

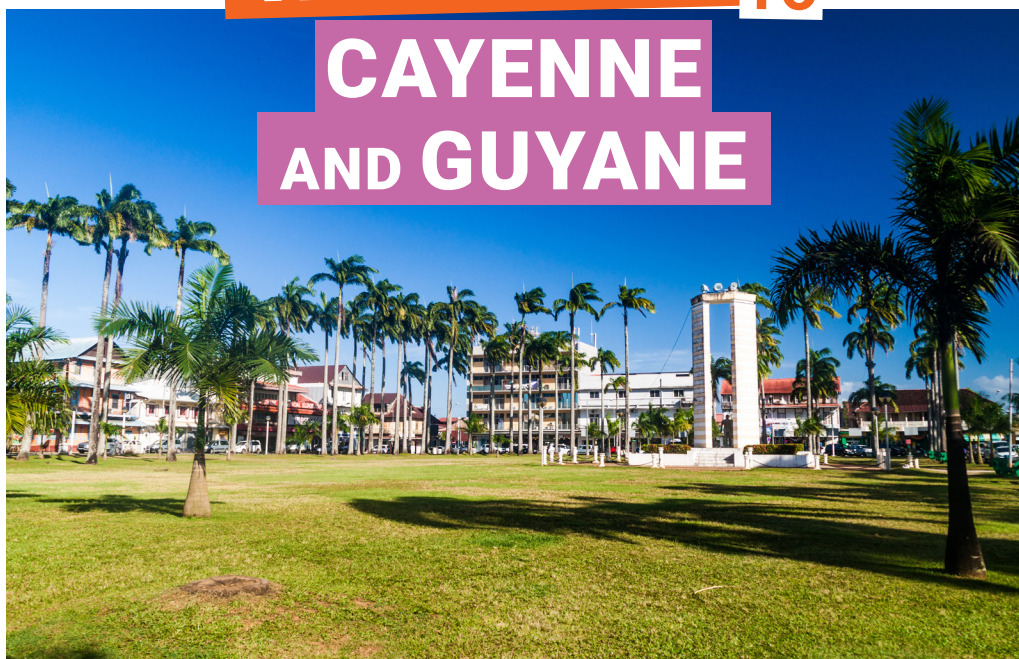


EXPLORING MY CITY



Campus France will guide you through your first steps in Guyane and **exploring Cayenne**, your new home.

WELCOME TO CAYENNE AND GUYANE





ARRIVING IN CAYENNE /

♦ Student Welcome at the University of Guyane

At the University of Guyane, a human-scale university, your main point of contact is the International Relations Service, within the Department of Admissions, Research & Student Services (DSRVE).

The Admissions Service oversees all the administrative aspects of your studies, from enrolment through to graduation.

Address: University of Guyane, Troubiran Campus, International Relations Office, Building D, 1st floor, 2091, route Baduel, 97300 Cayenne.

Hours: Monday to Friday, 9am to 12:30pm and 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

Contact: +33 (0)5 94 29 79 01 or international@univ-guyane.fr

There is a University Institute of Technology (IUT) in Kourou, Guyane.

Address and phone number: Campus de Bois Chaudat, 97310 Kourou, +33 (0)5 94 32 80 00

To learn more, consult notably:

- **pages covering enrolment** (for different student profiles) on the University of Guyane website: <https://www.univ-guyane.fr> > Étudiant (en haut à gauche) > Scolarités > Inscriptions.



- the "Guide Étudiant" for downloading:

<https://www.univ-guyane.fr> >

Étudiants > Guides > Guide étudiant.

- the University's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/univguyane/>

♦ For doctoral candidates and researchers

At the University of Guyane, researchers and PhD students should also contact the International Relations Office (see above).

♦ National Services

- Students: www.etudiant.gouv.fr

- doctoral students, researchers: <http://www.euraxess.fr/fr>



ACCOMMODATION IN GUYANE /

Accommodation solutions for Cayenne and elsewhere in Guyane: the housing park reserved for students and managed by CROUS, student and private residences, and rooms in private homes. What's most important is to take care of this as early as possible, before your arrival.

