

# How to get settled

- Welcome to Lyon -



## Erasmus & International Students

You just arrived in Lyon and you're a bit lost ?  
Here's a guide that will help you step by step  
to get your life settled in here !





# STUDENT WELCOME DAYS



At our Student Welcome Days, we welcome international students & guide them through the best way to get settled in the beautiful city of Lyon. From accommodation, transportation, banking, insurance & entertainment ! Our student team members will take excellent good care of you.

# In this book you will find

*We know the city better than anyone & we're here for you.*

Everything you need to know about Lyon & how to get settled here is explained in this book. Detailed information about housing, banking, mobile, insurance, top spots & much more...

*Get on board of the train with us.*

Oops I took the wrong direction again ! It may happen with you few times but it's okay. Lyon has a very good transportation infra-structure that connects the 4 corners of the city

*Discover the beautiful views of France.*

The city hides some amazing gems to be discovered. From the very well known Fourvière Basilica to the hidden "Jardin des Curiosités" you will not believe your eyes.

*For all the unforgettable memories.*

Board in & enjoy the best city of entertainment! On the program : Free after-works "Happy Mondays", XXL Erasmus Parties & finally the Tour of France !

*Join our Student Member Team & organize the best events !*

Every year we build an extraordinary team that has the responsibility of entertaining one of the top cities of Europe. Help in the organisation of events, gather people & enjoy some exclusive moments with the team.

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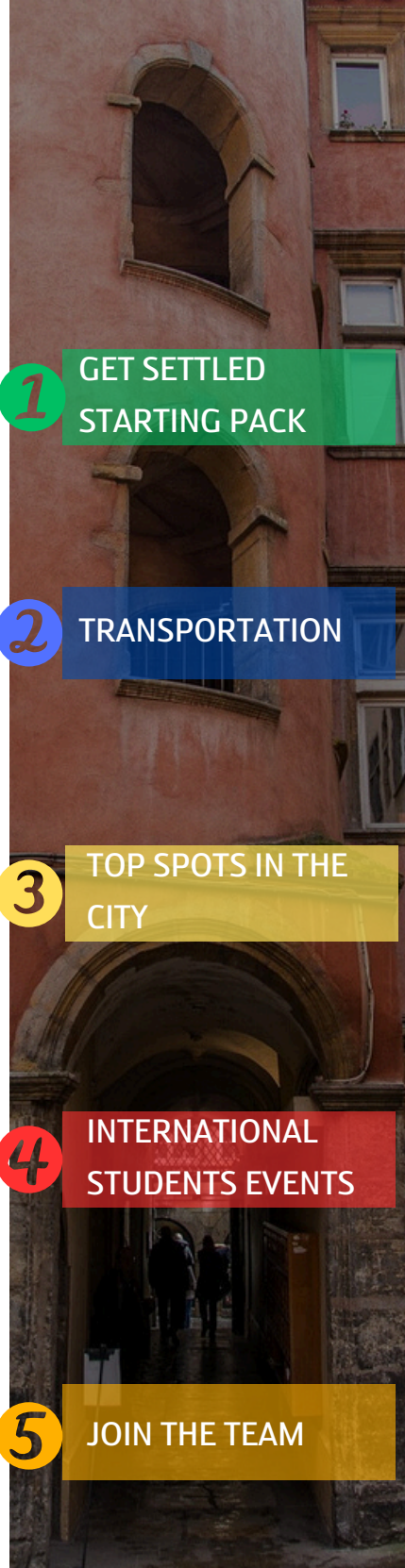
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# GET SETTLED STARTING PACK



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You just arrived in Lyon and you want to find your way ?  
You have a lot of administrative procedures & want to be guided ?

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# ACCOMMODATION

If you have not yet found accommodation when you arrive, if your room is not yet available, or if your friends or family want to visit you. Think of the hostels that are ready to help you out if you need it.

Airbnb is the first application to check out, but it's not always the best solution compared to youth hotel and cheap accommodations. Here are some you may like :



