

# **ACCOMMODATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

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## **GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:**

# HOW TO FIND ACCOMMODATION IN FRANCE

## 1. SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION (Upon Arrival)

If students do not yet have permanent housing, they can stay temporarily in:

### 1.1 Youth Hostels

Affordable and ideal for first days in France.

NAME	APPROX.PRICE	WEBSITE
Generator Paris	€30–€40/night	<a href="https://staygenerator.com">https://staygenerator.com</a>
St Christopher's Inn	€30–€45/night	<a href="https://www.st-christophers.co.uk">https://www.st-christophers.co.uk</a>
JO&JOE Paris	€28–€40/night	<a href="https://www.joandjoe.com">https://www.joandjoe.com</a>
The People Hostel	€25–€40/night	<a href="https://www.thepeoplehostel.com">https://www.thepeoplehostel.com</a>

Average cost: **€25–€45 per night**

### 1.2 Airbnb

Short-term room or apartment rental.

Starting from: €30–€60 per night

 <https://www.airbnb.com>

### 1.3 Couchsurfing

Free accommodation with locals (cultural exchange platform).

 <https://www.couchsurfing.com>

Some features require membership fees.

## **2. LONG-TERM ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS**

### **2.1 CROUS (Public Student Housing – Most Affordable)**

Government student residences.

Rent:

- Room: €250–€400/month
- Studio: €400–€600/month

 <https://www.messervices.etudiant.gouv.fr>

 <https://trouverunlogement.lescrous.fr>

- ✓ Priority for scholarship students
- ✓ Limited availability

### **2.2 Private Student Residences**

Furnished studios with services included.

Rent:

- Studio: €600–€1,100/month (Paris)
- Outside Paris: €450–€800/month

Websites:

ORGANIZATION	WEBSITE
Studéa (Nexity)	<a href="https://www.nexity-studea.com">https://www.nexity-studea.com</a>
Cardinal Campus	<a href="https://www.cardinalcampus.fr">https://www.cardinalcampus.fr</a>
Les Estudines	<a href="https://www.estudines.com">https://www.estudines.com</a>
Adele (Housing platform)	<a href="https://www.adele.org">https://www.adele.org</a>
Logifac	<a href="https://www.logifac.fr">https://www.logifac.fr</a>

✓ Easy process

✓ Furnished

Often require guarantor

## 2.3 Apartment Sharing (Colocation)

Very popular among students.

Rent:

- Paris: €500–€850/month
- Other cities: €350–€600/month

Websites:

WEBSITE	LINK
Appartager	<a href="https://www.appartager.com">https://www.appartager.com</a>
La Carte des Colocs	<a href="https://www.lacartedescolocs.fr">https://www.lacartedescolocs.fr</a>
LocService	<a href="https://www.locservice.fr">https://www.locservice.fr</a>
Roomlala	<a href="https://www.roomlala.com">https://www.roomlala.com</a>

Facebook Groups	Search"Location Colocation in Paris"
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- ✓ More affordable
- ✓ Shared expenses

## 2.4 Renting an Apartment (Private Market)

Rent directly from the owner or agency.

Rent (Paris average):

- Studio: €750–€1,200/month
- 1-bedroom: €1,000–€1,600/month

Outside Paris:

- Studio: €400–€700/month

Websites:

WEBSITE	LINK
PAP (Owner to Owner)	<a href="https://www.pap.fr">https://www.pap.fr</a>
SeLoger	<a href="https://www.seloger.com">https://www.seloger.com</a>
Leboncoin	<a href="https://www.leboncoin.fr">https://www.leboncoin.fr</a>
Bien'ici	<a href="https://www.bienici.com">https://www.bienici.com</a>
Studyrama	<a href="https://logement.studyrama.com">https://logement.studyrama.com</a>

Agency fees: around **1 month of rent**  
 Never pay before signing lease

## 2.5 Living With a French Family

Homestay accommodation.

Rent:

- €600–€900/month (with breakfast sometimes included)

Websites:

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>WEBSITE</b>
Atome Paris	<a href="https://www.atomeparis.com">https://www.atomeparis.com</a>
Homestay in Paris	<a href="https://www.homestay-in-paris.com">https://www.homestay-in-paris.com</a>
France Accommodation & Culture	<a href="http://www.fac-paris.com">http://www.fac-paris.com</a>

Cultural immersion

Meals sometimes included

## 2.6 Intergenerational / Solidarity Housing

The student lives with elderly person.

Rent:

- Free to €400/month
- Membership fees: €250–€400/year

Websites:

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>WEBSITE</b>
Le Pari Solidaire	<a href="https://www.leparisolidaire.fr">https://www.leparisolidaire.fr</a>
Ensemble2Génération	<a href="https://www.ensemble2generations.fr">https://www.ensemble2generations.fr</a>
KAPS (AFEV)	<a href="https://www.afev.org">https://www.afev.org</a>

Affordable  
Social engagement required

### **3. GUARANTOR (Very Important in France)**

Landlords often require a guarantor (someone who pays if student cannot).

Options:

#### **3.1 Visale (FREE Government Guarantee)**

For students under 30.

Free  
Online process

 <https://www.visale.fr>

#### **3.2 Bank Guarantee**

The bank blocks money as guarantee.

Expensive option  
Money frozen during rental period

### **4. SECURITY DEPOSIT**

- 1 month rent (unfurnished)
- 2 months rent (furnished)

Refunded within 2 months after leaving (if no damages).

## 5. FINANCIAL HOUSING AID (CAF)

All students (including international students with long-stay visa) can apply.

Types:

APL (Aide Personnalisée au Logement)

ALS (Allocation de Logement Social)

Average support:

- Shared flat: €60–€100/month
- Studio: €100–€250/month

 <https://www.caf.fr>

Apply immediately after signing lease

Processing time: 2–3 months

## 6. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO RENT

Students should prepare:

- Passport or ID
- Student card / admission letter
- Visa / residence permit
- Bank statements
- Proof of income or scholarship
- Guarantor documents (ID, salary slips, tax notice)
- RIB (French bank account)

## 7. HOME INSURANCE (Mandatory)

Required by law.

Around €30–€80 per year

Can be obtained from:

- Banks
- LMDE
- SMEREP
- AXA, MAIF, Allianz, etc.

## 8. IMPORTANT WARNINGS

Never send money before visiting property

Avoid “list merchants” charging €150–€450

Always sign a rental contract (bail)

Check if accommodation qualifies for APL

## SUMMARY OF AVERAGE MONTHLY COSTS (Paris)

TYPE	AVERAGE RENT
CROUS Room	€250–€400
Shared Flat	€500–€850

Private Studio	€750–€1,200
Homestay	€600–€900

