



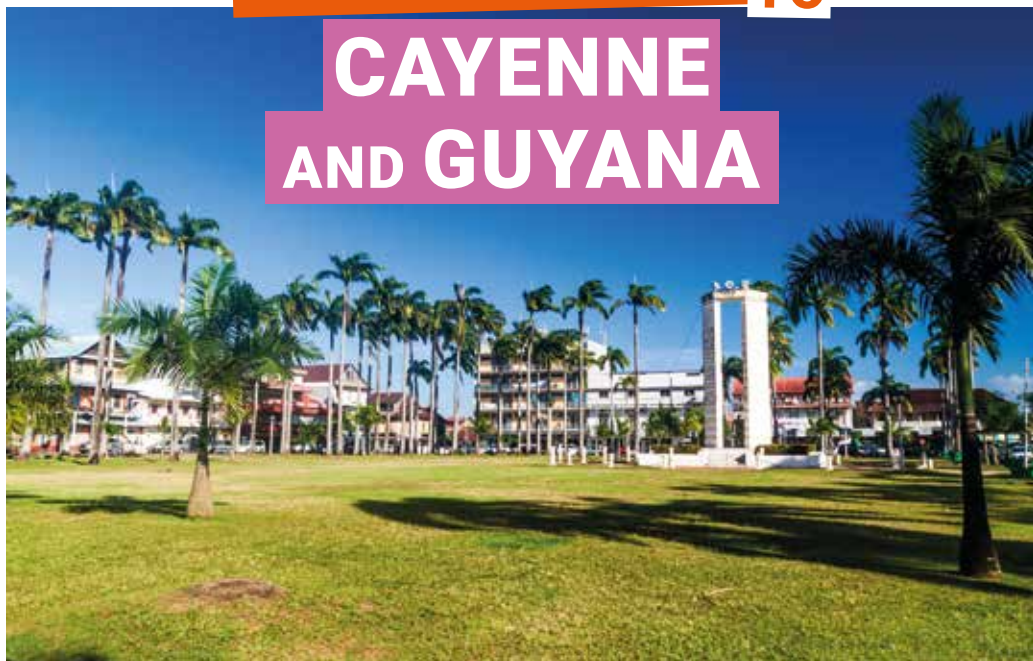
DISCOVER YOUR CITY



Campus France will guide
you through your first steps
in Guyana and **exploring**
Cayenne, your new home.

WELCOME TO

CAYENNE AND GUYANA





YOUR ARRIVAL IN CAYENNE /

♦ Student Welcome at the Université de Guyane

At Université de Guyane, a small university, your main point of contact is Service des Relations Internationales, within the Direction de la Scolarité, de la Recherche et de la Vie Étudiantes (DSRVE) (department of admissions, research and student services).

Address: Université de Guyane, Campus de Troubiran, Bureau des Relations Internationales, *bâtiment administratif, rez-de-chaussée*, 2091, route Baduel, 97300 Cayenne.

Hours: Monday and Thursday from 9 am to 12 pm and from 2 pm to 4 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to 12 pm.

Contact: +594 594 29 79 17 or international@univ-guyane.fr

The **Service de Scolarité** oversees all the administrative aspects of your studies, from enrollment through to graduation.

Contact: scolarite@univ-guyane.fr or +594 594 29 99 17/+594 594 29 99 14

We have also set up a mentorship programme for students who are already enrolled at the university to help them with their first steps.

There is a University Institute of Technology (IUT) in Kourou, Guyana, with a branch in Cayenne.

Address and phone number: Campus de Bois Chaudat, 97310 Kourou, 05 94 32 80 00

To learn more, consult notably:

- **pages covering enrollment** (for different student profiles) on the Université de Guyane website: <https://www.univ-guyane.fr> > Étudiant (upper left) > Scolarités > Inscriptions.

- please also refer to the international pages (Venir à l'Université de Guyane) : <https://www.univ-guyane.fr/international/>

- the University's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/univguyane/>

♦ Welcome and orientation for researchers and doctoral students

At the Université de Guyane, researchers and doctoral students should also contact the Bureau des Relations Internationales (see above).

♦ National Services

- students: www.etudiant.gouv.fr
- doctoral students, researchers: <http://www.euraxess.fr/fr>



Making you feel at home is a major concern for all French higher education institutions! The **Welcome to France label** is awarded to institutions that fulfil exacting criteria in the way they take care of their international students.



