices into the vegetable mixture. Carve capon and serve with stuffing and roasted bread.

I Spy With My Little Eye

Do you see the Cat?

Taken from Montmartre





*Pictures were taken & submitted by
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The Funnies

Professor was explaining marketing concepts to Students

1. You see a gorgeous girl at a party. You go up to her and say: 'I am very rich. Marry me!' - That's Direct Marketing



2. You're at a party with a bunch of friends and see a gorgeous girl. One of your friends goes up to her and pointing at you says: 'He's very rich. Marry him.' -That's Advertising



3. You see a gorgeous girl at a party. You go up to her and get her telephone number. The next day, you call and say: 'Hi, I'm very rich. Marry me!' - That's Telemarketing



4. You're at a party and see gorgeous girl. You get up and straighten your tie, you walk up to her and pour her a drink, you open the door (of the car) for her, pick up her bag after she drops it, offer her ride and then say: 'By the way, I'm rich. Will you marry me?' - That's Public Relations



5. You're at a party and see gorgeous girl. She walks up to you and says: 'You are very rich! Can you marry me?' - That's Brand Recognition



6. You see a gorgeous girl at a party. You go up to her and say: 'I am very rich. Marry me!' She gives you a nice hard slap on your face. - That's Customer Feedback



7. You see a gorgeous girl at a party. You go up to her and say: 'I am very rich. Marry me!' And she introduces you to her husband. That's demand and supply gap, do your market survey first



8. You see a gorgeous girl at a party. You go up to her and before you say anything, another person comes and tells her: 'I'm rich. Will you marry me?' and she goes with him - That's competition eating into your market share



9. You see a gorgeous girl at a party. You go up to her and before you say: 'I'm rich, Marry me!' Your wife arrives. - That's restriction from entering new markets



Birthdays

October

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DECEMBER