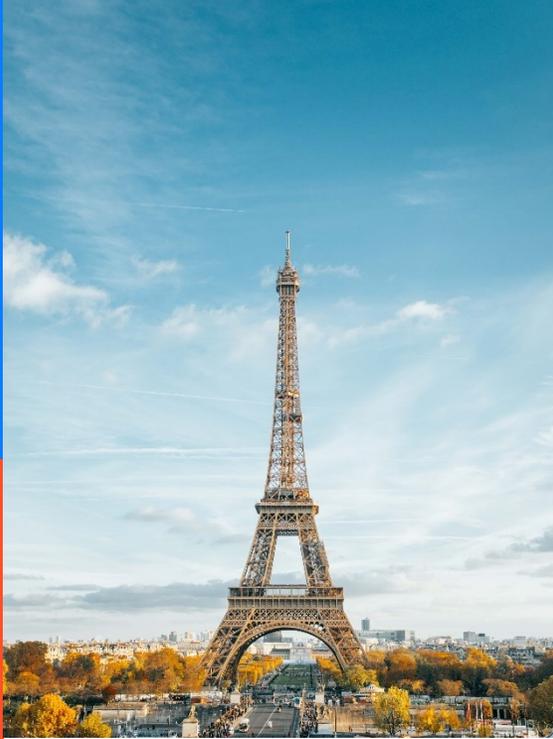




Paris





About the city

Welcome to France's capital city! There are plenty of reasons to fall in love with the romance capital of the world: from the depths of the Catacombs to the top of the Eiffel Tower, back down to the Bastille and along the current of the Seine River, Paris will take your breath away without even trying (it is the second most visited city in the world, after all!)

Part of what keeps the city fresh is its energy. You can visit Paris over and over again, and there will always be new ways to enjoy it. We're excited to help you both see the essentials but also to experience the City of Lights in ways you never have before.

Few tips



Location :

Paris is located in northern center of France. Crossed by the river called "La Seine", the city possesses two islands, the Ile Saint-Louis and the larger Ile de la Cité, which form the oldest part of the city. The river's mouth on the English Channel (La Manche) is about 375 km downstream from the city. The city is spread widely on both banks of the river : the Rive Gauche (called the "Cultural side", with Saint-Germain des Prés and the Sorbonne) and the Rive Droite (aka the "Fun side, with the Grands Boulevards, Pigalle). Known as birthplace of democracy, Paris was the central place of the French Revolution.



Food specialties :

"Le Parisien" sandwich, the most basic sandwich made with bread, butter and ham.
"Les Chouquettes" a typical Parisian pastry, made of choux pastry sprinkled with pearl sugar.



Weather :

The temperatures in France are in degree Celsius. In September, the average high temperature starts at 73 F (23 C°) at the beginning of the month but drops to 66 (19°C) by the end. In October they tend to be around 18°C (in the mid-60s F) falling to around 12-13C (into the mid-50s) by month's end. Welcome to autumn season !



Rugby clubs :

Racing 92 and Stade Français Paris (Top 14 championship)



What to see around the city

- Visit Versailles Castle and its gardens (35min drive)
- Take time to visit the Fondation Claude Monet, founder of French Impressionist painting (1h30 drive)
- Enjoy a day in the prestigious Champagne vineyards (1h30 drive),
- Drive toward Lille (1h by train)
- Discover Disneyland Paris and its magic (35min drive)

What to see in Paris

- Explore the many unmissable monuments of Paris (the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre Museum, Bastille place..)
- Live the experience of French cabarets such as the Moulin Rouge and French Cancan
- Wander at The Bouquinistes and their shelves along the Seine
- Walk up to Montmartre and enjoy typical restaurants, cafés and its famous painters
- Enjoy a cruise on the River discovering Paris' districts from a different angle
- Explore Saint-Germain-des-Prés district, its shops and famous cafés



Access



The city by flight

2 international airports

- Charles de Gaulle airport (CDG): 20km northeast from city center
- Paris Orly airport (ORY): 15km south from city center

Both airports can be reached by railway transport (RER B and Train), by bus (Orlybus, Roissybus and Public transportation), by car and by taxi

They are connected to the 8 host cities and to major European/Worldwide cities

Flight duration Paris CDG-Bordeaux : 1h15

Paris ORY-Nice : 1h25



The city by train

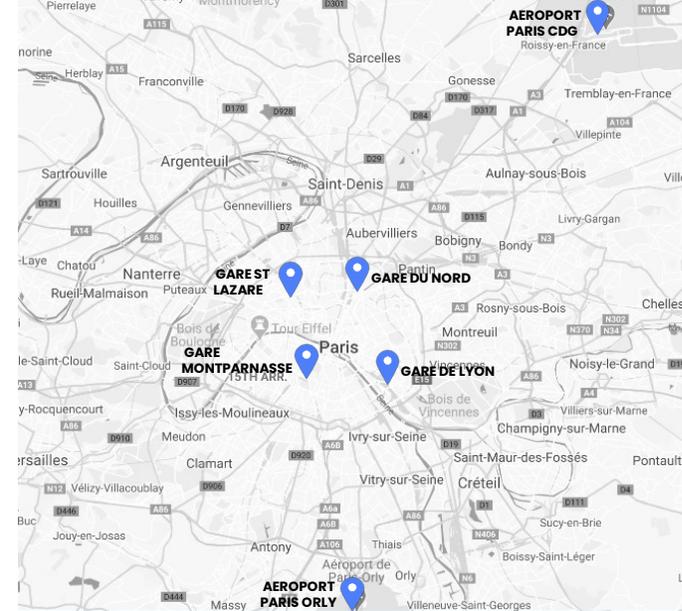
5 main train stations connected to most cities in France. Easy access by public transportation (Buses, subways, tramways), by taxi or car :

- Gare de Lyon (South-East): trains going to south/south-east of France, Switzerland and Italy
- Gare Montparnasse (South): trains going to western and south-western of France and Madrid
- Gare du Nord (North): Departure and arrival of Eurostar (Train from London), Thalys (Trains from Belgium, Netherlands, Germany), and Trains from north of France
- Gare Saint-Lazare (North): trains going to Normandy
- Gare de l'Est (North-East): trains going to eastern France and Germany

Train duration : Paris Gare de Lyon / Marseille Saint-Charles - 3h20

Paris Gare Montparnasse / Bordeaux Saint-Jean - 3h15

Paris Gare du Nord / Lille Europe - 1h05



Public transport

- **Subway** : 16 metro lines with distinctive colors for each one (more than 300 metro stations). Metro start running every day :
 - from 6am to 12.45am from Sunday to Thursday
 - from 6am to 1.45am on Fridays and Saturdays
- **RER (Suburban Express Railway)** : 5 lines serving Paris and Ile-de-France region. Each line has a distinctive color shown on maps. RER start running at 6am and stop at 12.45am every day, including public holidays
- **Bus** : 64 urban bus lines
 - Buses operate from Monday to Saturday from around 7am until 8.30pm
 - Some lines operate in the evening between 8.30pm and 12.30am
- **Tramway** : 4 tram lines (T1, T2, T3, T4)

Stade de France

80 000 seats

From Rugby World Cup 2007 to the unmissable crunch in Paris, this stadium gave us so many emotions. With 80.000 seats, it is the biggest stadium in France and it will have the privilege to be the theatre of 10 matches, including the opening, the semi finals, the Bronze Final and the Final.



Access

Stade de France is in St Denis (North of Paris) and is accessible by Public Transport. The BEX Team recommend you to come to the games by public transportation (information below).



