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Alliance Française

Bordeaux Nouvelle-Aquitaine

WELCOME BOOKLET

**ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE
BORDEAUX NOUVELLE-AQUITAINE**

<https://www.alliance-bordeaux.org/>

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FRANÇAIS LANGUE ÉTRANGÈRE
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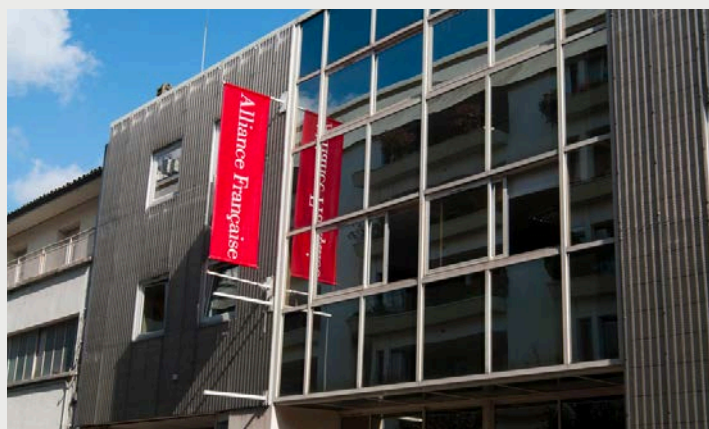
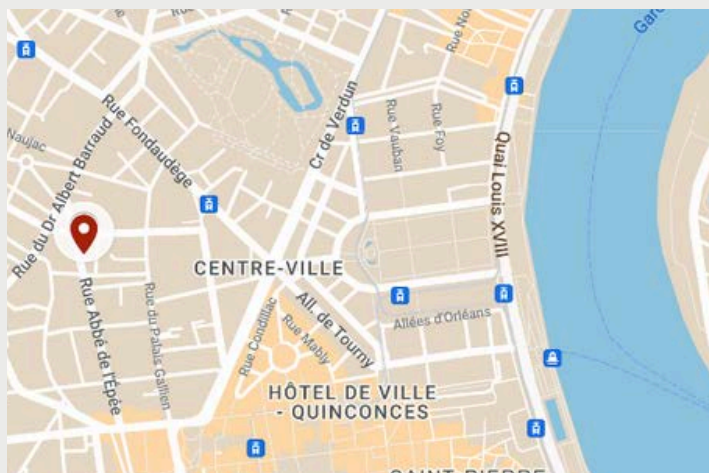
1. Visit Nouvelle-Aquitaine and France



School

The Alliance Française is located in the heart of Bordeaux, **126 rue Abbé de l'Épée**.

Close to the historic city center and shops, the school's location will enable you to fully live your Bordeaux experience.



COMING TO SCHOOL



Tram D - Stop Fondaudège - Muséum
Tram B et C - Stop Quinconces
Tram A - Stop Mériadeck



Bus 2, 3, 5, 15 and 23 - Stop Tourny
Bus 16 - Stop St Seurin
Bus 82 - Stop Naujac

OPENING HOURS

Monday: **8:30-17:00**
Tuesday: **8:30-17:00**
Wednesday: **8:30-13:30**
Thursday: **8:30-17:30**
Friday: **8:30-16:30**

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on social media! You'll find **useful information**, photos and **videos** of cultural activities, **tips** on learning the French language, **news** about our courses and all about **student life** at the Alliance Française in Bordeaux.

Our website also allows you to find out more about our courses and exams by registering directly.



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Reception

You can contact reception if you have any questions about :



Registrations / re-registrations: to courses and workshops.



Diplomas: registration and collection of your certificates and diplomas



Accommodation: AF Bordeaux will help you to find accommodation for the duration of your stay, within a minimum of two weeks depending upon to availability.



Student card: you can get your student card at reception by submitting a photo and your name. This card entitles you to **benefits** such as student rates and discounts at the Tourism Office, museums, cinemas, theaters, restaurants, bars and other partners.



