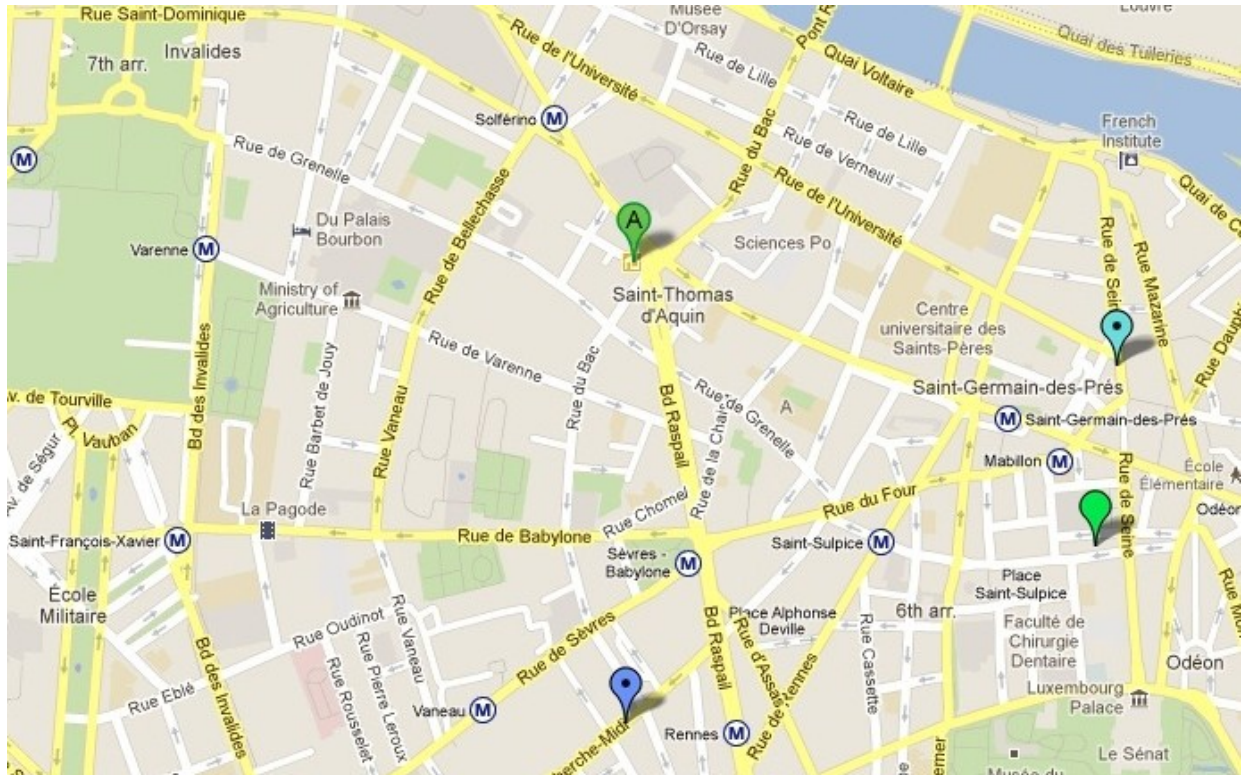


## Laundry in Paris

It is always nice to have clean, fresh clothes to wear when you are working or out and about town. Of course, this requires a means of washing them when your hotel or apartment does not have a machine for this purpose. This 'sub-blog' is solely to describe the adventure that accompanies this necessity in downtown Paris.

As you can see from the map, all of the local Laundromats are about equidistant (~1km) from my apartment (location A), so one should make sure that they have a means to carry everything to and from the 'club of clean.'



Yes, that right, here in Paris, even the Laundromats are not just your average place to go and clean your stuff...they are an elite club of cleanliness, hence the name Lav' Club (shown below).



The fancy washers inside do not take money directly, they are all controlled from the payment panel. So after you decide on the machine and load it up with your dirty stuff, lock it, and go feed in your payment (4.50euro for the small machine, which is really small, and 9.50euro for the big one). This takes about 1hr 20min to finish a cycle but your clothes emerge sparkling clean.



Dryers are 1euro per 5min., so about 4euro total per washer load. I would also recommend purchasing your detergent/ softener outside 'Le Club' as you not only save \$\$\$, but also get your choice of brand and aroma. Their vending machine sells only two items, 'Le Detergent' and 'Le Softener' ...so heed my advice and buy it yourself!

Hence if you are traveling to Paris on a limited budget, as I currently am, make sure you have about 20euros per week for conducting your business as well as about two hours of entertainment to pass the time while you visit 'Le Club de Propre'.

Jusqu'à la prochaine fois! (until the next time!)