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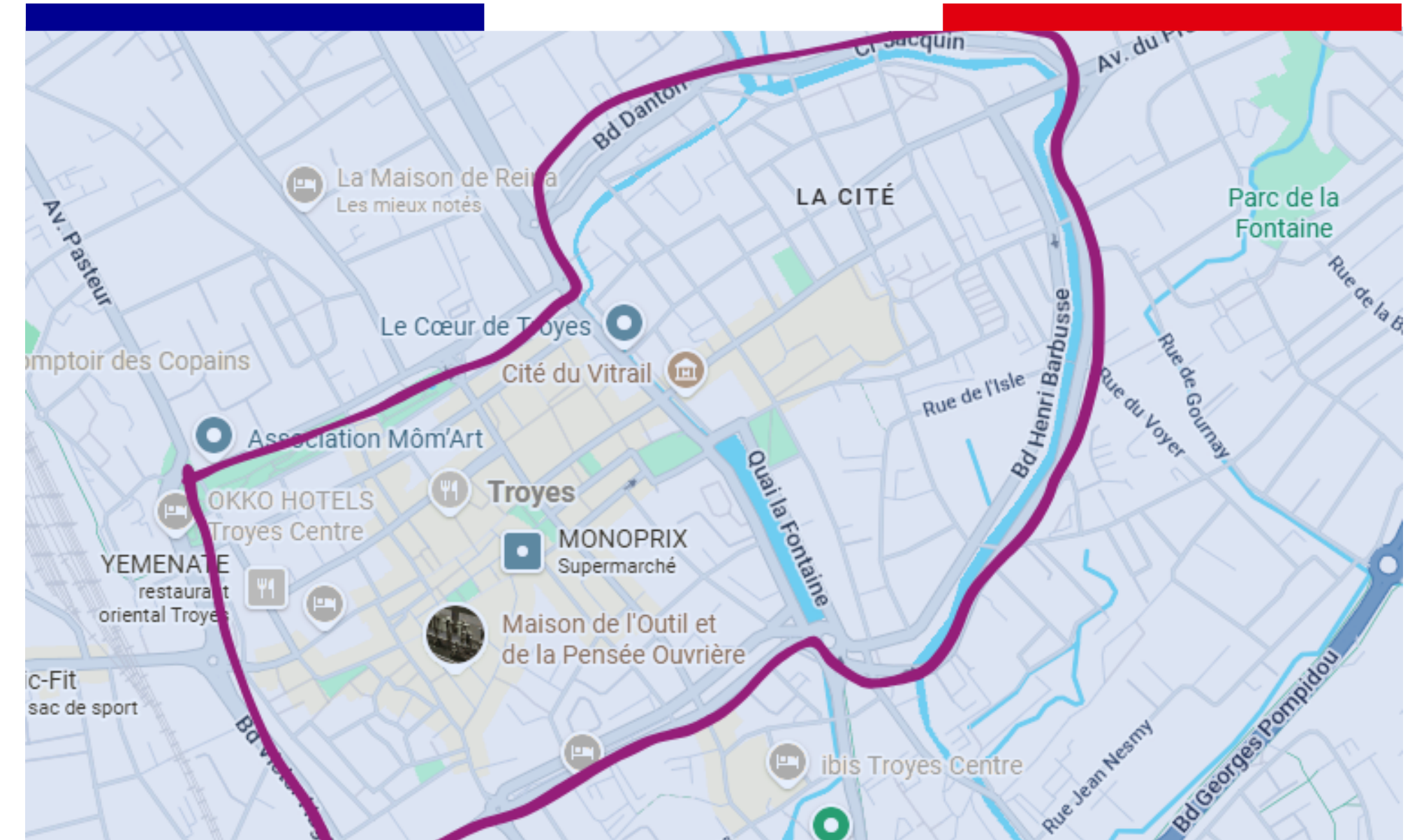
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Troyes

Troyes is a pleasant area to live in, very close to the countryside, giving you different landscapes to explore. It's also a lively area, and a rapidly expanding center of science and technology.