Claims: If you have a claim, you can return the form completed at reception. We'll get back to you as soon as possible.

The team

MANAGEMENT



Cécile
DELAUNAY

ADMINISTRATION



Marie-Hélène C.



Hripsimé N.

CULTURE & COMMUNICATION



Nicolas B.

EDUCATION



John B.

TEACHERS



Manon K.



Nelly D.



Mathieu L.



Magali M.



Alya T.



Flora B.



Flora B.



Caroline A.



Mathieu T.



Valérie S.



Bénédicte S.



Delphine R.



Clotilde R.

Education department

If you have any questions about your **courses or workshops**, please contact the education department.

COURSES

Intensive courses

- Monday to Friday
- 9 AM to 1 PM (20h / week)
- From level A1 to C1
- At school in Bordeaux

Evening courses

- Tuesdays and Thursdays
- 6:30 to 8:30 PM (4h / week)
- From level A1 to C1
- Online

For more information on our courses, please visit our website:
<https://www.alliance-bordeaux.org/en/french-course/>

THEMATIC WORKSHOPS

Conversation Workshop

- Monday, 2:30 to 4:30 PM
- 18€ per week
- From level A2

Grammar Workshop

- Thursday, 2:30 to 4:30 PM
- 18€ per week
- All levels

Phonetic Workshop

- Friday, 2 to 3:30 PM
- 13,50€ per week
- All levels

Cultural Workshop

- 1 time/month, 2:30 to 4 PM
- 13,50 € per workshop
- From level A2

For more information about the workshops:
<https://www.alliance-bordeaux.org/en/workshops/>



The Alliance Française Bordeaux Nouvelle-Aquitaine has made a number of commitments concerning the setting up and follow-up of courses, in order to guarantee a qualitative training and to provide a good framework for learners. The AFBNA considers learners as the role players in these courses, and asks them to respect a certain number of commitments to ensure that classes run smoothly.

Find out more about our [learning contract](#).



TRAINING ASSESSMENT

At the end of your stay, your teacher will provide you a **training assessment** certifying your attendance, the level of your followed courses, the hourly volume and your progress.

EXAMS

Take advantage of your stay to take your French **diplomas and tests** at the Alliance Française Bordeaux Nouvelle-Aquitaine. For more information and to register for an exam, visit the reception desk or [our website](#).

FRANCE
EDUCATION
INTERNATIONAL

DELF
DALF

DELF and DALF are official diplomas issued by the French Ministry of Education to certify competence in the French language.

FRANCE
EDUCATION
INTERNATIONAL

TCF
INTÉGRATION,
RÉSIDENT
& NATIONALITÉ

The **TCF IRN** can be used to validate your level of French for an application for French nationality/resident's card, or to validate your level as part of the OFII citizenship program.

FRANCE
EDUCATION
INTERNATIONAL

TCF

The **TCF** is designed for people who wish to have their level of French assessed for academic, professional or personal reasons.

*TEF
TEST
D'ÉVALUATION
DE FRANÇAIS

TEF Canada certifies your knowledge of French for immigration and citizenship purposes.



WHICH EXAM TO TAKE?

	TCF IRN A2	TCF IRN B1	DELF A2	DELF B1	DELF B2 DALF C1
Nationality application		x		x	
Resident card	x		x		
University entrance, internship, future training, etc.					x

Resources at your disposal

RESOURCES CENTER



In this computer room, you can find a wide range of **resources to support your learning**: online exercises, workbooks, magazines, easy French novels, the Bien-dire digital textbook...

All books can be borrowed from the teaching department. They are also accessible to people with reduced mobility.



LA BOÎTE À LIRE

On the first floor, you have a "Boîte à lire" (box to read) at your disposal. Its aim is to give a **second life to books**. You can freely take or leave books of your choice.

DIGITAL LEARNING PLATFORM

The platform provides access to **course summaries and complementary activities**. It's also the place to talk to classmates and teachers, share content and much more!