- **Guyane's Departmental Accommodation Information Agency (ADIL)** provides advice on accommodation for young people:

<https://www.adil973.org> > Votre question > Mon logement, profil Locataire > (colonne de droite) : Jeunes - trouvez votre logement.

- **The regional youth information centre**

(CRIJ Guyane-Cayenne) can also help you find accommodation.

Contact: +33 (0)5 94 29 64 50.

A FEW TIPS

♦ For short-term lodging

- **For all types of short-term accommodation, please use the search engine on Guyane's Tourist Office website:**

<https://www.guyane-amazonie.fr> > Votre séjour > Se loger.

♦ Long-term housing

- **The Antilles et Guyane CROUS** (Centre Régional des Œuvres Universitaires - Regional Center for University Services) **for student housing.**

Address: Cité universitaire de Baduel, 97000 Cayenne.

Hours: Monday to Friday, 8am to 12pm.

Contact: +33 (0)5 94 37 85 00.

Website : <http://www.crous-antillesguyane.fr/>

On campus, the CROUS is also responsible for all low-cost food services (university restaurants, cafeterias).



• Private Housing Platforms

Other offers for student lodging, managed by private organisms, are also available in Cayenne and in Guyane.

Try these **sites**:

- <https://www.cap-logement-etudiant.com>

- <https://www.immojeune.com>

Don't forget to check websites that republish ads from **local estate agents**, for example:

<https://www.97immo.com>

• There is also **a site managed by the CROUS, Lokaviz**, which includes a listing of student accommodation in private homes:
<https://www.lokaviz.fr/>

• **Shared Leases**: consult *La Carte des Colocs*, a national site for shared leases that's free and simple to use: <https://www.lacartedescolocs.fr/>

• **Other solutions available on the Campus France site**: www.campusfrance.org > s'organiser > logement.

♦ If you need a guarantor to secure your lodging

Visale is a new and free guarantor system:
www.visale.fr

♦ If you want to apply for the APL (Aide Personnalisée au Logement -personalized housing aid)

The CAF (Caisse des Allocations Familiales - family allowances fund) is available to assess your rights:
+33 (0)8 10 29 29 29 or www.caf.fr

♦ If you need housing adapted to your special needs

Contact the CROUS Social Services which will take action with your institution.
Some establishments have specialized services for special-needs students (housing assistance and also transportation and tuition).

The Relais Handicap at the University of Guyane, welcomes and supports disabled students.
Contact: 05 94 29 50 59 or relaishandicap@univ-guyane.fr



GETTING AROUND IN GUYANE



When travelling to Guyane, depending on where you are travelling from (Americas, Europe), you are likely to fly in directly to Cayenne-Félix-Éboué international airport, around 10.5 miles outside Cayenne (there is no shuttle service to the town centre):
<http://www.guyane.cci.fr> > Aéroport Félix-Eboué.



For travelling in and around Cayenne, you can use the **Agglo'bus** network which runs 7 bus routes to various districts and 6 peri-urban bus lines: <http://odm973.com/cacl4/>
The **Carte Jeune** enables you to travel at reduced rates on urban lines.



For longer journeys, you can use shared taxis or even canoe-taxis on the River Maroni (on the border with Suriname) and the Oyapock River (on the border with Brazil).
Further information can be found on Guyane's Tourist Office website:
<https://www.guyane-amazonie.fr> > Votre séjour > Transports.



For car-pooling see the BLADA collaborative site: <https://www.blada.com> > Boîte-aux-lettres > Covoiturage.



For a bit more independence, you can hire a bike via a community-based, association-led website **La Kaz à Vélo**: <https://la-kaz-a-velo.fr/>



If you want to rent a car (often useful in Guyane), check out the offers on the Tourist Office website:
<https://www.guyane-amazonie.fr>



FIRST PROCEDURES /

ENROLLMENT IN YOUR INSTITUTION

◆ CVEC

It is mandatory that you download proof of payment of the Contribution Vie Etudiante et de Campus (CVEC) – the student and campus life contribution fee before you can enroll in your institution.

