



MICEFA'S STUDENT GUIDE

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PASSPORT/VISA

You must have a valid U.S.A. passport in order to apply for a visa «de longue durée» which will allow you to come to France as a student. You can obtain this visa by presenting it to the French consulate with the following documents: your letter of acceptance from MICEFA, proof of medical insurance and a letter of financial guarantee, which can be obtained from your bank, your parents or Financial Aid Office. You will also need a copy of your birth certificate.

Students who have been appointed teaching posts in the French lycées will receive their formal contracts from the Ministry of Education by end of June/mid-July and should then apply for their particular visa which will permit them to work. **If you have not received your contract by the end of June/mid-July let us know immediately** so that we can contact the Ministry.

IMPORTANT : Any student arriving with an inappropriate visa risks having to return to the States to rectify the situation.

HEALTH INSURANCE

All students, except Teaching Assistants who will be automatically covered by Social Security through their lycée, must hold a health insurance policy, either private or one provided by their U.S. university. An International Student I.D. purchased in the United States is valid as proof of insurance.

CARTE DE SÉJOUR

Once you arrive in Paris, MICEFA will help you with the formalities for your **«carte de séjour»**. You will need approximately the same documents that you needed to get your visa, plus at least two photocopies of each, and 4 photos. The procedure will be reviewed at the orientation in early September, and the paperwork will be handled through the MICEFA office. Police processing of your file will cost approximately 220 francs, payable by timbre fiscal.

The carte de séjour is absolutely necessary, especially if you plan to travel at all for it must be shown when crossing the border to get back into France, or even if you are ever stopped for a routine check. You will also need a carte de séjour to open your bank account.

You must have a mandatory medical exam to obtain your carte de séjour. It is **required** by the government for all seekers of the carte de séjour. It is administered by a government agency and will **cost around 55 Euro**.

HOUSING

SHORT TERM SOLUTIONS

I — Immediate/Temporary Housing : MICEFA can reserve you a room in a student residence for the first 2 weeks in September. The cost is approximately 185 Euro. Information will be included with your acceptance letter.

II — Maison Internationale de la Jeunesse et les Étudiants : You may also go directly to one of the Maison internationale de la Jeunesse et des Etudiants (MIJE) foyers, whose addresses are listed below. MIJE provides inexpensive shared rooms in a number of student hotels. These rooms may be obtained without reservation and kept for up to five days. You have a better chance of finding a room if you arrive early in the morning.

The cost is about 30 Euro a night, and a French breakfast of *un bol de café au lait ou chocolat chaud, tartines beurre et confiture* is included. Students staying at one of the MIJE hotels may also eat dinner at the MIJE restaurants, called «*La table d'Hôte,*» located nearby, which provides a full course meal for about 8 Euro.

MIJE Addresses :

BVJ Centre International de Paris/Louvre

20 rue J.J. Rousseau
75001 Paris
Tel: 01 42 36 88 18

BVJ Centre International de Paris/Quartier Latin

44, rue des Bernadins
75005 Paris
Tel: 01 43 29 34 80

Maison International des Jeunes

4 rue Titon
75011 Paris
Tel: 01 43 71 99 21

Maison des Clubs UNESCO

43 rue de la Glacière
75013 Paris
Tel: 01 43 36 00 63

Centre International de séjour de Paris Maurice Ravel

6 ave. Maurice Ravel
75012 Paris
Tel: 01 44 75 60 00

Centre International de séjour de Paris Kellerman

17 boulevard Kellerman
75013 Paris
Tel: 01 44 16 37 38

Foyer International d'Accueil de Paris

30 rue Cabanis
75014 Paris
Tel: 01 45 89 89 15

Centre d'Accueil et d'Animation

46 rue Louis Lumière
75020 Paris
Tel: 01 43 61 24 51

Itinéraires La Defense

19 rue Salvador Allende
92000 Nanterre
Tel: 01 47 25 91 34

III — Accueil des Jeunes en France : You may also go directly to the Accueil des Jeunes en France (AJF) which is a reservation center for some 8000 rooms in student hostels, inexpensive hotels or student accommodation centers in or around Paris.