ACCOMMODATION

Finding somewhere to live is not always easy.

Rents are often high, and landlords require financial guarantees (such as a deposit). Nevertheless, there is a wide range of accommodation on offer: halls of residence that are exclusively reserved for students and managed by the CROUS, student halls and private lodgings, rooms in private homes, flatshares...

The main thing is to start preparing for this as early as possible, before leaving your home country.

• Guyana's Departmental Accommodation Information Agency (ADIL) - Agence

Départementale d'Information Logement provides advice on accommodation for young people: <https://www.adil973.org> > Votre question > Mon logement, profil Locataire > (colonne de droite): Jeunes - trouvez votre logement.

- **The Centre Régional d'Information Jeunesse** de Guyane-Cayenne, the regional youth information centre, and its website YANA-J, Guyana's top information website for young people, can also help you find accommodation.

Website: <https://www.yana-j.fr/>

Contact: contact@yana-j.fr

A FEW TIPS

♦ Short-term housing

- For all types of short-term accommodation, please use the search engine on Guyana's Tourist Office website:

<https://www.guyane-amazonie.fr> > Votre séjour > Se loger.

♦ Long-term housing

- **The Antilles et Guyana CROUS** (Centre Régional des Œuvres Universitaires - Regional Center for University Services) **for student housing.**

Address: Cité universitaire de Baduel,

97000 Cayenne.

Hours: Monday to Friday, 8am to 12pm.

Contact: 05 94 37 85 00.

Website: <http://www.crous-antillesguyane.fr/>

The website *Trouver un logement*:

<https://trouverunlogement.lescrous.fr/>

• Private Housing Platforms

Other offers for student lodging, managed by private organisms, are also available in Cayenne and in Guyana.

Try these **sites**:

- <https://www.cap-logement-etudiant.com>

- <https://www.immojeune.com>

Don't forget to check websites that republish ads from **local real estate agents**, for example:

<https://www.97immo.com>

• There is also a **site managed by the CROUS**,

Lokaviz, which includes a listing of student accommodation in private homes:

<https://www.lokaviz.fr/>

• **Shared Leases**: consult *La Carte des Colocs*, a national site for shared leases that's free and simple to use: <https://www.lacartedescolocs.fr/>

• **Other solutions available on the Campus France site**: www.campusfrance.org > Getting Organized > Accommodation.

♦ If you need a guarantor to secure your lodging

Visale is a new and free guarantor system: www.visale.fr

♦ If you want to file an application for APL funds (Aide Personnalisée au Logement, or personalized housing aid),

CAF (Caisse des Allocations Familiales) can check your eligibility: 32 30 or www.caf.fr

♦ If you need housing adapted to your special needs

Contact the CROUS Service Social which will take action with your institution.

Some establishments have specialized services for students with disabilities (assistance for housing, and also transportation and tuition).

The Relais Handicap at Université de Guyane,

welcomes and supports disabled students.

Contact: 05 94 29 50 59 or

relaishandicap@univ-guyane.fr

GETTING AROUND GUYANA



When travelling to Guyana, depending on where you are travelling from (Americas, Europe), you are likely to fly in directly to Cayenne-Félix-Éboué international airport, around 10.5 miles outside Cayenne (there is no shuttle service to the town center): <http://www.guyane.cci.fr> > Aéroport Félix-Eboué.



For travelling in and around Cayenne, you can use the **Agglo'bus** network which runs 7 bus routes to various neighborhoods and 6 greater Cayenne bus lines: <http://odm973.com/cacl4/>



The **Carte Jeune** enables you to travel at reduced rates on urban lines.

For longer journeys, you can use shared taxis or even canoe-taxis on the Maroni River (on the border with Suriname) and the Oyapock River (on the border with Brazil).

Further information can be found on Guyana's Tourist Office website:

<https://www.guyane-amazonie.fr> > Votre séjour > Transports.



For ride-sharing see the BLADA collaborative site: <https://www.blada.com> > Boîte-aux-lettres > Covoiturage.