**HILYON**

41-45 Mnt du Chemin Neuf, 69005 Lyon



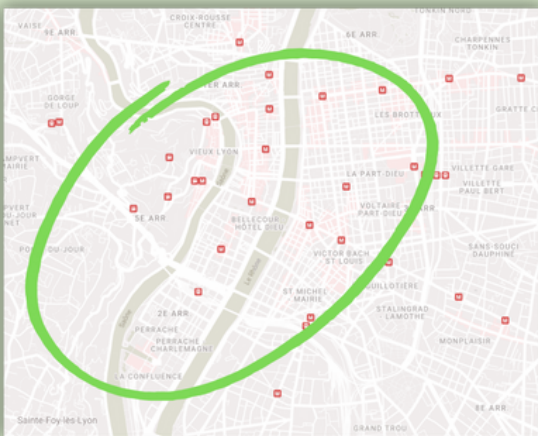
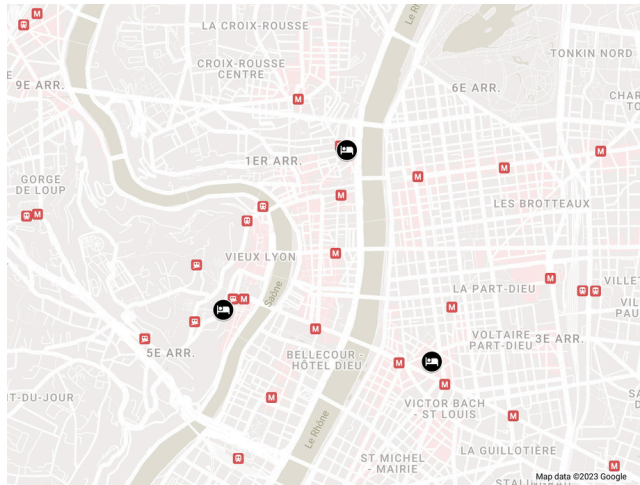
**AWAY HOSTEL**

21 Rue Alsace Lorraine, 69001 Lyon



**SLO LIVING HOSTEL**

21 Rue Alsace Lorraine, 69001 Lyon



The green zone is the best place for a student to find a good accommodation.

Finding an apartment can sometimes be complicated when you don't know the city. Here are some useful informations.

## Erasmus Flatsharing :

- Coloc à Lyon
- La carte des colocs on Google

## Biggest accommodation websites :

- Seloger.com
- Leboncoin.fr

**Facebook groups** with announces about renting : flat-sharing, Housing in Lyon

# TIPS & TRICKS

**Visiting an apartment** does not commit you to anything, **it's free** !

No payment should be made by money order or by cash, it's risky and could lead you to scams.

Here are some important points you should check in your contract lease :

**Start date** and **duration** Type of use (private, business or both), **rental price, terms of payment and price revision terms.**

It must be signed by both the landlord and each tenant, and everyone must get a copy.

Clear Terms of **cancellation** (You can leave a flat on a month notice via letter).

**Charges**, and taxes that the tenant must pay  
The amount of the deposit.



**We have chosen three of the many student residences that are worth giving a try, they are well balanced between pricing, location & the quality of the flat :**

 **STUDELITES**  
5 Rue du Boulevard, 69100 Villeurbanne  
45 Rue des Rancy, 69003 Lyon

 **LES BELLES ANNEES**  
94 Quai Charles de Gaulle, 69006 Lyon  
35 Rue Victorien Sardou, 69007 Lyon

 **STUDEA**  
10 Rue Joséphine Baker, 69007 Lyon  
13 Rue d'Hanoi, 69100 Villeurbanne



**We recommend you to book an accommodation in the following districts :**

**1st district** : Terreaux - Croix Rousse - Chartreux / **2nd district** : Bellecour - Perrache - Confluence - Cordeliers / **3rd district** : Part Dieu - Villette - Dauphiné - Mon Chat / **7th district** : Gerland - La Mouche - Jean Macé - Guillotière Sud / **8th district** : Montplaisir - Bachut - Mermoz - États-Unis / **6th district** : Brotteaux - Tête d'Or - Bellecombe



## MORE TIPS & TRICKS

A **precise inventory** of the situation is important. Before signing the lease, pay attention to the compulsory inventory of fixtures on entry. This one must be very precise ! Do not hesitate to insist on **marking everything**. For example, if a piece of furniture is declared to be in good condition but is in a damaged state, you may be charged for repairing it when you leave. Test all electrical outlets with a phone charger and all lights (note if bulbs are missing). If the electricity doesn't work when you check the house, have it written down !

**Test all openings** (doors and windows) and **locks**. Check the condition of the floors, walls, and ceilings, noting any defects (marks, cracks, crumbling paint etc.). Test the taps for leaks and the quality of the seals. The inventory of fixtures must include the water, gas, and electricity meter readings. If you notice any defects in the property after the initial inspection, you must report them as soon as possible by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt, the letter is authentic from the day of sending.



Sharing a flat with French people will allow you to increase your language level and also allows you to know a person who can guide you in Lyon and give you advice.



After finding an apartment, you can benefit from a **financial housing aid** : this financial aid is offered to all students no matter where they come from and how much their revenue is. Apply to it through their web site or mobile application <https://www.caf.fr/>.



