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YOUR CITY



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

WELCOME TO  
NICE





## YOUR ARRIVAL IN NICE /

- ◆ Two welcome desks for international students, doctoral students and researchers

### In Nice, two welcome desks are available:

- **A Welcome Desk at the Université Côte d'Azur provided by the Direction du Développement International et Europe (DDIE), for all international students registered at the Université. At the beginning of the academic year, the Université Côte d'Azur, the CROUS and other partners (the Prefecture, national health insurance) provide support services for various administrative formalities.**

- **A Welcome Desk created for international doctoral students, researchers, university lecturers and researchers, and administrative staff on mobility programmes.**

**This single information desk, opened by the City of Nice in partnership with the CROUS and the Université Côte d'Azur within the Maison de l'Etudiant, provides information on all the services available in Nice.**

### Addresses, Contact Details and Welcome Desk

- **Direction du Développement International et Europe**, Université Côte d'Azur, Petit Valrose, avenue Joseph Valot, 06100 Nice.

- Opening Times: throughout the year, from Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm.

- Contact: 04 89 15 00 00 (switchboard) or [ddie.dispositifsdivers@univ-cotedazur.fr](mailto:ddie.dispositifsdivers@univ-cotedazur.fr) **(for students).**

- Website: <http://unice.fr> > International > Etudiants internationaux > Démarches et procédures > Informations pratiques -

- **Welcome Center**, Maison de l'Etudiant, 5 avenue François Mitterrand, 06300 Nice.

- Opening Times: from Monday to Friday from 12 pm to 7 pm.

- Contact: 04 89 15 12 26 or [welcoming-center@univ-cotedazur.fr](mailto:welcoming-center@univ-cotedazur.fr) **(for doctoral students, researchers, university lecturers and researchers).**

- Website: <http://univ-cotedazur.fr> > international > reseau-et-services-des-relations-internationales > welcome center

### To find out more, please visit:

- **the Université Côte d'Azur** website and its pages for international students (French/English bilingual website): <https://univ-cotedazur.fr/international>

- The guides in 4 languages edited by the Université: <https://univ-cotedazur.fr/international/venir-a-universite-cote-d-azur/venir-en-tant-quetudiant>

- **CROUS website:** <https://www.crous-nice.fr>

### ◆ Buddy System

**You can be assisted by a local student in Nice!**

With the **ESN student association** (Erasmus Student Network), and the **Buddy System** where a foreign student is mentored by a French student, you have the advantage of personalized support:

<https://nice.ixesn.fr/> ou

<https://www.facebook.com/ESN.Nice/>

### ◆ Welcome and orientation in other institutions

Regardless of your host institution, please consult the Campus France website for orientation. The site presents a series of **Information Sheets covering the different higher learning institutions:**

<https://www.campusfrance.org> > Students >

Documentary resources > Practical information for students and researchers > Reception arrangements in institutions

If you cannot find your school in this list, then go directly to their website.

### ◆ National Services

- students: [www.etudiant.gouv.fr](http://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.**

• **The Université Côte d'Azur site** provides you with information to help you find housing. It also provides a complete list of private student residences: <http://unice.fr> > international > étudiants-internationaux > demarches-et-procedures > logements

• The CRIJ (**Centre Régional d'Information Jeunesse**), the regional youth information center for Provence - Alpes - Côte d'Azur publishes:  
- the **Guide Logement** (housing guide): <https://www.infojeunesse-paca.fr> > Nos services > Orientation-information > Logement  
- **free classified ads** on its site: <https://annonces.infojeunesse-paca.fr/>

## A FEW TIPS

### ◆ Short-term housing

• **Les Camélias**, the Nice youth hostel in the city center.  
Address: 3 rue Spitalieri, 06000 Nice.  
Contact: 04 93 62 15 54 or [nice-les-camelias@hifrance.org](mailto:nice-les-camelias@hifrance.org)  
Site: <https://www.hifrance.org>

• **for other types of temporary residences, use the Nice Tourist Office site's search engine:** <http://www.nicetourisme.com>

### ◆ Long-term housing

• **The Nice-Toulon CROUS** (Centre Régional des Œuvres Universitaires - Regional Center for University Services) for **student housing**.  
Address: CROUS, Maison de l'Étudiant, 5 boulevard François Mitterrand, 06300 Nice (tram: Vauban stop).  
Hours: Monday to Thursday, 9am to 4:30pm, and Friday, 1:30pm to 4:30pm.  
Contact: 04 92 15 50 50.

