1 week in advance

TIP
Let your institution know the details of your arrival. Try to make an appointment to register, and gather information on the place and times for that process. Know the name of the institution’s international student coordinator, the location and opening hours of the international student office, and the dates of the orientation session for incoming international students.

Inform your housing contact of your arrival. Make an appointment to inspect the premises and get the keys.

If your plane or train is delayed: don’t forget to notify your contacts and reschedule your appointments.

MY TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

My trip
- TRAIN
- PLANE

Departure date: ________________________________
Departure time: ________________________________
Arrival time (local time): ________________________________

Route to my study site
From the airport into Paris: ________________________________
Within Paris: ________________________________
Upon arrival at my study site: ________________________________

What to pack
- An adapter to fit French electrical outlets
- Medications
- A French dictionary
- Appropriate clothing (information on the weather in France: http://france.meteofrance.com)

DOCUMENTS TO KEEP ON YOUR PERSON
(in case your bags are delayed or lost)
- Identity papers
- Nationals of countries in the European Economic Area and Switzerland: national identity card or valid passport
- Other nationalities: passport valid for the duration of your stay and a visa (if required)
- For all: birth certificate (certified copy and translation)
- Driver’s license: if you plan to drive or rent a car in France.

Academic documents
- Proof of registration in a French institution of higher education (make sure you have address and contact information for your school or university, the academic department (UFR) in which you will be studying, and the international office
- Evidence of language proficiency (French, English, etc.)
- Previous diplomas (certified copy and translation)

Health
- Medical and vaccination records (original or copy)

Daily life
- Your cell phone (in case of emergency), with international option activated
- A bankcard that will allow you to withdraw cash while in France (verify agreement between your bank and the ATM systems used in France)
- Printed housing reservation (hotel, hostel, room, apartment)
- Any documents required by the property owner as a condition for taking possession of your room or apartment
- Printed train reservation
- Printed itinerary from airport (train, metro, bus, walking) (see "1 month in advance")
- Your contacts list (see "1 month in advance")

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