You have to **subscribe to the electricity, water & gas** (depending if you have gas or only electricity) in your apartment through EDF, Energie De France mainly state owned. Or other private companies like ENGIE, ENI, TOTAL ENERGIE...<https://particulier.edf.fr>



There are different packages depending on your energy consumption

## VISA PROCEDURE

If you need a residence permit, you must go to the OFII as soon as you arrive, there you will have a **medical examination** and an **interview** about your integration.

Also, if you decide to stay longer in Lyon, don't forget to go to the prefecture to **renew your visa**.

**OFII (Office Français de l'immigration et de l'intégration) :**

7 rue Quivogne 69002 LYON

## MOBILE PLAN

"The best in the world", France offers one of the best mobile plans in the world by giving unlimited 5G, unlimited calls, unlimited texts for 16€ to 20€ per month. We do recommend **FREE mobile**, one of the best offers in the market.

## BANK ACCOUNT

If you're an international student, it is really important to have a **French Bank account**. It could be useful for many advantages :

To benefit from the housing aid, to facilitate Bank **transfers** and **payment** between friends.



FREE is a French operator offering low-cost Internet and telephone packages ! It's arguably the best quality-price offer : 2€ / 13€ / 20€ (unlimited data, calls & sms)



SFR is another French operator offering attractive packages, notably with its low-cost subsidiary RED. It offers telephone and internet prices : 10€ / 19€



Sosh, a brand of the Orange operator, is a range of low-cost offers developed to reach the young generation by proposing crazy offers around 16€ including 150GB & unlimited calls / sms



Bouygues is one of the four historical companies of telecom. It's renown for an excellent quality of service. B&YOU is a low cost alternative but for the quality you're getting you can't get much lower price than them.

# HEALTH & INSURANCE

There are many important insurances to have in France :

- **Health insurance** : (Free)

Subscribe online at <https://www.ameli.fr/> or at their office : 5bis Pl. Jean Mace, 69007 Lyon.

- **The complementary insurance** :

Subscribe to Smerra (from 4€ to 30€), online [www.smerra.fr](http://www.smerra.fr) or at their office 38 Rue Chevreul, 69007 Lyon.

- **Housing insurance** :

Usually your French bank offers housing insurance (around 10€ per month).

## Where to find hospitals ?

Hopital de la **Croix Rousse**

Hopital **St Joseph St Luc**

Hopital **Edouard Herriot**

**Doctor** : Doctolib.fr



**For a medical appointment** you can book a place on "Doctolib.fr" or on their app.

You should filter the doctors by location, date, specialty & by their price before choosing one.

Try to choose sector 1 general practitioner, the consultation fee is set by the agreement at 26.5 euros. As the Social Security reimbursement is 70%, you will receive a reimbursement of 16.50 euros, minus the 1 euro fixed contribution.

**Benefit from a 70% refund** you should have a "medecin traitant" It's your referral doctor in France.

**How to get a "médecin traitant" ?** : Book a general appointment with a doctor and ask them to be your referral doctor. You may be refused at some, don't let this unmotivate you keep trying until you have one.



**Emergency at the hospital** : With the European insurance card, care and treatment are free, but there is a lot of waiting.

**SOS Médecins** : 04 78 83 51 51

If your condition isn't urgent, call this number, a doctor will come to your home to examine you.



**la protection sociale des étudiants**

SMERRA covers students' needs in terms of health insurance and supplementary health insurance fully adapted to their study and living environments. Through its partnerships with secondary and higher education institutions, and with student associations, SMERRA promotes prevention and health education.

True to its convictions in the field of Social and Solidarity Economy, SMERRA is committed to improve the health and living conditions of students.

## WORK IN FRANCE / GOOD DEALS

### - Scanning tickets :

Come help us scan tickets quickly at the events and meet a lot of students working like you !



### - Get contacts at the door :

Take the contacts of people at the door of parties and encourage them to follow us on social media !



To apply send an email to: [erasmus@agencedestress.com](mailto:erasmus@agencedestress.com)  
in this email you should attach : CV, ID, Civil liability insurance

# TRANSPORTATION

## USEFUL APPLICATIONS :



**SNCF CONNECT** : Official French train company & application to book all your trips with few simple clicks. E-tickets and travel information are all available on it.



**TCL** : The official public transportation app that will guide you through the fastest routes to take in Lyon.  
**ON SIGHT** : You can buy a ticket at the entrance of each station for **2€**, valid 1h across the entire transportation network.



