



NOTE

Bed bugs - Update as of 10/5/2023

Paris je t'aime - Tourist Office reviews the situation in Paris.

Parisian tourism actors are aware of the problem and have been taking action for several years now, using tried and tested protocols.

To date, in terms of accommodation, restaurants and tourist sites, professionals are not seeing a resurgence of the phenomenon, which remains marginal.

Below are the measures in place in Paris, by sector of activity:

Hotels:

The UMIH (Union des Métiers et des Industries de l'Hôtellerie) and the GHR (Groupement des Hôtelleries et des Restaurations de France) confirm that recurring measures have been in place for several years, such as cleaning rooms with dry steam (without chemicals), training room staff and disinfecting suitcases on arrival, as offered by some hotels.

Transport:

The French national institute for the study and control of bed bugs confirms that "to date, there has been no major infestation in means of transport".

- **SNCF:** SNCF carries out regular preventive treatment in all its TGV, regional and night trains: thorough cleaning, application of anti-pest gels and distribution of insecticides in non-accessible areas. In case of a confirmed report, intensive and immediate treatment is carried out.

- **RATP:** RATP remains alert to this issue and every report is dealt with accordingly. The network's trains undergo regular, thorough preventive cleaning.

Entertainment venues:

- **Cinemas:** all cinemas in the capital that received a report of bed bugs were treated when the emergency procedure was triggered: dog detection, full treatment with dry steam and a second check on the effectiveness of the treatment. Each report triggers the implementation of this emergency procedure, in addition to the regular preventive treatment of rooms.

- **Museums and tourist sites:** museums and other tourist sites are not ideal places for bed bugs, and no cases have been reported to date.

It should be remembered that bed bugs do not carry any diseases. Although they are particularly unpleasant, they do not present a health risk. It should also be noted that the presence of bedbugs is not linked to the cleanliness of the premises.