- Log in at: <https://cvec.etudiant.gouv.fr/>

- For additional information and special cases: <https://www.campusfrance.org> > s'organiser > CVEC.

◆ Confirm Registration

Take note! Even if you have a pre-registration letter, you are not officially enrolled. You must validate your enrollment with the institution's Service de la Scolarité (Admissions) as soon as you arrive.

RESIDENCE PERMIT

◆ Information

• **Students at the University of Guyane should get in touch with the International Relations Office, their main point of contact.**

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Hours: Monday to Friday, 9am to 12:30pm and 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

Contact: +33 (0)5 94 29 79 01 or international@univ-guyane.fr

• **At the Préfecture for Guyane, in Cayenne, which handles administrative procedures for foreign nationals.**

Address: rue Fiedmond, 97300 Cayenne.

Reception (information): Monday to Friday, 7:30am to midday.

Contact: telephone information service for foreign nationals, Monday and Thursday only, 2.30pm to 4.30pm, via the switchboard: +33 (0)5 94 39 45 00.

Website for information: <http://www.guyane.gouv.fr> > Démarches administratives > Étrangers en France.

• **Learn more about your rights and obligations:** www.service-public.fr > Etranger > Titre de séjour et document de circulation (Foreigners > Resident Card and Travel Document)

GOOD TO KNOW

• **If you arrive in France with a VLS-TS long-term student visa:** you must validate it online within three months of arrival: <https://administration-etrangers-en-france.interieur.gouv.fr>

• **If you are an Algerian national:** depending on your campus, your residence permit application is made at the Préfecture or with the Service des Relations Internationales at your campus.

Take note: to renew your residence permit, you must apply within two months prior to its expiry.



EVERYDAY LIFE /

OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

If you stay in France for more than 3 months, it will be much **easier day-to-day if you open a bank account**, online or in one of the 10 bank agencies located in Cayenne.

In France, opening a bank account is a right:

www.service-public.fr > Argent > Comptes bancaires > Droit au compte (> Finances > Bank Accounts > Right to Open an Account).

HEALTH CARE

Healthcare in mainland France and the overseas territory of Guyane is **practically free** but you need health insurance. **Taking out health insurance is therefore compulsory.**

Connect to the site:

<https://etudiant-etranger.ameli.fr> site to register, to understand your rights, and to take the necessary steps.

Learn more:

<https://www.campusfrance.org> > S'organiser > Santé.

As a student, you can also take advantage of the university medical services. In these health services where consultations are free, you'll be greeted by a team of doctors, nurses, and social workers who can give personalized advice in terms of health and prevention.

This is the case at the University of Guyane which has a Preventive Medicine & Health Service (SUMPPS) at the Troubiran campus:

<https://www.univ-guyane.fr> > Campus > Santé.

Contact: +33 (0)5 94 29 50 75.

TOP-UP INSURANCE

Because France's compulsory healthcare insurance (free) does not always cover all healthcare expenses **top-up insurance** can be taken out to cover all expenses.

For more information see the websites of the student or general insurances, notably:

- the EMEVIA network: <http://www.emevia.com/>

- the LMDE network: <https://www.lmde.fr/>

- specialised insurance:

<https://heyme.care.fr/>

<https://www.mgel.fr/>

www.assistance-etudiants.com

www.assurances-etudiants.com

The University of Guyane recommends the SMERAG, (Société Mutualiste des Etudiants de la Région Antilles-Guyane) to its students:

www.smerag.fr

INSURE YOUR HOME

In France, housing insurance is mandatory.

The "garantie risques locatifs" - rental risk guarantee - is housing insurance to which you can subscribe with your bank or a private insurance company. Online subscription is also often possible.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

SAMU: 15 Emergency Medical Services

Police emergency: 17 in the event of violence, theft, robbery.

Fire Department: 18, in the event of fire, gas leak, water damage, natural catastrophe, or traffic accident.

112: European emergency services number that's accessible from anywhere in the European Union in addition to the French numbers above.