**VELOV** : Is a network of 5000 bikes that gives you access to 428 stations to ride through the entire Metropole of Lyon. You can subscribe for **16.5€ per YEAR** if you're a student.



**CITY MAPPER** : For one journey, the application gives you **several combinations of transport modes**. It also has an alighting alert system and warns you when you need to get off the tram/bus/metro.

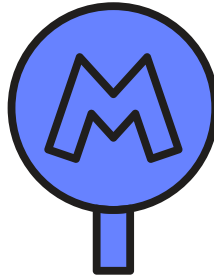


**DOTT** : Electric scooter called "trottinette". Slide through the city in a very fast way. Price : It costs 1€ to open the scooter and 0,25€/1min. You can buy different subscriptions...



**CITIZ** : You can use self-service electric cars if you have a valid driving license in France.

# PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



## Transport network :

- 4 Lines of metro, including two driverless trains line B & D
- 2 Funiculaire lines. Basically a metro that goes up and down the hill
- 7 Tramway lines
- 129 Bus lines

## Card conditions :

You should go to one of the TCL offices to create a **TCL card**. You should bring a picture of you, a proof of address in Lyon, the **5€** cost of the card, and an identity card.

## At night :

- During the week : Start at 5h30 & stop around midnight.
- Friday & Saturday : The lines start at 5h30 and stay until 2am.

## The técély card subscription :

Allows unlimited access to the TCL transportation network for **25€/month** for students aged between **18-25** years old.



## PLEINE LUNE / AT NIGHT

On **Friday, Saturday** and **Sunday**, there are **4 buses** linking the city center to the main residential areas. One departure per hour between **1 am** and **4 am** :

- PL1 : Terreaux - La Doua via Part-Dieu et Charpennes
- PL2 : Hôtel de Ville - Grange Blanche
- PL3 : Hôtel de Ville - Campus Lyon Ouest
- PL4 : Hôtel de Ville - Saint Priest via Bellecour, Jean Macé, Debourg et Parilly

# TRANSPORTATION IN FRANCE

## INTERNATIONAL BUSES

The main bus companies in France are **FlixBus**, **Blablacar** and **Eurolines**. Most of them arrive at the railway stations, which are very well served by Lyon's public transport system. All of them have their proper App & Website.



## ALL TRAINS

The national train company is the SNCF. You can use Ouigo, Trainline, La Renfe & Train-italia for cheaper options.



### Stations :

Mainline trains arrive at **Lyon Part-Dieu** station and eventually at **Lyon Perrache**. Both stations are located within the city and are well served by tram, bus and underground.

Please note that some trains arrive at the TGV station at Saint Exupéry airport : Avoid this station as it is far from the city and has poor transport links.

## SAINT EXUPERY AIRPORT

**Lyon-Saint Exupéry Airport** (LYS) is located 30km east of the city, Public transport in Lyon does not connect to this airport except **Bus IE and 47**.

### **There are 3 types of trains :**

- TGV : The fastest (Paris- Lyon in only 2 hours). Reservations are mandatory. (300Km/h trains)
- Intercités : Classic trains, less fast. It is recommended to make a reservation
- TER (regional express trains) : Trains or buses linking towns in the same region. No reservation required, fixed price depending on the period.

The **Rhôneexpress** tramway links the airport to Lyon Part-Dieu station in **30 minutes** for approximately **15€**. You can take this special train from **Gare Part Dieu La villette**.

