

Paris: Arrival Information and Housing Tips

Arrival and Transportation

Intrax advises that you arrive in Paris at least a few days before your internship start date in order to give yourself some time to settle in and recover from any jetlag before you begin working.

Before you arrive, you should check the public transit website, www.ratp.fr to plan your route from the airport. The website will give you departure times and prices for your trip.

Public transportation is the cheapest option from the airport and is quite easy and convenient. If you will have a lot of luggage or are arriving late at night, you may decide to take a cab or Super Shuttle.

Super Shuttle (www.supershuttle.com) will cost approximately 26€ from the airport into the city.

Air France also has a shuttle (approximately 15.50€ one-way):

- To/From Paris-Charles de Gaulle airport to Gare Montparnasse, Gare de Lyon, Place de l'Etoile, or Porte Maillot
- To/From Paris-Orly airport to Gare Montparnasse, Place de l'Etoile, or Invalides

If you take a cab, it will be very helpful if you have the address of your accommodation printed so that you can show the driver.

Average Price for a cab:

- (Paris-Charles de Gaulle → City) will cost about 50€
- (Paris-Orly → City) will cost about 50€

Initial Accommodation

Staying at a hostel is a great short term housing option until you can secure more permanent housing. Pricing can vary and can be found on the hostel's website. Typical prices can range from 40€/night for a dorm (sharing a room with several people) to 90€/night for a mid-range hotel. In peak season (summer), prices may be more expensive.

A few recommended hostels for your first 1-2 weeks:

- Mije Maisons Internationales de la Jeunesse et des Etudiants
- Fiap
- Oops Hostel

Some other websites to check for hostels include:

www.hostelworld.com
www.hostelz.com
www.hostels.com
www.booking.com

Before you depart your home country, be sure that you have secured your housing (and let Intrax know where you will stay) whether it is temporary or permanent. Please do not wait to find housing until you arrive.

Permanent Accommodation

Where to search for apartments for rent:

- www.appartager.com

- <http://paris-colocations.com/>
- www.leboncoin.fr/colocations/
- www.internations.org/paris-expats/
- <http://fr.bedycasa.com>
- <http://www.jeunes.paris.fr/les-foyers-de-jeunes-travailleurs-et-residences-sociales>
- www.craigslist.fr

Average Cost of Housing

Rent prices vary based on the neighborhood and whether you are looking for a single or shared apartment. Averages below are intended to give you an idea of what idea to expect.

- Approximately 600-800€ for a single room
- Approximately 500-650€ for a shared apartment

Beware of online scams and be extremely cautious when providing personal information. You should not provide any financial information, bank account numbers, social security numbers, or wire funds to a stranger. It is best if you can work with renters/landlords locally so that you can meet them in person and see the accommodation for yourself.



Budget

How much you should budget for depends a lot on your lifestyle. 500 bis 650 € Most interns can comfortably live on approximately 150-200€ per week for food, transportation, and entertainment expenses. If you are planning to travel, you should budget more.



We recommend that you purchase a Paris guidebook such as Lonely Planet that can give you tips on local attractions, restaurants, museums, getaways, and latest trends.

Have a wonderful time in Paris!