AJF Addresses :**AJF Bastille**

151, av. Ledru Rollin
75011-Paris
Tel: 01-43-79-53-86

AJF Plateau Beaubourg

119, rue St. Martin
75004 Paris, metro - Châtelet/Les Halles or Rambuteau
Tel: 01-42-77-87-80

AJF Gare du Nord

(good for students arriving from Charles de Gaulle/Roissy airport by RER train)
Tel: 01—42-85-86-19

Auberge de jeunesse «Le d'Artagnan»

80 rue de Vitruve
75020-Paris
Tel: 01-40-32-34-56

IV — Auberges de Jeunesse : Paris Youth Hostels (Auberge de Jeunesse) are located at:

Auberges de Jeunesse

107, rue Martre
92110 Clichy
Tel: 01-41-27-26-90

Prices include a shower and breakfast and the maximum stay is three nights. You will need to have a youth hostel card which you can obtain in the U.S. before leaving.

There is also the Young and Happy Hostel, a perennial favorite, located at 80, rue Mouffetard in the 5th arrondissement, métro - Place Monge. The cost is about 20 Euro per night. They also have two other hostels the Three Ducks (métro Commerce) and The Aloha.

V — Association des Étudiants Protestants de Paris : Another short term possibility is the Association des Etudiants Protestants de Paris, located at 46, rue de Vaugirard in the 6th arrondissement in Paris (tel : 43 54 31 49). Both short and long term housing (summer only) are available. There is a kitchen available for

your use. For short term housing, a room with shower and breakfast included costs around 15 Euro per night for a double room, and 17 Euro for a single.

VI — Cité Universitaire de Paris : Rooms are available during the summer and through the end of September over the short term at different residences in the Cité Universitaire de Paris. We recommend that you contact the

Fondation des Etats-Unis

(or you can make your reservations through the MICEFA)

15, boulevard Jourdan

75690 Paris Cedex 14

Tel : 01-53-80-68-88

to reserve your first two weeks or month's stay in Paris, a worthwhile idea as this will give you time to locate a good long term housing solution. You must reserve as far in advance as possible by writing directly to the Fondation and requesting an application for logement temporaire, stating the period during which you would like to reserve a room. The price is approximately 370 Euro per month. Long term housing at the Fondation is available to graduate students only and the minimum stay is one semester. Students who will have obtained their B.A. by June may apply for long term housing but will need to have proof of their Graduate status.

LONG TERM SOLUTIONS

I — "Au Pair"-Positions : offer the best solution for female students with modest budgets. These positions are with French families and each job has its own conditions although they classically offer room and board (demi-au pair) in exchange for a certain number of hours each week (12-15) of babysitting, English lessons, and/or light household chores, etc. Some positions will combine all of the above responsibilities, and some will require only a few hours of English conversation per day. MICEFA has a number of au pair possibilities available for September. If you are interested, please fill out an **au pair information form** in advance through MICEFA. After your arrival in Paris, you will be able to meet one or two interested families and hopefully given a position quickly. We cannot confirm your acceptance into a family before your arrival as all families understandably want to meet the prospective au-pair before committing.

You may also look for an au pair job independently by consulting the bulletin boards at the

American Church

65 Quai d'Orsay

75007 Paris

or in the France-USA Contacts, a free advertising journal available in our office.

Being a «*filie au pair*» can be a great experience. Most au pair jobs mean integrating into a French family as well as into the French way of life. You must keep in mind, however, that there is a time constriction of at least 8 to 10 hours a week. Nonetheless, considering the high price of housing and food in Paris, these positions can be economical as well as culturally worthwhile.

II — Chambres de Bonne : the equivalent of small studios, may be relatively inexpensive, and they can be charming as well. However, these rooms under the rooftops (actually converted maids' rooms), found usually at the top of a building, often lack a private shower and/or toilet facilities and may even lack hot water. Almost all entail a six or seven flight walk up. If you do not like the idea of this somewhat spartan existence, this is not the option for you. Some chambres de bonne do have small bathrooms and maybe small kitchenettes, but these will cost a bit more.

To find a chambre de bonne, consult the bulletin board at the American Church (see address above), or consult MICEFA as we have occasional offers as well.

III — Apartment Shares : Rents in Paris are extremely high, and more so when the dollar is low. The competition for apartments in Paris is very strong. Again, the American Church is the best bet for finding a share, or an apartment which will frequently be furnished. Sharing an apartment is a great way to improve your French as well as it is always possible to find a share with a French room mate, who can also be a great source of information about Parisian university life. You may also post a notice yourself stating that you are looking for a share.