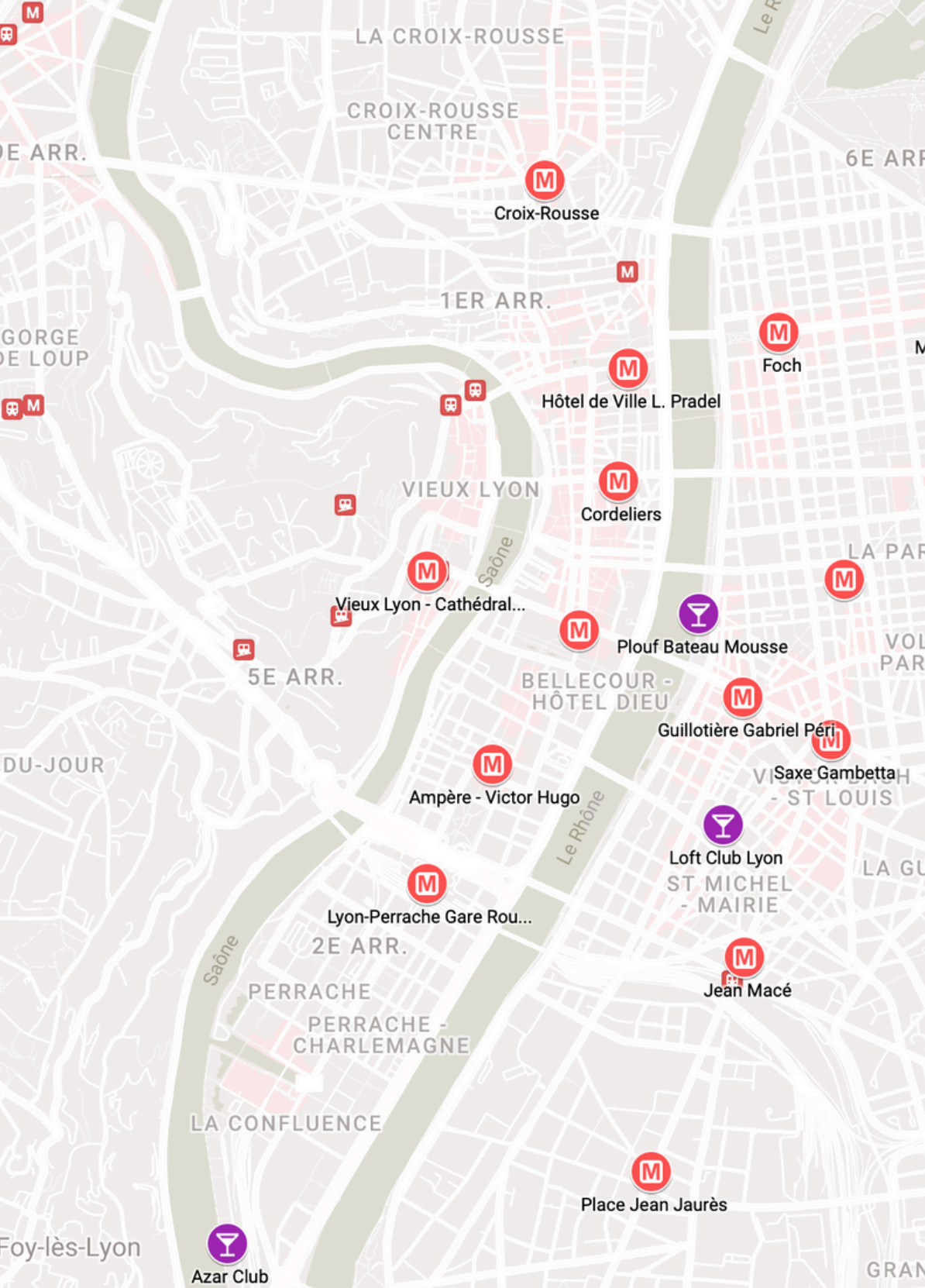
**Time tables :** A train comes every 30mins

- To the airport from 4h25 to 00h
- To Part Dieu from 5h to 00h





**MAP**



LA CROIX-ROUSSE

CROIX-ROUSSE  
CENTRE



Croix-Rousse

1ER ARR.



Hôtel de Ville L. Pradel



Foch

GORGE  
DE LOUP



VIEUX LYON



Cordeliers



Vieux Lyon - Cathédral...



Plouf Bateau Mousse



5E ARR.

BELLECOUR -  
HÔTEL DIEU



Guillotière Gabriel Péri

DU-JOUR



Ampère - Victor Hugo



Vieux Lyon - Saxe Gambetta  
- ST LOUIS



Lyon-Perrache Gare Rou...



Loft Club Lyon  
ST MICHEL  
- MAIRIE

2E ARR.