LEARNING FRENCH

Learning French is an opportunity to be seized!

Find what works best for you:

- by consulting the Campus France site or the Français Langue Etrangère (FLE) - French as a foreign language - centers and universities which offer courses at all levels year-round:

<http://ecolesdete.campusfrance.org>

- by asking in your institution, at city hall, or in your host city's Maison des Associations - community centers.

The University offers a University Diploma in French as a Foreign Language (FLE) (Français Langue Etrangère) from the University of Guyane:

<https://www.univ-guyane.fr> > Formation > Nos formations > DU Français Langue Étrangère.

FINDING A JOB OR AN INTERNSHIP

Useful websites:

• The Department of Employment, Work Placements and Careers (DOSIP) at the University of Guyane offers:

- help finding work placements via the **Employment and Careers Service, Bureau d'aide à l'insertion professionnelle (BAIP)** which also publishes classified ads.

Address and phone number: BAIP, Building G (Student life office – Service de la vie étudiante), Troubiran Campus, +33 (0)5 94 29 50 57 or baip@univ-guyane.fr

- job offers within university services and departments (student welcome services, promoting study programmes, assistance and support for disabled students, careers assistance).

To apply: dosip@univ-guyane.fr

• The Jobaviz website, run by the CROUS, can help you find a student job that's compatible with your studies: <https://www.jobaviz.fr/>



THINGS TO DO IN CAYENNE AND GUYANE /

PLAYING A SPORT

In your school, you may also have free access to sports facilities. Contact your Sports Department.

The University Service for Physical and Sports Activities (SUAPS) at the University of Guyane

offers and oversees a range of sporting activities for all students: <https://www.univ-guyane.fr> > Campus > Sport.

Cayenne town council offers various sports facilities and sporting events: <http://www.ville-cayenne.fr> > Cadre de vie > Sport.

BE ACTIVE

Attend cultural and sporting events, or join a social or community group, through one of the numerous local or national student clubs and associations. To learn more, check with your school (Service de la vie étudiante, Student Services) or visit the following sites: www.animafac.net or www.letudiant.fr

At the University of Guyane, student associations ensure that campus life is never dull:
<https://www.univ-guyane.fr> > Campus > Bureau de la vie étudiante

GAINING CULTURE AND PARTYING

Cinemas, concerts, theatres, exhibitions, and festivals are on the program and most of the time, at reduced cost for students.

For more information, see the City of Cayenne website: <http://www.ville-cayenne.fr/> or the website of the Guyane-Amazonie Tourism office: <https://www.guyane-amazonie.fr/>

The Culture Office at the University of Guyane contributes to artistic education and promoting culture among the student population, by organizing a variety of activities and events:
<https://www.univ-guyane.fr> > Campus > Action culturelle.

For entertainment or to pick up some culture in Cayenne and elsewhere in Guyane, there are :

- 4 major multi-screen cinemas in Guyane, (student rates, loyalty-card), and an arthouse cinema, L'Eldorado: <https://eldoradoguyane.jimdo.com/>
- 6 museums including a science museum, Musée Territorial Alexandre-Franconie, one of the oldest cultural institutions in Cayenne (open to the general public, free admission):

<https://www.guyane-amazonie.fr> > Activités de loisir
- there are around ten theatre and concert venues in Guyane, including Les Trois Fleuves, a Public Institution for Cultural Cooperation in the performing arts (EPCC) in Guyane: <https://www.troisfleuves.fr/>

- around ten bookshops, including Lettres d'Amazonie, a general-interest and specialized bookshop.
- various libraries, whether municipal (with informal lending libraries), departmental or regional, as well as the University Library at the University of Guyane: <https://www.univ-guyane.fr> > Campus > Bibliothèque.

France-Guyane, the region's daily newspaper, is a good source of inspiration for going out in Guyane and keeping up with the latest news. Available from newsagents or online: <https://www.franceguyane.fr/>

The 'Diary' section on the Tourist Office website is a good way of finding out what's going on locally: <https://www.guyane-amazonie.fr> > Votre séjour > A voir, à faire > Agenda.