If you decide to go through the regular rental channels, you will be asked to provide references, proof of financial support or salary, and two months advance rent as security deposit («*caution*»). You may also be asked for a crédit caution, or, the co-signature of a French national who is serving as your financial guarantee. «*Charges comprises*» usually means all utility charges are included, but may mean only the building charges are included. You should always ask for a detailed account of these utilities to make sure that heat (VERY expensive) and «*taxes d'habitation*» (rental taxes) are included, and, if not, whether you will be required to pay for these items. Telephone and electricity is just about always extra and be careful if the heating is electric as this bill can run very *high* during the winter months.

Any housing possibilities available through MICEFA are passed on to the students on a first come first serve basis. Living with a French family offers a home environment, sometimes *demi-pension* (breakfast and dinner included), and usually kitchen privileges and a shared or private bath. The going rate for this type of housing is about 460 Euro per month minimum, and more with demi-pension. Often two students may share a room in a French home - the rate for this varies but is usually around 280 Euro each.

IV — Foyers : We can also refer you to a student foyer, roughly the equivalent to a student dormitory. The comforts of home are lacking, but the cost is moderate and one frequently has a French room mate. Consult the listing of foyers.

V — Student Dormitories : There are few openings available for this low cost housing which offers little comfort but can be a practical solution if you are registered at Nanterre or St. Cloud. These rooms must be reserved in advance by sending a deposit. Request application information through the MICEFA office as early as possible.

VI - Fusec : Once every two weeks, Fusec comes out, a magazine full of housing offer, shares, au pair xxx and ads. You can find one at Micefa or in any English spoken bar. You can also check www.fusec.fr

KEY HOUSING TERMS

Studio, F1	one room studio apartment
F2, F3, etc.	two room, three room apartment, etc.
Sans ascenseur	no elevator, walk - up
salle d'eau	shower (not bath or bathtub) room

reprise	AVOID : means that you must pay for the repairs or decoration done by the former tenant and the cost can run very high
bail caution	lease : make sure you read this very carefully security deposit, usually two months rent, with or without charges reimbursed at the end of your stay once the security check has been done. You MUST MAKE SURE TO GET A RECEIPT FOR YOUR DEPOSIT.
Etat de lieux	Security check, to assess and put into writing the condition of the apartment and its contents. Always demand an état de lieux, especially for furnished apartments, to avoid having money deducted for damages or replacement from your security before it is reimbursed. This is a precaution both for you and your landlord.
Loyer	monthly rent, due on the 1st of each month
Quittance de loyer	receipt for your monthly rent payment
EDF-GDF	Electricité de France-Gaz de France - electric/gas companies
Taxes d'habitation	taxes paid on an annual basis for apartment rental. Your landlord or the person subletting may assume these charges or may ask you to pay your share for the months that you rent the apartment. In some cases, you may receive a bill for these taxes addressed directly to you, usually an average of 100F per month, paid in December or January. Make sure you know if you are responsible for this charge. If you only rent for part of the year, ask that your share of the taxes be calculated for the months in which you live in the apartment and not for the full year.
Gardien/concierge	The French version of a building superintendent, and a Parisian institution. Can be of great help if you are on his or her good side. Otherwise simply delivers the mail and keeps the building clean.

TRANSPORTATION

FROM THE AIRPORTS TO PARIS

There are two airports that serve Paris : Roissy/Charles de Gaulle and Orly. The following information will help you get into the city from either airport.

1) From Orly Airport - 14 km south of Notre Dame.

- **Airport Shuttle** : Door to door airport service. The cost is about 15 Euro per head (2 + persons). There is no extra charge for baggage and they offer group discounts.

- **Air France Bus** : found in front of the Orly Sud terminal. The bus departs every twelve minutes from 6:00 to 23:00 and arrives at the Air France bus terminal at Invalides in Paris. Approximate cost : 7 Euro. Travel time : 40 minutes.

- **RATP bus no. 214** : leaves from Orly and arrives at the Denfert-Rochereau metro station. This is a good option for students who will be housed at the Fondation des Etats-Unis or Cité Universitaire. All day service from 5:30 until around midnight. Cost : 5 Euro. Travel time : 25 minutes.

- **RER commuter train** : called Orlyval which takes you to the RER station Antony. There you take RER line C to Paris. Cost : about 9 Euro

-**Taxi** : fares will be higher at night and you will also be charged extra for your baggage. You should expect to pay at least 30 Euro or more depending on your destination.

II) From Roissy/Charles de Gaulle Airport - 25 km northeast of Notre Dame.