Situated on the river Seine, Troyes is an old medieval town with a remarkable heritage, notably in the town center. Troyes is often referred to as “the town in the shape of a champagne cork, and it has been described as “the most beautiful collection of medieval urban dwellings in France”. The middle-age houses in Troyes are almost all Renaissance style, which is remarkable from an architectural point of view.

Champagne: The climate and the land in the “department” of Aube allow the growing and cultivation of vineyard. It is the birthplace of champagne.







Weather

- August / September (late summer)
Warm and **sunny** days (20-30°)
Cooler nights : a jacket is recommended
- October / November (Autumn)
Temperatures dropping (10-20°)
Brisk and **transitional weather**
- December / January (Winter)
Cold winter conditions (10° down to -5°)
Warm clothing required : coat, scarf, gloves and sturdy shoes
*Note : Unlike in Taiwan, avoid slippers or open shoes when it **rains!** Potential **snow** around Christmas.*





Where to eat and night life

Troyes is a dynamic city with a large community of both French and international students (around **9,000** students). Plenty of opportunities **both** during the day and at night.

A wide **selection** of bars and restaurants is available to guarantee **diversity** and **entertainment**.

We don't really have tea shops, but there are also numerous coffee shops and **bars** to choose from. You should definitely try sitting at a nice terrace to enjoy a drink.

Compared to Taiwan, restaurant prices are really high, so you **probably won't be eating out** for every meal.



Facilities

Médiathèque de Troyes Champagne Métropole : **The Main library** (Médiathèque) is situated in the city center.

CONVENIENCE SHOPS :

Supermarkets near the school. You will find many shops around the school as well as in the city center.

Traditional Markets : Marché des Halles
You can buy flowers, fresh meat, fresh fish, fruits and vegetables.

Sunday is resting day, shops are closed and supermarkets opened only in the morning.



Things to do

Leisure in Troyes :

- A lot of museum (free during winter period)
- Ice rink, bowling, cinema, laser game, escape game
- SPORTS : Swimming pools, Tennis fields, Soccer stadium (Stade de l'Aube), Paddle...

Leisure around Troyes :

- Forêt d'Orient Lake, Nigloland, Karting, Ziplining, Paintball.

Christmas markets and events take place in the city center during December.



Health

International students who don't come from the European Union are expected to take out a private insurance policy before they leave their home country.

Y SCHOOLS provides all its students with access to a **dedicated Student Health Service**, available throughout the academic year. This service is designed to support you on **all matters related to your health, well-being, and student life**, whatever your needs may be.