For a bit more independence, you can rent a bike via a community-based, association-led website **La Kaz à Vélo**: <https://la-kaz-a-velo.fr/>



If you want to rent a car (often useful in Guyana), check out the offers on the Tourist Office website:

<https://www.guyane-amazonie.fr>

The CROUS, at your service everywhere

Do you need any help and/or advice, somewhere to eat or to live, a job - or do you just want to find out all there is to know about student life? Then the CROUS is what you need!



The CROUS (Centre Régional des Œuvres Universitaires et Scolaires - Regional Centre of University and School Services) has branches in all major French university towns.

It manages university halls of residence and canteens, allows you to meet social workers, and offers cultural activities and job opportunities.



FIRST THINGS FIRST /

ENROLLMENT IN YOUR INSTITUTION

◆ CVEC

Before you can enroll in your institution, you must download proof of payment of the Contribution Vie Etudiante et de Campus (CVEC) – the student and campus life contribution fee.

- Log in at: <https://cvec.etudiant.gouv.fr/>

- For additional information and special cases:
<https://www.campusfrance.org> > Getting Organized > CVEC.

◆ Confirm Registration

Take note! Even if you have a pre-registration letter, you are not officially enrolled. You must confirm your enrollment with the institution's Service de la Scolarité (Admissions) as soon as you arrive.

RESIDENCE PERMITS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

• If you have just arrived in France on a long-term VLS-TS student visa: you must **validate it online as soon as you arrive in France**, on the ANEF (Administration numérique pour les Etrangers en France - Digital Administration for Foreigners in France) website. This validation must be carried out within the three months following your arrival: <https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/>

• If you have Algerian citizenship or you are a student holding a “concours” visa or a visa bearing the mention “carte à solliciter dans les deux mois” (“card to be requested within two months”): your request for a residence permit must be carried out at the Préfecture.

• If you hold a “mineur scolarisé” (“minor in education”) visa and you have since attained your majority, you must request a residence permit directly on the ANEF website or at the *préfecture* of your place of residence within the two months following your attaining the age of legal majority: <https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/>

Please note: if you wish to renew your residence permit or VLS-TS, you must make your request during the third month preceding the date of end of validity of your current residence permit, on the following website: <https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr/particuliers/#/>

Please refer to the following tutorial for help with this procedure: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-iGha_yqN04

• Your institution's student support services can assist you in case of any difficulties.

To find out more about your rights and obligations: <https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/N110>



PRACTICAL INFORMATION /

OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

If you stay in France for more than 3 months, it will be much easier day-to-day if you open a bank account, **online or in one of the bank agencies located in Cayenne.**

In France, opening a bank account is a right: www.service-public.fr > Argent > Comptes bancaires > Droit au compte.

ACCESSING HEALTHCARE

Accessing healthcare in France is almost free, but you must be insured. **You must therefore be registered with the national health insurance programme.**

Please go to the <https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr> website to register, understand your rights and to carry out the requisite procedures.

Learn more:

<https://www.campusfrance.org> > Getting Organized > Health.

As a student, you can also take advantage of the **university medical services**. In these health centers where consultations are free, you'll be greeted by a team of doctors, nurses, and social workers who can give personalized advice in terms of health and prevention.

This is case at the Université de Guyane which has a Service de médecine préventive (SUMPPS) at the Troubiran campus:

<https://www.univ-guyane.fr> > Campus > Santé.

Contact: 05 94 29 50 75.

TAKING OUT COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH INSURANCE ("MUTUELLE")

We recommend you take out complementary health insurance in order to cover the totality of your healthcare costs, which are not all covered by the compulsory and free national health insurance programme.

Please note: options and levels of insurance vary from one insurer to another. In order to choose the complementary insurance that is best adapted to your situation and your budget, you can access more information on a student "mutuelles" price comparison website.

INSURE YOUR HOME

In France, housing insurance is mandatory.

The "garantie risques locatifs" - rental risk guarantee - is housing insurance to which you can subscribe with your bank or a private insurance company. Online subscription is also often possible.

LEARNING FRENCH

Learning French is an opportunity that's not to be missed! Find what works best for you:

- by consulting the Campus France site or the Français Langue Etrangère (FLE) - French as a foreign language - centers and universities which offer courses at all levels year-round:

<http://ecoledete.campusfrance.org>

- by asking in your institution, at city hall, or in your host city's Maison des Associations - community centers.

