

HOUSING GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



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Introduction

This Housing Guide is intended for students who plan to spend an exchange semester or year at the EM Strasbourg Business School. It explains the various housing options that are available in Strasbourg to international students. These are divided into the following:

- 1. <u>University of Strasbourg residencies</u> (page 4) offer rooms at affordable rates ranging from basic single rooms with shared facilities to en-suite, fully equipped studios. The university residencies are managed by the <u>CROUS</u>, the student services body, and are rented out to University of Strasbourg students. Exchange students at the EM Strasbourg Business School will be registered as University of Strasbourg students and are therefore eligible. There are two ways to apply:
 - a) Apply via the EM Strasbourg Business School's on-line application procedure in June.
 - The EM Strasbourg Business school has been allocated a limited number of rooms in university residencies and these will be distributed based on the above mentioned application procedure on a first-come, first-served basis. Please see our e-mails for more details.
 - b) Apply directly to <u>CROUS</u>. Students need to submit an individual application to CROUS, independently of the EM Strasbourg Business School. The application will need to include a number of supporting documents, including the Letter of Acceptance from the EM Strasbourg Business School and a proof of French housing insurance for the time of your stay. Please consult the <u>CROUS</u> website (in French only) for further information on the application procedure.
- 2. **Private student residencies** (page 7) these are privately owned and managed student residencies. They may offer a higher level of comfort than university residencies; however, they are also more expensive. Students interested in staying in one of these residencies should contact them directly, independently of the EM Strasbourg Business School.
- 3. <u>Les Foyers</u> (page 9) these are privately owned and managed student/youth hostels offering a slightly lower level of comfort than the private student residencies, but also cheaper. Students interested in staying in one of these residencies should contact them directly, independently of the EM Strasbourg Business School.
- 4. **Private accommodation** (page 13) students may rent a room, studio or an apartment privately by responding to adverts on local housing websites or on the <u>Housing Anywhere</u> website. We will also collect and forward to students information on available rooms/apartments/co-shares as such information reaches us. Please note, however, that applications for private housing are made by the students independently of the EM Strasbourg Business School. Please also note that some landlords might ask for a French guarantor (see more info on page 15) and that often privately rented accommodation is not furnished. Furthermore, tenants might be asked to pay a housing tax (taxe d'habitation) to the municipality. The amount of the tax is based on the net rental pay. The fee is imposed once a year (January 1st), so not everybody might be concerned.

I. <u>University Residences</u>

University Residences are managed by the CROUS and are intended for students only. EM Strasbourg Business School has a limited number of rooms allocated in CROUS residencies and exchange students will be able to apply for a room via an on-line application between 9 and 12 June 2014 (for students arriving in September 2014; we will send you additional information about the application procedure closer to the time).

Résidence de la Somme:



The rooms are 10 m² and are equipped with a refrigerator, sink, bed, desk, chair and dresser.

The rent is 186, 92€ per month. Please note that the rent will slightly increase in January 2016.

Access with Bus 2, 15 or Tram C, E and F (Stop Observatoire)



Address: 13, rue de de la Somme 67000 Strasbourg Tel: 0033 3 88 61 12 45 Fax: 0033 3 88 35 71 52

Email: accueil.somme@crous-strasbourg.fr

Website: http://www.crous-strasbourg.fr/fr/node/163#.UW-81az69CM

Résidence Paul Appell:

Rooms with or without en-suite shower and toilet are offered here. They are 9-10 m² large and are equipped with a

refrigerator, sink, bed, desk, chair and dresser. Kitchen is shared. The rent is 170,95€ per month for a room with shared shower and toilet and 258,19 € per month for a room with en-suite shower and toilet. Please note that the rent will slightly increase in January 2016.

Reception in Building A

Access with Bus 15, Tram C or E (Stop Esplanade)



Address: 8, rue de Palerme 67084 Strasbourg Cedex Tel: 0033 3 88 15 54 00 Fax: 0033 3 88 25 61 74

Email: cu.paulappell@crous-strasbourg.fr

Website: http://www.crous-strasbourg.fr/fr/node/161#.UW-_0qz69CM

Résidence Alfred Weiss:

This residence offers single rooms of 10m² or studios of 18m² equipped with refrigerator, sink, bed, desk, chair and dresser and individual bathroom and shower. The kitchen area has to be shared.

The rent is 258,19€ for a room and 405,94€ for a studio.

