

# Transportation

## Planning your departure

### GETTING TO FRANCE

#### • Arriving by train

Main train lines arrive in Paris at Gare d'Austerlitz, Gare de Bercy, Gare de l'Est, Gare de Lyon, Gare Montparnasse, Gare du Nord and Gare Saint-Lazare.

To buy tickets, go to [the SNCF](#), website the national French national railway company.

#### • Arriving by plane

There are two international airports in Paris:

#### Paris-Charles-de-Gaulle Airport (CDG)

This airport is located in the north-east of the city. It has three terminals (T1, T2, T3). To get from one terminal to another, you can take the free CDGVAL automatic metro. To get to Paris, you can:

- take RER B. One of the cheapest ways to travel between the airport and Paris and its suburbs. Travelling from Paris Gare du Nord to Roissy - GDG is approximately 35-40 minutes.

A single ticket is about €10. The Navigo pass can be used on this route.

- take the bus: Roissybus operates between Paris (Opéra) and Charles-de-Gaulle airport. All terminals are served. The ticket is €11.50 and the Navigo pass is accepted. For further information and to buy tickets, go to the [Paris aéroports](#) website.

#### Orly International Airport

This airport is located south of Paris and has four terminals, Orly 1, 2, 3 and 4. To get to Paris, you can:

- Take the Orlyval shuttle as far as Antony train station, then RER B
- Take the bus: Orlybus is an express bus route which links Orly to Denfert-Rochereau (in Paris). There are buses approximately every 10 to 20 minutes for a journey time of approximately 35 minutes.

A ticket costs €8 and the Navigo pass is accepted. For further information and to buy tickets, go to the [Paris aéroports](#) website.

## Upon arrival

### TRAVELLING AROUND THE PARIS REGION

#### • Metro, RER and buses

The Paris Region is divided into 5 zones. Zone 1 corresponds to Paris, and zones 2, 3, 4, and 5 to the outskirts. [See the map](#)

To help plan your journeys, consult the [Vianavigo](#) website or the [City Mapper](#) app

For further information about purchasing tickets, [go to the RATP website](#)

There are two types of subscriptions:

#### • Imagine'R pass

For students under 26 years of age for all zones 1 to 5. Examples of 2021 prices: €350 + €8 administration fee (12 month subscription).

#### • Navigo pass

Available by the week or month. Examples of 2021 prices: Zones 1 to 5: €22.80 per week or €75.20 per month

You can take out a subscription online for the Navigo and Imagine'R cards on the [Navigo website](#).

#### • By bike

##### • Vélib

Self-service bikes have become an essential means of transport in Paris. To find out more, [look at the velib' website](#)

##### • Zoov

The start-up Zoov has introduced 500 electric bikes and around forty stations south of Paris. [Download the app](#) to find an available bike and the cost of your journey

### TRAVELLING IN FRANCE

#### • By train

The French railway network is extensive. TGV (Train Grande Vitesse) trains allow you to cover long distances in a short time. Intercity trains are national lines which are not high speed, so the cost of a journey is cheaper. Finally, TER (Transport Express Régional) trains are regional trains and buses.

Many discount cards exist, as well as low-cost TGV tickets called 'Ouigo'

[Find out more on the SNCF website](#)

#### • Bus

Travelling by bus is a good option for low-cost international and national journeys. For example: [Flixbus](#), [Ouibus](#)

#### • Car sharing

Car sharing is a practical and economical way to get around France.

You can go to the specialist [Blablacar](#) and [Freecovoiturage websites](#)

### DRIVING LICENCE

#### • Driving licences issued by a member state of the European Economic Area (EEE - Etat de l'Espace Economique Européen)

You can drive in France with your European licence as long as it is valid.

#### • Driving licences issued by a country outside the European Economic Area (EEE - Etat de l'Espace Economique Européen)

You can drive with your licence for a short stay (less than 185 days) or for 1 year from the time you acquired your place of residence.

#### To continue driving in France after this period:

- if your country has an agreement with France, you must exchange your licence for a French driving licence

- If your licence is not exchangeable, you must take the French driving test

Further information is available on the [French authorities official website](#)

## At the end of your stay

### CANCELLING OR SUSPENDING YOUR ANNUAL NAVIGO SUBSCRIPTION

You can cancel your Navigo subscription whenever you want:

- online from your personal Navigo account
- upon presentation of your Navigo Annual pass in a sales office
- by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt addressed to the Agence Navigo Annuel.

If you are away for a specific period, you can also [suspend your Navigo subscription](#).

## Terminology

**TER:** train express régional (regional express train)

**TGV:** train grande vitesse (high-speed train)

**RER:** The RER are suburban trains which connect the city of Paris with the surrounding suburbs. The 5 different lines are lines A, B, C, D and E.

