

ELIZAVETA
photography

Practical Tips





Timing

What time should I schedule my session?

The best time to take photos is early in the morning, right after sunrise. The exact time varies significantly depending on the season.

It may seem early, but this is one of the best times to take photos because it has

- flattering light
- more privacy
- no tourists running around in the background
- less traffic and therefore less time getting between locations

The next best time is at sunset; however, be prepared for more tourists around and less privacy.



Locations

Where should I take photos?

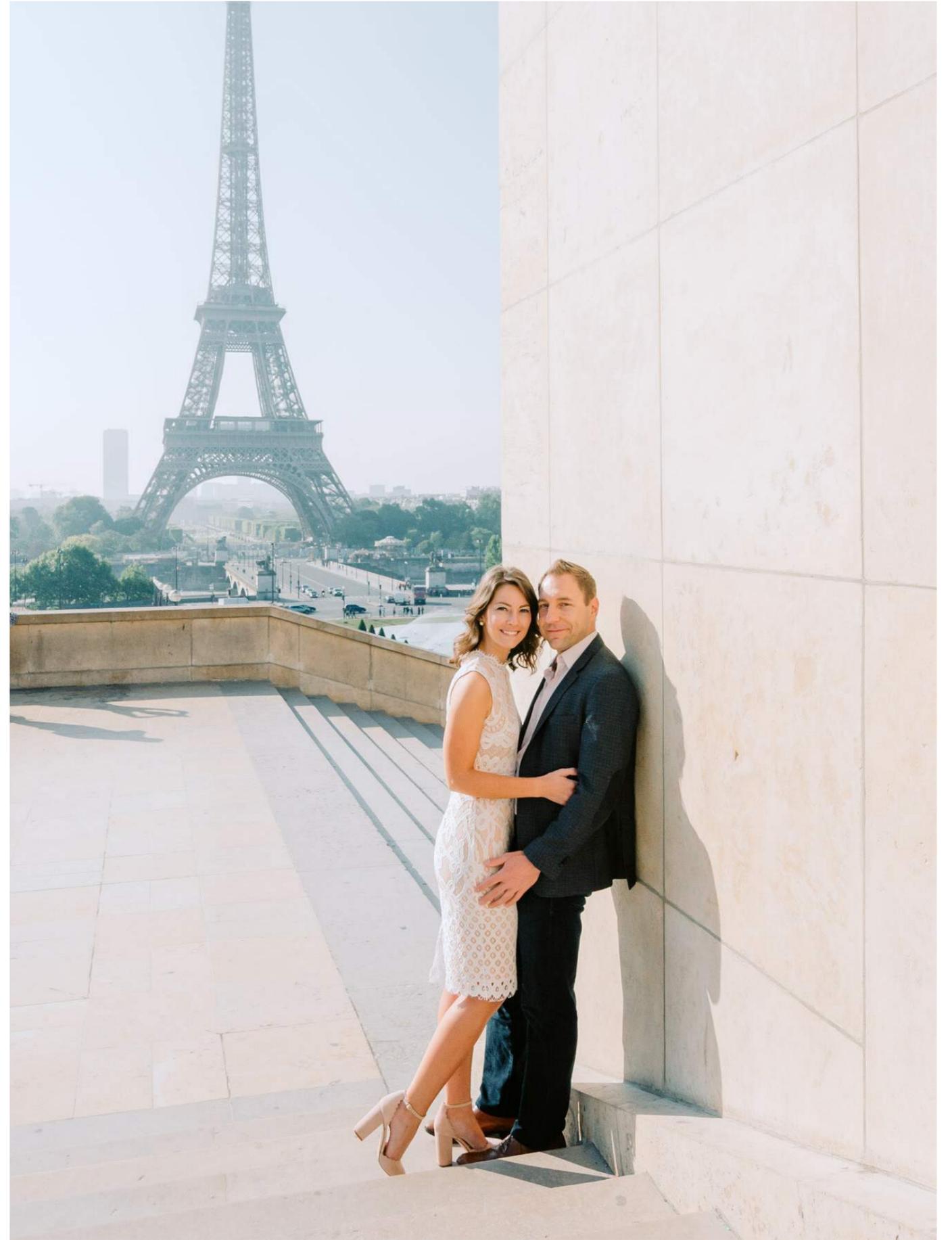
Paris is a gorgeous city and relatively compact, so you can fit quite a few sites into just one photo shoot. I recommend choosing from a few of the following:

- Eiffel Tower
- Louvre
- Tuillerie Gardens
- Palais Royal
- The banks of the Seine
- Notre Dame Cathedral

How do I get between locations?

While some locations are clustered together (the Louvre, Tuillerie Gardens and Palais Royal), some others are farther away. I recommend taking an Uber or a taxi between certain locations in order to save time and avoid having sore feet (especially for those of you wearing 6 inch heels!)







what to wear

What should I wear for my photo shoot?

