



The cost of living in France

France is one of the least expensive countries in Europe, and students enjoy many benefits.

From university dining halls and residences to transportation and leisure activities (cinemas, sporting events, bookstores, student associations, etc.), various discounts and offers allow students with a relatively modest budget to cover not only living expenses but a cultural life as well.

Given the number of discounts available to students, the average monthly student budget is around €1,100 in Paris and €800 elsewhere.

How much is...?

- A meal at a university dining hall: €2.60
- at a fast-food restaurant: €6
- at a local restaurant: from €10 to €20
- A cinema ticket: €7.60; student rate: €4.50
- entrance to a museum: €6
- A monthly public transport pass in Paris: €50 to €137 (depending upon zones)
- A sandwich: €3
- coffee: €1.50
- a baguette: €0.80 • a butter croissant: €1
- A wheel of camembert: €1.90
- six eggs: €1.20
- a litre of milk: €0.90
- A kilo of potatoes: €1.20
- a kilo of rice: €1.90
- A newspaper: €1.20
- a postage stamp: €0.50
- Identity photos from a booth: four photos for €4
- A telephone card for public telephone booths: 50 or 120 units for €7.50 to €15
- A round-trip train ticket between Paris and Nice: €135
- a litre of unleaded petrol: €1.10
- One night in a three-star hotel: €60
- A microwave oven: €120-€215
- a television: €110-€200
- a CD player: €55-€190
- a music CD: €20