Wifi access is available throughout the school. Access codes are posted at reception and in the classrooms.

Cultural department

A **monthly** cultural programme offers activities to discover the **local culture** (visits, tastings, excursions), sports activities and social events.

HERITAGE & CULTURE



GASTRONOMY & OENOLOGY



SPORT & LEISURES



EXCURSIONS



This programme is posted in your classroom, on each floor and outside the **communication and culture office**. It is also posted on **Instagram** and **Facebook** at the start of each session.

Finally, the [culture page of our website](#) gives more details on all our upcoming cultural activities.

To register for activities, go directly to the cultural office on the ground floor of the school.

Bike rental

Discover Bordeaux by bike!

Rent a bike from the Alliance Française during your stay, at preferential rates, in partnership with Cocotte & Braquet.



- **1 day pack: 10€**

Departure: after class at 1PM | Return: next day before class at 9AM

- **Week-end pack: 20€**

Departure: Friday after class | Return: Monday before class

- **Week pack: 35€**

Departure: Monday after class | Return: Friday before class

This practical, environmentally-friendly mode of transport makes it easier to get around Bordeaux, the most pedestrianized city in France, and helps protect the environment while getting some exercise.

Our eco-friendly policy



AFBNA is committed to respecting the environment:

- **Recycling:** all litter garbage cans have been removed from classrooms and offices. On each floor, you can find bins to sort your waste properly.
- **Green energy:** since January 2020, AF Bordeaux has been using 100% green electricity.

Office Tourism



The **Bordeaux Tourism Office** offers a wide range of activities and excursions to discover Bordeaux and its surroundings. For more information, you can visit the Tourism Office or consult their website: <https://www.bordeaux-tourisme.com/>.

Public transport



The **TBM transport** network includes bus, tramways, bike and boat. You can buy your tickets at tramways stations, or on the mobile application.