Transport

1) RER B : Stop at La Plaine Stade de France (8min walk to Stadium)

- Only 4 min from Gare du Nord and 8 mins from Châtelet
- One train every 3 mins depending on events

2) RER D : Stop at Stade de France - St Denis (13min walk to Stadium)

- 5 mins from Gare du Nord and 9 mins from Châtelet
- One train every 6 mins depending on events

3) Metro Line 13 : Stop at St Denis - Porte de Paris (9min walk to Stadium)

- 16 mins from Gare Saint-Lazare , 20 mins from Invalides and 25 mins from Gare Montparnasse
- One train every 3 mins depending on events

4) Tramway T1 : Stop at St Denis Basilique (20 min walk to Stadium)

5) Tramway T8 : Stop at St Denis Porte de Paris (9min walk to Stadium)



Matches

- Friday 8th September, 2023 : New Zealand vs France
- Saturday 9th September, 2023 : Australia vs Europe 1
- Saturday 23rd September 2023 : South Africa vs Ireland
- Saturday 7th October, 2023 : Ireland vs Scotland
- Saturday 14th October, 2023 : Quarter Final 2
- Sunday 15th October, 2023 : Quarter Final 4
- Friday 20th October, 2023 : Semi Final 1
- Saturday 21st October, 2023 : Semi Final 2
- Friday 27th October, 2023 : Bronze Final
- Saturday 28th October, 2023 : Final



Lyon



About the city

As the home of the infamous Little Prince and his creator, Antoine de St. Exupéry, there's a touch of magic in the air in Lyon. Perhaps you'll find it when you walk into one of the world gastronomy capital's numerous restaurants, or when you're exploring the ancient Gaul capital's jaw-dropping Gallo-Roman Ancient Theatre of Fourvière. Maybe it'll be when you're taking in the views of the city from the Fourvière basilica viewpoint or the nearby Parc des Hauteurs, or when you're exploring the French Resistance museum and the passageways they used to send secret messages.

The bottom line is that Lyon will charm you, it's just a question of how.

Few tips



Location :

Lyon is located Southeast of France, near the famous Alps Mountains. The city is crossed by Rhone River - from Switzerland to Mediterranean Sea - and Saone River. Both rivers converge to the south of the historic city center, forming a peninsula - the "Presqu'île" - bounded by two large hills at West and North and a large plain eastward. Famous Place Bellecour is located on the Presqu'île and is the third-largest public square in France. Lyon is famous for being the capital of Resistance during WW2 and Jean moulin's home. The city has a big silk works heritage, with several secret passageways "the traboules" still existing in some neighborhoods.



Food Specialties:

The "Bouchon" : typical restaurant from Lyon resuming the diversity and unique gastronomy of the city. Charcuterie, dry sausage wrapped in a cake "saucisson brioché" or "quenelle", a regional dumplings, are few examples of what Lyon's gastronomy has to offer.

Wine : the region is known for its wine. Take the opportunity and have a glass of Beaujolais or Côte du Rhône



Weather :

The average minimum temperature in Lyon in September is 13°C (55.4°F) and maximum temperature lies around 23.0°C (73.4°F). September is known to have an amount of rain quite high but not continue. To resume, if you enjoy looking at blue sky and sunbathing, this month is a great period to visit Lyon despite the amount of rain. October is considered as same as September, with a highest humidity rate.



Rugby clubs :

LOU Rugby (Top 14 championship)



What to see around the city

- Spend a day at Lyon's countryside : Golden stone villages – Oingt, Charnay, Ternand
- Visit Beaujolais and Côte du Rhône vineyards (30min drive)
- Enjoy a trip in the Alps and their treasures, such as Annecy (1h30 drive)
- Discover Puy de Dôme and its volcanos (1h45 drive)
- Drive toward Switzerland (Geneva, 1h45 drive)

What to see in Lyon

- Discover the "Presqu'île" and its new neighborhood Confluence
- Wander at Notre-Dame de Fourvière's basilica, the Old City and its back alleys
- Relax at Tête d'Or's Park or stroll along the very well arranged Rhône and Saône banks,
- Enjoy the atmosphere of Croix-Rousse neighborhood and its typical market
- Do not miss the unmissable Halles de Lyon-Paul Bocuse, an emblematic figure of Lyon and its gastronomy
- Have a dinner at one of the 10 Gastronomic restaurants owned by starred chef
- Learn about silk and resistance history of the city



Access



The city by flight

One international airport

- Saint-Exupéry (LYS): 27km east from city center

It can be reached by train, motorway and the Rhonexpress shuttle (transfers from the airport to the heart of Lyon Part-Dieu train station in 30 min)

Connected to the 8 host cities and to major European/worldwide cities.

Flight duration Lyon-Paris : 1h00



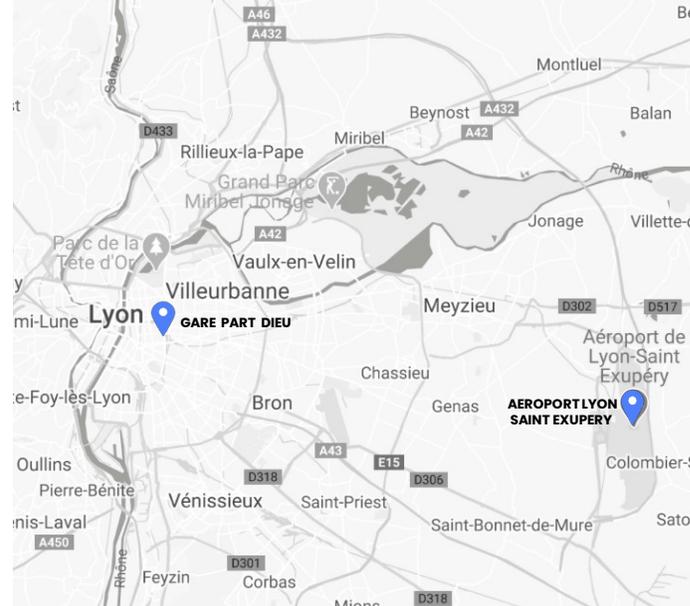
The city by train

3 main train stations connected to most cities in France. Easy access by public transportation (buses, subways, tramways), by taxi or car :

- Lyon Part-Dieu (City center) : serving major cities in France and in Europe (Belgium, Switzerland and Germany)
- Lyon Perrache (Presqu'île): connected to regional cities and few major cities in France
- Lyon Saint-Exupéry (East, 27km): low-cost lines, Paris and northern cities in France

Train duration : Lyon Part-Dieu / Paris Gare de Lyon - 2h00

Lyon Part Dieu / Marseille Saint Charles - 1h45



Public transport

- **Subway** : 4 metro lines (A, B, C,D) going from North to South, East to West of the city and up to Croix Rouse Hill
- **Funicular** : 2 Railway lines (F1, F2) going up to Saint Just and Fourvière's Hill
- **Tramway** : 6 tram lines (T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6 & T7). Line T7 is serving the stadium
- **Buses** : 137 urban bus lines serving Lyon and its surroundings

Parc OL Stadium

59 000 seats

Parc OL Stadium, “new stadium generation” is located 10km east from the city-center of Lyon. Built in 2016, the arena can welcome up to 59.000 fans and has been imagined to replace the famous Stade de Gerland. Parc OL Stadium is privately owned by OL and will be one of the attractions of RWC 2023. Used to host European Football Game (Euro2016 and Champion's league), Parc OL Stadium has also taken part of Rugby history, hosting the final of Champions Cup in 2016.



Access

Parc OL Stadium is situated in Décines, North East of Lyon and is well served by public transportation



By Shuttle : Direct shuttles are settled during match Days.

- Tramway lines from Part Dieu Villette Sud (Metro B) will bring you to the stadium in 20 minutes.
- Tramway lines from Vaulx en Velin La Soie (Metro A) will bring you directly to the stadium in 15 minutes.
- Bus Lines from Meyzieu or Eurexpo Car Park will drive you directly to the stadium in 15 minutes.



