

Welcome to Paris



Practical Information

Arrival Day

Charles de Gaulles Airport

Train. One of the quickest and cheapest ways to travel into the centre of Paris is by the RER B (blue) train line that has station stops at both Terminal 2 and Terminal 3 of the airport. Tickets cost 9.25€ one-way and the journey takes up to 50 minutes. Make sure you take the RER B line heading in the direction of Robinson, Antony or St-Rémy-lès-Chevreuse and the train will stop in central Paris stations such as Gare du Nord (from there you can take Paris Metro). Trains run from Charles de Gaulle Airport to Paris between 04:46 and 23:56 Monday to Sunday.

Bus. The Roissybus is one of the most popular buses to take from Charles de Gaulle Airport to the centre of Paris. The bus leaves from all three terminals and runs from 06:00 to 23:00 every day. They run every 15 minutes until 20:45, and then every 20 minutes until 23:00. Tickets cost 9.25€ one-way (you can buy them on the bus, so make sure you have some euros with you) and the journey takes up to an hour, terminating in the Opéra area.

Taxi. You can spot legitimate taxis by the yellow lights on the roof. A fare to Paris city centre costs approximately 50.00€

Only Airport

Train. Airport is connected to the RER B train line at Antony train station by the Orlyval shuttle train. Orlyval is an automatic light metro that has only 3 stops: Antony Train Station and two at Orly Airport. Is the fastest way to connect from Orly Airport to any mean of public transport, such as RER B line. RER B also interconnects with the Paris Métro. A shuttle "GO C Paris" connects Orly Airport to the RER C train at Pont de Rungis – Aéroport d'Orly.

Accommodation

With your student visa, you have a right to a state subsidy called APL, which will help pay a small part of your rent (90 euros to 150 euros). Your housing must be at least 9m² (16m² if 2 persons share the place). For application EU / EU Economic Space region people do not need any other document whereas the non-EU students require a valid Residence Permit. To obtain the APL subsidy, you must fill a form at the "[Centre de Gestion des Allocations Familiales \(CAF\)](#)". [CROUS](#), [ImmoStreet](#), [Parisloc](#), [afs](#) are some of the popular websites to search for accommodation. Additional information can be found [here](#).

Visa

For EU citizens and citizens of Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein, no visa is required.

Applicants from outside the EU: You will need to obtain a visa, which includes a residence permit (VLS-TS). It is valid for one year and can be renewed later if necessary. International students will have to prove that they can financially support their studies. You should have around €7,400 per year in order to prove they can support themselves without working. Further information can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Local Language

Many French people speak languages other than their own. However, for effective communication and studying in France, you should know French. International students who are fluent in French have a much easier time with their studies and everyday life. If you feel your French is not good enough, there are many language courses available for the students. Some French courses usually combine visits to museums or markets to evoke learning French in a natural way.

Transport

Metro, RER (suburban trains), bus and tram are the various means of transport in Paris operated by Paris local transport system ([RATP](#)). Public transportation normally operates between 5 30 am to 1 am every day, (Open till 2 AM on Fridays and Saturdays) Students under 26 years can buy the [Carte Imagine'R pass](#) which is ~50% cheaper than the normal monthly transport, Navigo Pass.

The Parisian metro has 14 lines which each have their own number and color for easy identification.

There is also the [Noctilien](#) night bus service, operating between 1 am and 5 am every day **Taxi.** You can get a taxi at the closest "Station de taxi". Taxis are available when their lights are out. Taxi lights: White = city fare, Orange = suburban fare, Blue = night fare.

Velib is a bicycle rental program sponsored by the City of Paris, where anyone can rent bicycles for 29 Euros/year or 1 Euro/day (without subscription).

Utilities

The City of Paris has installed free wifi terminals in many public places, such as libraries, gardens and parks. Major mobile phone operators in France are SFR, Bouygues Telecom, Orange.

Emergency phone numbers.

112. National emergency number
17. Police
18. Fire Brigade
15. Medical Emergency (Ambulance)
083 635 3535. Train Info SNCF (All Stations)

Travelling in France is generally safe. Be mindful of pickpockets, bag snatchers and scam artists, as is with any popular tourist attractions. The Prefecture de Police of Paris has general advice for tourists [here](#).