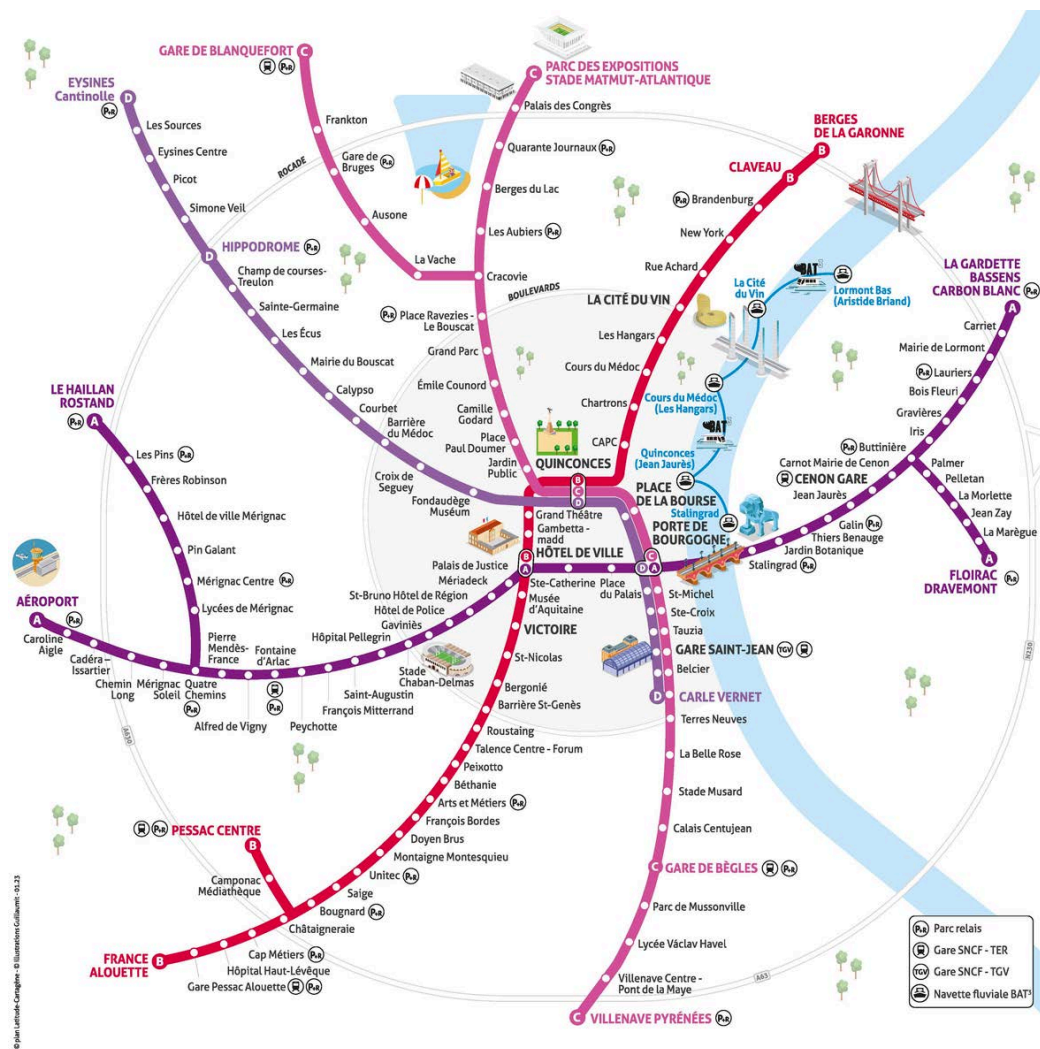
TRANSPORT TICKETS

- **City Pass:** The City Pass gives unlimited access to the TBM network and to over 20 museums, including the Cité du Vin. The City Pass can be purchased for 24, 48 or 72 hours.
- **Trip tickets:** 1, 2 or 10 trips
- **Day tickets:** 24h, 7 days or one evening
- **Long-term subscription (monthly or annual):** subscriptions must be taken out at TBM agencies or on their website. You need ID, a recent passport photo and a bank details form.

➔ TBM agencies

Quinconces agency: Cours du 30 Juillet
Gare Saint Jean agency: South forecourt access

! Bordeaux airport is now **directly accessible via tramway line A!**



Eating near the Alliance



Boulangerie Perrin

Bread, viennoiserie, sandwiches, pastries, etc.



55-57 rue Fondaudège



Gustave - Street Food

Street food inspired by the world cuisine.



5 rue Fondaudège



La Collation

Brunch with fluffy pancake, sweet or salty.



17 rue Fondaudège



Paus'k

Hot dishes (pasta, quiches, wraps etc.)



11 rue Fondaudège / 2 rue du Palais Gallien



Heiko Poke

Poke with vinegared rice, raw vegetables or quinoa.



35 rue Fondaudège



Boulangerie Guillaume

Bread, viennoiserie, sandwiches, pastries, etc.



