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AU PLAISIR DE VOUS VOIR!
1. WELCOME TO NANTES

When you get to the Ecole Supérieure du Bois in Nantes you will discover an extremely lively, dynamic city where contemporary culture and thousand-year-old inheritance fit in just perfectly! As one of the 47,000 students of the city you will soon become familiar with the numerous outings offered in Nantes day and night. And just like every Nantais you will enjoy the rivers which cross the city, the Atlantic Ocean and its beaches (only 40 kms away).

By bike, by tramway or on foot you can stroll around the medieval district of Bouffay and the quays of Nantes to find out about the prestigious maritime past of the city. After tasting the effervescence of the Nantes nights in the cafes and concert halls, you can choose between a cruise on the river Erdre or a foray into the Nantes vineyard!

1.1 A LITTLE HISTORY

As far as the medieval past of Nantes is concerned, it has always been linked to the history of Brittany. In the 17th and 18th centuries, Nantes was the largest commercial harbour of the kingdom of France, with strong trade and maritime links with America and Africa. In the 19th century, Nantes became the first industrial basin in Western France particularly thanks to the development of the shipbuilding industry and the canning activities of the city. Since then, Nantes and the estuary of the Loire river have become a powerful metropolis of services and high technologies.
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Direction territoriale de l’OFII
93 bis rue de la Commune de 1871
44000 REZE

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From the railway station (gare SNCF)

At the railway station go to the exit Nord Centre ville. Just outside this exit you will find the tramway. Take the number 1 line towards Beaujoire. Get off at Beaujoire. Then take the Chronobus number C6 in the direction of Chantrerie-Grandes écoles. Stop at the final station.

The Ecole Supérieure du Bois is at the end of rue Christian Pauc.

You do NOT need to buy another ticket as your tram ticket is valid on the bus too.

1.2 AND TODAY

Today Nantes is the first largest centre for agribusiness, the second largest centre for aeronautics and the third largest centre for electronics. What makes Nantes different is the great diversity of its industries which enable many small and medium sized companies as well as high tech firms to settle there.

Besides, Nantes boasts a very high quality education with 47,000 students and a hundred teams of researchers who represent a real centre of scientific and cultural animation for the city.

As the sixth largest city in France, Nantes has had an incredible increase in its population rate of 10% in 10 years. Nantes attracts people not only for its performances as a dynamic city but also for its quality of life and its environment. Lastly, Nantes has experienced a real cultural revival in the last few years regarding music, painting, cinema and theatre. Today Nantes has become an international metropolis for its art festivals, exhibitions, concerts, shows and various creations.

With the perfume of iodine and salt, of spices and tropical woods, with the lights of the Loire River, with the atmosphere of the cafes, the pubs and the football matches, emotion is always pure and unexpected in Nantes!

Nantes is a dynamic and appealing town, located just 40 kms away from the Atlantic Ocean and the beaches!
1. WELCOME TO NANTES

When you get to the Ecole Supérieure du Bois in Nantes you will discover an extremely lively, dynamic city where contemporary culture and thousand-year-old inheritance fit in just perfectly! As one of the 47,000 students of the city you will soon become familiar with the numerous outings offered in Nantes day and night. And just like every Nantais you will enjoy the rivers which cross the city, the Atlantic Ocean and its beaches (only 40 kms away).

By bike, by tramway or on foot you can stroll around the medieval district of Bouffay and the quays of Nantes to find out about the prestigious maritime past of the city. After tasting the effervescence of the Nantes nights in the cafes and concert halls, you can choose between a cruise on the river Erdre or a foray into the Nantes vineyard!

1.1 A LITTLE HISTORY

As far as the medieval past of Nantes is concerned, it has always been linked to the history of Brittany. In the 17th and 18th centuries, Nantes was the largest commercial harbour of the kingdom of France, with strong trade and maritime links with America and Africa. In the 19th century, Nantes became the first industrial basin in Western France particularly thanks to the development of the shipbuilding industry and the canning activities of the city. Since then, Nantes and the estuary of the Loire river have become a powerful metropolis of services and high technologies.
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The information indicated on the cost are valid for 2014 and might be updated for 2015.

PS: Though not complete and maybe not always accurate, we hope that this guide will be helpful. Please don’t hesitate to tell us about useful changes and/or additions!

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