Banking

If you're living and working in France, opening a French bank account will be easier for local payments. For some transactions, such as renting, a bank account in France may even be obligatory, meaning sorting out a bank account can become a critical first step to getting settled in France. You must deposit a minimum amount of 15 euros, and your account will be open within 48 hours.

Banque Populaire, BNP Paribas, Citibank, Deutsche Bank, HSBC are some of the major banks in France. [Please read on here](#) to learn more about what is needed to open a bank account.

Health

Any foreign student- whatever his/her nationality is obliged to buy the student insurance. EU students must ask for the E-128 Form in their own country in order to be covered according to the French regulations by the CPAM. For official information please refer to the website [here](#) and [here](#).

Non-EU students can find further information here: [student health insurance France](#).

Most drug stores are closed on Sunday but they generally display the address of a pharmacy that is open in case of an emergency. To find a doctor near you, [please follow this link](#).



Food

"Resto U", the university canteens run by CROUS are very popular among students and prices start from ~3€. The capital is flooded with restaurants, bars and bistros: classic, exotic, hot spots, trendy, all providing a delicious blend of cultures and flavors from all over the world. [Refer to this list](#) and here for more information. HÉDONIE, Biocoop, Naturalia, Bio C Bon, The New Robinson are some of the organic food market stores.



Shopping

The top French fashion houses such as Yves St. Laurent, Chanel or Dior have their own boutiques in Paris. Rue de Rivoli, The Champs Elysées, Boulevard Haussmann are some of the busy shopping areas. Apart from asking for "une demi baguette s'il vous plait" (half-baguette please) to stop it from going stale, there are plenty more things you can learn about smart shopping in France. Some useful articles that you can access here to make sure you are prepared to shop like a local can be found [here](#) and [here](#).



Industry in the region

Part-time jobs

All full-time students with a student visa or temporary residence permit, EU / EEA citizens and non EU students with a valid Residence Permit card do not require a job permit. Students can take on part-time paid work during their course (a maximum of 964 hours a year). For further information look [here](#) and [here](#).

The InnoEnergy Masters courses involve travelling to other European cities and are quite demanding. Hence do not fall chase money in exhausting part-time jobs which robs your energy and concentration from your main goal. However, I have tried to list down some of the part time jobs other than the few openings which might pop up at the InnoEnergy Office or on campus.

Campus France has published interesting information on the subject, please read on here: [Working While Studying in France](#) and [How to find work in France?](#). However, careers support is also available at apéc. It is a good reference for Master's graduates searching for executive positions, and 1-to-1 career support with HR consultants that is free of charge. You can find some of the upcoming EU Energy Innovation Events [here](#). Further opportunities can be found [here](#).



Fun

Fun Suggestions

You'll probably figure this part out by yourself but still, you might find some useful tips here.

Many galleries and museums are free to people under the age of 26. France is one of the best countries for student discounts, so it is always worth asking about this when you go out. Timeout Paris is a place to know more about the upcoming events in Paris. [Here](#) are some more handy pages.

There are tons of extracurricular activities. They are called 'binets' and are sort of clubs of interest. Paris is a major cultural center, with many attractions, such as the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, Arc de Triomphe and world-famous galleries such as the Louvre or Musée d'Orsay. More pleasant places include Bellville, by the canals, the parts of Montmartre that are closer to Barbès than the Sacré Coeur and anywhere in the 11th arrondissement.



You could also go on weekend getaways to Bordeaux (France's wine capital), Les Gorges du Verdon, St Tropez, Avignon Festival, Strasbourg, villages of the Luberon and many more. Should you crave a change of scenery and a more adventurous experience, you can easily travel between the 26 countries of the Schengen area on a single visa, eight of which share a border with France.

The French railway network is run by a single authority, the state-run [SNCF](#). The SNCF also has special prices called "tarifs découvertes" to promote tourism in France and to attract travelers under the age of 25 and couples. Tickets at a discount for young travelers with Air France are called "Tempo Jeunes". Euro lines operates well equipped comfortable coaches to various cities in Europe. For travel discounts you could look at Student Universe.

Few usefull Links & Apps

Links

- InnoEnergy platform incoming Students 2019/20
- Download the IECommunity app
- [Network Maps](#)
- [SNCF & HAPI](#)
- [ParisInfo](#)

Apps



RATP



Velib



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