By Car:

You will have possibility to park at Meyzieu or Eurexpo Car Parks and take the shuttles or take the chance to park at the stadium car park, right in front of the stadium.



Public transportation : *(different from shuttles)*

The stadium can be reached by 2 tramway. Either T7 or T3 will drop you off near the Stadium, a short walk distance away.



Matches

- Sunday 24th September 2023 : Wales vs Australia
- Wednesday 27th September, 2023 : Americas 1 vs Africa 1
- Friday 29th September, 2023 : New Zealand vs Italy
- Thursday 5th October, 2023 : New Zealand vs Americas 1
- Friday 6th October, 2023 : France vs Italy



Marseille

About the city, tips, access

About the city

Due to its unique character, some people think of Marseille as a world apart from the rest of France. The city's fine mix of petanque, pastis, and long-standing port culture might have something to do with it, along with the neighborly vibe that seems to be prevalent among the city's residents. This last one is a pleasant complement to Marseille's urban beat, and it's part of what makes the city that lends its name to the French national anthem that much cooler. What also makes the city cool: the area's mistral winds, which pass through Provence's lavender fields and right through Marseille before dropping off into the Mediterranean.

For those looking for a sunny stay in a city whose residents know how to live the good life, Marseille is where it's at.

Few tips



Location :

Marseille, known as the 2nd largest city in France after Paris, is located at the very South part of France with its foot in the Mediterranean Sea. Marseille is living at the pace of the sea with a huge commercial Port, an historical old Port and beaches close to the city center. Between Sea and Hills, diversity is the perfect word to describe Marseille and its surrounding, from The Calanques to the Lavander Fields.



Food Specialties :

Visit the city is also discovering specialties and gastronomy. Sea food and fish lovers will be served! The "Bouillabaisse" is for you. A true emblem of Marseille, this fish and potato soup is often served with garlic crouton and a sauce called rouille (which means rust, but it is delicious despite its name !)



Weather :

There has never been a better time to travel to Marseille than September and October. Temperature average is around 21 °C (70 F) which is very pleasant, ranging between 16 and 26°C (60- 79 F) during the day. Sun is still shining during those months and sea temperature is 22°C (72 F). Rainfall remains low with a few days of moderate rains but risk of thunderstorms.



Rugby clubs :

Aix Marseille Provence Rugby (Pro D2 Championship -2nd division)



What to see around the city

- Visit the city of Arles and Camargue Regional Park (1hour drive)
- Visit Avignon, its famous bridge and the Popes' Palace (1hour and 10min drive)
- Enjoy Aix en Provence and its fountains (40min drive)
- Explore the French Riviera coast and its beaches
- Do not miss to adventure in Cassis and the National Park of Calanque



What to see in Marseille

- Walk to Notre-Dame de la Garde basilica and enjoy its scenic view.
- Visit the MuCEM (European and Mediterranean cultures museum),
- Explore the Old Port of Marseille and its atmosphere
- Have a festive meal on a yacht
- Play Petanque with locals



Access



The city by flight

One international airport

- Marseille Provence (MRS): 26km northwest from city center

It can be reached by a direct shuttle, departure at Marseille Saint-Charles train station in 25min, or by the motorway

Connected to the 8 host cities and to major European/Worldwide cities

Flight duration Marseille-Paris : 1h20



The city by train

1 main train station connected to most cities in France. Easy access by public transportation (buses, subways), by taxi or car :

- Gare Marseille Saint-Charles (city center) : connected to major cities in France and in Europe (Spain, Italy)

It will be entirely renovated for the competition

Train duration : Marseille Saint Charles / Paris Gare de Lyon - 3h20

Marseille Saint Charles / Lyon Part Dieu - 1h46



Public transport

- **Subway** : 2 metro lines (M1 & M2). M2 is serving Stadium and Train Station
- **Tramway** : 3 tram lines (T1, T2 & T3)
- **Buses** : 105 urban bus lines serving Marseille and its surrounding.

Stade Vélodrome

67 000 seats

2nd biggest stadium in France after Stade de France Paris, Stade Vélodrome has been equipped with a removable roof. Situated only 5km away from Marseille City Center, in a new eco-responsible district, Vélodrome Stadium is hosting Football club of Marseille - Olympique de Marseille. Usually known as a European football place, the stadium will host in 2021 European Rugby Champions Cup and is getting more and more a rugby place.



Access

Marseille's stadium is just outside of the city center, in the East surrounding. The BEX Team recommend you to come to the games by public transportations (see below information), as Stadium is not offering a large choice of car park. Few Private car park are available in the surroundings and you will have to pay fees.

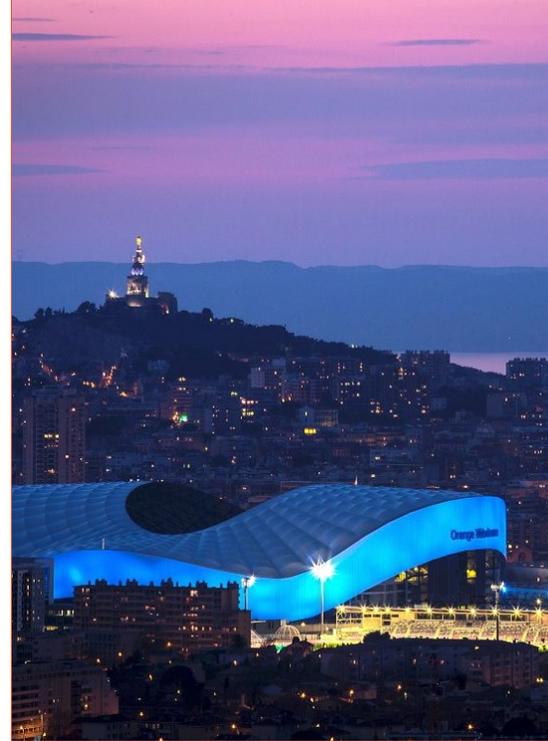


Transport

1) By metro – during match day, you have 2 options:

- **Metro Line 2** : stop at Rond Point du Prado if you have tickets at Jean Bouin & Virage Nord.
- **Metro Line 2** : stop at Sainte Marguerite Dromel station if you are seated at Ganay and Virage Sud.

2) By Bus - Depending on your departure point, you will have different options to reach the stadium by bus



Matches

- Saturday 9th September, 2023: England vs Argentina
- Sunday 10th September, 2023: South Africa vs Scotland
- Thursday 21st September 2023: France vs Africa 1
- Sunday 1st October, 2023: South Africa vs Asia/Pacific
- Saturday 14th October, 2023 : Quarter Final 1
- Sunday 15th October, 2023: Quarter Final 3



Nice

About the city, tips, access





About the city

A day in Nice – or really anywhere in the French Riviera – will make anyone feel like a royal (which is probably why all the European monarchs used to vacation here). The Promenade des Anglais is the city's claim to fame, but it's the crystal blue water of the Mediterranean coastline that is the real jaw-dropper. Head a little inland to find the heart of Nice in the old town and its central square, Place Rossetti, where you'll find plenty of sources of amusement, including bars, restaurants, boutiques, and nightclubs. Head even further inland for a lovely walk around Castle Hill, where the city's citadel once stood and where the best views of the city are to be had.

In short, Nissa la Bella has it all: sun, style, and the sea!

Few tips

Location :



Nice is the main city of what we call "Cote d'Azur" and 5th biggest city of France. Profiting of a mild weather, Nice is known to be a popular destination for French's Holidays but also for international travelers. Art, Sun and beaches are key words to describe the city. In between Mediterranean sea and mountains and named "Nissa la bella" – meaning the Beautiful Nice – the city is a major touristic place in France. With more than 20 museums (Matisse & Chagall Museum), the Famous Promenade des Anglais, the Old Town and Vieux Port, Nice has a lot to offer.