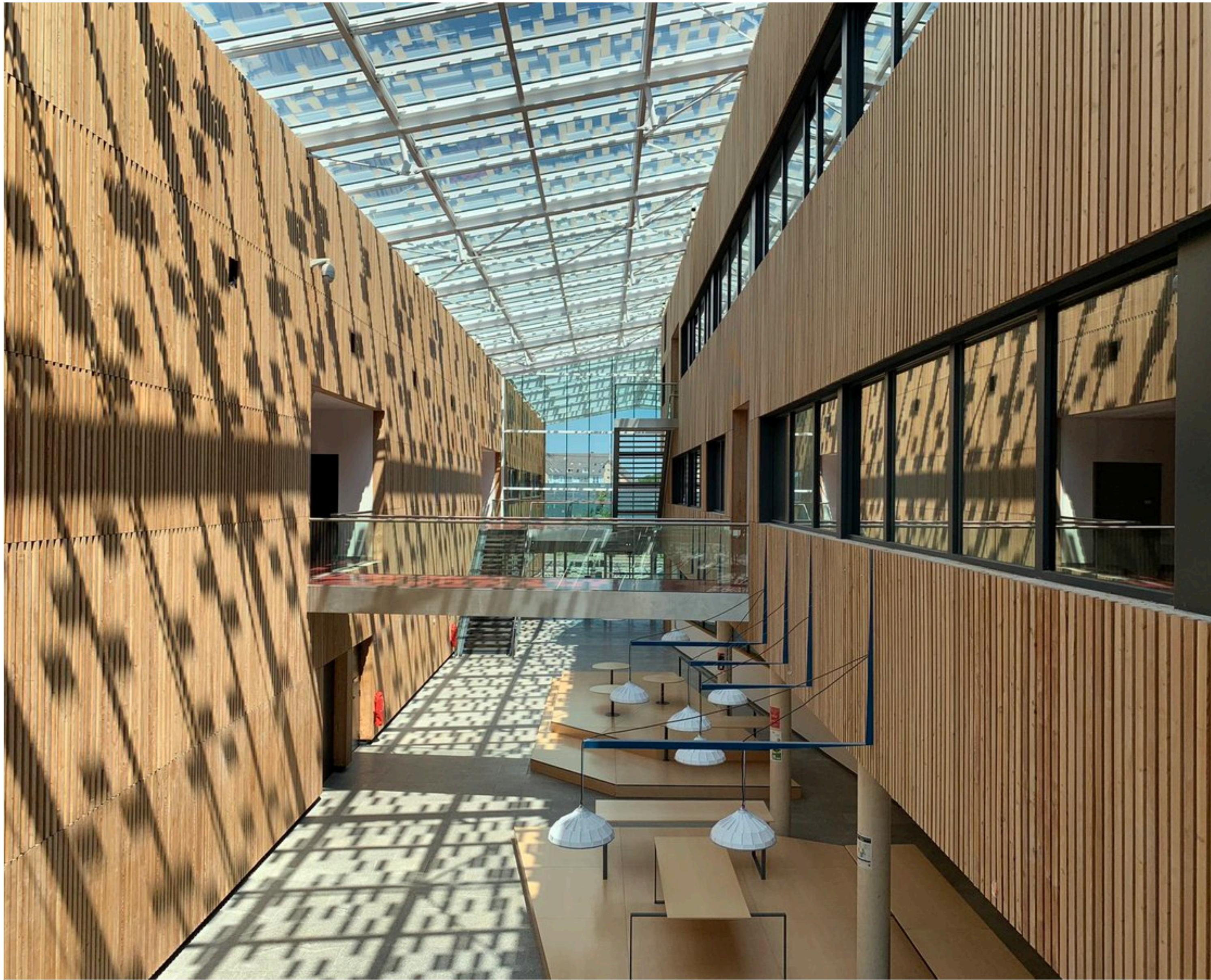
Information will be given during the orientation session.





- The Campus Brossolette is the main and historical campus of Y SCHOOLS.
- **It hosts** the Business and Tourism schools of Management, student associations, language courses, and major events such as orientation days, lectures, cultural forum, and the end-of-the-year gala. You can also find a cafeteria.







International students will spend **two days on the main campus** upon their arrival (August 31st and September 1st).

- Breakfast
- Presentation by the **International Affairs team** and the **ISA** (International Student Association), who look forward to welcoming our new international students.
- Campus **tour**, including a **photoshoot** for student cards and a **French placement test** for those wishing to take French courses during the semester.
- Representatives from the **CPAM** will also be present to help students apply for French social security (which is free and mandatory for non-European students).
- Additionally, the **CAF** may visit to provide information on financial housing aid that international students might receive during the semester.