PERRACHE  
PERRACHE -  
CHARLEMAGNE



Jean Macé

LA CONFLUENCE



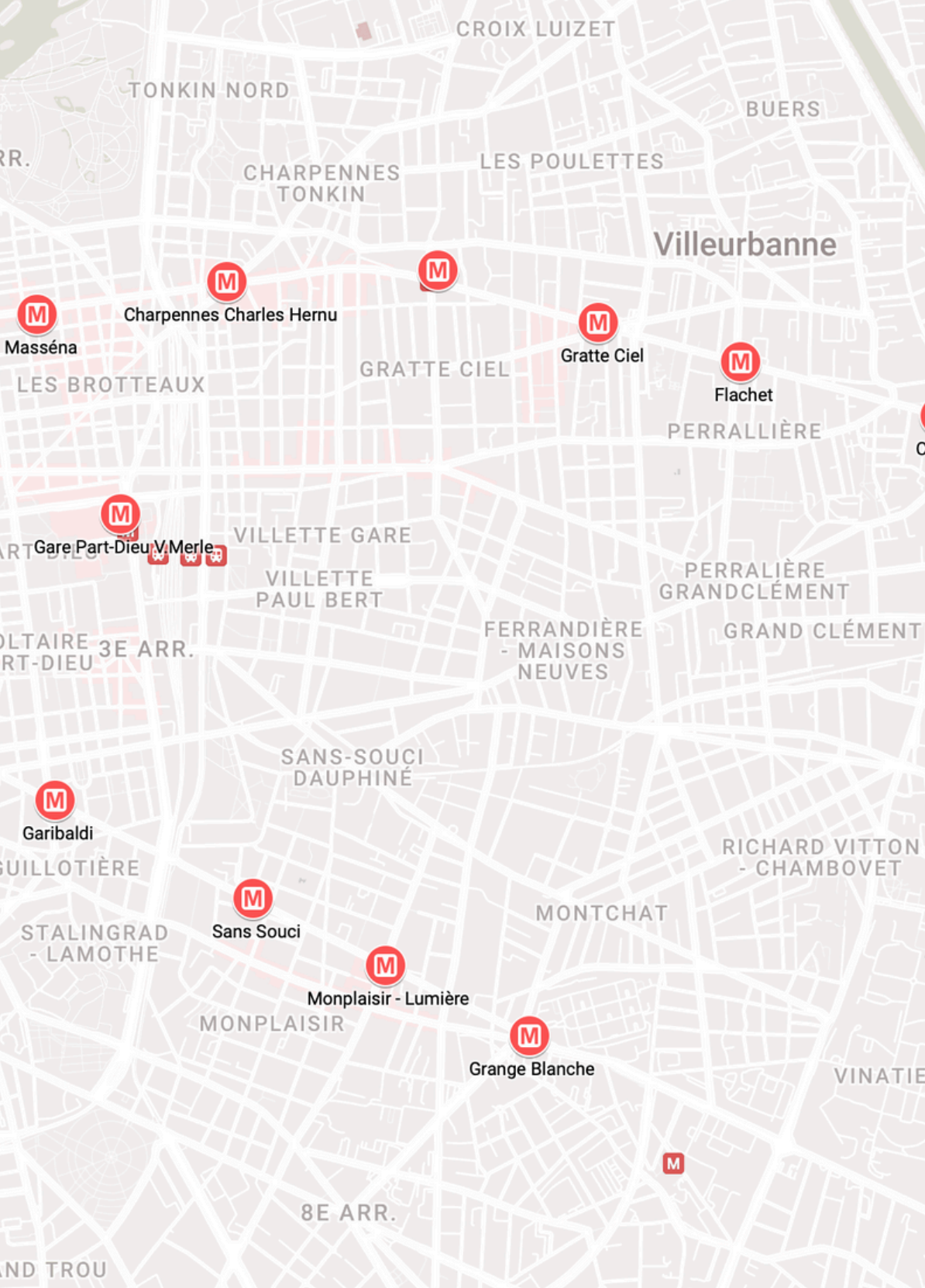
Place Jean Jaurès

Foy-lès-Lyon



Azar Club

GRAN



CROIX LUIZET

TONKIN NORD

BUERS

RR.

CHARPENNES  
TONKIN

LES POULETTES

Villeurbanne



Charpennes Charles Hernu



Masséna

Gratte Ciel

Flachat

LES BROTTTEAUX

GRATTE CIEL

PERRALLIÈRE



Gare Part-Dieu V. Merle

VILLETTE GARE

PERRALIÈRE  
GRANDCLÉMENT

VILLETTE  
PAUL BERT

FERRANDIÈRE  
- MAISONS  
NEUVES

GRAND CLÉMENT

OLTAIRE 3E ARR.  
RT-DIEU

SANS-SOUCI  
DAUPHINÉ



Garibaldi

RICHARD VITTON  
- CHAMBOVET

GUILLOTIÈRE



Sans Souci

MONTCHAT

STALINGRAD  
- LAMOTHE



Monplaisir - Lumière

MONPLAISIR



Grange Blanche

VINATIE



8E ARR.

ND TROU

# TOP SPOTS IN THE CITY



For nature enthusiasts, the Parc de la Tête d'Or is an oasis of tranquility, boasting lush gardens, a serene lake, and even a zoo.

Additionally, Lyon's vibrant riverfront, with its picturesque bridges and promenades, is perfect for leisurely strolls and enjoying the city's vibrant atmosphere.

Whether it's exploring historical landmarks, immersing oneself in nature, or savoring delectable cuisine, Lyon's diverse and captivating spots offer something for everyone to enjoy.