Food Specialties:



Nice will amaze you with local markets and their famous Mediterranean & Provençal diet and its colorful cuisine. Don't forget to taste the Socca : a kind of flatbread made of chickpeas and olive oil, is a true local classic.

Weather :



October and September are pleasant and agreeable autumn months in Nice with average temperature fluctuating between 21°C (69.8°F) and 13.7°C (56.7°F). The average high-temperature marginally drops, from a moderately hot 24.6°C (76.3°F) in September, to a pleasant 21°C (69.8°F) in October. The average water temperature is 19.7°C (67.5°F) and average sunshine is 6h.

Rugby clubs :



Stade Niçois Rugby (Federal 1 – 3rd division)

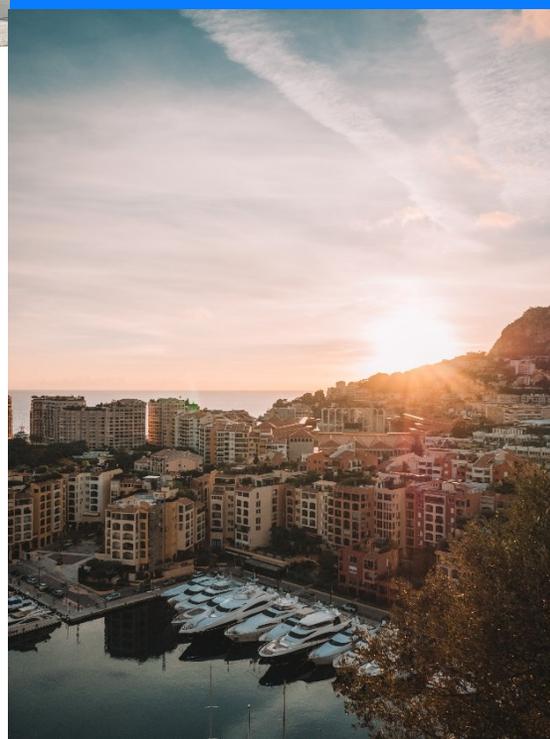


What to see around the city

- Spend time at the Principality of Monaco and its royal history (30min drive)
- Explore the city of Cannes, the famous and glamorous city (45min drive)
- Wander at Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat and its tranquility (25min drive)
- Live the experience of Saint-Tropez, its yachts, peoples and luxury (1h45 drive)
- Take a little trip to Italy, it is only 30min drive away.

What to see in Nice

- Walk on the iconic "Promenade des Anglais"
- Discover Nice's castle and the beautiful garden of Albert the First
- Visit Nice's museums including the Sport Museum
- Wander in Jean-Médecin Avenue
- Enjoy a gourmet rally in the Old-Nice and its small markets
- Spend a day at sea on board a Boat around Nice's Angels' Bay.



Access



The city by flight

One international airport

- Nice Côte d'Azur airport (NCE): 7km southwest from Nice city center

It can be reached by an express shuttle (transfer city center – airport in 25 minutes with a line every 8min) or by taking motorway

Connected to the 8 host cities and to major European/worldwide cities

Flight duration Nice-Paris : 1h25



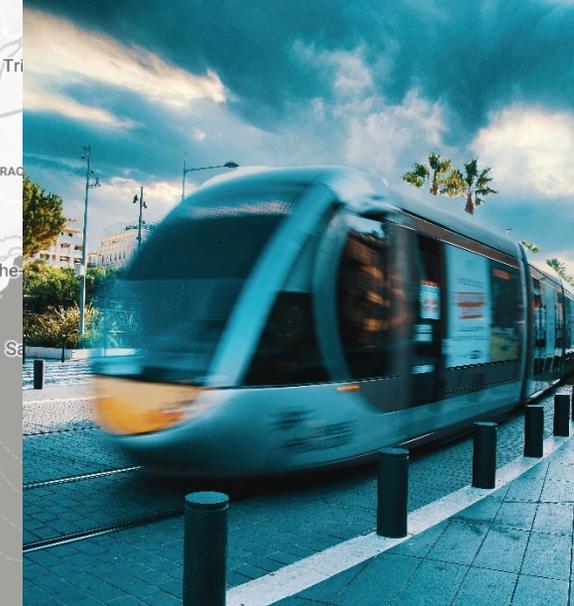
The city by train

1 main train station connected to most cities in France. Easy access by public transportation (buses, tramways), by taxi or car :

- Gare de Nice-Ville (city center): connected to major cities in France and in Europe (Italy, Switzerland and Monaco)

Train duration : Nice Ville /Lyon Part-Dieu - 4h40

Nice Ville / Paris Gare de Lyon - 5h50



Public transport

- **Tramway**: 3 tram lines (T1, T2 & T3). Tram T3 is going from Nice's Airport to Nice's Stadium and T2 is going from city center to Nice airport.
- **Buses**: 93 urban bus lines serving Nice and its surrounding.

Stade de Nice

35 000 seats

A proud example of energy performance, Stade de Nice respects the principles of sustainable development. The stadium is a model of ecological design and construction. Nice's stadium will be 10 years old in 2023. It is also the 1st stadium in Europe to produce more energy than it uses.

Located 14km away from Old Town of Nice, Stade de Nice is hosting football club of OGC Nice. Before being one of the host cities for RWC2023, the stadium received rugby games for occasional Top 14 Championship games.



Access

Stade de Nice is located west of Nice, in the Eco Valley District, few kilometers away from the city.



By Car: 4 Car parks are available during day match, in front of the stadium. During Match Day, shuttles are available from parking at the airport (MIN & Arboras) and are going to the stadium every 5 or 10 min.



By Public transportation (during Match Day)

- 1) Tramway Line 3 :** a direct line is reaching the stadium from the city center of Nice (Departure at Jean Medecin and arrival at the stadium)
- 2) Bus Line 95 :** From the city center (departure at Lycée Masséna), this line is serving the stadium every 10 minutes.



Matches

- Saturday 16th September 2023: Wales vs Final Q.W.
- Sunday 17th September 2023: England vs Japan
- Wednesday 20th September 2023: Italy vs Americas 1
- Sunday 24th September, 2023: Scotland vs Asia / Pacific



Bordeaux

About the city, tips, access





About the city

In Bordeaux, the city that Queen Elizabeth II described as “the very essence of elegance”, there’s a lot of sights to see and tastes to taste! (The city’s world-renowned wine, for example.) Bordeaux is not far from the Atlantic and was historically an important port town. The old port area, charmingly named the Port of the Moon, now has UNESCO status for its contributions to the exchange of cultural values. The city’s location, its world-renowned vineyards, and its overall elegant vibe make it a perfect spot to unwind from the thrill of a rugby match.

Speaking of rugby, the history of its club, Union Bordeaux-Bègles, is a beautiful demonstration of rugby values: the two clubs united to become one after more than 100 years of rivalry. It doesn’t get any more rugby than that!

Few tips



Location :

Bordeaux is located South West of France, near the Atlantic Ocean directly linked by the Gironde estuary. Internationally recognized for wine, Bordeaux and the metropole have plenty of vineyards. It makes the area the 1st metropole for wine in the world.

Bordeaux is blending modern architecture and 18’s century building and is one the most attractive city in France.

The Cité du Vin wine museum has been created in a glass tower offering a travel between wine cultures and civilization around the world.



Food Specialties:

From a gastronomy point, Bordeaux has its own specialty : "les Canelés Bordelais" which is a traditional pastry with soft custard center flavored with vanilla and rum and a crispy caramelized crust.

Weather :



September/October are ideal months to visit Bordeaux. Average daily temperature reaches up to 19°C (about 66°F), an ideal temperature for being outside discovering the city. The low temperature drops down to 13°C (around 55°F), typical for autumn. During the day, the highs still get up to 25°C (around 77°F) so you can expect steady and moderate temperatures, It is better to have the umbrella handy just in case, but the chance of rain on any given day is only 32%.



