

All You Need To Know About Moving To France.

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When embarking on a journey to live in France, there is a saying, 'Joie de vivre,' It means looking at your life as something to be taken with great pleasure and to enjoy it.

French food has always been the Michelin of global Cuisine. Oh yes, there is the wine. Tucked away in wine cellars are bottles priced for the affluent and polished. As the French say- "We don't drink water- we drink wine."

Paris, the capital of France is a global center for culture, fashion, and art. With a 19th-century cityscape with the River Seine and widening boulevards crossing each other, Paris is a romantic city to walk in. France has some of the best architecture in the world featuring monuments, museums, and Universities. The Luxor Obelisk (French: Obélisque de Louxor) dates back 3,000 years.

If you're looking to sip wine in a place with the most spectacular views, some of the finest restaurants are in Paris to enjoy. Check out Le Ciel de Paris restaurant. Perched on the 56th floor of the Mont Parnasse tower with views of the Eiffel Tower is where you can enjoy dinner, lunch, and breakfast. Worth every bite is the dish of Rack of Lamb with pistachio crust, green peas, creamy onions, bacon chips, and a savory sauce for \$50.00.

While visiting the Modern Art Museum Georges Pompidou, restaurant Le Georges glimmers a full span view over the rooftops of Paris. Why not sit and have some Champagne and hors-d'oeuvres as the sun sets capturing a view that is spectacular in the night as it is in the day.

An everyday occurrence in France is sitting outside in a casual cafe. They're everywhere to enjoy. Close to Monsieur Bleu, is Le Café du Musée d'Art Moderne where you can sit outside the museum sipping coffee with a view of the Eiffel Tower.

How Do I Apply For A Visa To Move To France?

If you are seeking to become a permanent resident in France from the United States you will need to apply for a Schengen visa three months of entering the country. The Schengen visa is an agreement between 25 European countries. All visitors entering France from the countries listed in the Schengen visa do not need a passport to travel from country to Country.

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Under French law, you can be a French national without being a citizen. Becoming a national is a prerequisite to full citizenship. Children under the age of 18 are considered Nationals. Only citizens are recognized to vote. French nationals with children must multiply for a long-stay Visa if they have children that are between the ages of 18 and 21. If the child is 16 years old, they are allowed to apply to work. Residents from other countries who are granted naturalization and nationality simultaneously will acquire citizenship.

Schengen visa applications can be submitted electronically or via a printed hard copy. You will need to submit two photos in passport format that include your entire face up against a subtle light-colored back.

Any photo that is blurred with a poor contrast will not be accepted. Photos must clearly show what you look like. Tilting your head is prohibited in the photo. Having a neutral look when looking into the camera is required. Your hair is not allowed to cover your eyes and you may not wear dark glass in the photo. Wearing any type of hat or headwear is prohibited.

A cover letter is presented stating the purpose of your visit, along with the entire itinerary, birth certificates and birth certificates of any children entering the country. Proof of an accommodation and proof of financial means as stated in the European Commission is a requirement.

When planning to move to France for up to six months, you would visit your nearest French Consul to apply for a visa and speak with the Vice Consul. Application for visas can take approximately two months. Costs to apply for a visa are \$150.00. Those looking to live in France for six months or longer have to schedule an appointment to apply for the "carte de séjour." If you are working in France a "visa travail" is required. Retired persons would apply for a visa retiree. Medical examinations will be required. Once you have reported your medical examination you will receive your cartes, which is valid for one year.

Permanent residence permits are valid for 10 years and are renewable. Certain conditions are required for permanent residency. If you have been living in France for five years and provide good reasons that you will be living in France for many years to come such as purchasing property, siblings going to school, and being financially-sufficient, you will be granted permanent residency. Spouses of French Nationals can also obtain this permit.

How Much Does it Cost to Live in France?

Living in France is more expensive than the neighboring countries in Europe. Living in the south of France and along the countryside is less expensive than living in the city of Paris. The French have a high standard of living. According to the Organization for Economic Cooperation Development. The work-life is above-average. The city of Paris is more expensive than large cities in such as Los Angeles and Miami.

One of France's most International cities Marseille, a port city for International Business with resort-style by the coast is more expensive than Madrid, but about 20% less expensive than Los Angeles in the United States.

The third largest city in France is Lyon. Corporations in the pharmaceutical and software industry have their offices there, making it an attractive location for those seeking work in those industries. Lyon is expensive compared to Rio De Janeiro, Madrid, Munich and Rome, and is equal to the cost of living in Los Angeles, California.