Lyon, a vibrant city in France, is adorned with an array of enchanting spots that captivate locals and visitors alike. The historic Vieux Lyon district, with its charming cobblestone streets and Renaissance architecture, is a must-visit spot.

Here, one can explore hidden traboules (passageways) and discover quaint shops, cozy cafés, and exquisite bistros serving mouthwatering Lyonnaise cuisine. The iconic Basilica of Notre-Dame de Fourvière is another magnificent spot that offers breathtaking panoramic views of the city.

## ICONIC SPOTS

### PAUL BOCUSE:

Lyon is the **Gastronomic Capital** of the World, you will find the best dishes prepared by the best chefs all around the city. Don't use Google all the time, go for a walk, read the menu and discover the best restaurants the Capital of Gastronomy has to offer.



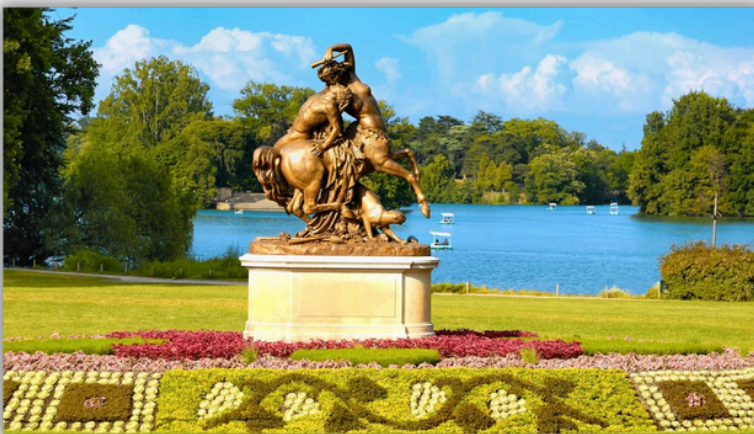
Since their creation, the Brasseries Bocuse have been promoting the French "savoir-faire" & art of living, initiated by one of the best World Chefs, Monsieur Paul Bocuse. Take the tour of all the greatest dishes & products at the "Halles Paul Bocuse"

102 cours Lafayette 69003 Lyon

Tuesday to Saturday : 7 am - 7 pm

Sunday & Monday : 7 am - 4 pm

### PARC DE LA TÊTE D'OR - 6TH district



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Opening Hours : 6h30 am - 8h30 pm ✨ Activities : Lake, Jardin botanique, animals...

# BEST MUSEUMS

## MUSÉE DES CONFLUENCES :

The museum deals with the issues of humanity, various cultures and societies as well as the place of human in the world. What's amazing about this museums is the mix between permanent expositions and temporary expositions.



Monday to Sunday, from 10h30 am to 6h30 pm

86 Quai Perrache, 69002 Lyon

Free for students



## MUSEE DES BEAUX-ARTS:

Located in the heart of Lyon's historic city center, the museum offers major exhibitions and cultural activities to discover art. A lot of locals calls it "the mini Louvre".

Wednesday to Monday, from 10 am to 6 pm

20 Pl. des Terreaux, 69001 Lyon

Free for students

## MUSÉE CINÉMA ET MINIATURE :

The museum welcomes you for a time around the world of the 7th art. Come and discover the sets and objects used on the sets of major international films, as well as the miniature worlds on the top floor.



Monday to Sunday, from 10 am to 6h30 pm

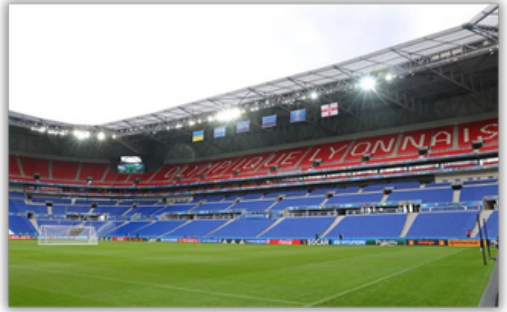
60 rue Saint Jean, 69005 Lyon

Free for students

# SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT

## **OLYMPIQUE LYONNAIS / GROUPAMA STADIUM :**

For all football fans, sport lovers & concert addicts. The OL stadium is a unique venue that will display the best football games in Europe, the biggest sports center in Europe & hosts the most amazing concerts the city has to offer !



Monday to Sunday

10 Av. Simone Veil, 69150 Décines-Charpieu

Tickets : depends on the event



## **LOU RUGBY STADIUM :**

France is a country really good at rugby & specially the city of Lyon. The teams are ferocious, the crowd is brave and the chants are legendary. If you want to drink a fresh beer & eat with some friends & love the thrill of the action with it; the LOU RUGBY stadium is the place to be !

