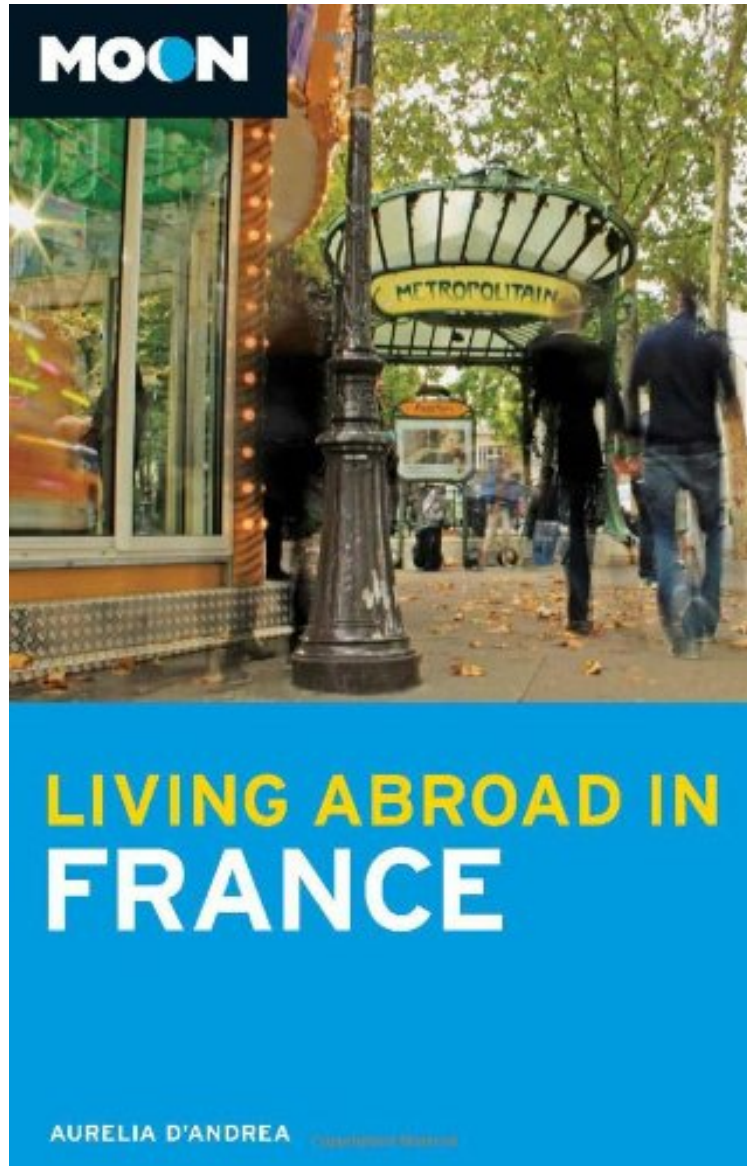


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**Aurelia d'Andrea : Moon Living Abroad in France** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Moon Living Abroad in France:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Indispensable and entertaining!By Ms. KlaraAre you thinking of moving to France? This book will boost your confidence. You may find yourself whipping out a tablet to start making your travel plans, if not actually checking ticket prices online before you reach the end of chapter two. Everything you

need to know and do is addressed in this book, from practical information about passports, visas, and dossiers, to cultural idiosyncrasies like the French keeping their home-life so private that you may never be invited there; not because you're not good enough, but because, well, it's a cultural thing and it's explained in this book. If you think you'd be more comfortable knowing a little bit about French history before arriving in France, it is included in this book, beginning with the discovery of the 20,000 year old cave paintings of Lascaux, to the events surrounding the French Revolution, and on to the first and second World Wars. It ends with modern history and the current political scene. You'll learn a little bit about Napoleon, a little bit about Charles de Gaulle, and enough about Sarkozy to engage in a light political discussion over a glass of wine. Whether your preference is the hustle and bustle of the city, or the peace and beauty of the great outdoors, the practical information contained here will guide you toward your destination. There is helpful information about finding an apartment, finding a house; or, if you're just traveling through, finding a room for the night. If you stay for any length of time, you'll read about finding the library and checking out a book, and finding the right school for your child as well as language classes for yourself. I'm not thinking of traveling to France any time soon, but as I continue to read this book, which was a gift, I have to ask myself, why not?

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Very helpful resource  
By Paris New York  
I just moved from New York to Paris, and this book has been extremely helpful. It has a cheerful tone, and does not bog you down with too many cautionary tales about bureaucratic nightmares (which seems to be the case with many guides, and can be off-putting), but provides helpful suggestions on how to avoid some typical problems. Much of the information is pretty up to date from 2011, and it generally de-mystifies some of the complexities and formalities of immigration (without going into too much detail, since rules change), banking, transport, day to day practical matters. There is a lot of description of various parts of France, which merely duplicates what you can find in other general tourist guides, but overall, the book is very practical, and includes useful first hand personal experience.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great guide  
By LI  
I often sit in my armchair dreaming about how it would be to just up and go move to France. Now I know thanks to this definitive guide to making dreams a reality. It covers everything from the bureaucratic red tape, a necessary evil, to things to expect in everyday life, food, housing, la belle vie. With its friendly tone and easy but concise manner I can only imagine that many people who have made this move have been helped immensely by having such a guide. Maybe one day I will get up and go, but for now this will do quite well.

Journalist Aurelia d'Andrea knows what it takes to make the move to France she's done it twice. In *Moon Living Abroad in France*, she uses her know-how to provide insight and firsthand advice on navigating the language and culture of this enchanting European country, outlining all the information you need to manage your move abroad in a smart, organized, and straightforward manner. *Moon Living Abroad in France* is packed with essential information and must-have details on setting up daily life, including obtaining visas, arranging finances, gaining employment, choosing schools, and finding health care. With color and black and white photos, illustrations, and maps to help you find your bearings, *Moon Living Abroad in France* makes the transition process easy for businesspeople, adventurers, students, teachers, professionals, families, couples, and retirees looking to relocate.

About the Author  
Freelance journalist Aurelia d'Andrea's love affair with Paris was first launched by her high school French class, but it really took flight in 2004 when she spent a year in the City of Light, fueled by a steady diet of baguettes, Bordeaux, and cobblestone promenades. Five years later, she packed up her San Francisco apartment for a second time and schlepped her husband, dog, and seven bicycles back to the French capital. With two moves under her belt, Aurelia no longer dreads the dossier or fears a visit to the prefecture. Instead, she's learned to embrace the paper trail and accept her perpetually deficient French grammar, which the dogs she walks don't seem to notice. While scooping poop wasn't exactly the glamorous Parisian career she initially had in mind, this former magazine editor is happy to work as a professional promeneur de chiens by day and would-be novelist by night especially since bread, wine, and urban exploration still dominate her daily to-do list.