Rugby clubs :

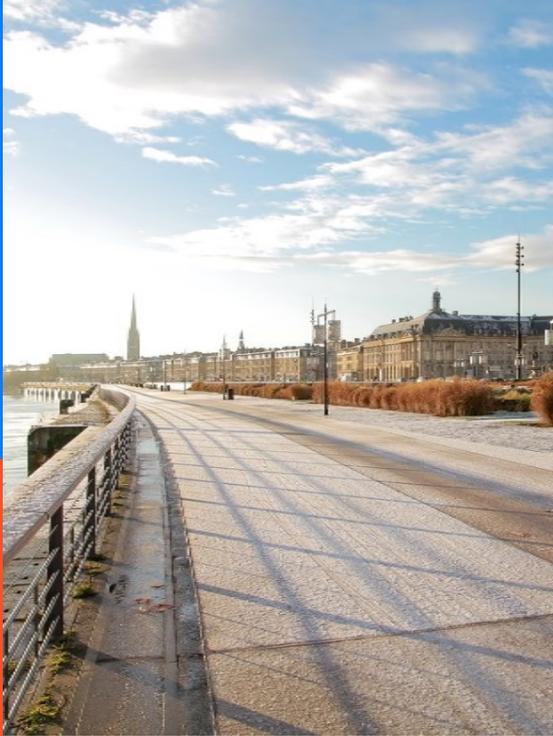
Union Bordeaux Bègles (Top 14 - Championship)

What to see around the city

- Visit castles and wine domains of the Bordeaux vineyard
- Explore Arcachon Bay and the famous Pilat Dune (1h drive)
- Spend a day at Saint Jean de Luz city, typical fisherman village of South West in France
- Discover Basque Country region, driving toward Biarritz or either San Sebastian (2h30 /3h drive)

What to see in Bordeaux

- Visit the left and right-bank, the old city and the quay
- Ride on the Bicycle path
- Wander at the Triangle and it's trendy stores
- Have a wine tasting at Cité du Vin – the wine museum
- Do not miss the experience of a cruise on the Garonne



Access



The city by flight

One international airport

- Bordeaux-Mérignac airport (BOD): 11km west from Bordeaux city center

It can be reached by the Shuttle Express (30'Direct) in 30min (transfer Train Station Saint Jean to airport), by bus or motorway.

Connected to the 8 host cities and to major European/Worldwide cities

Flight duration Bordeaux-Paris : 1h00



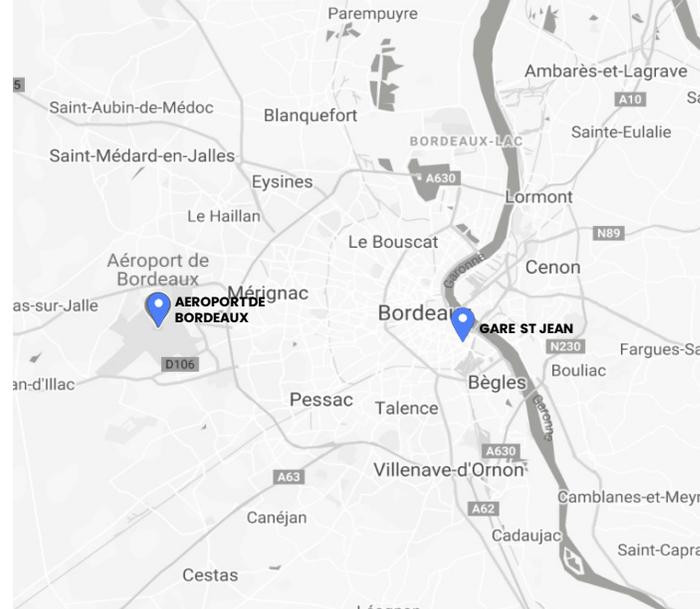
The city by train

1 main train station connected to most cities in France. Easy access by public transportation (buses), by taxi or car :

- Gare de Bordeaux-Saint-Jean (city center) : serving major cities in France and in Europe (Belgium)

Train duration : Bordeaux Saint Jean / Gare Paris Montparnasse - 2h05

Bordeaux Saint Jean / Toulouse Matabiau - 2h



Public transport

- **Tramway** : 4 tram lines (A, B , C & D). Tram C is going from City center to Stadium
- **Buses** : more than 100 urban bus lines serving Bordeaux and its surrounding
- **Boat** : "Batcub" catamaran (BAT3) navigating on the Garonne River, from 7am to 7pm everyday. It serves 4 stops connected with the 3 main tramway lines (B, C , D)

Stade de Bordeaux

42 115 seats

Stade de Bordeaux is ideally located at the crossroads of multiple modes of transportation which gives a quick and easy access to the venue, only 15 kilometers away from the Bordeaux-Mérignac airport and less than 10 km away from Bordeaux City Center. Stade de Bordeaux distinguishes itself from other sports venues by the pure form of its design and the extreme lightness of its structure. Hosting Football Club of Girondins de Bordeaux, the stadium will also receive rugby games before RWC 2023, with French Rugby Team matches in 2022 and some games of the French rugby league.



Access

Located in the heart of Bordeaux-Lac district, the stadium is well served by local transportation and easy access from the city center of Bordeaux. It is directly accessible by the metropolitan area's main road and highway networks.



By Car: 5 car parks are available during match day



Public transportation:

- 1) Tram Line C:** departure from the city center to the stadium (stop at "Parc des Expositions"), you will reach it in 30min.
- 2) Tram Line B:** departure from the city center and stop at "Brandenburg". A Shuttle from there will bring you to the stadium in 30min



Matches

- Saturday 9th September 2023: Ireland vs Europe 2
- Sunday 10th September 2023: Wales vs Fiji
- Saturday 16th September 2023: Oceania 1 vs Americas 2
- Sunday 17th September 2023: South Africa vs Europe 2
- Saturday 30th September, 2023: Fiji vs Europe 1



Toulouse





About the city

When rugby first came to France, it was particularly well-received in the southwest. So well-received, in fact, that Toulouse's rugby club has won France's rugby championship 20 times – more than any other club! Rugby aside, Toulouse boasts excellent use of duck in its cuisine and numerous contributions to the aerospace sector: both Airbus and the French Space Agency have their headquarters here.

The city's buildings, typically made of pink brick or terracotta, make for a rosy aerial view of the city and have earned the city the nickname "la ville rose", or "the pink city".

In visiting Toulouse, you have nothing to lose! (And everything to gain!)

Few tips



Location :

Toulouse is located South West of France, in between sea, ocean and near the mountains. Its location made it special, with influence of the Mediterranean Sea, the Atlantic Ocean and the Pyrenees mountains. The city is known as the Pink city due to the color of bricks on the building when the sun is shining on the city. The colorful Toulouse is also famous for its emblematic flower – the Violet flower.

And last but not least, Toulouse is usually named as the capital of French Rugby due to an impressive and historic record of 20 French championship titles.

Food Specialties :



Toulouse sausage : coming from Toulouse's region, this sausage is made of high quality regional pork meat and is mostly used to make the famous "Cassoulet", a regional meal.



