

Independent Housing Option

With the aid of the Internet and the availability of information, more and more American students abroad prefer to find their own housing, as it allows the student the freedom and independence they have grown accustomed to in the US.

The **advantages** of this option are:

1. You can choose to live alone or with a housemate.
2. You have the entire city of Paris to look at as a source of housing.
3. You will be able to entertain friends and family members who may choose to visit you more easily than you can in a *foyer* or family.
4. You can gain experience about living on your own, lessons that will be valuable for years to come.
5. You will not have to worry about the *foyer* or family rules.

The possible **disadvantages** of this option are:

1. You are responsible for locating your own housing. You can choose to use one of the agencies listed in this brochure or wait until you arrive in Paris. Most students have been able to locate adequate housing within the first two weeks of their arrival in Paris.
2. You have no guarantee that the housing you find will be less expensive than the *foyer* or family option [though it often is].
3. Parents often feel more secure knowing that the students' placements and costs are settled in advance, which is the case if students choose to live in one of the *foyers* or family.

The independent housing option is not for everyone, but for those students who like to be independent and are somewhat adventurous can reserve temporary housing in Paris for the first week or two after their arrival, at an approximate cost of \$35 per day. Of course, if you have friends in Paris, you may be able to stay with them on a temporary basis and you will not need to reserve a temporary spot. Below you will find the information for temporary housing. Please contact me if you are unable to make a reservation at this location.

1) www.bvjhotel.com (BVJ Quartier Latin, 44 rue des Bernardins, 75005 Paris)

****Be sure to choose the BVJ in the Latin Quarter****

Please keep in mind that it will be your responsibility to find your own housing, negotiate with the landlord, and sign the rental agreement if you choose this option. SUNY Oswego does not participate in this process. We recommend that you begin the process of researching housing possibilities in Paris while you are still in the US. We have listed several sites and sources that may be useful to you. Our program director will give you some suggestions on how to proceed in finding housing in Paris.

“What happens if I don’t succeed in finding a place to live?” First, be reassured that this has never happened. All students in previous semesters who have wanted to find their own housing have succeeded in identifying appropriate housing within a short time after arrival. But in the “worst-case” scenario, if you did not find an apartment that is suited to you, you can make arrangements to remain in your temporary accommodations until you do find one.

Some resources are below.

Useful sites:

www.nyhabitat.com

www.parisinfo.com

www.homerental.fr

www.estudines.fr

www.locaflat.com

www.laureades.com

www.hestia.fr

www.avendrealouer.fr

Useful services:

Interlogement

Tel: 33 1 45 666688

Fax: 33 1 45 670422

E-mail: contact@interlogement.com

www.interlogement.com

Comité des Etudiants de Paris

5 rue de l'abbaye

75005 Paris

Tel: 33 1 43 262991

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www.fusac.fr