5 rue du Palais Gallien

Our recommendations in Bordeaux



Brunch

Suzzi

46 rue des Trois-Conils

Les Sauvages

49 cours de la Martinique



Asian

Fufu Ramen

37 rue Saint-Rémi

Santosh

2 pl. Fernand Lafargue



Canelés

La Toque Cuivrée

5 et 82-84 rue Sainte-Catherine

Baillardran

33 rue Saint-Rémi



Italian

Osteria Palatino

8 rue de la Merci

Monzù

12 place des Grands Hommes
14 rue Guiraude



Kebab

Anatole

7 rue du Pas-Saint-Georges

Coluche

40 rue du Pas-Saint-Georges



Vegan

Dis Leur

45 rue du Loup

Monkey Mood

11 rue Camille Sauvageau



French

Berthus

15 rue des Bahutiers

Le Prévert

10 rue Castillon



Burger

Le Petit Mignon

33 rue Saint-Rémi

Kokomo

9 pl. Fernand Lafargue



Gastronomic

Le Quatrième Mur

2 pl. de la Comédie

Arcada

13 rue de la Rousselle

Markets

Marché des Capucins

Open daily except for Mondays

Pl. des Capucins



Marché des Chartrons

Open daily except for Sundays and Mondays

2 rue Sicard



Les Halles de Bacalan

Open daily except for Mondays

15 quai du Maroc

Marché on the docks

Open on Sundays from 7 AM to 3:30 PM

Quai des Chartrons

Cinemas and theaters

Méga CGR Le Français

9 rue Montesquieu

Cinéma Mégarama

7 quai des Queyries

Cinéma Utopia

5 pl. Camille Jullian

Cinéma UGC Ciné Cité

13-15 rue Georges Bonnac

UGC Ciné Cité Bassins à Flot

6 quai Virginie Hériot

Théâtre Femina

10 rue de Grassi



Théâtre des Beaux-Arts

2 rue des Beaux Arts

Opéra National de Bordeaux

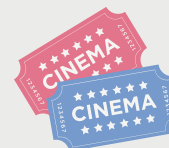
Pl. de la Comédie

Théâtre Improvidence

19 rue des Augustins

Théâtre L'Inox

11-13 rue Fernand Philippart



Museums



Musée d'Aquitaine

20 cr Pasteur



Musée des Beaux-Arts

20 cr d'Albret



La Cité du Vin

134 quai de Bacalan



Bassins des Lumières

Imp. Brown de Colstoun



Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle

5 pl. Bardineau



Musée Mer Marine

89 rue des Étrangers



CAPC Musée d'Art Contemporain

7 rue Ferrere



Musée du Vin et du Négoce

41 rue Borie



Intercultural meet-ups

- Take part in **French Apéros**, Cafés Linguistiques and other cultural activities organized by AF Bordeaux every month.
- Join some **Facebook groups** to exchange with other students and expatriates in Bordeaux: [Erasmus Bordeaux](#), [Bordeaux Tribe up](#).
- Join **associations** such as [BlaBla Language exchange](#), [Meet Up](#) or [conversation clubs](#).
- Register on the [Buddy System](#) platform, which gets you in touch with a French student or the linguistic app [Tandem](#).



Sports



- **Gym with memberships:** [Basic Fit](#), [Easy Gym](#), [Keep Cool](#), [Pulse Boot Camp](#)...
- **Open access grounds:** Parc des sports Saint Michel
- **Sport ground with reservation:** complexe [Axel Vega](#)
- **Sport clubs:** [tennis](#), [football](#), [climbing](#), dance...

Accounts to follow



EAT

[@bordeauxfood](#)
[@lecanneledadresses](#)
[@le_canard_bordelais](#)
[@brunchbordeaux](#)
[@topbordeauxbrunch](#)

VISIT

[@visitbordeaux](#)
[@quoifaireabordeaux](#)
[@bordeauxmedia](#)
[@le_bonbon_bordeaux](#)
[@unairdebordeaux](#)

Accommodation

WITH THE ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE DE BORDEAUX

If you wish, AF can provide you with accommodation. We select accommodation close to our school and easily served by public transport.

- **In host family**

Half-board package: discover the way of life of a French family by sharing their daily routine and convivial moments (breakfast and dinner, evenings...).

Single room only package: you stay with a host family, who will provide you with a room and free access to the kitchen and bathroom.

- **Hotel residences**

Hotel residences offer studios, T1s or T2s (1 to 4 people) equipped with bathroom and kitchenette, and with optional services for an additional cost: breakfast, laundry, car park, etc. Find our partners [by clicking here](#).

- **Student residences**

Student residences (or coliving) offer warm and welcoming places to live, where everyone has their own personal space (from T1 to T3, fully furnished) and shared spaces for a host of new services (coworking space, fitness room, etc.). Find out more about our partners [by clicking here](#).