- **Airport Shuttle** : Door to door airport service. The cost is about 14 Euro per head (2 + persons). There is no extra charge for baggage and they offer group discounts.

- **Air France bus** - departs every 15 minutes from Porte 36 and picks up at all the terminals between 5:45 and 23:00. Arrives at the Porte Maillot bus terminal, just west of the Arc de Triomphe and the Champs-Élysées. Cost : 8 Euro. Travel time : 45 minutes.

- **Roissybus - travels between Charles de Gaulle and Opera**. The cost is about 7 Euro . The ride takes about 45 minutes depending on traffic.

- **RER commuter train** - Look for the sign «Roissy Rail» . From the airport RER terminal; trains depart every 15 minutes between 5:30 and 23:30. The ticket you buy will depend on your final destination. Stops include in the center of Paris: Châtelet/Les Halles, St Michel, Luxembourg, Port-Royal, Denfert-Rochereau, and Cité Universitaire. You need to specify how far you will be traveling when you buy your ticket at the airport as ticket prices vary according to destination. Cost: Approximately 7 Euro.

- **Taxi** : should cost a bit more than the taxi from Orly, around 45 Euro.

III - Within Paris and the suburbs

The Card Imagine «R»: This is a yearly pass for students under 26, which allows you unlimited use of the metro, buses, and RER lines within Paris during the week, and in the entire Ile-de-France during the week-end. It also offers access to special train rates, as well as other benefits. The price starts at 260 Euro (for a 2 zones Imagine «R» card), that you can pay at once, or monthly. If you are living in the *banlieue* (outskirts and suburbs), and it is considered to be in the *troisième, quatrième, or cinquième zone*, you must buy the necessary coupon for your zone which will cost a bit more. For the Universities at St-Denis and Villetaneuse (Paris VIII and XIII), you need to buy a three-zone coupon.

The Carte Orange : This is for students who are 26 or more. This is the weekly or monthly pass, which allows you unlimited use of the metro, buses, and RER lines within Paris for an entire calendar month. If you arrive early in September, buy a Carte Orange right away. You can buy the «*coupon hebdomadaire*» or «*coupon mensuel*» at the guichets in any metro station, and the Carte Orange holders are generally available in the larger metro stations (Opéra, République, Châtelet-Les Halles, etc.). The price is 48.60 Euro for the «*coupon mensuel*» and around 14.50 Euro for the «*coupon hebdomadaire*» for a two zones, which includes Paris and outlying neighborhoods still within the metro lines. A new monthly coupon can be purchased any time after the 20th of each month. You must copy the number of your *Carte Orange* onto the *coupon* every month. The *coupon hebdomadaire* is best if you arrive after the first week of September. If you arrive during the last few days of the month, you may buy a carnet of ten tickets for 10 Euro. Individual metro tickets are 1.30 Euro.

The Paris metro system (**RATP-Régie Autonome de Transport Parisien**) is fabulous and American students are always impressed with its efficiency, cleanliness, and quietness. During rush hours, trains arrive every two minutes (unless there is a «*grève*» (strike)). It is very easy to change train lines by making a *correspondance*.

The metro service runs from 5:30 AM to around 12:45 AM (the last train of every line leaves its point of origin at 12:35 AM). Bus service varies from line to line. There is a nightbus system called the

Noctambus) that runs virtually everywhere in the city (except for the 15th arrondissement) between 1:30 AM and 5:30 AM. The Noctambus departs every hour on the half hour from Châtelet, and every hour on the hour from the outlying points. When you arrive and purchase your first Carte Orange, you should pick up all available information from the RATP office - ask specifically for the «**Petit Plan du metro de Paris**» which will fit inside your *Carte Orange*. Every metro station has a large metro map displayed near the guichet and also on the platform, and also a plan du **quartier** (neighborhood map) near the **sorties** (exits). It is all very easy and you will be mastering the metro in no time at all.

If you do not buy a *Carte Orange*, do not forget to *composter* (punch) your ticket if you buy them individually or in carnets, when you take the bus. Keep in mind that taking the bus often requires more than one ticket depending on how many **sections** you cross (consult the map inside the bus or posted at the bus stop, or simply ask the bus driver. If a **contrôleur** passes and sees that you have not cancelled the correct number of tickets, you will have to pay a fine (unless you have a *Carte Orange* which is good for unlimited travel). If you have a *Carte Orange*, **DO NOT** punch your ticket in the bus, simply show the driver your *Carte Orange* to the driver as you enter the bus. A *Carte Orange* ticket will no longer function once you validate it in the bus. You must, however, run it through the turnstile each time that you take the metro.