The Nice CROUS website publishes lots of useful information: <https://www.crous-nice.fr>

The website *Trouver un logement*: <https://trouverunlogement.lescrous.fr/>

### • Private Housing Platforms

Some ten higher learning institutions in Nice are members of Studapart, a platform for private housing: <https://www.studapart.com>  
Other offers for student lodging, managed by private organisms, are also available in Nice. For example, visit:  
- Adele site: <https://www.adele.org>  
- ImmoJeune site: <https://www.immojeune.com>  
- Location-Etudiant site: <https://www.location-etudiant.fr>  
- Housing Anywhere site: <https://housinganywhere.com/fr/>

• 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.caf.fr)

## GETTING AROUND NICE



**To get to Nice from Paris**, you can take the train (6 hour trip) or fly (1 hour): <https://www.oui.sncf/>

To get to the city center from the Nice Côte d'Azur airport, take the 98 bus, the 99 bus, or Tram 2.

**To learn more about means of transportation in Nice**, visit the dedicated page on the Université Côte d'Azur site: <http://univ-cotedazur.fr>

> international > reseau-et-services-des-relations-internationales > welcome center



**For getting around the city and surrounding area, use the public transportation** (tramways, bus) network managed by Lignes d'Azur for transportation in Nice and its metropolitan area: <https://www.lignesdazur.com/> (bilingual French-English site).



**There are Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur express regional trains** for getting around the region: <https://www.ter.sncf.com>  
Coaches are also an option for low-cost travel: <https://fr.ouibus.com/> or <https://www.flixbus.fr/>



**For ride-sharing** see the site <https://www.blablacar.fr>



**For greater independence, rent a bike with Vélobleu**, the Nice bike-share system: <https://www.velobleu.org/>

### ◆ If you need accommodation adapted to your special needs

Contact the CROUS Social Services which will take action with your institution.  
Some establishments have specialized services for students with disabilities (assistance for housing, and also transportation and tuition).  
Université Côte d'Azur created a Service d'Accompagnement des Étudiants en situation de Handicap (SAEH), a support service for special needs students: <http://univ-cotedazur.fr> > campus > handicap

#### 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.

## 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 Étrangers 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/#/>

The following tutorial can help you with this procedure: <https://www.campusfrance.org/en/tutorials-to-help-international-students-in-their-application-process>

- 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>



## 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.



### 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 Nice.**

In France, opening a bank account is a right: [www.service-public.fr](http://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 services 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 the case at Université Côte d'Azur**, which offers a Service de Santé étudiante, or Student Health Service, and a Centre de Santé universitaire, or Student Healthcare Centre, both open to all students.

Address: Campus Saint-Jean d'Angély,  
5 rue du 22e BCA, 06300 Nice.

Hours: Monday to Friday, from 8:15am to 5pm, by appointment only.

Contact: 04 89 15 14 61 or [sante.rdv@univ-cotedazur.fr](mailto:sante.rdv@univ-cotedazur.fr)  
Websites :

- <https://univ-cotedazur.fr/vie-des-campus/sante-aide-sociale>

- <https://etudiants.nice.fr/vie-quotidienne/sante/>

### 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.

### HOUSING INSURANCE

**In France, housing insurance is mandatory.**

You can sign up for housing insurance called "garantie risques locatifs" - rental risk guarantee - at your bank or a private insurance company. Online subscription is often possible.

### 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.

### LEARNING FRENCH

Learning French is an opportunity 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:

<https://ecolesdete.campusfrance.org/#/main>

- 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, 2 addresses:

- the **Centre Régional d'Information Jeunesse**, the regional youth information center for Provence - Alpes - Côte d'Azur has free classified ads on its site: <https://annonces.infojeunesse-paca.fr/>
- the **Jobaviz website**, run by the CROUS, can help you find a student job that's compatible with your studies: <http://www.jobaviz.fr>

## THINGS TO DO IN NICE /

### TAKE UP A SPORT

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

**In Nice**, Université Côte d'Azur offers over 70 sports activities across all its campuses:

<http://univ-cotedazur.fr> > Campus > UCA Sport

You may also find a sports activity among the sports disciplines offered by the **City of Nice**:

<https://www.nice.fr/fr/sports>

### 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](http://www.animafac.net) or [www.letudiant.fr](http://www.letudiant.fr)

**The City of Nice has created** a portal which inventories and presents all student clubs and associations:

<http://etudiants.nice.fr> > associations etudiantes

### CULTURE AND NIGHTLIFE

Nice offers many ways to cultivate yourself or party: Movie theaters, concerts, theaters, operas, exhibitions, and festivals are on the program and most of the time, at reduced cost for students:

<https://www.nice.fr/fr/culture>

**At Université Côte d'Azur**, the Direction de la vie universitaire offers numerous artistic activities throughout the year as well as a Pass'Culture with reduced rates for performances:

<http://univ-cotedazur.fr> > campus > culture arts

**For entertainment or to pick up some culture**, in Nice, there are:

- 8 movie theaters with multiple rates (student rates, rewards program), including 2 art-house theaters, the Mercury and the Rialto, without overlooking the Nice Film Library.