Discover all our price on our website: <https://www.alliance-bordeaux.org/en/accommodation/>

Accommodation

BY YOUR OWN MEANS



- **On websites**

It is possible to find accommodation on:

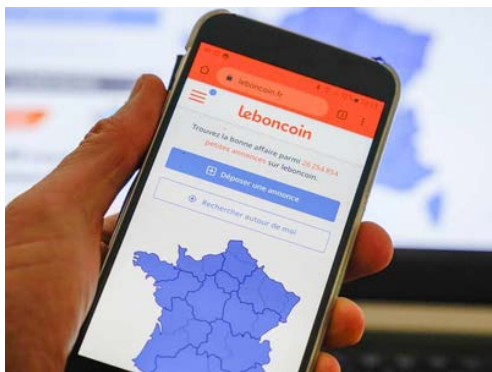
- ▶ [Leboncoin](#)
- ▶ [Particulier à particulier](#)
- ▶ [SeLoger](#)
- ▶ [La carte des Colocs](#)
- ▶ [Airbnb](#)

- **Youth hostels**

If you want to stay in a youth hostel, the most famous ones of Bordeaux are [Whoo Hostel](#), [Central Hostel](#), [Youth Hostel](#), [Hostel 20](#).

- **Accommodation from the CROUS**

If you are registered in a higher education establishment in the Bordeaux academy, recognised by the Ministry of Higher Education and Research, you can apply for university accommodation on [this website](#).



WARNING! There are a lot of scams on accommodation websites. Never send your bank details or identity papers without first visiting the property. And don't pay any deposit before visiting the property.

You may be eligible for housing benefit under certain conditions, which you can find out more about here: <https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F2787>.

Consulates and visa

EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES



Once you have arrived in France, **register your presence on French territory**. You can find your country's consulate in Bordeaux in [this directory](#).

VISA

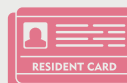


If you are an **EU national**, the only documents required are your identity card or passport. You do not need to complete any formalities with the French authorities.



If you are **not an EU citizen**, check whether you need a visa on the [France-Visas](#) website. If you obtain a long-stay visa for your studies (VLS-TS visa), you must validate it on [the official website](#).

RESIDENCE PERMITS



If you have a VLS-TS visa and would like to continue your studies in France the following year, you can learn more about it [on this website](#). This request must be made no later than one month before the expiry date of your visa. You can also consult the Préfecture de Gironde [website](#).

You will be asked to buy revenue stamps. You can buy them online or at a tobacco shop.



To print, photocopy or scan documents, can go to these places:



- **In a Post Office**
- **Public libraries and universities:** 85 cours du Maréchal Juin, Tram A (Hôtel de Police)
- **Bureau Vallée :** 79 rue Georges Bonnac, Tram A (Mérida)
- **CIJA (Centre d'informations Jeunesse Aquitaine) :** 25 cours d'Alsace Lorraine, Tram A (Place du Palais)
- **COREP :** 84 cours du Maréchal Juin, Tram A (Hôtel de Police) or 17 place de la Victoire, Tram B (Victoire)

Telephone

There are two ways of obtaining a French telephone number: using a **prepaid card** (preferable for short stays), or taking out a **subscription** with a French operator (preferable for longer stays).

Prepaid SIM card:

To buy a prepaid SIM card, you can go to **retailers** (tobacconists, supermarkets) or **operators' shops**. You can also buy them online, on your operator's website.



Subscription with a French operator:

You can take out a telephone subscription **online or in a shop**. In general, you will need to provide proof of identity, proof of address and your bank details.



Les **4 opérateurs français** les plus connus :



Banks



If you plan to stay in France for a long time, we advise you to **open a French bank account** to:

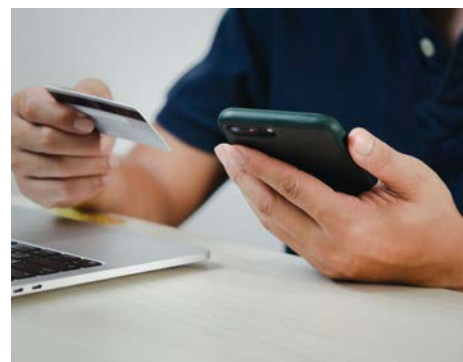
- Avoid paying bank charges (especially if your country's currency is not the Euro).
- Have a bank card and checkbook. This is necessary for paying your rent and other administrative formalities.
- Obtain housing benefit and reimbursement of medical expenses.