EATING OUT

The **restaurants universitaires** are subsidized, mostly scattered throughout the Left Bank of Paris, a few additional ones on the right bank, and one at each university in the outskirts (Nanterre, St. Denis, Villetaneuse, Sceaux, Créteil, etc.). Also known as the «**resto U,**» these cafeterias offer low cost full-course meals for about seventeen francs (1998 price), as well as other «formules.»

Le Mazet

5, rue Mazet
75006 Paris.
M° Odéon.
Repas traditionnel et brasserie.

CHU Necker

156, rue de Vaugirard
75015 Paris.
M° Falguière or Pasteur
5 minutes from Montparnasse. Restaurant and take-out.

CHU Salpêtrière

105 boulevard de l'Hopital
75013 Paris
M° St-Marcel
Repas traditionnel et brasserie plus cafétéria.

Assas

92, rue d'Assas
75007 Paris
M° Rennes.
Good student restaurant with view.

Albert Chatelet

8, rue Jean Calvin
75005 Paris
Close to the Sorbonne and the Panthéon. Cafeteria, breakfast, restaurant.

Censier
3, rue Censier
75005 Paris
Restaurant for Paris III -Sorbonne Nouvelle.

Restaurant Universitaire Cuvier-Jussieu
8bis, rue Cuvier
75005 Paris
At the Faculté de Paris VII.

Restaurant Universitaire Dareau
13, rue Dareau
75014 Paris
M° St. Jacques
Cafeteria and brasserie.

Dauphine
Avenue de Pologne
75016 Paris
M° Porte Dauphine
Also open on Saturdays. Grill/brasserie/cafeteria.

Mabillon
3, rue Mabillon
75006 Paris
M° Mabillon
Grill/pizzeria/self service.

THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

1er cycle	D.E.U.G. (Diplôme d'études universitaires générales) 2 years = undergraduate work.
2nd cycle	LICENCE - 1 year = First year Master's. MAITRISE - 1 year = Second year Master's.
3ème cycle	D.E.A. (Diplôme d'études approfondies) 1 year - PhD course work. THESE/DOCTORAT = PhD. Thesis.
Cours d'Agrégation	Special courses that prepare French students for the Agrégation exam, a "concours" which, upon successful completion, confers the title of "Professeur agrégé."
Cours de C.A.P.E.S.	Special courses preparing French students for the C.A.P.E.S. exam (Certificat d'aptitude à la profession de l'enseignement secondaire) which, upon completion, certifies the student as a high school teacher.
Bureau d'Equivalences	Establishes equivalencies between foreign and French diplomas.
Cours Magistral	A lecture class, usually held weekly, in a large room (C.M.) or amphithéâtre, complemented by the T.D. (see below).
Travaux Dirigés	A discussion section where actual coursework is (T.D.) required - sometimes referred to as Travaux pratiques.

Conférence	An individual lecture.
Programme	Syllabus.
Exposé	An oral report/presentation.
D.S.T.	Devoir sur table - in-class assignment.
Interrogation	Test.
Partiel	Mid-term/final exam or in-class test.
Contrôle continu	All classwork for evaluation.
Dossier	A written report.
Examen final	Often replaces the contrôle continu for a class grade.
Bibliographie	May be an exhaustive list of references and not necessarily the required course bibliography - find out which books are required reading/optional supplementary reading.

LIBRARIES/RESEARCH FACILITIES

Each university has its own library. The use of this library may be limited to students officially registered at the university. Some libraries are open to all students, and do not permit lending for non-registered students. You may borrow books at the university where you are enrolled. The catalogue system is by author/subject.

Bibliothèques municipales. Each Parisian quarter has its own neighborhood library. You may obtain a library card by presenting a quittance de loyer (rent receipt) or a utility bill in your name. This card gives you borrowing privileges of two to three weeks for books and periodicals.

Other Libraries :

Bibliothèque Sainte Geneviève

10, Place du Panthéon
75005 Paris
M° Luxembourg
Entrance upon presentation of student card.

Bibliothèque de la Sorbonne

47, rue des Ecoles
75005 Paris
M° St. Michel

Bibliothèque Historique de la Ville de Paris

4, rue Pavée
75004 Paris
M° St. Paul-Le Marais.
Library card upon proof of domicile.