Please note that the rent will slightly increase in January 2016.

Reception in Building A

Access with Bus 7 or 21 or Tram D (Stop Aristide Briand)

Address: 7 Quai du Bruckhof 67089 Strasbourg cedex Tel: 0033 3 88 34 99 00 Fax: 0033 3 88 31 52 23

Email: cu.alfredweiss@crous-strasbourg.fr

Website: http://www.crous-strasbourg.fr/fr/node/158#.UW_BZKz69CM



Close to the Illkirch campus. About 2km from EM Strasbourg but only around 10 minutes by tram. The 18m² rooms are equipped with a refrigerator, sink, bed, desk, chair and dresser and individual bathroom and shower. The rent is around 408,35€ per month.

Please note that the rent will slightly increase in January 2016.

Access with Bus 7 or 21 or Tram D (Stop Aristide Briand)

Address: 2, rue du Vieil Armand 67089 Strasbourg Cedex Tel: 0033 3 88 34 99 04

Fax: 03 88 34 99 08

Email: cu.cattleyas@crous-strasbourg.fr

Website: http://www.crous-strasbourg.fr/fr/node/111#.UW_EwKz69CM



Résidence les Agapanthes:

Close to the European Institutions. About 3km from EM Strasbourg but around 15 minutes by tram. The 19m² rooms are equipped with a refrigerator, hotplates and mini kitchen, sink, bed, desk, chair and dresser and individual bathroom. Rent per month is 444,45€. Please note that the rent will slightly increase in January 2016.



Access with Tram E (Robertsau Boecklin tram stop), or Bus 30

Address: 58, rue Schott 67000 Strasbourg Tel: 0033 3 88 45 88 20 Fax: 0033 3 88 31 52 23

Email: cu.robertsau@crous-strasbourg.fr

Website: http://www.crous-strasbourg.fr/fr/node/106#.UW_XCaz69CM

Résidence Robertsau:

Close to the European Institutions. About 3km from EM Strasbourg but around 15 minutes by tram. The 10m² rooms are equipped with a refrigerator, sink, bed, desk, chair, and dresser. Rent per month is 186,92 €. Please note that the rent will slightly increase in January 2016.

Address: 14 route de la Wantzenau

67085 Strasbourg Tel: 0033 3 88 45 88 00 Fax: 0033 3 88 31 52 23

Email: cu.robertsau@crous-strasbourg.fr

Website: http://www.crous-strasbourg.fr/fr/Residences/la-robertsau



II. Private Student Residences

Private student residences are student lodging provided by the private sector and not managed by the CROUS or under the university student residences. Lodging may vary from a studio or a room, and are usually furnished. Prices may vary according to the size of the lodging offered.

La Marne:

La Marne is a private student's residence located across the street from our school. The apartments are equipped with the basic furniture. You will yet need to bring or buy your own linens and towels and possibly cooking and eating utensils.

The prices range from 450,76 \in - 570 \in /month for a studio to 648,40 \in /month for an apartment for two. You can therefore share the price between two people.



Address: 7 rue de la Somme 67000 Strasbourg

Tel: 0033 3 88 61 60 68 E-mail: <u>d.jantet@lsh67.fr</u>

Website: http://www.archi-wiki.org/adresse-residence_la_marne_orangerie_strasbourg-

6045.html?archiIdEvenementGroupeAdresse=14719

Studea Winston 2:

These apartments are close to the university and are around 19-21 m². The rent is around 520€/month (possibility to get the French housing subsidy of at least 170€/month for that type of apartment).

Heating and internet included

-15€/month for electricity (lightening only).



Address: 25-27, Rue de Londres

67000 Strasbourg Tel: 0033 3 88 61 96 10

E-mail: CKOTLENGA@nexity.fr

Website: http://www.nexity-studea.com/residences-etudiantes/strasbourg/67.html

Cité Relais:

This is a residence particularly for students or young professionals. Offering furnished studios of about 17m² and larger with prices ranging from 370€ up to 532€ (depending on the size of the studio). Cité Relais is eligible to housing subsidy.

