



STRASBOURG

AN ATTRACTIVE PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

In brief

Strasbourg is situated in the Alsace area in the far east of France, on the German border. Its university was founded in the 16th century, and has a long history of excellence in higher education, rooted in Renaissance humanism. The city itself has a contained historic centre that can be easily explored on foot, with many sights and charming restaurants. It is also ideally located to explore the local countryside, the wine route, Vosges mountains, and trips further afield in Germany or Switzerland.

"The University of Strasbourg provides a very rich and diverse environment for scientific discussions and collaborations. The campus has top facilities and service platforms that contribute to the high quality science developed at the university. All of that within a city that provides the right atmosphere for human interactions." João Trindade Marques, 2019
Fellow, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil

The city and sights

Strasbourg has a lively and vibrant cultural scene, with many museums, theatres, concert venues and a variety of cultural events throughout the year. Of note is the Christmas market, one of the oldest and most famous in Europe, which draws millions of visitors each year. Its historical city centre and Neustadt are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites and there are many monuments and sights to visit, including the famous cathedral. The city is home to some 80 European and international institutions, including the European Parliament, European Court of Human Rights and the Council of Europe. Strasbourg is renowned for its array of restaurants and local cuisine, hidden squares and terraces to have a drink.

A great location in Europe – 1h45 min from Paris by train

Friendly city and beautiful region

One of the oldest universities in France

Over 70 research units in all disciplines

International university house with central services and information for international researchers

For a brief introduction, check out this video on Strasbourg

Lots more information is available from the Tourist office (in English, French, German, Italian and Spanish)

4 currently active Nobel
prize winners

Over 5,000 researchers
& 50,000 students

150 nationalities

University of Excellence label

[Aerial view of the campus](#)

Schools – c. 70 primary and
30 secondary schools,
international schooling options

N°1 most attractive city in
France (Le Point, 2019)

Population: c. 280 000

Top-ranked bicycle-friendly
city in France and 5th
worldwide (Copenhagenize
index, 2019)

Public transport c.1.60 €
(single) & 45 € (monthly pass)

Average cost of rent:
10 €/m²

1-bedroom c. 600 € /
3-bedroom c. 1200 €

1 €



Baguette

2 €



Espresso

3 €



Beer 0.25 l

9 €



Daily special

Climate

1,700 hours of
sunshine

Temperature range
2°C in January to
20°C in July

"It was a great privilege to be at the University of Strasbourg and, especially, to take part in the vibrant and inspiring community of USIAS fellows, who have achieved extraordinary excellence in a broad variety of disciplines. To add to that, Strasbourg is the most gorgeous and friendly city my family has ever lived in." Tijana Vujosevic, 2018 Fellow & University of British Columbia, Canada

The university

The University of Strasbourg has over 70 research units that encompass all disciplinary fields. A centre of excellence in biology, biotechnology, medicine, chemistry and material physics, the University also actively participates in the development of social sciences and humanities. The buildings are located over several campuses located across the city, and there are over 20 libraries.

Throughout the academic year, the International University House MUI offers cultural visits, shows, thematic afterworks and excursions in France, Germany and Switzerland.

Transport

As a green city, Strasbourg has the largest network of cycling paths in France (500 km!) and an efficient public transport system with extensive tram coverage. Strasbourg has its own airport, with a frequent shuttle link into the city (9-minute trip), and there are a number of other airports nearby (Frankfurt, Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg Euroairport, Karlsruhe-Baden). It takes less than two hours by train to travel to Paris, Frankfurt (Germany) and Basel (Switzerland) and there are many high-speed connections in France and Europe.

Where to live

There is a large choice of flats, as renting is part of the French culture. For shorter-term stays, there is university accommodation at the Résidence Arconati or a good selection of lets using e.g. AirBnB. The price includes conveniences such as electricity, heating and internet, which you will need to cover separately in a regular rental. For longer stays, furnished rentals are available. It will be more expensive close to the city centre, but Strasbourg is a contained town so the centre is still within easy reach even if you live a bit further out.

