

THINGS TO KNOW

Nice:

350,000 residents

5th 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,
6th FRENCH
REGION in terms of
hosting
foreign students
(21,000 international
students)

 Nice:
35,000
students
including **30,000** at Sophia
Antipolis University which
counts **5,600** students of
foreign nationality 

NICE, 14th (OUT OF 44) AMONG FRENCH CITIES AS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE AND STUDY (L'Étudiant magazine ranking)

CAMPUS FRANCE NICE

The Maison de l'Étudiant

5 Avenue François Mitterrand (Tramway 1, Vauban stop), 06300 Nice

Daily hours

(to make an appointment: marseille@campusfrance.org) marseille@campusfrance.org)

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ARRIVING IN NICE /

◆ A Welcome Desk for international students

At Côte d'Azur Nice University, a Welcome Desk was recently created for international students. It's there for information and support in your administrative procedures, and specifically, for residence permits and health insurance.

Before the September class start, Côte d'Azur University, the CROUS, and other partners (Prefecture, health insurance) are on-duty to simplify these procedures.

Address: Maison de l'Étudiant Olivier Chesneau, 5 boulevard François Mitterrand, 06300 Nice (tram : stop Vauban).

Hours:

- for questions concerning health insurance : Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1pm to 6pm (October and November).

- for questions concerning visas and residence permits: Monday to Thursday, 9am to 3:45pm non-stop, and Fridays, 1:30pm to 3:45pm (from September to January).

Contact: 04 92 15 50 88 or mde@ville-nice.fr

To learn more, consult the pages dedicated to international students (bilingual French/English): <http://unice.fr> > international > étudiants internationaux > démarches et procédures > informations pratiques

At Côte d'Azur University, the Welcome Center (EURAXESS Service Center) welcomes and supports UCA-guest researchers, professors, and doctoral students in their administrative procedures. Contact: 04 89 15 12 26.

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

◆ Sponsors

You can be assisted by a sponsor in Nice!

With the **ESN student association** (Esrasmus 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/>

◆ Your Higher Learning Institution

Depending on the institution, school, or university, two information services are available:

- International Relations Department (welcome and orientation desk)
- the Admissions Department (enrollment and administrative procedures office).

◆ National Services

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

HOUSING IN NICE /

In Nice, there are numerous solutions for finding lodging: the housing park reserved for students and managed by CROUS, student and private residences, and housing in private homes.

What's most important is to take care of this as early as possible, before your arrival.

• **The Nice Sophia Antipolis University site which is part of the Côte d'Azur University provides information for housing and also presents a complete list of private student residences:** <http://unice.fr> > international > étudiants-internationaux > démarches-et-procédures > logements

• **The CRIJ (Centre Régional d'Information Jeunesse), the regional youth information center for Provence - Alpes - Côte d'Azur publishes classified ads :**



- download the Housing Guide: <https://www.infojeunesse-paca.fr> > nos-services > orientation-information > logement
- free classified ads on its site: <http://annonces.crijpa.fr/>

A FEW TIPS

◆ For short-term lodging

• **The Nice (Youth Hostel), Les Camélias**, in the city center.

Address: 3 rue Spitalieri, 06000 Nice.

Contact: 04 93 62 15 54 or nice-les-camelias@hifrance.org
Site: <https://www.hifrance.org>

• **for other types of temporary residences, use the Nice Visitor Center 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: arrêt Vauban).

Hours: Monday to Thursday, 9am to 4:30pm, and Fridays, 1:30pm to 4:30pm.

Contact: 04 92 15 50 50.

Site: <https://www.crous-nice.fr>

On campus, the CROUS is also responsible for all low-cost food services (university restaurants, cafeterias, food-trucks, etc.)

• Private Housing Platforms

Some ten higher learning establishments 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 accommodations 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 organised > 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 apply for the APL (Aide Personnalisée au Logement -personalized housing aid)

The CAF (Caisse des Allocations Familiales - family allowances fund) is available to assess your rights: 08.10.29.29.29 or www.caf.fr

◆ If you need housing adapted to your special needs

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

Some establishments have specialized services for special-needs students (housing assistance and also transportation and tuition).

Côte d'Azur University 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

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/> ou l'avion (1h). 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 Côte d'Azur University site: <http://univ-cotedazur.fr> > international > reseau-et-services-des-relations-internationales > welcome center

🚊 **For getting around the city and suburbs, use the public transportation** (tramways, bus) network managed by Lignes 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 carpooling**, refer to the collaborative websites
- national website: <https://www.blablacar.fr>
- regional website: <https://www.boogi.fr/>

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

ENROLLMENT IN YOUR INSTITUTION

◆ CVEC

It is mandatory that you download proof of payment of the Contribution Vie Etudiante et de Campus (CVEC) – the student and campus life contribution fee before you can enroll in your institution.