Address: 6 rue de l'Arc-en-ciel

67000 Strasbourg Tel: 0033 3 88 15 02 60

E-mail: <u>jeunes.travailleurs@la-cite-relais.fr</u>

Website: http://www.la-cite-relais.fr/index.php?section=25-residence-etudiants



Les Estudines:

Les Estudines have two residences located in the city center. They cater particularly to students and offer the possibility to rent a studio for 6 months. Prices, ranging from 442-743€/month, depending on the size of the studio desired and a subscription fee is collected as well as a deposit worth one month's rent maximum. By following the link, you can reserve a studio online.

Address: 16 rue de Hannong 67000 Strasbourg Tel: 0033 3 88 32 64 76

Website: Estudines Kléber



Address: 29 rue de Déserte 67000 Strasbourg Tel: 0033 3 88 22 03 79

Website: Estudines Européennes



III. <u>Les Foyers</u>

The "Foyers" are dormitory type residences. These residences are sometimes much cheaper than that of private residences studios, but are limited.

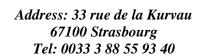
Résidence Nideck:

Residence Nideck is a student residence for men only. It offers 12 fully furnished individual rooms with a common study room and library. Rooms cost 420€/month charges included, but with an option of breakfast, snack and dinner,

seven days a week for an additional

150€. Housing aid of up to 200€ per month is possible.





E-mail: residencenideck@gmail.com Website: <u>http://residence-nideck.org/</u>



Communauté Assomptionniste:



Residence for boys very near the Parc de l'Orangerie, one of the biggest parks in Strasbourg, offers lodging for 5-7 students or young professionals for one or two year's stay. Room costs 450€/month including a share for the meal and there is a common dining room, linen room, and computer room.

Address: 26 Boulevard de l'Orangerie 67000 Strasbourg Tel: 0033 3 88 60 71 91 E-mail: aastbg@gmail.com

Website: http://www.assomption.org/fr/oeuvres/foyers-d-etudiants/nos-communautes-d-accueil/communaute-d-accueil-de-l-orangerie-strasbourg-67

Foyer de l'Etudiant Catholique:

FEC offers lodging for students and young adults throughout the year, with the possibility of short term stays. It offers 155 rooms, single and double, each furnished with a sink, shower, and fridge. Television is available in common rooms, and there is also a library and a place where people can work quietly.

Prices: 397€ for a single room 250€ for a double room

Address: 17 Place Sainte Etienne 67081 Strasbourg Tel: 0033 3 88 35 36 20

E-mail: contact@fec-strasbourg.org Website: http://www.fec-strasbourg.org/





Foyer de Jean Sturm:



Jean Sturm offers the possibility to accommodate foreign students who do not have a guarantor in France with the condition of 1month guarantee deposit (to be returned at the end of the stay). For the application students will be asked to pay the basic rent plus maintenance fee of 165€ (+ 36€ administrative fee), 50€ orientation weekend programme. Prices of the rooms depend on size and commodities and range from range from 495€ to 543€ per month. Internet and cleaning is included. The foyer is eligible at housing subsidy.

Application deadline: May 2016

Address: 2 rue de Salzmann 67000 Strasbourg Tel: 0033 3 88 15 76 00 E-mail: foyer.sturm@wanadoo.fr

Website: Foyer de Jean Sturm

Charles de Foucauld Residence:

The residence is located in down-town Strasbourg, a 10-minute tram journey from campus. It is housed in a typical Alsacian timber and stone building dating from the early 20th century. The residence offers furnished studios and apartments with kitchenette and en-suite shower and toilet facilities. Rent rates for studios range between $430\varepsilon - 660\varepsilon$ /per month, depending on the surface and length of stay; all charges, Internet connection and housing insurance are included in the rent.







Address:

Résidence Charles de Foucauld 1 rue de la Comédie 67000 STRASBOURG

Website: http://www.resid-strasbourg.fr/locaux.aspx

Contact:

Mme Patricia IACAZZI Residence Manager Tel: 0033 3 88 22 81 29

E-mail: p.iacazzi@habitationmoderne.org

IV. Housing Websites

You can find some adds on the following websites (please make sure that the ads are for furnished apartments if you need it (meublé):



<u>Leboncoin.fr</u> – website where you can find announcements for rooms/studios/apartments for rent by private owners or real estate companies. You can also find announcements for flat shares.

<u>Vivastreet.fr</u> - website where you can find announcements for rooms/studios/apartments for rent both by private owners or real estate companies.





<u>Appartager.fr</u> – useful websites for those who wants to try flat sharing in France. You may find here rooms which are available for short period of time.