The main French banks are: Banque Populaire, Crédit Agricole, Société Générale, BNP Paribas, Crédit Mutuel, LCL and Caisse d'Epargne.

If you're looking for a **committed bank**, here are 3: Banque Postale, Nef and Crédit Coopératif.



If you choose BNP Paribas, we can put you in touch with this bank, so don't hesitate to contact us.



Mail



• La Poste

To send your letters and packages, go to your nearest post office.

La Poste Gambetta : 43 pl. Gambetta

La Poste Mériadeck : 37 rue du Château d'Eau



• Other package delivery services:

- ▶ [Mondial Relay](#) (in some European countries)
- ▶ [Relais Colis](#) (in France)
- ▶ [Chronopost](#) (international)
- ▶ [UPS](#) (international)

Health

SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM

Access to social security for foreign nationals living in France depends on their situation:

-  **European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA) nationals** benefit from social security under the coordination of European social systems.
-  **For non-EU/EEA foreigners**, coverage depends on their residency status, with certain residence permits entitling them to social security.

To find out more about your rights, visit this page: <https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F12859>.



IMPORTANT NUMBERS



Emergencies



Firefighters



Late-night pharmacy

30 Place des Capucins
+33 5 56 91 62 66



Ambulance



Police



Hospitals

Saint André - +33 5 56 79 56 79
Pellegrin - +33 5 56 79 56 79

SOS Médecin (doctors): To make an appointment, call +33 5 56 44 74 74 or visit our website at <https://www.sosmedecins-bordeaux.com/>.

45 rue de la Pelouse de Douet

Visit Nouvelle-Aquitaine

→ Arcachon Bay

It takes you a one-hour trip from Bordeaux to get into the Atlantic coast, there you can discover magnificent sites such as the Dune du Pilat, Cap Ferret and Arcachon.

Accessibility: train or bus (lines 601, 610 and 611)

→ Lacanau

Lacanau is internationally renowned for its surf spot.

Accessibility: bus (line 702)

→ Bordeaux vineyards

6 wine regions to discover: Médoc, Graves and Sauternes, Blaye and Bourg, Saint-Émilion, Pomerol and Fronsac, Entre-deux-mers.

Accessibility: bus (line 702)

Don't hesitate to contact the [Bordeaux Tourism Office](#), which offers day excursions.

→ Saint-Émilion

Discover the charm of a medieval village at the heart of the Bordeaux vineyards, as well as numerous historical monuments.

Accessibility: bus or train (lines 304, 315, 316, 317)

→ Dordogne

With its important archaeological and cultural heritage, the Dordogne is a must-see département in the South-West. Visit the medieval town of Sarlat-La-Canéda.

Accessibility: bus or train



→ Blaye end the Gironde estuary

Blaye is an impressive Vauban citadel. But that's not all: here, the estuary takes center stage, creating a town full of surprises.

Accessibility: train or bus (line 202).

→ Biarritz and the Basque country

Located just a stone throw away from Spain, people come here for its beaches, waves and surfing, as well as for its authenticity and cultural vibrancy.

Accessibility: train or bus

→ La Rochelle and Charente-Maritime

This region, with its many seaside resorts, is appreciated for its landscapes and important heritage.

Accessibility: train or bus



Visit France

Bordeaux → Paris 2 to 3h by train

Bordeaux → Toulouse 2h by train

Bordeaux → Lyon 1h30 by plane

Bordeaux → Nantes 4h30 by train

To travel in France, you can take a plane, train, Blablacar (carpooling) or bus.





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**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION, FEEL FREE
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