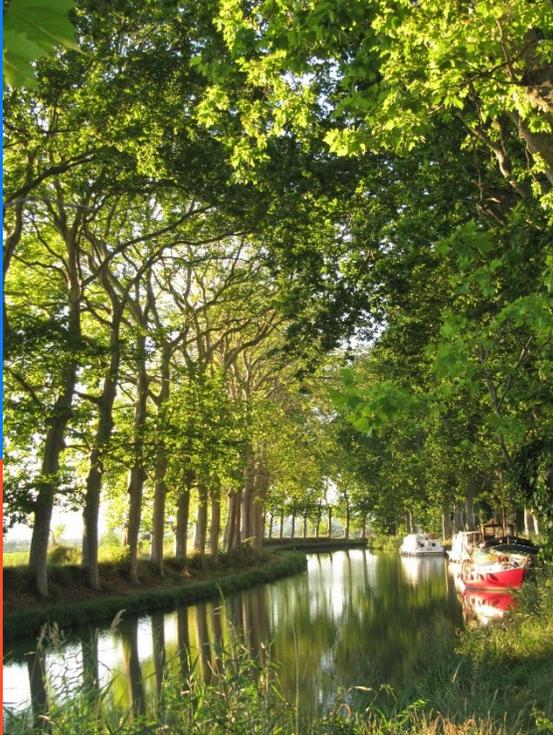
Weather :

September in Toulouse is a moderately hot month with average temperature varying between 24.6°C (76.3°F) and 13.4°C (56.1°F). October is getting a bit colder with an average temperature ranging between 19.5°C (67.1°F) to 10.5°C (50.9°F). This period is generally pleasant with a small amount of rain.



Rugby clubs :

Stade Toulousain (Top 14 - Championship)

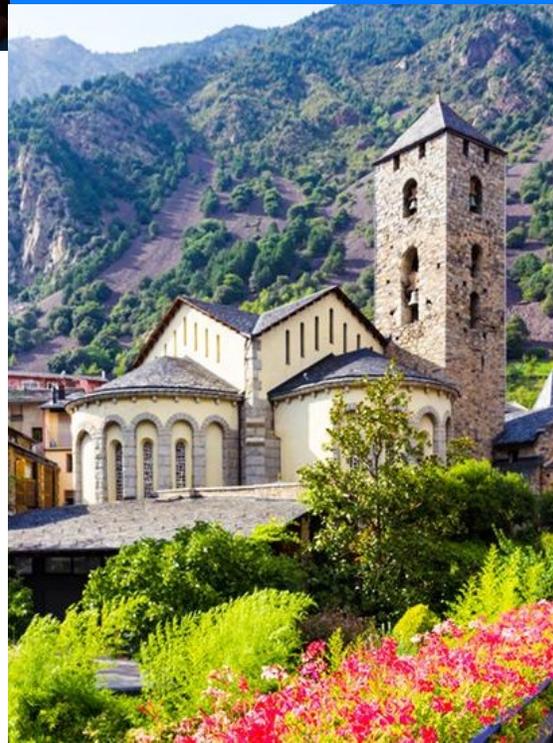


What to see around the city

- Enjoy a rest day at lakes around Toulouse and their aquatic activities (20min drive)
- Explore the medieval city of Carcassonne (1h15 drive)
- Cruise on Canal du Midi, a 240 km long canal from Toulouse to Mediterranean Sea
- Visit the Mediterranean Sea and its beaches (1h45 drive)
- Drive toward Andorra and the Pyrenees (2h30 drive)

What to see in Toulouse

- Walk around the Daurade quays, the Carme's market or Alsace Lorraine street
- Visit the "Cité de l'Espace" and its aerodrome Toulouse-Lasbordes
- Explore Toulouse museums such as the Natural History museum
- Ride a bike or jump in a small boat and discover on the "Canal du Midi", few steps away from Toulouse city center
- Taste regional specialties in one of the many local restaurants



Access



The city by flight

One international airport

- **Toulouse-Blagnac airport (TLS):** 10km northwest from Toulouse city center
It can be reached by a direct shuttle Tisseo from the city center in 20 min or by public transportation (bus 30, tramway T2) or motorway

Connected to the 8 host cities and to major Europe/worldwide cities

Flight duration Toulouse-Paris : 1h20



The city by train

1 main train station connected to most cities in France. Easy access by public transportation (buses and subway), by taxi or car :

- **Toulouse Matabiau (city center):** serves most of the cities in France as Paris, Bordeaux, Lyon and in Spain

Train duration : Toulouse Matabiau / Gare Paris Montparnasse – 4h13

Toulouse Matabiau / Lyon Part Dieu – 4h



Public transport

- **Subway:** 2 metro lines (A & B) going from North to South, East to West of the city
- **Tramway:** 2 tram lines (T1, T2). Line 2 is going to Toulouse Blagnac Airport
- **Buses:** 133 urban bus lines serving Toulouse and its surroundings.

Stadium Toulouse

33 150 seats

Located in the heart of Toulouse, only 10 min away from the central place of Capitole, le Stadium profits of a privileged situation on the Ramier Island.

Key Venue for more than 20 years, it was selected to be host venue for Football World Cup 1998 and Football Euro 2016. Principally used by Toulouse Football Club, the stadium is also hosting European rugby games and received games during RWC 2007.



Access

The Stadium is located in city center, South of Toulouse. The BEX Team would recommend you to reach the Stadium by public transportation (see below information)



By Car : 5 parking are available during match day



By Public transportation :

- 1) Metro line A :** Stop at "Arènes" and take a free shuttle bringing you to the Stadium.
- 2) Metro Line B :** Stop at "Empalot" or "St Michel M.Laner" and you will reach the venue within a 15min walk.
- 3) Tramway Line 1 or 2 :** Stop at "Croix de Pierre" and 5 min walk.
- 4) Buses :** Different bus line are serving the Stadium (L9,4,5 and B34)



Matches

- Sunday 9th September, 2023: Japan vs Americas 2
- Friday 15th September, 2023: New Zealand vs Africa 1
- Saturday 23rd September, 2023: Europe 1 vs Final Q. W.
- Thursday 28th September, 2023: Japan vs Oceania 1
- Sunday 8th October, 2023: Fiji vs Final Q.W.



Nantes

About the city, tips, access





About the city

Nantes is a gateway to the beautiful northwest of France, renowned for its connection with its history, the arts, and the outdoors. This is evident just outside the train station; the city's impressive botanical garden is about 50 metres outside the door, and the awe-inspiring Château des Ducs de Bretagne is just two tram stops away. In the city's old shipyards, you'll find the Machines of the Isle of Nantes, a collection of machine animals that are a living art installation and one of the city's must-sees. Green spaces are sprinkled around the city, and beyond the city limits are charming fairytale villages and idyllic farms, the latter of which fuel the region's dairy industry (which is the strongest in France). This might explain the impressive use of cheese and butter in the area's food. Bon appetit!

Few tips



Location:

Nantes is located Northwest of France, only few kilometers away from the Atlantic Ocean, linked by Loire Estuary. 6th biggest city in France, Nantes is a mix between history, art and modernity. Recognized as "city of Art and History", it is characterized by a large cultural diversity: historical castle, museums and events. It used to be the city of French writer Jules Verne, known as the Science fiction French father.

Also labeled "*French Tech Metropolis*", Nantes has a great attractivity and is green capital with more than 100 gardens and parks. Nantes surrounding are famous for Marais Salants de Guérande : a chromatic landscape, source of one of France's most delicious kinds of salt : "fleur de sel de Guérande" . An aerial view will make you think of a big colorful makeup palette.



Food Specialties:

Le Petite Beurre: a little tea biscuit from the Nantes based company Lu. It is a staple of every French cupboard.



Weather:

The average minimum temperature in Nantes in September/October is 12.0°C (53.6°F) and maximum lies around 22.2°C (71.96°F) . The amount of rain is around 64mm (2.5in). This month generally has very pleasant temperatures. If you enjoy looking at a blue sky and like sunbathing then those months are great periods to visit Nantes.



