Paris to Versailles by train

This page is a step by step guide to explain how to get to Versailles from Paris by train & RER. Below are our advices to reach quickly and safely the castle of Versailles from your hotel located in Paris.

Understand how public transport works in Paris and What kind of public transport links exists between Paris and Versailles?

There are 14 Metro lines and 5 RER train lines. Metros lines are identified on maps by numbers and colours. RER lines are identified by letters. See below the Metro & RER Lines.
Metro lines serve Paris and the RER is a train system which serves Paris and its suburbs. The Palace of Versailles being in the suburbs, about 12 miles away from the center of Paris, to get Versailles you will need to get the RER C. The RER C train will take you directly to the Palace of Versailles: on the transport map it is the yellow line which stretches from East to West of Paris and runs alongside the Seine River.

How far is Versailles from Paris? Depending on where your hotel is located, Paris to Versailles by train will take you between 20 mn and 90 mn.

**Paris to Versailles by train / RER, Step 1:**

Check the metro station nearest to your hotel on google Map.

Enter the address of your hotel on google Map and check where the closest metro station is. You need to find the closest sign from your hotel in Paris. You’ve found it? Great! Go back on google Map, put your mouse on the metro station and the name of your nearest metro station will appear. Make a note of the name.

If the name of your nearest metro station is one of those indicated on the map of the List of the RER & metro line of Paris.
RER C line (look at the map above), then you are lucky: no need to take the Metro. In this case, go directly to step 4.

Paris to Versailles by train / RER, Step 2:
Find the metro line you need to get to the closest RER C station.

You will need to find which metro line will get you from your metro station to the closest RER C station. Sometimes the line of your nearest metro will take you directly to the RER C train and other times you will need to change Metro lines to get to a RER C station.

Look at this Metro RER Map and find the metro station you just checked on Google map. Then find the RER C: it is the yellow line along the Seine. Now, figure out the metro lines you need to get to the nearest RER C station. Remember: Metro Lines are identified by numbers. At the station direction of travel will be indicated by both the number and the destination. You have 2 end destinations for each line: one on each side of the line. The end destination indicates which direction you have to follow to get to the station you need.

Paris to Versailles by train / RER, Step 3:
Once you have arrived at an RER C station get on a train which goes to Versailles Château/Rive Gauche.

The RER C train which runs south of the Seine is divided into 3 parts (look at the image above called « RER Line C »): one to the East of Paris (station: RER C Champ de mars, Pont de l’Alma, Invalides, Musee d’Orsay, St-Michel, Paris Austerlitz, Bibliotheque Francois Mitterrand), one to the West of Paris (station: RER Porte de clichy, Pereire Levallois, Neuilly Porte Maillot, Avenue Foch, RER C Avenue Henri Martin, Boulainvilliers) and one to Versailles Château/Rive Gauche (RER C Javel, Pont du Garigliano, Issy...) you need this last one to get to the Palace of Versailles.

You have different options depending on where you catch the RER C train from:

Case A: If you catch the RER C train at Javel or at Pont du Garigliano or in the East of Paris (station: RER C Champ de mars, RER C Pont de l’Alma, RER C Invalides, RER C Musee d’Orsay, RER C St-Michel, RER C Paris Austerlitz, RER C Bibliotheque Francois Mitterrand), then:

Take the RER C Direction Versailles rive gauche and stop to Versailles Rive gauche Chateau de Versailles.

Case B: if you catch the RER C train in the northwestern part of Paris (station: RER C Porte de clichy, RER C Pereire Levallois, RER C Neuilly Porte Maillot, RER C Avenue Foch, RER C Avenue Henri Martin, RER C Boulainvilliers): In this case, you’ll need to change of train:

Pay attention: The RER C line forks out, so make sure to change at the station...
Champs de Mars/Tour Eiffel to catch the Versailles Rive Gauche line.
From your RER C station, catch the train direction Pont de Rungis - Aeroport d’Orly and change at the station Champs de Mars Tour Eiffel. Then catch the RER C train to Versailles Rive Gauche / Chateau de Versailles and your stop is the last one on the line.

**Paris to Versailles by train / RER, Step 4:**

Once you have arrived at Versailles Station, the Palace of Versailles is only a short walk away.

The Palace of Versailles is only a 5-minute walk away from the train station. Pick an exit and follow the signs to the Chateau de Versailles. You can check this Google map itinerary from the station Versailles Rive Gauche to Chateau Versailles to see the short walk from the station to the Chateau.

**Porte Maillot to Versailles by RER train**

Some flights to Paris land at Beauvais airport, they are mainly low cost flights. Beauvais airport is about one hour and fifteen minutes away from the centre of Paris. Travellers arriving at this airport can use a bus shuttle service that will take them directly to Porte Maillot on the west side of Paris. The bus fare is 16 euros per person and free for children under 3. Buses leave Beauvais airport about 20 to 25 minutes after the arrival of your flight. To travel from Porte Maillot to Versailles you will need to catch the RER C train southbound, change at Champs de Mars/Tour Eiffel and change platform and catch a RER train west bound to Versailles Rive Gauche. See train map above for more details.

Enjoy your visit.