


Living in France

A GUIDE FOR NEWCOMERS
TO FRANCE



THE CITY OF CLERMONT

 **Population : Around 300 000 and 40 000 students (14 %)**

 **One of the best student cities in France (L'Etudiant Magazine) for standard of living, student life, affordable living, safety, etc.**

 **One of the safest cities in France**

 **Headquarters of the Michelin Company
Major sports city (rugby, football,...)**

 **5500 international students and 1200 Chinese students**



Geographical Location



La Région
Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes



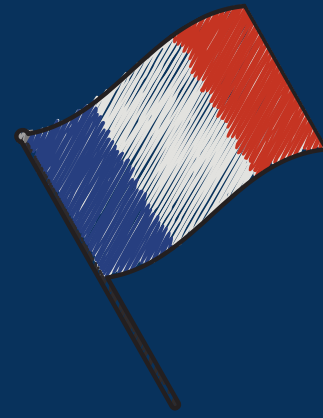
 **Clermont-Ferrand is in the Center of France**

 **2nd Largest Region of France**

Puy-de-Dôme

Unesco World Heritage Site





French National Holidays



01/11 - All Saints Day

11/11 - Armistice 1918

25/12 - Christmas Day

01/01 - New Year's Day

05/04 - Easter Monday

01/05 - May Day

08/05 - 1945 VE Day

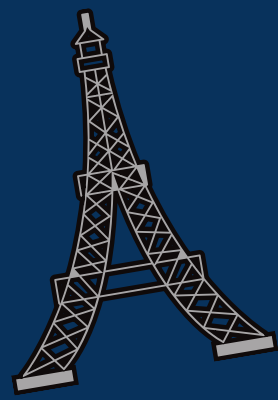
13/05 - Ascension

24/05 - Pentecost

14/07 - Bastille Day

15/08 - Assumption





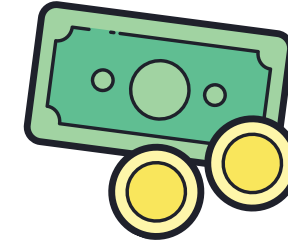
LIVING



Average living costs including rent, food, other bills, can be estimated at around:

600-1000 EUR Per month minimum depending on a student's lifestyle and the type of accommodation rented.

COSTS



During the first month students will require extra money for :

- **Rent deposits.**
- **Connecting electricity, gas, internet,**
- **Insurance and various other extras. ..**



MINIMUM



MAXIMUM

Rent for furnished room / furnished studio apartment (all charges included)

320 €

450 €

Meals (breakfast, lunch & dinner)

180 €

350 €

Going Out

30 €

100 €

Phone Plan, Wifi

30 €

50 €

Transport / travel

40 €

100 €

Between

610 €

1 050 €

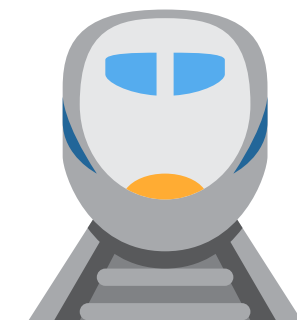
How to Get Here From Paris



By Plane: Daily flights from Paris Charles de Gaulle or Orly, around 1 hrs. travel time, €100 on average. Booking: www.airfrance.fr



By Train: Several departures a day from Bercy train station (metro routes 6 and 14 to the 'Bercy' station, around 3 hrs. 30 travel time, €40 on average. Booking: www.sncf.com/fr/itineraire-reservation/reservation-billets



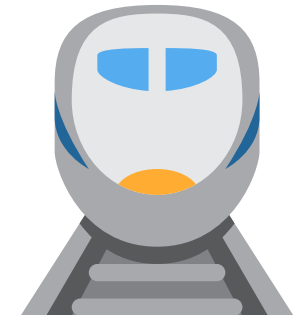
By Bus: Various companies, between 5 hrs. and 10 hrs. travel time, from €5. Booking: www.flixbus.fr, www.ouibus.com, www.eurolines.fr/isilines



How to Get Here From Lyon



**By Train: From Lyon Part-Dieu, around 2 hrs. 30, €35 on average. Booking:
Booking: www.sncf.com/fr/itineraire-reservation/reservation-billets**






**By Bus: From Lyon Perrache, around 2 hrs. travel time, from €5; From Lyon
St Exupéry Airport, around 3 hrs. travel time, €30 on average.**

Booking: www.flixbus.fr, www.ouibus.com, www.eurolines.fr/isilines



Getting to the City Centre:

From the Airport (CFE- Clermont-Ferrand) :

-  **By Bus: Line 20 direction Gerzat Champfleuri, then take tram line A direction Part-Dieu Gare at the tram stop Musée d'Art Roger Quillot, around 40 minutes travel time.**
-  **Private transportation can be arranged by Moversia (Included in the welcome package).**
-  **There will be also taxis available outside of the airport.**

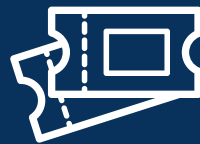
PUBLIC TRANSPORT



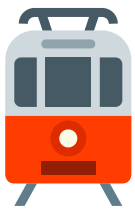
Bus and Tram:

The public transport network in Clermont-Ferrand is called T2C.

You can buy tickets on the bus (single tickets only), or from vending machines at tram stops, from newsagents or at the T2C Ticket Agency: 24, boul. Charles de Gaulle.



To get a pass, go to the T2C Ticket Agency with a passport-size photo, your identity card, proof of address and a €2 administrative fee. Information: info@t2c.fr



Bicycle:

Bicycles are available at the self-service C.vélo bicycle stations across the city.

For regular use: Bicycle pass and 1st half-hour free, €1 for every additional half-hour.

For occasional use: €2 for a 1 day pass or €7 for 7 days

Information: www.c-velo.fr 28, av. de l'Union Soviétique 04 73 92 65 08




LEARNING FRENCH

 **Free lessons with the school ESC Clermont (Depending on your program)**

 **Cavilam. Alliance Française of Vichy. Located in the Auvergne region, our school is the ideal place to learn French while enjoying the french lifestyle.**

<https://www.cavilam.com/en/>

 **University of Clermont Auvergne:**

- Evening Courses: for individuals whose activities (professional, academic) do not allow them to take daytime lessons (50 hrs. course with 4 hrs./week).

www.uca.fr

