

Exchange Summary- ESCP Paris -Fall 2015

1) Visa Information

After ESCP has approved my enrollment, they have sent an acceptance letter to Tel Aviv University. I went to the French consulate with this letter to apply for student stay visa. Since ESCP sent a detailed mail which contained visa permit information that it is not acceptable to have tourist visa because the whole exchange period is just a bit over 3 months.

2) Housing

Finding an affordable housing in Paris for a short term is really challenging. After ESCP has approved my enrollment, they have sent a very detailed housing handbook. Also, the school has an agreement with a dorm residence, called Vivaldi, in the 12th quartier. Besides, the school's intranet small ads section is really helpful and the facebook group but it's sometimes easier to rent an apartment as a group of 5 or 6 students. I chose to invest a bit more money and to rent my own apartment right at the heart of the 16th quartier. I rented it through a friend who lives in Paris.

3) Living expenses

Living in Paris could be really expensive, depending on several things such as:

A) Housing- choosing a dorm option it will cost around 900 euro per month. But choosing own apartment in a good location, it will cost around 1000-1200 euros per month.

B) Transportation- The metro in Paris is really efficient and so it's highly recommended. They offer a monthly-pass, which I chose. It costs me 70 euros and it includes the five zones till Disney land, La Vallée Village and Charles de Gaulle airport.

C) Food & Restaurants – Restaurants in Paris are rather expensive. I balance my budget between buying my stuffs from Monoprix supermarket, eating lunch at school that is between 12 and 1 pm and going to restaurants.

In my case, I spend around 2200 euros per month.

4) Courses

The school offers a big selection of English courses divided to 15 hours / 30 hours courses. The difference is whether the course will last 5 or 10 weeks. Also, the school requires for a minimum of 90 hours per semester.

Have Fun!
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