

Arrival in France

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●●● TIP

- ↘ Verify the routes and times involved in reaching your lodgings. Plan alternatives in case your plane, train, or bus is delayed.
- ↘ Make sure you have a telephone that will work in France in case of an emergency or transportation problem.
- ↘ Keep with you contact information related to your lodgings and academic institution.
- ↘ Don't hesitate to get into conversations with French travelers! It's a chance for you to meet new people and to learn something about the area in which you'll be studying. ●●

ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT

- Withdraw cash:** You'll find ATMs at the airport and in train stations
- Buy travel tickets** (into Paris or to another destination in France): Train and bus tickets may be purchased from machines that operate in several languages and accept bankcards
- Collect train tickets that you purchased in advance.** Do this at SNCF kiosks at the airport or at the train station from which your train departs
- Follow the itinerary that you prepared in advance** (see "1 week in advance")

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ARRIVAL IN THE TOWN OR CITY WHERE YOU'LL BE STUDYING

- ↘ **Transportation**
 - Buy a few metro and bus tickets
 - Follow the itinerary that you prepared in advance (see "1 week in advance")
- ↘ **Reaching your lodgings** (temporary or permanent)
- ↘ **Plot out the route to your academic institution**
 - Contact the institution to plan your initial visit (registration, student ID card, insurance, etc.).
 - Note the route
- ↘ **Have a coffee at a neighborhood café!**
- ↘ **Go for a walk in the city**