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

- For additional information and special cases: <https://www.campusfrance.org> > s'organiser > CVEC

◆ Confirm Registration

Take note! Even if you have a pre-registration letter, you are not officially enrolled.

You must validate your enrollment with the institution's Service de la Scolarité (Admissions) as soon as you arrive.

RESIDENCE PERMIT

◆ Information

• **At the Welcome Desk in Maison de l'Étudiant.** To simplify administrative procedures for international students, Prefecture staff accepts applications for residence permits (first-time applications or renewal) directly at the Maison de l'Étudiant, from September to January, and on certain other university campuses.

Address: Crous - Maison de l'Étudiant Olivier Chesneau, 5 boulevard François Mitterrand, 06300 Nice.

Hours: Mondays and Thursdays, 1pm to 3:45pm without interruption.

To learn more, visit the Nice CROUS site which gives lots of valuable information:

<https://www.crous-nice.fr> > international > titre-de-sejour-permanence-prefecture

• **At the Alpes-Maritimes Prefecture in Nice (outside Welcome Desk on-duty hours).**

Address: Centre Administratif Départemental, 147 boulevard du Mercantour, 06286 Nice Cedex 3. Contact: 04 93 72 20 00.

Site: <http://www.alpes-maritimes.gouv.fr/> > Demarches-administratives > Etrangers > Etudiants-etrangers

• **Learn more about your rights and obligations:** www.service-public.fr > Etranger > Titre de séjour et document de circulation (Foreigners > Resident Card and Travel Document)

GOOD TO KNOW

• **If you arrive in France with a VLS-TS long-term student visa:** you must validate it online within three months of arrival: <https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr>

• **If you are an Algerian national:** depending on your campus, your residence permit application is made at the Préfecture or with the Service des Relations Internationales at your campus.

Take note: to renew your residence permit, you must apply within two months prior to its expiry.

EVERYDAY LIFE /

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 200 bank agencies located in Nice.

In France, opening a bank account is a right: www.service-public.fr > Argent > Comptes bancaires > Droit au compte (> Finances > Bank Accounts > Right to Open an Account)

HEALTH CARE

In France, receiving medical treatment is **practically free** but you must be insured. **As a result, signing up for medical insurance is mandatory.**

Connect to the <https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr> site to register, to understand your rights, and to take the necessary steps.

Learn more:

<https://www.campusfrance.org> > S'organiser > Santé

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.

That's the case at Sophia Antipolis University (member of Côte d'Azur University), which has a Service Universitaire de Médecine Préventive et de Promotion de la Santé (SUMPPS), the inter-university health services **and a health center (Unisanté) open to all students.**

Address: Centre de Santé,

24 avenue des Diables Bleus, 06300 Nice.

Hours: Monday to Friday, 9am to 4:15pm.

Contact: 04 92 00 12 31 or

medprev.etudiant@unice.fr

Site: <http://unice.fr> > /vie-universitaire/sante

INSURE YOUR HOME

In France, housing insurance is mandatory.

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

Online subscription is also often possible.

Learn more:

<https://www.mep.fr/Assurances-etudiantes>

www.assistance-etudiants.com

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

SAMU: 15 Emergency Medical Services

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

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

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 to be seized! 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://ecolesdete.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 AN INTERNSHIP

2 addresses:

• **Jobs and internships:** the Centre Régional d'Information Jeunesse, the regional youth information center for Provence - Alpes - Côte d'Azur has free classified ads on its site: <http://annonces.crijpa.fr/>

• **Student jobs:** find a student job that's compatible with your studies on the CROUS Jobaviz site: <http://www.jobaviz.fr/>

THINGS TO DO IN NICE /

PLAYING A SPORT

In your school, you may also have free access to sports facilities. Contact your Sports Department.

In Nice, Côte d'Azur University proposes 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 or www.letudiant.fr

The City of Nice has created a portal which inventories and presents all student associations: <http://etudiants.nice.fr> > associations etudiantes

GAINING CULTURE AND PARTYING

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 Côte d'Azur University, the Campus Life Department 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 cinemas, the Mercury and the Rialto, without overlooking the Nice Film Library.

- around fifteen museums including two scientific establishments: the Museum of Natural History and the Terra Amata Museum of Prehistory. The **French Riviera Pass**, proposed by the Visitor Center 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://bmv.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 Information Centre site: <http://www.nicetourisme.com/agenda>

MUST-SEE PLACES /

- Promenade des Anglais, an emblem of Nice, the magnificent promenade along the Bay of Angels.
- Place Masséna, built in the 1840s and the heart of 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.

For more information, consult the Visitor Centre 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 Côte d'Azur University, which has the vocation of making 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

- 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 Université laboratories.

NOVEMBER

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



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

*Remember to sign up on the **France alumni** network to take part in discussion groups on various subjects, take advantage of cultural outings, and consult job and internship offers.*