No matter what you wear, it should make you feel confident and comfortable. Yes, I know, much easier said than done. Keeping that in mind, here are a few tips:

- Weather is pretty unpredictable here, so wear layers in case it gets suddenly hot or cold
- Avoid bright colors on top (neon colors or red, fuchsia, etc.)
- Try to coordinate as a couple to have a similar style
- Gentlemen - if there's one time in your life to dress up, it's now! Long pants and nice shoes are the way to go in Paris. If the shoes are new, try wearing them a few times (even in your backyard) before your trip to break them in
- Ladies - if you're wearing heels, bring a pair of flats to change into between locations
- Don't forget to put on some lipstick (and bring it with you)
- Try to bring just one small purse

outfit ideas: formal

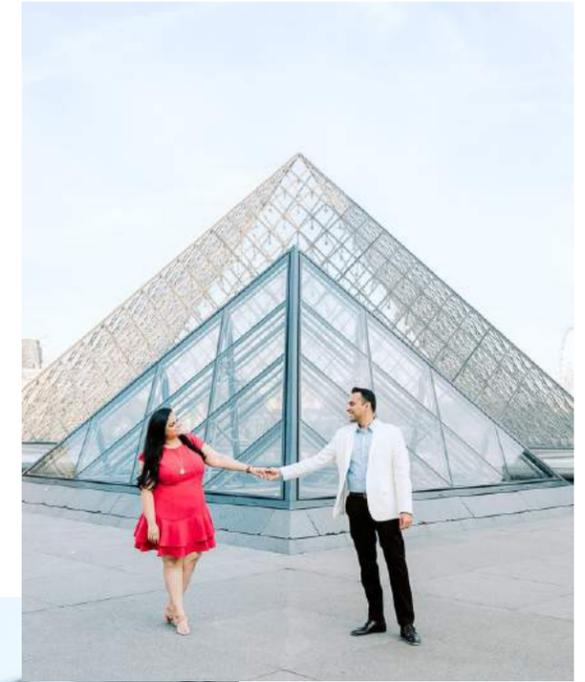
For her

Go big or go home! Long flowy gowns/skirts look dramatic and are perfect for twirling (who doesn't love a good twirl?) Don't forget that you can bring a coat to take on and off in between photo locations.

Pro tip: if you're dying to wear a more form fitting outfit but don't know if you can pull it off after a few days of croissants and pastries - go for support undergarments. It may be surprising but 90% of people in tight fitting outfits wear them (no matter their size) because what matters the most is feeling comfortable during your session and not worrying about how you look (and being able to enjoy all the food you want in Paris!)

For him

It's time to break out the suit guys! It doesn't have to be a tuxedo or even involve a tie, but you can't go wrong with a sharp pair of pants, jacket and button down shirt.



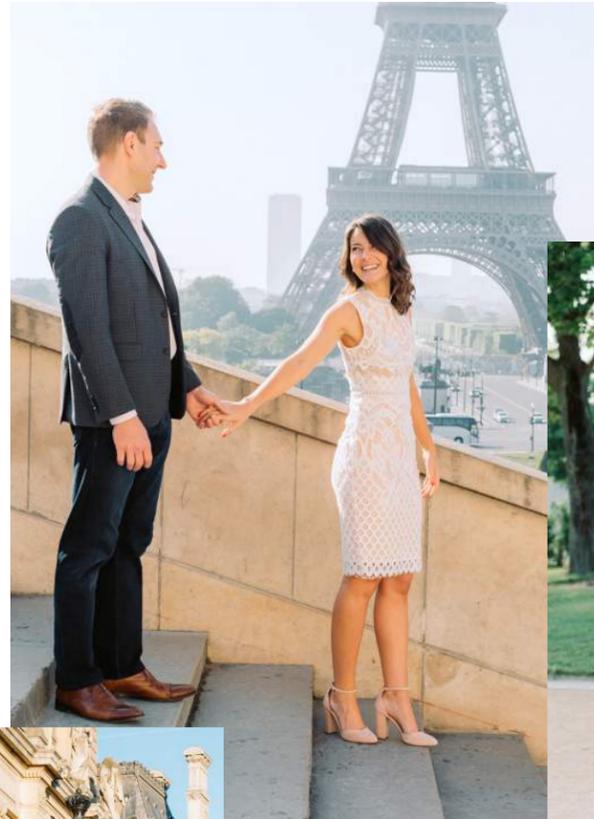
outfit ideas: casual

For her

You have so many options! Skirts, dresses, even jeans and a cute top. Play with colour and accessories to give yourself a fun look that fits your style.

For him

Casual can still mean stylish (especially in Paris), so forget about shorts and sneakers and go for long pants/jeans and nice shoes.



outfit ideas: Parisian weather

For her

Paris is known for its fickle weather, so be prepared with stylish outfits just in case it rains or the temperature plunges. See through umbrellas look great and don't cast any colour shadows on your faces.

Bring a jacket, sweater or wrap that you wouldn't mind seeing in photos, even if your plan is to take it off. You never know how windy/chilly it can get and it's always better to be warm and stylish.

Knee high boots (with some extra socks) are a great way to show off those legs while keeping your feet warm.

For him

Lucky you - you don't need to worry about wearing an off-the-shoulder dress in winter! If you want to stay warm during your session, layers are your friend. A dress shirt, sweater and a suit jacket look great and will keep you toasty.



your questions

When will I receive my photos?

Your photos will be published to a private online gallery within 3 weeks of the date of your session. Any extra items will arrive after, depending on shipping times.

Do you create photo albums?

Yes I do! I photograph all sessions with photo albums in mind in order to really capture the essence of your trip and the gorgeous city of Paris.

Where are you located?

I am based in Paris, France, and travel frequently around Europe and North America.

your questions

How do I book you?

It's best to book your session at least 2 months before your trip. It is best to choose the third or fourth day of your trip so that you won't be so tired from the travelling.

Do you edit the photos?

I try to keep the editing to a minimum. I carefully select the best photos and remove all the ones with accidental blinking, blurriness, or other unwanted issues. I then adjust small elements like brightness, framing and color to create a consistent look and feel. I do not make big modifications like adding people into a photo or making anyone look thinner.





Let's get started

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