FINDING A JOB OR WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT

It is important that you have sufficient financial resources to come and study in France.

Working in France as a foreign student is possible within limits, namely for a maximum duration of 964 hours per year. This can therefore only be a way of earning **supplementary funds**.

Please note: to work in France, if you are not a citizen of the European Union, you must hold a valid **student residence permit**.

To help you find a job or work experience placement, useful websites:

- **The Direction de l'Orientation, des Stages et de l'Insertion professionnelle (DOSIP) at Université de Guyane** offers:

- help finding internships via the **Bureau d'Aide à l'Insertion Professionnelle (BAIP)** which also publishes classified ads.

Address and phone number: BAIP, Building G (Service de la vie étudiante), Troubiran Campus, 05 94 29 50 57 or baip@univ-guyane.fr

- job offers within university services and departments (student welcome services, promoting study program, assistance and support for disabled students, careers assistance).

To apply: dosip@univ-guyane.fr

- **The Jobaviz website, run by the CROUS, can help you find a student job that's compatible with your studies:** <https://www.jobaviz.fr/>

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

SAMU: Call 15 Emergency Medical Services

Police emergency: Call 17 in the event of violence, theft, robbery.

Fire Department: Call 18 in the event of fire, gas leak, water damage, natural catastrophe, or traffic accident.

Call 112: European emergency services number that's accessible from anywhere in the European Union in addition to the French numbers above.





THINGS TO DO IN CAYENNE AND GUYANA /

TAKE UP A SPORT

In your institution, contact the Service des Sports for free access to sports facilities.

The Service Universitaire d'Activités Physiques et Sportives (SUAPS) at the Université de Guyane offers and oversees a range of sporting activities for all students: <https://www.univ-guyane.fr> > Campus > Sport.

The city of Cayenne offers various sports facilities and sporting events: <http://www.ville-cayenne.fr> > Cadre de vie > Sport.

BE ACTIVE

Attend cultural and sporting events, or join a social or community group, through one of the numerous local or national student clubs and associations. To learn more, check with your school (Service de la vie étudiante, Student Services) or visit the following sites: www.animafac.net or www.letudiant.fr

At Université de Guyane, student associations ensure that campus life is never dull: <https://www.univ-guyane.fr> > Campus > Bureau de la vie étudiante

CULTURE AND NIGHTLIFE

Movie theaters, concerts, theaters, exhibitions, and festivals are on the program and most of the time, at reduced cost for students.

For more information, see the City of Cayenne website: <http://www.ville-cayenne.fr/> or the website of the Guyana-Amazonie Tourism office: <https://www.guyane-amazonie.fr/>

The Pôle Culture at Université de Guyane contributes to artistic education and promoting culture among the student population, by organizing a variety of activities and events: <https://www.univ-guyane.fr> > Campus > Action culturelle.

For entertainment or to pick up some culture, you can choose from:

- 4 major multi-screen movie theaters in Guyana, (student rates, rewards -card), and an arthouse theater, L'Eldorado: <https://eldoradoguyane.jimdo.com/>
- 6 museums including a science museum, Musée Territorial Alexandre-Franconie, one of the oldest cultural institutions in Cayenne (open to the general public, free admission): <https://www.guyane-amazonie.fr> > Activités de loisir
- there are around ten theater and concert venues in Guyana, including Les Trois Fleuves, a

Public Institution for Cultural Cooperation in the performing arts (EPCC) in Guyana:

<https://www.troisfleuves.fr/>

- around ten bookshops, including Lettres d'Amazonie, a general-interest and specialized bookshop.

- various libraries, whether municipal (with informal lending libraries), departmental or regional, as well as the University Library at Université de Guyane: <https://www.univ-guyane.fr> > Campus > Bibliothèque.

In Guyane, for going out or staying abreast of current events, read **France-Guyana, the regional daily paper**, available on the Internet: <https://www.franceguyane.fr/>

The "Diary" section on the Tourist Office website is a good way of finding out what's going on locally: <https://www.guyane-amazonie.fr> > Votre séjour > A voir, à faire > Agenda.



TOP ATTRACTIONS /

The town of St-Laurent du Maroni in Guyana was recognized as, a "Town of Art and History" in 2005.