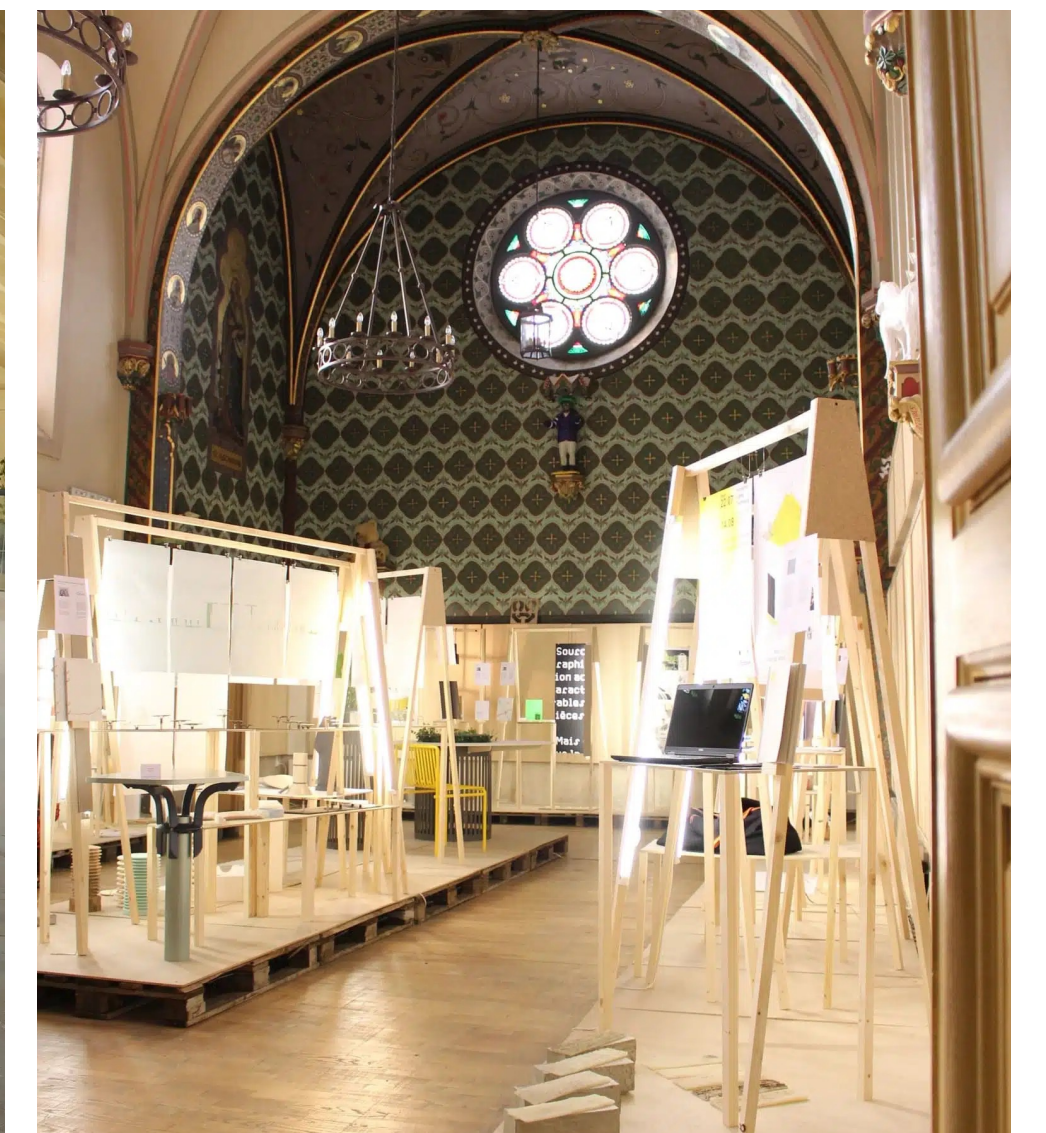


The School of Design is located on the **second campus** of Y SCHOOLS, a 15-minute walk from the city center.

It is housed in a former cloister converted into a higher school of design, which you can **visit online**.

Following the orientation days, international students will have **half a day** dedicated to visiting the School of Design.

We are welcoming **26 international students** this year. They will tour the campus alongside the International Affairs team and meet their future professors.