Rugby clubs:

Stade Nantais Rugby (Fédéral 3 – 6th division)



What to see around the city

- Discover the famous and impressive Salt Marshes of Guérande (1h drive)
- Visit Trentemoult village (15min drive)
- Spend an afternoon in the touristic La Baule village (1h drive)
- Taste white wines in Muscadet vineyards (25min drive)

What to see in Nantes

- Visit the Château des Ducs de Bretagne, a medieval fortress built in the 15th century
- Walk into the botanical garden called "Jardin des Plantes", right in the city center of Nantes
- Discover "Les Machines de l'Île" (Machines of the Isles of Nantes), an artistic collection of massive industrial animals machines
- Spend time visiting various museums of the city



Access



The city by flight

One international airport

- Nantes Atlantique airport (NTE): 11km south from the city center

It can be reached by a direct shuttle (transfer airport to city center in 20min), by public transportation (Buses and tramway) or by the motorway

Connected to the 8 host cities and to major European/worldwide cities in Europe.

Flight duration Nantes-Paris : 1h10



The city by train

1 main train station connected to most cities in France. Easy access by public transportation (buses and tramway), by taxi or car :

- Gare de Nantes TGV (city center): serves most of the cities in France -national and regional lines

Train duration : Gare de Nantes TGV / Paris Montparnasse - 2h06



Public transport

- **Tramway:** 3 tram lines (T1, T2 & T3)
- **Buses:** 70 urban bus lines serving Nantes and its surrounding
- **River shuttle:** 3 lines navigating on the Loire and Erdre River serving city center, Nantes Island and Trentemoult

Stade de la Beaujoire

37 400 seats

Stade de la Beaujoire is located in the north of Nantes, about 5km away from city center. Built to welcome European Championship of Football in 1984, the stadium has hosted many important international football games notably during the Football World Cup in 1998 or Rugby World Cup in 2007. La Beaujoire is home of Football Club of Nantes.

Granted specially for RWC 2023, a renovation of the stadium will occur with new screens, Wifi and modern tickets access.



Access

The Stadium is located in Nantes Erdre district, near the exhibition center and few kilometers away from city center.



By Car: La Beaujoire is served by the ring road and around 3000 places are available on the car park.



By Public transportation:

- 1) Tram Line T1:** Stop either at "Ranzay" or "Beaujoire" and walk 5 min to the stadium.
- 2) Bus Line C6 and B75:** Stop at "Batigolles" and walk 200m to the stadium.
- 3) Bus Lines C1 or 80:** Stop at "Ranzay" and walk 5 min to the stadium.



Matches

- Saturday 16th September, 2023: Ireland vs Asia / Pacific
- Saturday 30th September, 2023: Argentina vs Americas 2
- Saturday 7th September, 2023: Wales vs Europe 1
- Sunday 8th October, 2023: Japan vs Argentina



Lille

About the city, tips, access





About the city

The birthplace of Charles de Gaulle, arguably France's most famous former president, has colorful gold-accented architecture that exemplifies the city's Flemish and French roots beautifully. A walk around Place du Général de Gaulle, affectionately called "la Grand'place" by locals, will transport you to another time: before there was a French Revolution for the square's central "Goddess" statue to commemorate, before the splendid old stock exchange building was built, and before Lille was even French! Today, RWC 2023's northernmost host city has the largest student population in France, booming textiles and mass distribution sectors, and one of the largest bookstores in Europe!

Also good to know: its residents have a reputation for being the kindest in France, which they'll probably happily demonstrate over a beer in any one of the city's many craft breweries.

Few tips



Location :

Lille is located north of France, in border with Belgium. The city has its own identity with special architecture blended between French Art culture and Belgium, Spanish influences. Also Lille has a festive vibes, coming from its large student population and the abundance of craft beers - the city having plenty of estaminets which are local breweries.

Food specialties:



Lille has its own place in the French Gastronomy. From the typical northern cheese "Le Maroilles", the ham and endive gratin "Chicon gratins" to the Welsh, a dish based on melted cheese, beer and bread, you will be surprised.

Weather :



Average high-temperature, in September/October, in Lille, is 19.9°C (67.8°F), while the average low-temperature is 11.4°C (52.5°F). September is the month with the least rainfall. Both September and October are enjoyable month, with mild temperature.

Rugby clubs :



Lille Métropole Rugby Club Villeneuveois (Fédéral 3 – 6th division)



What to see around the city

- Visit Louvre - Lens Museum (35min drive)
- Explore the city of Brussels, Belgium capital (1h20 drive)
- Spend a day in Bruges, the Belgium's gem (1h drive), and cruise on its numerous canals
- Enjoy a day trip on Opale Coast to see the North Sea & visit Dunkerque or Boulogne sur Mer (1st fishing port of France)

What to see in Lille

- Wander at the Old Town of Lille and be amazed by the flamboyant architecture
- Explore Citadel of Lille built in 17th century by Vauban.
- Take time to visit the Palais des Beaux-Arts, the Canonniers Museum and the Hospice Comtesse Museum
- Enjoy the atmosphere at the famous Grand'Place, beating heart of the city.
- Get one (or more) beer and a welsh in an estaminet or in one of the various breweries of the city



Access



The city by flight

One international airport

- Lille-Lesquin airport (LIL) : 10km south from the city center.

It can be reached by a direct shuttle in 20min, departure from the city center, by public transportation (Subway M1 + bus 63) or by the motorway.

Connected to the 8 host cities and to major European/worldwide cities in Europe.

Flight duration Lille-Marseille : 1h30



The city by train

2 main train stations connected to most cities in France. Easy access by public transportation (buses, subways, tramways), by taxi or car :

- Lille Europe (city center) : serving major cities in France and in Europe (Belgium, Germany, Netherland, England)
- Lille Flandres (city center) : connected to regional cities and few major cities in France

Train duration : Lille Europe / Paris Gare du Nord - 1h05

Lille Flandres / Lyon Part Dieu - 3h



Public transport

- **Subway** : 2 metro lines (1 & 2). M1 is reaching the stadium from city center
- **Tramway** : 2 tram lines (L R & L T). Line T is travelling from Gare de Lille Flandres to Tourcoing and Line R from Lille Flandres to Roubaix.
- **Buses** : 140 urban bus lines serving Lille and its surroundings.

Stade Pierre Mauroy

50 180 seats

Built in 2012, the stadium is one of these new generation stadium, hybrid and multifunctional, located 6km away from the city center of Lille. It is an architectural jewel of 50 000 seats. Since 2019, the stadium has signed an eco friendly charter for sports equipment. Unique in France, the stadium has been equipped with a removable roof and has 5 different set up possible (sport and concerts). From a sport perspective, the stadium is hosting Football Club of Lille (LOSC) and has received international football games (host city during Euro 2016, Champions League games). The stadium is also used to receive Rugby games such as France test matches.



Access

Stade Pierre Mauroy is located in Villeneuve d'Ascq and has a convenient location, few kilometers away from the city center.



By Car : Direct access by motorway with 4 car parks available at the stadium.



By Public transportation :

- 1) Metro Line 1 :** Stop at "Cité scientifique" ou "4 cantons" and walk 10 min to the stadium by a secured pedestrian access.
- 2) Metro Line 2 :** During Match Day - Stop at "Les Prés" and take an express shuttle driving you to the stadium directly.
- 3) Bus Lines :** 2 bus lines will served the stadium (Line 18 and Line Corolle). Stop at Versailles.



Matches

- Thursday 14th September, 2023: France vs Americas 1
- Saturday 23rd September, 2023: England vs Americas 2
- Saturday 30th September, 2023: Scotland vs Europe 2
- Saturday 7th October, 2023: England vs Oceania 1
- Sunday 8th October, 2023: Asia / Pacific vs Europe 2



Saint-Étienne

About the city, tips, access





About the city

Since this former arms producer and mining town decided to cultivate its design scene in the 1970s, it has completed several design-oriented projects such as a new design research and education centre (appropriately named Cité du Design) and the International Design Biennial. Its efforts really paid off in 2010, when the city earned membership into UNESCO's Cities of Design network! But design isn't the only thing "St. E" has to offer: the Stéphanois are well-known for their intense love for their football team and for their sport culture in general. The nearby Park Pilat in one direction and a dormant volcano range in the other provide fresh air, great hiking, and as the French say, "zenitude".