Monday to Saturday

353 Av. Jean Jaurès, 69007 Lyon

Tickets : depends on the event

## **ASVEL BASKETBALL CLUB :**

Tony Parker has put his mark in Lyon & the world thanks to his achievements in basketball as a player, as a Leader & Coach. Through his team and stadium he has implemented & upgraded basketball in Lyon, in a way it has never been before.



Monday to Saturday

40-44 Av. Marcel Cerdan, 69001 Villeurbanne

Tickets : depends on the event





# ALL OUR EVENTS

## WHO ARE WE :

Erasmus Party is the biggest student community helping & Entertaining international students all year long. With us create the best friendships and memories !  
Socialize, party, visit the best places of France & Europe.

## OUR EVENTS :

Meet new people and enjoy the best memories every week thanks to our free afterworks, our crazy quiz and all the activities around that event. Get ready we're known to throw the biggest parties in the city and the program is mind blowing. Finally visit the best cities and discover the beautiful views of France. Let's not forget the city activities like museums, sports tournaments, city locations and much more...  
"La Ville des Lumières" will fill your needs to discover and enjoy activities all year long.



# PARTIES, EVENTS & TRIPS

## MEET & SPEAK

The biggest gathering of international students at an iconic location near the Rhone river. **Meet amazing people**, drink beer with friends & enjoy the incredible experience around **different activities every tuesday**.

## CRAZY SATURDAYS

Our Crazy Saturdays are a mix between Afterworks & Big Parties. Make the tour of the world with our different themes about different countries & cultures. You'll be able to meet people, enjoy the activities and then hit the dancefloor until dawn !

## XXL PARTIES

Are you ready for the most entertaining city in Europe ?

**Every party has a different story**, a **different theme** but the **same crazy vibe**. Erasmus parties are known in Lyon and on the international level thanks to the amazing international students and the organization of the most astonishing parties of the city.



## FRENCH TOUR

France is known for its **culture**, **medieval cities**, and for the **beauty of nature**. Throughout the year we will visit a selected number of cities that will **make you fall in love with France** and the French way of living. From the small towns to the big cities the program will be filled with adventure so don't miss any of it. From the mountains ski to swimming at the beach, France has everything to offer



## CITY TOUR

Free meetings at the most iconic or secret spots in the beautiful city of lights. Football & basketball, get ready to show that you're the best International students sports team in the region thanks to our **Erasmus Games Competitions**.

The City of Lyon is known to be "**La Ville des Lumières**" thanks to many events that happened in history. **The city celebrates this title every year by throwing the most amazing Lights Festival** illuminating every corner of the city with holographic, lasers and futuristic art technology to shine the city for **3 nights** in a row.

Find our Erasmus all those activities on our Website : [www.erasmuspartyinlyon.com](http://www.erasmuspartyinlyon.com) or by typing "**Erasmus Party in Lyon**" on all platforms.

## HELPFUL FRENCH TERMS

Terms	Explanation
Bail	This is the contract between you and the owner (or agency) of the flat. It specifies the rent, the surface area of the flat.
Caution	The amount of money you must pay when you sign the lease. It will be returned to you within two months of the end of the lease.
État des lieux	This is the inventory of the state of the flat, it is carried out on entry and exit.
Charges	The charges correspond to the maintenance of the building, rubbish taxes, etc... They can sometimes include electricity, water (cold or hot) and/or heating.
Assurance habitation	You must take out home insurance as soon as you have found your accommodation. Estate agents may refuse to give you the keys if you do not provide proof of this, the two student health insurance companies (SMERRA) offer some of the cheapest insurance policies. You can also find banks that offer services.
Aide personnalisée au logement	All students are eligible for this monthly financial aid (except in eligible cases of subletting) You can apply for APL, also known as CAF, after signing your lease. To do this you must fill in the forms and send your completed file. This monthly assistance will be paid into a French bank account (French is mandatory).
Studio	A large living room (bedroom/lounge) with a kitchenette + bathroom and toilet
T1 or F1	A kitchen separated from the main room (bedroom and living room) + bathroom and toilet
T1 bis or F1 bis	A living room with an open kitchen area + bedroom + bathroom and toilet.
T2/T3/T4	The number represents the number of rooms in the flat + kitchen + bathroom and toilet.
CDI	Contrat à Durée Indéterminée, with no foreseen end.
CDD	Contrat à Durée Déterminée, The fixed terms.
INTERIM / EXTRA	Temporary jobs, on a determined time. It can be few hours or few days.





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