- Except for the French course, classes will be held on this campus.
- The course schedule is structured differently than at Yuntech.
- Each course lasts between **20 and 30 hours in total**, with 3 hours class session, and modules may not start or end in the same week.
- Almost all teachers and students speak English, so don't hesitate to approach them! They will be happy to help you settle in. You'll find French words and key sentences in the student guide to help you.
- There is also a student cafeteria for lunch (CROUS) close to the school (3,30€ full meal : starter, main course, cheese, dessert).



Housing and monthly budget

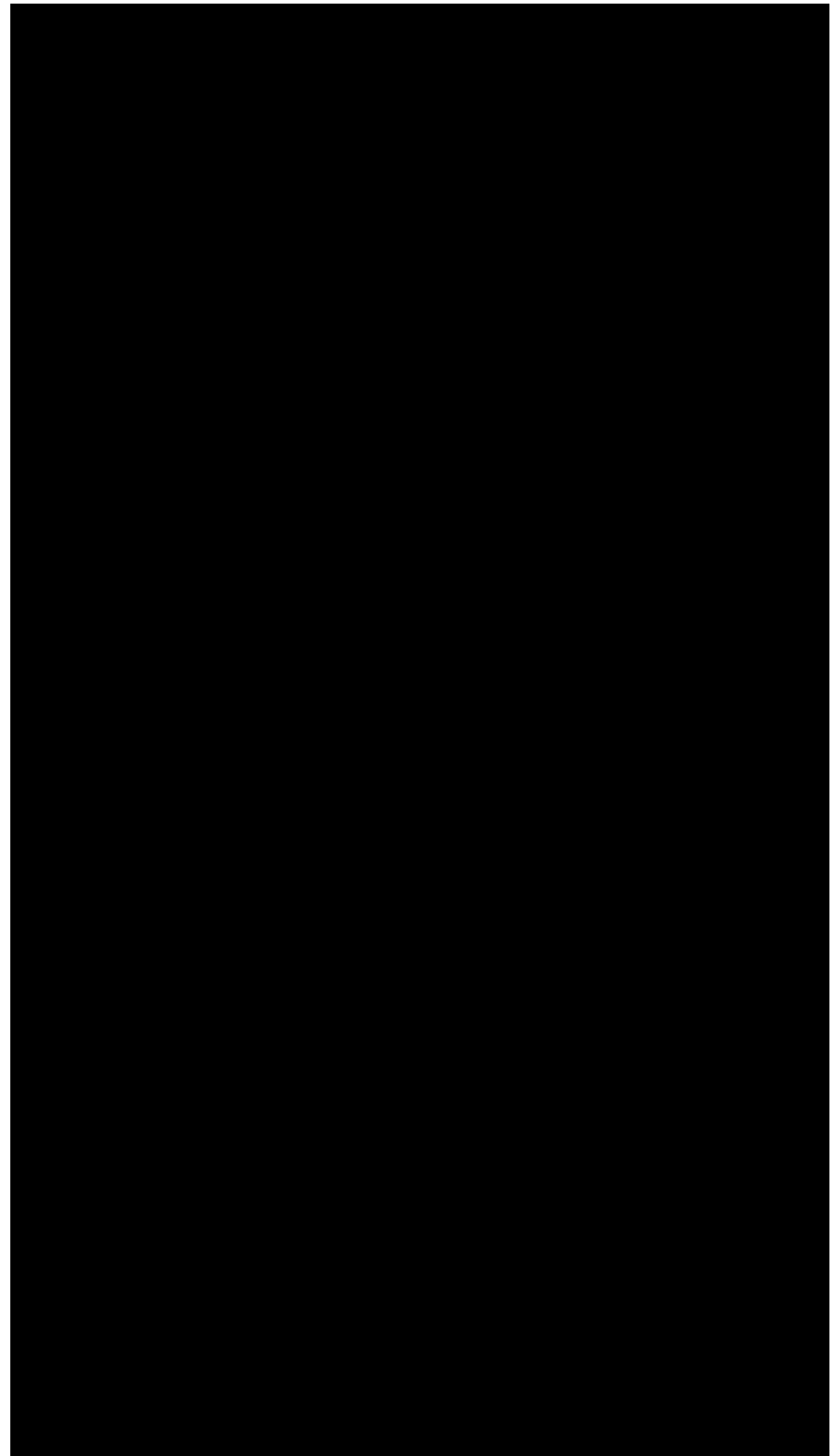
In order to find an apartment to rent, you will find in the **YSCHOOLS student guide** a link for a housing platform, direct from students to landlords.