<u>Adele.org</u> – website with a list of private student residence.





<u>DNA</u> – classified ads for available accommodation in Alsace.

<u>PAP</u> – website where house and apartment owners place ads.



V. Housing Anywhere

Housing Anywhere is a student-to-student platform that allows students going abroad to sublet their rooms. Incoming exchange students can then search for rooms that were sublet and find a room for a short period.



Houing Anywhere is for students only, there are no landlords or real estage agencies involved. This means more rooms of good quality for a better price.

Housing Anywhere is not only a way for you to find short term housing abroad (a process that is not always easy), it is also a way to make some money by renting out your room while you are gone. Instead of leaving your room empty while you are out of the country, why not let someone else take advantage of your departure?

If you would like to get involved, either to look for an apartment in your city or to post an announcment in your city before you leave, visit their website here.

VI. <u>Information about Housing Subsidies</u>

If you are a student **staying in France for at least three months** you can benefit from housing subsidies on most of the housing in Strasbourg through a program called CAF or *Caisse d'allocations Familiales*. To be eligible, you need to be a European citizen or a non-European citizen whose visa requires you to go through the OFII immigration procedure (your local French Embassy will inform you whether you need to go through the OFII procedure). The CAF housing subsidy will cover part of your rent. The amount of money you receive varies by case and depends on your situation as well as the rent you pay. It usually takes several months to start getting the payments so be sure to begin the process early on.

To get more information on the housing subsidy, please visit the website of the CAF <u>here</u> (in French).

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VII. Information about French Guarantors

Please keep in mind during your housing search that many landlords will require a French guarantor. This means that they require a French person to guarantee that they will pay your rent in the case you fail to do it. If you are in this situation, an alternative possibility is offered by a French bank (Banque Populaire) and it is possible to benefit from their services (within a couple of weeks after your arrival in Strasbourg) if you are in one of the situations described below:

- You are a non-European student under the age of 28 and have to pay for the French student social security (215€) upon your arrival at the university:
 - o In this case, we recommend that you choose the social security center LMDE which has a partnership with this bank to provide students with a French guarantor. If you open a bank account with the Banque Populaire and you have paid for the LMDE services when arriving in Strasbourg, the bank can automatically be your guarantor.
- You are not in the previous situation:
 - O Banque Populaire may accept to be your guarantor if you open an account with them and provide them with the following documents:
 - Copy of your passport <u>and</u> your parents passports
 - 3 last pay slips of your parents (one of them can be enough)
 - Last year's tax return paper from your parents and an electricity bill
 - A letter from your parents (in French or English) which guarantees that they engage to pay for your rent+30% in case you don't pay your rent.

Opening a bank account with the Banque Populaire and benefiting from this service will cost you 75€ (opening) and 13€/month for bank service fees.

Another option is to apply to the CLÉ

Information on tenants' rights in the Bas-Rhin department:

ADIL, Agence Départamentale d'Information sur le Logement du Bas-Rhin: http://www.adil67.org/

VIII. Understanding Vocabulary in Rental Ads

F1, F2, F3, or T1, T2, T3: This is the number of rooms in the apartment (bedrooms and lounge(s))

Loyer: Rent

Loyer+Ch.: The "ch" means "charges" which stands for maintenance bills

Loyer CC: The "CC" means "Charges Comprises" = charges included. You don't need to

pay extra except for electricity maybe.

RDC (Rez-de-Chaussée): This means it is on the ground floor (first floor in the US)

Mansardé: This means that the apartment is on the last floor, under the roof and therefore

some of the rooms might lose some space because of the shape of the roof.

Chbre ou Chbr: Means bedroom

Chauff. Coll: The heating is for the whole building and most probably counted in the

charges as opposed to individual heating.

Coloc.: Can be shared with someone (if it doesn't appear in the ad, it doesn't mean

that you can't share)

SDB (salle de bain): Bathroom

Clic-Clac: Fold-out couch

Chambre de bonne: Small room at the top of a building (in the attic)

Studette: Small studio (apartment for one person)

Studio: One person's apartment which has the bedroom and the kitchen in the same

room

ler ét., 2ème ét....: 1st floor, 2nd floor... (in France, the ground level is called Rez-de-Chaussée

and the first elevated level is the 1st Floor)

Meublé Means that the apartment is furnished

Non-meublé The apartment is not furnished, which is normally the case with most privately

rented apartments.