- around fifteen museums including two scientific institutions: the Museum of Natural History and the Terra Amata Museum of Prehistory. The **French Riviera Pass**, proposed by the Tourist Office offers museum visits at reduced rates:

<http://www.nicetourisme.com> > City pass

- around fifteen performance halls including the Nice-Côte d'Azur Opera, a classic theater inaugurated in 1885.

- around fifteen book stores and a municipal network of 4 large libraries and 10 neighborhood libraries (all libraries entirely free). Learn more:

<http://bmyr.nice.fr>

In Nice, for going out or staying abreast of events, read **the Côte d'Azur regional daily paper, Nice Matin**, available in newsstands or on the Internet:

<https://www.nicematin.com/>

You can also check out the **agenda** on the Nice Tourist Office Centre site:

<http://www.nicetourisme.com/agenda>



## TOP ATTRACTIONS /

- Promenade des Anglais, an emblem of Nice, the magnificent promenade along the Bay of Angels.
- Place Masséna, built in the 1840s and located in the center Nice.
- Vieux Nice, old town, with small streets typical of the south.
- Place Garibaldi, one of the most beautiful squares in Nice with its ochre buildings and green shutters.
- Castle hill which overlooks the port and Vieux Nice, to admire the panorama of Nice and the Bay of Angels.
- Massena Museum, a magnificent villa surrounded by gardens, houses the Nice History Museum.

- the Nice Gallo-Roman archeological site with its ancient thermal baths.
- National Sport Museum, one of the most important sporting collections in the world.
- the Cimiez arena gardens, on the hills of Nice, a vast olive grove with free access to the lawns.
- Marc Chagall Museum and the Matisse Museum, at the heart of the Cimiez gardens.

To learn (and see) more, consult the Tourist Office website:

<http://www.nicetourisme.com/> >découvrir



## IMPORTANT ANNUAL EVENTS /

### FEBRUARY

- Nice Carnaval, known throughout the world, with its corso (parade of floats) and battle of flowers.

### MARCH

- **March in the Museums**, a multi-disciplinary event unique in France, co-organized by the City of Nice and Université Côte d'Azur, which strives to make museums available to students for free.

### APRIL

- **Journées des Arts et de la Culture (JACES)**, Art and Culture Days to highlight cultural and artistic accomplishments in higher learning.

### MAY

- **Pint of Science**, a European initiative for learning about research in atypical venues.
- The Nuit Européenne des Musées (European Museum Night), an occasion to visit museums differently (and for free).

### JUNE

- Fête de la Musique, with music everywhere in the city.
- Nice Book Festival, conferences, book signings, debates, concerts, readings.

### JULY

- Nice Jazz Festival, the largest jazz festival in the world.

### AUGUST

- Prom Party, a free party with all kinds of music on the Promenade des Anglais.

### SEPTEMBER

- **Welcome party**, in cooperation (CROUS, CPAM, Lignes d'Azur, Région PACA) at the start of each semester, to welcome international students, and **Student Village** organised at the beginning of the academic year on each campus to aid integration into student life.
- Les journées du patrimoine (Heritage days), free visits of cultural venues.

### OCTOBER

- **Nuit des Etudiants du Monde - Students of the World Night**, a festive evening with the Nice student associations.
- **Fête de la Science** in the University laboratories.

### NOVEMBER

- The Nice Marathon, an exclusively coastal course from the Promenade des Anglais to the Croisette in Cannes.



**& 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

**Nice:**

**350,000** residents

**5<sup>th</sup>** LARGEST  
CITY IN FRANCE,  
one of the  
sunniest!

**Nice Côte d'Azur  
Metropolitan Area:**  
**550,000**  
residents

**NICE**, SEAT OF  
THE ALPES-  
MARITIME  
DEPARTMENT,  
one of 6 departments  
in the Provence-Alpes-  
Côte d'Azur (PACA)  
Region

**PACA  
REGION,**  
**6<sup>th</sup>** FRENCH

REGION in terms of  
hosting  
foreign students  
(23,000 international  
students)



**Nice:**

**35,000**  
students

including **30,000** at  
Université Côte d'Azur which  
counts **20%** students of  
foreign nationality



**NICE**, RANKED 24<sup>th</sup> OUT OF 46 FRENCH UNIVERSITY TOWNS AS A  
GREAT PLACE TO LIVE AND STUDY (awarded by L'Étudiant magazine)

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.

For more information on the institutions' welcomes and orientations:  
<https://www.campusfrance.org/fr/recherche/categorie/provence-alpes-cote-d-azur-466>

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The Maison de l'Étudiant

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