Apartments in France all have a **kitchen** and you can choose to rent them **furnished**.

Home insurance required to enter your flat, it is mandatory in France.

Approximately **650 to 700 euros per month** for living expenses:

- 350/450 euros approx. for accommodation (you may be eligible for housing benefits depending on your visa)
- 200 euros for food.
- 30 euros for transport
- 20 euros for mobile phone subscription.
- Depends on you for leisure.



Troyes public transports

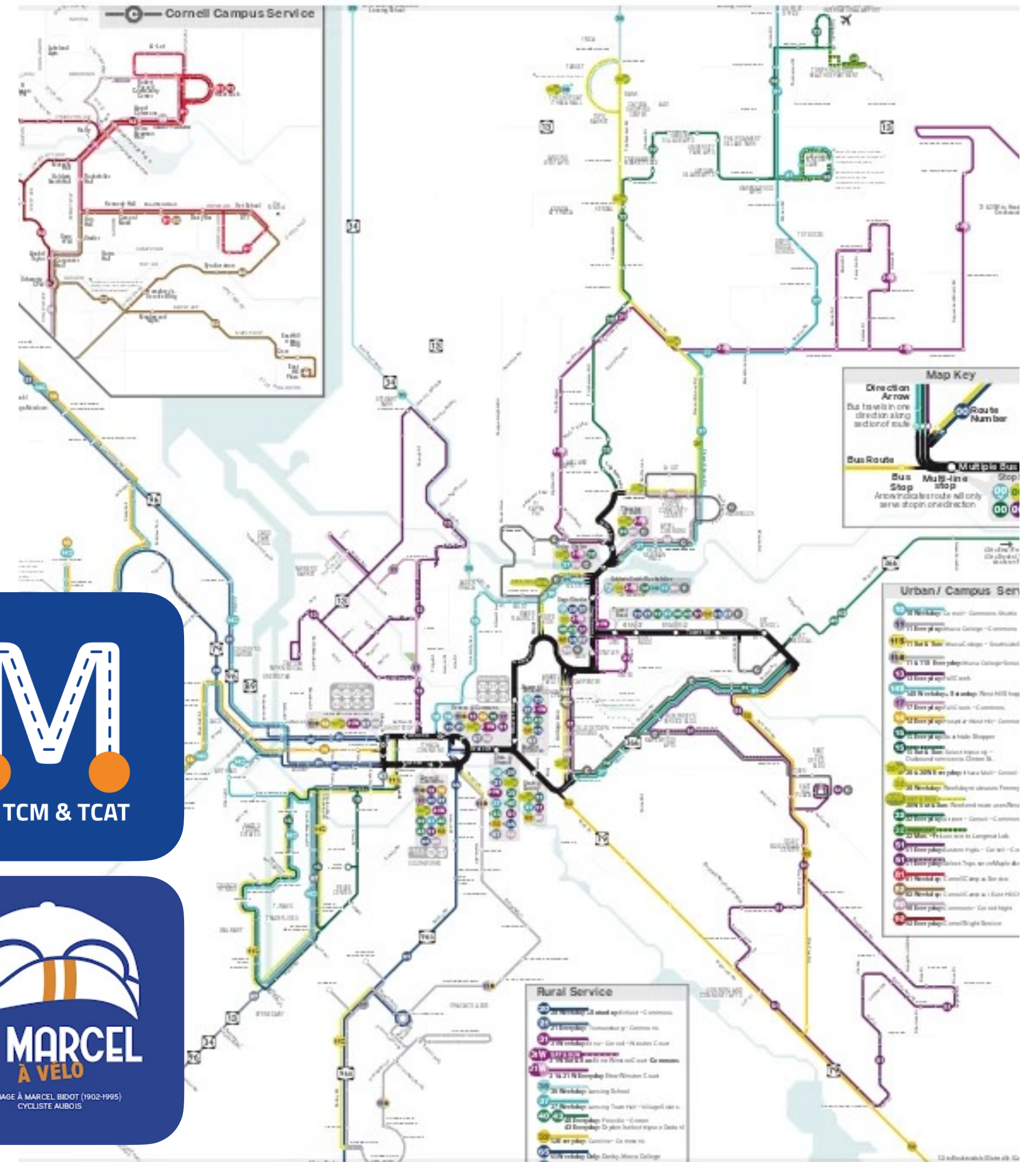
Bus TCAT : You can directly buy a ticket inside the bus or at the main bus station.

