

## Accommodation

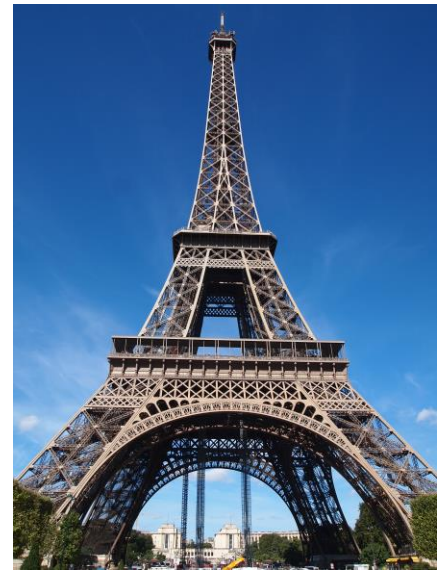
The Dauphine offered websites where students can apply for residence which is a really good idea if you want to make a lot of friends and save money. The people you will meet will not only be exchange students but will also be exchange student from other schools. There are residences around university but if you apply with Dauphine



but you won't be able to choose the location of your residence. Another option is to find an apartment in Paris but you have to beware that it is very difficult and can be very expensive. A little tip: Dauphine is located in the 16<sup>th</sup> district (the posh and safe area of Paris) and the nearest metro station is Porte Dauphine. We recommend that you pick apartments in the 16<sup>th</sup> district, near metro station Porte Maillot. We were fortunate enough to live only a 15 minutes walk to the university so we saved a lot of money for transportation within Paris. If you don't mind living in a more expensive apartment, you will be able to save on transportation cost.

## How to survive in the first week?

Go get your student ID from the international office! Your student ID is your golden ticket to all the museums and discount for your transportation within Paris. Next it is important that you should open a bank account because you will need it for various payments such as your phone bill. Without your bank account, you won't be able to get a phone.



## How to prepare for studying?

One very important thing that you need to keep in mind is that for you to confirm your seat in the class, you need to be present in the first class. The first week of class is different for Master degree and Bachelor degree and most of the time, before the student orientation so if you're planning to take a Master degree class, be sure to check the date of your first class. Also, check your email regularly before you begin because your academic advisor and the international office will constantly email you about the

process of confirming your learning agreement and all other necessary steps to help you settle down.

### **Lifestyle and activities**

Paris is a beautiful city so take advantage of living there! Aside from all the major attractions, there are many more museums, monuments, exhibitions that you should go see. Living in Paris as a student is also great because almost all of the entrance fees to the museums and attractions in Paris are free. Although, one very important thing to keep in mind when living in Paris is that Paris is quite dangerous. Pickpockets are present everywhere and you are definitely their victim. Don't act like a tourist, act like a local, try to blend in.

France is a very good hub for traveling around Europe. It is very convenient to travel to other neighboring countries by train. If not, there are many low-cost airlines such as Ryanair or EasyJet. If you plan early, you would be able to get a round trip ticket as low as 50 euro. We definitely took advantage of this and we got to visit almost ten countries in 4 months!

Be sure to party in Paris! The Erasmus association holds events every Thursday nights and you can check all the details on their Facebook page. You'll be able to meet a lot of fun people at Dauphine!



These are some of our recommendations of anything and everything in Paris!

### Restaurants

- *Le Relais De Venise L'Entrecote* – an authentic French steak and fries
- *Café des Martyrs* – a good and reasonable priced authentic French menus
- *Mirama* – Chinese roasted pork, so good!



- *Le Carpaccio* – For Italian food lovers, located on the Champs-Elysees
- *Ayothaya* – For when you miss Thai food



### Bakeries

- *Éclair de Genie* – apparently the best Éclair in Paris
- *Angelina* – try a French pastry “Millefeuille”
- *Pierre Herme* – Macarons that are better than Laduree’s
- *Le Loir dans la Théière* – a little café, try their Lemon Meringue pie



- *Berthillon* – there are many Berthillon’s in that area, be sure to go to the original one! After you got your ice cream, walk to the bridge over the Seine where street musicians would usually perform to show off their talents.

### Nightlife

- Mix Club – an international scene, a lot of Erasmus students
- Palais Maillot
- Queen’s

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