Bibliothèque Publique d'Information (BPI)

Beaubourg (Centre Georges Pompidou)

(Closed for the time being)

M° Rambuteau.

Huge library seating 1000 - often crowded afternoons and Saturdays but boasts an open stack system, instead of the closed stack system of most university libraries. Open every weekday EXCEPT TUESDAY from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m., and on the weekend from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Record listening library, slide library and large periodical floor.

La Bibliothèque Nationale is currently being moved to its new location and only partially open. Graduate students will need a letter from your research director requesting permission for you to use the library's facilities. Please inquire at the MICEFA office.

La Documentation Française

29, quai Voltaire

75007 Paris

M° Solférino

200 000 volumes on political, social, and economic topics and 2000 files on international issues. Two specialized centers on China/Eastern Europe, and Africa/Pays de l'outremer. Open to the public.

Bibliothèque Mazarine

Institut de France

23, quai Conti

75006 Paris

M° Odéon

Open to the public Monday-Friday. Interesting collection on French History.

Bibliothèque de l'Arsenal

1, rue Sully

75004 Paris

M° Sully-Morland

Large collection of Literature, Theatre, Cinema, Television.

There are other addresses available of specialized libraries in Art, Agriculture, Sciences, etc. at the MICEFA office or on the web site of the Ministère de l'Education nationale, de la recherche et de la technologie.

HEALTH CONCERNS

References for physicians, gynecologists, dentists, and hospitals or clinics may be obtained at the MICEFA office. Your neighborhood pharmacy is a good place to get minor first aid advice and references for doctors in your neighborhood. Note: The American Hospital is much more costly than Parisian hospitals, only accepts Blue Cross or cash, and their staff is NOT all bilingual as indicated.

Preliminary addresses :**Hôpital International de l'Université de Paris**

42, boulevard Jourdan

75014 Paris

M°/RER Cité Universitaire

American Student and Family Counseling Service

Eglise Américaine
65, quai d'Orsay
75007 Paris
M° Invalides
Tel : 45 50 26 49

Professional counselors, social workers, and therapists. Supported by the American Hospital and the American Church.

PRACTICAL TIPS

Computers - If you have a notebook, you can bring it (You don't need to worry about any electrical matters: there is a switch on every computer to set it to European standards, and you will easily find the plug converter needed to use the French electrical plugs). You will have access, however, to computers on university campuses.

E-Mail - You will be given a e-mail address through the university system.

Electrical Appliances - You will need a converter/transformer to convert French 220V to 110V for your small appliances (dryers, shavers, etc.). Otherwise, leave them at home or bring travel appliances that are designed for both currents.

Budgeting - Life in Paris is EXPENSIVE. Buying your own food to eat at home, or eating in the student restaurants is MUCH cheaper than eating in a «café.» If you do go to a café, it is always cheaper to eat standing at the counter than sitting, and sitting on the terrasse can be more expensive than sitting inside. Drink prices tend to go up after 10p.m. Tourist hot spots, such as the Champs-Élysées or the Boulevard St.-Germain charge much higher prices than the neighborhood cafés where the local Parisians go to «prendre une verre.»

In restaurants, look for the «MENU,» meaning a fixed price meal with service included, and often *boisson comprise* (wine or mineral water). Ask for the house wine (*carafe de vin* or *un quart de vin*) instead of ordering more expensive bottles of wine. Don't be intimidated by a waiter who insists that you order bottled mineral water (Vittel, Vichy, Badoit) if you prefer a carafe of tap water (*une carafe d'eau*), which in Paris is not only free but tastes fine.

Films are always cheaper on Wednesday nights, and your student ID will generally entitle you to a discount at most movie theatres. Check the *Officiel des Spectacles* (0.50 Euro) or the *Pariscope* (0.50 Euro). Both are guides to the arts and cultural events across Paris, and come out every Wednesday. They include information about movies, theatre, concerts, museums, exhibits, etc.

Museums are cheaper for everyone under 24 years of age. Sundays are usually reduced rate days, and some are free. Most museums close on Mondays or Tuesdays. If you are an *assistant* in a lycée, you will obtain a teacher identification card which will entitle you to discounts at all national museums and monuments.

Concerts may also have reduced rates. Check the *Officiel*. There are excellent free concerts at several churches throughout Paris, and free jazz and classical concerts at Radio France.