MUST-SEE PLACES /

The town of St-Laurent du Maroni in Guyane was recognized as, a "Town of Art and History" in 2005.

- Cayenne's historic town centre with Fort Cépérou and Place des Palmistes, a lovely spot for a stroll.
- Maison Félix Éboué in Cayenne, traditional Creole architecture, the museum commemorates Governor Félix Éboué who was a major resistance figure in France's overseas territories during the second world war.
- The Quartier Officiel in St-Laurent du Maroni, along the banks of the river, with the remains of the famous penal colony, the Camp de la Transportation.
- The Îles du Salut (Salvation Islands) off Kourou, where the former penal colony is open to the public.
- Guiana Space Centre in Kourou, to visit the Space Museum and watch a rocket launch. Free registration to watch a launch: <http://www.cnes-csg.fr/web/CNES-CSG-fr/9821> > in the lower part of the page on the left: Rendez-nous visite.
- Guiana Amazonian Park, in the Southern region, a French National Park in the heart of the Amazonian forest, the largest protected area in the European Union: <http://www.parc-amazonien-guyane.fr/fr>
- Guiana Zoo in Macouria, species that are unique to French Guiana and the world, with over 450 animals and over 75 different species: <https://www.zoodeguyane.com/>
- Remire-Montjoly beaches with their palm trees and fine sand!

To find out more (and see more!) check out the Guyane-Amazonie Tourist Office website: <https://www.guyane-amazonie.fr/>





IMPORTANT ANNUAL EVENTS /

JANUARY - FEBRUARY

- The Carnival in Cayenne, the world's longest carnival, a must-see event, takes place every weekend for two months with music, processions, evening parades and masked balls.

MARCH

- The Space Marathon, between the town of Kourou and the Ariane launch base, is open to all competitors.

APRIL

- Rambutan Festival in Cacao, market and traditional festival to celebrate the rambutan (a red fruit in the lychee family).

MAY

- La Nuit européenne des Musées (European Night of Museums) offers an opportunity to discover museums and other cultural sites all over French Guiana in a new light!

JUNE

- Fête de la musique: music everywhere in town (free concerts).
- Abolition of Slavery Day (June 10), festive and commemorative events throughout Guyane: theatre, dance, music, conferences, etc.



JULY - AUGUST

- Nuit du Sanpula in Awala-Yalimapo (July), singing and dancing to the rhythm of the Kali'na Amerindians' sanpula drum.
- Indigenous People's Day (August), three days to promote the culture of the indigenous population (Amerindians) of Guyane.
- Camp La Nuit Tombe, evening visits (all summer) by candle and torchlight, to the Camp de la Transportation (former penal colony) in St-Laurent du Maroni.

SEPTEMBER

- European Heritage Days, free admission to cultural sites throughout Guyane.

OCTOBER

- Fête de Cayenne, numerous events throughout October: concerts, local folklore and Kayenn Jazz Festival, an important cultural and musical event.

NOVEMBER

- **Science Festival**, a major event in Guyane, bringing together a number of local institutions: university, research organisations, associations, innovative companies, cultural institutions, etc.

DECEMBER

- The Kali'na Games on the beach at Awala Yalimapo, celebrations and competitive sports.



To stay informed, actively listen to others and the world, and share and dialogue with students, follow **social media** where Campus France has an especially strong presence!

*Remember to sign up on the **France alumni** network to take part in discussion groups on various subjects, take advantage of cultural outings, and consult job and internship offers.*



THINGS TO KNOW

GUYANE IS A
Territorial Collectivity
of the French Republic,
one of the outermost
regions (ORs) of the
European Union and
France's largest
overseas territory

GUYANE:

300,000 residents

FRANCE'S YOUNGEST REGION

CAYENNE:

58,000 residents

CAPITAL OF FRENCH GUYANE

UNIVERSITY OF GUYANE, MULTIDISCIPLINARY UNIVERSITY:

- **4,300** students, including 20% international students,
- 1 Doctoral school,
- 6 research centres,
- 1 "Laboratory of Excellence"



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