- Cayenne's historic town center with Fort Cépérou and Place des Palmistes, a lovely spot for a stroll.
- Maison Félix Éboué in Cayenne, traditional Creole architecture, the museum commemorates Governor Félix Éboué who was a major resistance figure in France's overseas territories during the Second World War.
- The Quartier Officiel in St-Laurent du Maroni, along the banks of the river, with the remains of the famous penal colony, the Camp de la Transportation.
- The Îles du Salut (Salvation Islands) off Kourou, where the former penal colony is open to the public.
- Guyana Space Center in Kourou, to visit the Space Museum and watch a rocket launch. Free registration to watch a launch: <http://www.cnes-csg.fr/web/CNES-CSG-fr/9821> > lower the page left on: Rendez-nous visite.
- Guyana Amazonian Park, in the Southern region, a French National Park in the heart of the Amazonian forest, the largest protected area in the European Union: <http://www.parc-amazonien-guyane.fr/fr>
- Guyana Zoo in Macouria, species that are unique to French Guyana and the world, with over 450 animals and over 75 different species: <https://www.zoodeguyane.com/>

- Remire-Montjoly beaches with their palm trees and fine sand!

To learn and see more: check out the Guyana-Amazonie Tourist Office website:

<https://www.guyane-amazonie.fr/>



IMPORTANT ANNUAL EVENTS /

JANUARY - FEBRUARY

- The Carnival in Cayenne, the world's longest carnival, a must-see event, takes place every weekend for two months with music, processions, evening parades and masked balls.

MARCH

- The Space Marathon, between the town of Kourou and the Ariane launch base, is open to all competitors.

APRIL

- Rambutan Festival in Cacao, market and traditional festival to celebrate the rambutan (a red fruit in the lychee family).

MAY

- La Nuit européenne des Musées (European Museum Night) offers an opportunity to discover museums and other cultural sites all over French Guyana in a new light!

JUNE

- Fête de la Musique with music everywhere in town (free concerts).
- Abolition of Slavery Day (June 10), festive and commemorative events throughout Guyana including theater, dance, music, conferences, etc.

JULY - AUGUST

- Nuit du Sanpula in Awala-Yalimapo (July), singing and dancing to the rhythm of the Kali'na Amerindians' sanpula drum.
- Indigenous People's Day (August), three days to promote the culture of the indigenous population (Amerindians) of Guyana.
- Camp La Nuit Tombe, evening visits (all summer) by candle and torchlight, to the Camp de la Transportation (former penal colony) in St-Laurent du Maroni.

SEPTEMBER

- Journées Européennes du Patrimoine, (European Heritage Days), free admission to cultural sites throughout Guyana.

OCTOBER

- **Village Étudiant**, organised at the beginning of October, where you can discover the university's various services and spaces for students.
- Fête de Cayenne, numerous events throughout October: concerts, local folklore and Kayenn Jazz Festival, an important cultural and musical event.

NOVEMBER

- **Science Festival**, a major event in Guyana, bringing together a number of local institutions: university, research organizations, associations, innovative companies, cultural institutions, etc.

DECEMBER

- The Kali'na Games on the beach at Awala Yalimapo, celebrations and competitive sports.



**& SHARE
PARTICIPATE**

To stay informed and attuned to others and the world, to share and dialogue with students, follow **social media** where Campus France has an especially strong presence!

*Don't forget to join the **France Alumni** network. Take part in discussion groups on various subjects, take advantage of cultural outings, and consult job and internship offers.*



THINGS TO KNOW

GUYANA IS A Territorial Collectivity of the French Republic, one of the outermost regions (ORs) of the European Union and France's largest overseas territory

GUYANA:

300,000 residents

FRANCE'S YOUNGEST REGION

CAYENNE:

58,000 residents

CAPITAL OF FRENCH GUYANA

UNIVERSITÉ DE GUYANE, MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITY:

- **4,200** students including 20% international students,
- 1 doctoral school,
- 6 research centers,
- 1 "Laboratory of Excellence"



Most of the information presented in the Campus France City Information Sheets concerns all international students regardless of their institution.

In France, in each of the host cities, most foreign students study at universities. Accordingly, the City Information Sheets attach great importance to them without overlooking the other higher education institutions even if it is not possible to list them all here with their specific information.

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