TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

PLANNING YOUR ARRIVAL IN FRANCE

You can either arrive by:
- Train (to Gare d'Austerlitz, Gare de Bercy, Gare de l'Est, Gare de Lyon, Gare Montparnasse, Gare du Nord, or Gare Saint-Lazare). You can buy your tickets on the SNCF website.
- Plane (to one of the 2 international airports, Paris-Charles-de-Gaulle or Orly International Airport).

CHARLES-DE-GAULLE AIRPORT (located in the northeast of Paris)

The airport has 3 terminals (T1, T2, T3). To get from one terminal to another, you can take the free CDGVAK automatic metro.

To get to central Paris, you can:
- Take the RER B (Roissy-CDG station to Paris Gare du Nord station is about 35-40 minutes of travel).
- Take the bus (using Roissybus, which operates between Paris Opéra station to Charles de Gaulle Airport station, all the terminals are served).

For both, you can buy a ticket for 10 to 11.5€ or use your Navigo Pass.

ORLY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (located in the Southeast of Paris)

The airport has 4 terminals, Orly 1, 2, 3 and 4.

To get to central Paris, you can:
- Take the Orlyval shuttle as far as Antony train station, then RER B.
- Take the bus: Orlybus is an express bus route that links Orly to Denfert-Rochereau (in Paris). A ticket costs €8 and the Navigo pass is accepted.

UPON ARRIVAL: TRAVELING IN FRANCE

TRAIN

TGV (Train Grande Vitesse) trains allow you to cover long distances in a short time. Intercity trains are national lines which are not high speed, so the cost of a journey is cheaper. Finally, TER (Transport Express Régional) trains are regional trains and buses.

OUR TIPS

Register to a discount cards (for example: Carte Avantage Jeune), as well as low-cost TGV called OUIGO. Find out more on the SNCF website.

BUS

Traveling by bus is a good option for low-cost international and national journeys. For example: Flixbus, Ouibus

CARPOOLING

Carpooling is a practical and economical way to get around France. You can go to the specialist Blablacar and Freecovoiturage websites.

DRIVING LICENCE

Driving licenses issued by a member state of the European Economic Area (EEE - Etat de l'Espace Economique Européen). You can drive in France with your European license if it is valid.

Driving licenses issued by a country outside the European Economic Area. You can drive with your license for a short stay (less than 185 days) or for 1 year from the time you acquired your place of residence.

To continue driving in France after this period: if your country has an agreement with France, you must exchange your license for a French driving license. If your license is not exchangeable, you must take the French driving test. Further information is available on the French authority's official website

UPON ARRIVAL: TRAVELING AROUND PARIS

METRO, RER, AND BUSES

The Paris Region is divided into 5 zones. Zone 1 corresponds to Paris, and zones 2, 3, 4, and 5 to the outskirts.

OUR TIPS

Relate to the map to help plan your journeys, consult the Vianavigo website or the City Mapper app for further information about purchasing tickets, go to the RATP website.

There are two types of transport subscriptions:

- Imagine'R pass: For students under 26 years of age for all zones 1 to 5.
2021 prices simulation: €350 + €8 administration fee (12-month subscription).

- Navigo pass: Available by the week or month.
2021 prices simulation: Zones 1 to 5: €22.80 per week or €75.20 per month

OUR TIPS

You can register online for the Navigo & Imagine'R cards on the Navigo website.

OTHER MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION

- VélibSelf: service bikes have become an essential means of transport in Paris. To find out more, check out the velib' website.

- Zoov: The start-up Zoov has introduced 500 electric bikes and around forty stations south of Paris. Download the app to find an available bike and the cost of your journey.

TERMINOLOGY

TER: train express régional (regional express train).
TGV : train grande vitesse (high-speed train).
RER: The RER are suburban trains that connect the city of Paris with the surrounding suburbs. The 5 different lines are lines A, B, C, D, and E.

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