



## **MICEFA Summer Program 2022 Q&A**

### **How do I get from Charles de Gaulle airport to the Cité Université (Cité Université station)?**

The most affordable option is to take the RER B train located in terminal 2 at Charles de Gaulle airport. This train is direct to the Cité Université station. Once you arrive at the station, you will need to go to the group of buildings numbered 14 on the enclosed map. MICEFA has also provided your access information as well as airport transfer information. If you did not get these documents, please contact us immediately.

### **I will arrive in Paris before my program begins or leave after it ends, can I stay at the Cité Université (Cité U)?**

Early arrivals will not be accepted at the Cité U in 2021. However, if you wish to extend your stay after your program, this may be possible. Please contact me as soon as you know your check out date. We can also give you information on where to book before your arrival.

### **Orientation meeting**

Upon your arrival, you will meet with MICEFA staff who will provide you with your welcome materials and answer any questions you may have about the program. An orientation meeting will be scheduled the day after your arrival to give you more information.

### **I can not Check-in until 3pm but I arrive in Paris very early. Is there any way to check in earlier ?**

No exceptions will be made. It will be a very long day and it is recommended to get lots of rest in the airplane. You may check-in with the MICEFA staff, leave your bags, then start to explore Paris. Or you can just hang out at the Cité U.

### **What kind of stuff should I bring to the Cité U?**

Sheets and blankets will be provided with your rooms. Your room will be cleaned every week, but please keep it tidy for the cleaning staff. You will need to bring your own towels and a pair of flip-flops to go to the shower facilities. There are laundry facilities located in the main building of the Residence Honnorat.

### **Where can I get a cell phone ?**

If you do not have an international plan on your American cell phone, you can buy a pre-paid cell phone at one of the many cell phone provider stores (Bouygues, SFR, Orange, etc.). You buy a pay-as-you-go phone (around 25€), and then purchase pre-paid cards (*carte mobile*) to charge your phone credit as needed. This has been the more popular option among summer students. Card values are in the amounts of 5, 10, 25, 35 euros and more.

### **Can I have mail sent to me during my stay at Cité U?**

Of course, mail boxes are located in the main building of the Residence Honnorat (lower level near the laundry facilities). Any mail should be sent to the following address:

YOUR NAME  
Cité Université  
37 boulevard Jourdan  
75014 Paris

However, your stay at the residence is quite short and international postage is long. You may reconsider having mail sent to you at the MICEFA instead:

### **Can we eat at the Cité U?**

The rooms are equipped with a mini fridge. There is also a cafeteria and a restaurant on campus where you can have lunch or dinner for less than 5 € per meal. There are also common kitchens located in the dorms. Cooking utensils, pots and pan, etc. are not provided with your room.

#### Opening hours :

- Cafétaria *Monday to Friday 8 am – 8:30 pm*  
*Weekend 8:30 am – 8 pm, closed on national holidays*
- Restaurant *Closed for renovation*

### **What happens on the last day of the program ?**

You will have to check out of the Cité U before 9am.

### **Where can I buy groceries and how late are grocery stores open?**

Some popular grocery store chains include: 8 à Huit, Franprix, Monoprix and Carrefour. Most stores are open Monday to Saturday 9am to 8pm. The majority of supermarkets are closed on Sundays however there are some open in the city center from 9am to noon.

### **How late does Paris transportation run?**

Paris is the capital of public transportation, so take advantage! The Métro runs Monday-Thursday and Sunday from 5:30am to 1:15am, and Friday-Saturday from 5:30am to 2:15am. Arrive at the station approx. 30 minutes before closing, as last trains depart at different times depending on the station. You can always check the Métro, RER, Tram and Bus schedules online at the RATP website: [www.ratp.fr](http://www.ratp.fr). There is also a great little book called Paris Pratique, which includes all of the transportation and streets of Paris by district. You can purchase this little treasure at most newspaper stands or bookstores. Parisians swear by it!

### **What do I do if I have a medical emergency?**

Call a MICEFA staff member, your professor or the main office at the Residence Honorat right away. You will be provided the MICEFA emergency contact information in your Welcome Packet. If it is not an emergency, but you still need medical attention, you can find medical information in your Welcome Packet as well.

### **Pharmacies**

Pharmacies in France are pretty similar to the US, except in France you can go to the pharmacy for medication and sometimes medical attention. Pharmacists have more medical training in France, so often you may go into any pharmacy and ask for medical attention. Common cold medicine may not be purchased at local grocery stores in France, unlike in the States. Most pharmacies are open until 8pm, if you need a 24h pharmacy you may look up a "pharmacie de garde" in your district online.

### **Air Conditioning in France**

Air conditioning or "la clime" in French, is far and between, so do not expect most places to be equipped with AC. You'll find movie theatres, grocery stores museums and large department stores air conditioned, whereas the Métro, RER and elsewhere lacking this luxury. So make sure to bring a bottle of water with you, wear some sun

block and comfortable clothes and walking shoes when you're out and about discovering Paris.

**If you have any other questions please feel free to contact MICEFA and we will be happy to help you with any of your questions or concerns. Looking forward to meeting you in Paris!**

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