A bus pass: **21 euros per month** for unlimited journeys (special rate for students until 26).

Bike Riding : You can **rent a bike** from addresses provided in the student guide, or use the **self-service electric bike** scheme (called "Le Marcel à vélo »).

Or purchase bicycles in sport stores such as Decathlon or Intersport (addresses and websites provided in the student guide).

Tips: you can buy a second-hand bike at low cost at EMMAÜS association or **www.leboncoin.fr** – a regional buy and sell website.



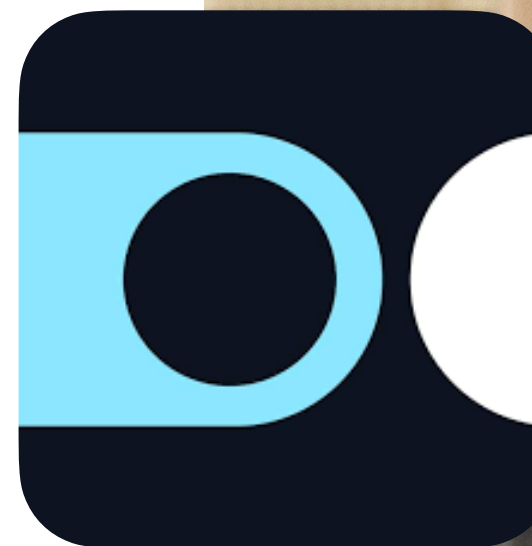
Travel within France

Troyes is 90 minutes away from Paris by train. From Paris, you can access every **major** city by train (**including high-speed trains, known as TGVs**).

SNCF Connect app : manages all train travel in France. You can purchase tickets directly on the app, as well as discount cards. For regional travel, you can buy the "**Carte Fluo Jeune**" (for young adults under 26), which gives you a **50% discount on regional trains (TER)**. If you plan to travel across France, look into the "**Carte Avantage Jeune**" for discounts on high-speed trains.

Train tickets are very expensive compared to Taiwan, even with a discount card. You can use **FlixBus** as a **cheaper** option, though it is less comfortable and takes more time. Buses run all around the country and to neighboring countries.

You can also download the **BlaBlaCar** app for **carpooling**, which can also be quite cheap.



Air travel

Flying is a really cheap (though not eco-friendly) option for traveling across Europe. With **low-cost airlines**, you can find tickets for around 30 euros during the **off-season**, and between 70 and 80 euros during **peak season** to go to other countries.

Popular low-cost airlines include Ryanair, Transavia, and EasyJet.

However, you will need to travel light if you want to avoid paying high baggage fees.

Note that these airlines now charge extra for overhead cabin bags, so a small backpack that fits under the seat is usually the only free option