St. Etienne may be the smallest host city, but it's packed with culture and beauty!

Few tips



Location :

Saint Etienne is located central east of France, only 60 km away from Lyon. Former mining city, Saint Etienne is known for its worker history – the city was called the black city – in reference to the mining past, with a black dust on the buildings. The city is surrounded by hills made with residual of coals due to mining activity.

Art and design are active in Saint Etienne with design city, Art & Industry museum or important Architectural School. The city has been titled Unesco Design City in 2010.



Food specialties :

As almost all region in France, Saint Etienne has food specialties such as a blue cheese "La Fourme d'Ambert" or "Les Bugnes" a strip of fried dough sprinkled with sugar.



Weather :

St Etienne has mild temperature during September and October with an average temperature around 16°C (61 F), high temperatures around 21°C (70 F) and low varying around 10°C (50F). Rainfalls are quite low but increase during October.



Rugby clubs :

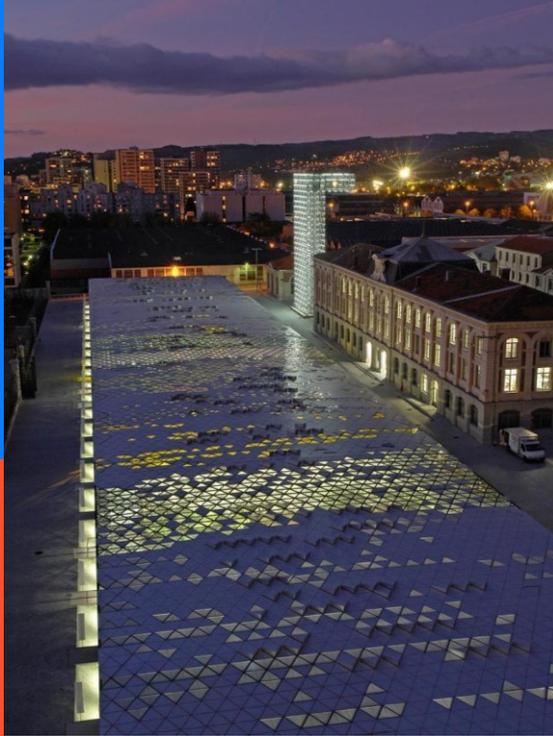
CA Saint Etienne Rugby (Fédéral 1 – amateur championship)

What to see around the city

- Go for a hike in the Forez Mount or in the Gorge of Loire (30min drive)
- Visit the city of Lyon and its gastronomy (40min drive)
- Take a breath at The Puy de Dôme and its volcano (1h30 drive)
- Discover the Alps and its treasures (1h45 drive)

What to see in Saint-Etienne

- Learn about the mining past of the city going at Park-Museum of Mine Puits Couriot
- Do not miss to visit the "Cité du Design", a platform of higher education, research, economic development and promotion of art and design
- Before a game, have a look to the Museum of the AS Saint-Etienne and its stadium Geoffroy-Guichard.



Access



The city by flight

One local airport

- Saint Etienne Bouthéon Airport (EBU) : 15km north from city center. Airport is offering local regional flight only. We advise to go to the airport by car or coach
- Lyon Saint Exupéry (LYS) : nearest international airport is Lyon, located 55 minutes drive away from Saint-Etienne (75km)

Lyon's airport is accessible by the motorway (coach or car)

Flight duration Lyon-Paris : 1h00

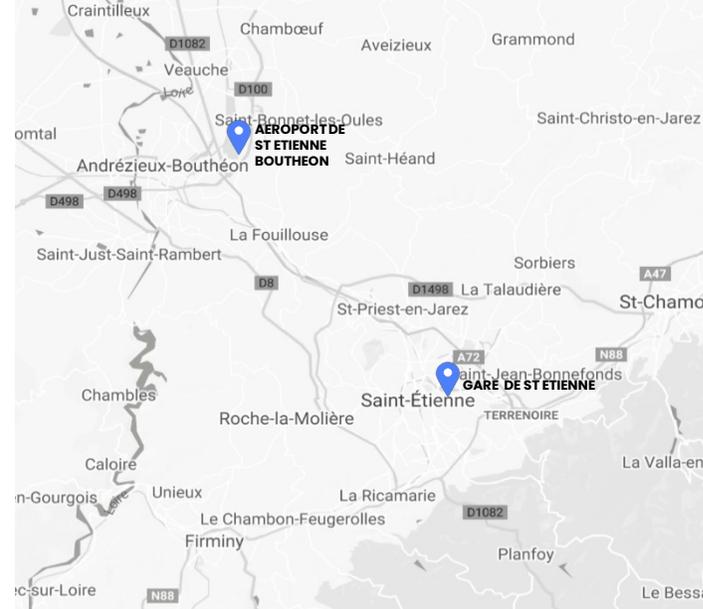


The city by train

One main train station connected to most of the cities in France. Easy access by public transportation (Buses, tramway), by taxi or car :

- Saint-Etienne Chateaucieux (city center) : Regional train mainly. The train station is linked to Lyon where you can catch a national TGV train to most of the city in France or Europe

Train duration : Saint-Etienne Chateaucieux / Paris Gare de Lyon - 3h10



Public transport

- **Tramway** : 3 tram lines (T1, T2 & T3). Lines T2 & T3 are serving Saint Etienne Chateaucieux
- **Buses** : 69 urban bus lines serving Saint Etienne and its surroundings

Stade Geoffroy Guichard

41 900 seats

Named as "le Chaudron" (Cauldron), the stadium is built as English stadiums, with stands closed to the field. It is the oldest host stadium of RWC 2023, opened since 1931! Located north of the city, less than 5km away from city center, Geoffroy Guichard is an iconic and emblematic stadium in France with an important history. Home of Saint Etienne Football club (ASSE), the stadium has lived considerable experience during the past .

Host city during Football World cup 1998, Rugby World Cup in 2007, and Football Euro 2016, the stadium has an important experience in receiving major sport events.



Access

The location in Saint Etienne, next to the city center, makes it easy to access to the stadium.



By Car : Accessible by the motorway, the stadium is offering car parks.



By Public transportation:

- 1) Tram Line T1 & T2 :** Departure from the city center and stop at "Geoffroy Guichard" and then walk few minutes.
- 2) Bus :** You can catch 3 lines (8, 9 and S9), serving the stadium .



Matches

- Saturday 9th September 2023: Italy vs Africa 1
- Sunday 17th September, 2023: Australia vs Fiji
- Friday 22nd September, 2023: Argentina vs Oceania 1
- Sunday 1st October, 2023: Australia vs Final Q. W.

Traveling time and distances

The Bex Team has put together a table containing all traveling time and distances between each host city of Rugby World Cup France 2023.



	PARIS	MARSEILLE	LYON	TOULOUSE	BORDEAUX	NICE	LILLE	NANTES	SAINT ETIENNE
PARIS	x	780 km	500km	680km	590km	930km	230km	380km	520km
MARSEILLE	7h30	x	315km	400km	650km	200km	1000km	990km	330km
LYON	5h00	3h00	x	540km	560km	470km	700km	685km	65km
TOULOUSE	7h00	4h00	5h30	x	250km	560km	900km	585km	530km
BORDEAUX	6h00	6h15	5h30	2h30	x	800km	800km	350km	540km
NICE	9h30	2h15	4h30	5h30	8h00	x	1160km	1144 km	490km
LILLE	2h30	9h45	6h45	9h30	8h00	11h30	x	600km	740km
NANTES	4h00	9h30	6h45	5h30	3h30	11h15	6h15	x	665km
SAINT ETIENNE	5h30	3h20	1h00	5h30	5h30	5h00	7h30	6h30	x