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A. Ways of getting scholarships either in India or abroad and getting other funding there (Rooms, grants)

Ans: If you stay for longer than 3 months, there is a possibility of getting a Carte De Sejour from the Prefecture of the city. In our passports, the Carte De Sejour was exempted and so we did not get it. There is a grant called ALS given by an agency called the CAFAL. This covers upto one-third of your room rent. You need the Carte De Sejour, 4 photographs against a white background and your French Institute ID Card to apply for the same. Also do it as soon as possible for it takes some time to get the grant.

B. Visa Requirements

No specific visa requirements apart from the fact that you have a call letter from the university and maybe they will want some confirmed accommodation. That depends on the mood of the visa officer. Some sort of a confirmation is definitely needed.

C. Lodging Details

There is an institution called CROUS, which provides very cheap accommodation, in which you have rooms on twin sharing basis and common toilets. But you will not have a kitchenette in that room. In case you want a kitchenette, you may refer to the website www.estudines.fr for further details. The institute is in a place called Manufacture Des Tabac which is in between metro stations Sans Souci and Garibaldi, and so find a location near this rather than the other institute site, but good transportation ensures that you are never too far.

For cheap food, they have a restaurant in the place where the residences are and there is also a restaurant in the university. We do not recommend the food there if you can cook on your own. If you are a non-veg, you can contemplate buying a microwave oven which you might get at a very cheap rate (say about 40-50 euros) and buy pre cooked stuff which you can just heat up in the oven. If you go in for a room with a kitchenette, you get hot plates there with lots of utensils so don't bother taking any from here.

D. Supermarkets and shopping

The biggest supermarket in France is Carrefour in which you get almost everything. It is priced decently. There is also another supermarket 'Casino' which has branches in most places, and is priced more or less equivalently to Carrefour. But the shop which will fetch you the lowest prices is Leader Price, which has probably 2-3 branches only in Lyon. One near the metro station of Garibaldi and another near a tram station called 'Bachut – Mairie de 8'ieme' most probably (check out).

There are 2 major shopping complexes in and around Lyon. One near the railway station Lyon Part Dieu, and one in a place called Bron. You can reach the 2nd by the tramway and the tram station is Porte Des Alpes which is on line T2.

For purchases of any electronic goods, refer to Planet Saturn as they offer the best rates in town most of the times.

The place where you can find all the major shops are either in both the complexes or in Place Bellecour and you will inevitably spend all your time there...

E. Transport

The transport system there is excellent, though maybe you would prefer to walk most of the times to discover the city. If any of you is particularly lazy, you might think of buying a monthly pass which gives you the freedom to use any of the transport facilities unlimitedly for a price of 34 euros for the first month and 31 euros henceforth. When it gets too cold, it would be best to go in for the pass as it tends to rain once too often and walking down is not the best option. Otherwise every journey ticket costs nearly 1 euro for a student. You must carry your identity card with you when you are traveling with the student ticket. For getting the pass, you have to take a photograph and your identity card which proves you as a student of the university.

For transport in Europe, either use the Eurolines Bus Pass or travel around with Ryan Air or any of the other cheap airlines if you get a visa for London. Do take a Visa Electron card should you decide to use the flights option. Another website to visit before planning your trip is www.bugeurope.com for details of hostels where you might get cheap accommodation.

F. What to take from India

From India, you must take ample warm clothing as it tends to get very cold out there in Nov-Dec. Bed sheets are best taken. If you get a room cleaning, you will get sheets also. But then depends on the place that you are staying.

Food is of course costlier there than here and you might carry rice and a few necessary dals and spices to cook if you intend to do so out there. You might also take the pre cooked packets from here but it is not very good.

Fresh vegetables there are very very costly, but you cannot carry them from here **L**

G. Cheapest way to get currency

You can carry a debit/credit card but then you are always charged rates much higher than the actual rate at that point in time. So the best deal is to carry TCs from here whenever the rates are low. They are encashed free of cost from some or the other bank depending on which agency's TCs you choose.

H. Professors to contact there

Mrs. Corinne Montoya (one stop solution for all problems)

Mr. Giles Guyot

I. Possibility of Research Assistantships

Ans: It is normally possible to get some sort of part-time work in the University but there is a requirement of a Carte De Sejour for the same. Also a working knowledge of French is necessary. Some students from other countries versed in French as well as English were working as Researchers and Agents for various Research Agencies in the city.

J. Name of the Administrative Coordinator

Ans: Mrs. Corinne Montoya

Mrs. Martine Pes (secretary for exchange)

The staff at the Relations International office is friendly but seems to be having more work than it can handle and so there are delays in getting I-cards which is necessary for

getting books from the library. The second floor of the library has a decent collection of books on English Literature.

K. Good courses

Ans: Sales Techniques
Services Marketing
Sales Force Management
Managing Global Business

Average Courses

Cross cultural Management
Management Control
European Economics

L. Dates for arrival and departure

Ans: We left on the 8th September, 2003 as that was the date given for the start of the term. But actual classes did not start till 22nd September, 2003. We returned on the 12th December, 2003 but the term ended on 19th December, 2003.

M. Comparative experiences of students of other IIMs (If different from IIML students)

Ans: Not applicable as there were no-one else from other institutes in India

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