The only way to reduce your housing cost in France is to move further away from the Metropolitan cities. French residents are known to spend about 50% of their monthly salary towards rent in the city. One nice advantage is that French property taxes are lower than in other countries, especially compared to the United Kingdom.

Many residents in the UK find great deals when purchasing a home in France. France has some of the highest electricity rates in Europe. Geographically, France is easy to get around. Many expats that live in France find they are very happy with taking public transportation. In some cases, owning a car is unnecessary. Living further from the city and the countryside, a car is needed to get around.

What Are The Costs For Education in France?

If you're placing your children in school or attending the university you're in luck. France is known for a good public education. The French education system is rigid, but in the long run, the education that your children will receive is well worth it. International students attending a university in France are not required to pay higher fees.

What Are Healthcare Costs In France?

Having healthcare in France is mandatory for citizens. All healthcare is subsidized by the government. You are eligible to receive subsidized health care if you have resided in France for longer than 3 months. In order to qualify for healthcare, you must register with a health insurance company. The government will pay 70% of your health care. Certain Healthcare conditions may require private insurance.

If you have children, there are positive benefits to the healthcare system in France. For two children you will receive a subsidized benefit of \$140. For three children your subsidy is approximately \$300 per month.

Employment in France

France has eleven national holidays per year. It gives employees almost three days of holiday time for every month they work for their companies. One of their most popular holidays is on July 14th the French national holiday of Bastille Day.

France has a diverse economy. From pharmaceutical companies to some of the world's top fashion houses, many can find [jobs](#) in almost any industry. When applying for a position in France you should speak the language.

Permission is required to work in France before any visa or residence permit is issued. Your employer we'll go through this process for you and file the documents to receive permission.

If you are working in France from the EU or Switzerland it does not require a permit. If you are working in France from the United States it will require a permit to work in the country. You can obtain a temporary work permit if you're working in France less than 90 days. Your employer will submit the documents to be approved by the French Ministry of Labour. You will need to get permission to work in France before any Visa or residence permit is issued.

Employment for over 90 days in France will require you to apply for a long- work visa. This work permit will also act as your residence permit.

How To Qualify for The "Talent Passport Permit"

France has streamlined the process to get work visas depending on the skill you have. To attract qualified workers from overseas France is issuing the new "Talent Passport Permit " Skilled researchers,

financial investors, company representatives, entertainers, or any persons nationally recognized in the literature, arts, education, and sports field will qualify for this Visa.

EU blue card

A highly skilled worker with a higher education degree and five years or more of professional experience in a particular field can be offered a three-year work permit. Salaries for these skilled workers earn at least one and a half times the average salary in France.

Temporary Workers Permit For Salaried Employees

If you have worked in France under an employee or temporary work permit it allows you to have your family join. Once your relatives arrive they can be eligible to apply for a 1-year visitor's permit, but could not seek employment during this time. Temporary workers permit for salaried employees

Expatriate employees that have been employed for a minimum of 3 months outside the country of France can be permitted to work at their employer's company's office based in France for an affiliate within the same Corporation. Permits are valid 3 years and renewable after that. Spouses may join you but cannot be employed for six months until a *vie privée et familiale* permit is issued.

For investors planning to come to France creating over 50 jobs would be eligible for 10 - year permit. Qualifications needed to obtain this permit would be assets of at least 11 million dollars.

How To Apply For A Student Visa In France

For students [studying](#) in France, you would get your visa at the French Embassy or Consulate in your home country. Depending on your country you may need to register with the French national agency for higher education and international students to obtain and apply for admission to receive a student visa through the CEF program.

What Are Taxes In France?

French residents are required to pay taxes on your income in France and worldwide. Expats a must file a French tax return you will pay property tax when selling a property. France has a wealth tax. Franchise agreements with certain countries to avoid dual tax, meaning paying tax in France as well as your home country.

If you are not a French resident, you will pay income tax at the rate of 20%. Non-residents pay tax capital gains on the sale of any property sold in France at a rate of 19% for European citizens and 33% for those residing outside the EU.

VAT Tax in France on certain goods and services is 20%. Tax rates are lower for public transportation, restaurants, entertainment, medications, and food.

How do I open a bank account when moving to France?

Non-residents are welcome to open a [bank](#) account in France. When you would arrive in France you can explore banks that meet your needs. Certain banks will have monthly or annual fees on premium bank accounts. The top banks in France are BNP Paribas, Société Générale, CIC, and Credit Agricole. These banks offer international services.

You may have the need to perform money [transfers](#). In that case, you'll need to use a service like Worldfirst that gives up to the minute live [exchange rates](#).

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