



## **Housing Overview**

Aix-en-Provence, France  
Apartment / Residence Mirabeau

### **CEA Housing Policies**

Students should be familiar with CEA's complete housing policies. This information was provided to students as part of the application process and in their pre-departure materials and can also be found on our website: <https://www.ceastudyabroad.com/student-policy/cea-policies#housing-policies>.

### **Description**

You will be living in a shared studio in Aix. Apartment living is a wonderful way to see Aix-en-Provence while maintaining your sense of independence. Your shared apartment is in a complex called Residence Mirabeau. It is located in the center of town, in the historical Quartier Mazarin, a 2-minute walk from the main street, the Cours Mirabeau and a 15-minute walk to your host institution. Residence Mirabeau is made up of forty apartments on three floors. CEA manages a handful of the studios and the other studios are occupied by French and international students studying in Aix. You will be sharing a studio apartment with another CEA student.

### **Local Rules & Regulations**

#### **CEA Housing Agreements**

1. I agree that I am a guest in my host country and am prepared to learn about and adapt to the cultural differences that I may encounter. I understand that the rules and etiquette in my assigned housing may be different than what I may be accustomed to at my home institution.
2. I agree to be respectful of my roommates and their personal items. I understand that part of my experience is learning to live with others and to respect and appreciate personal differences. I understand that if I am unable to resolve any conflict that may arise between my roommates and me within a reasonable timeframe, that CEA resident staff has the authority to intervene and take appropriate actions, which may include, but may not be limited to, a change of housing. I further understand that I will be responsible for any costs incurred as a result of such an event.
3. I agree to be respectful of all residential and building property. This includes all items within my room, shared common areas, and the building. This also includes keeping my room and/or apartment clean throughout the duration of my program. Please see Damages section below for further details regarding cleaning.
4. I agree to be respectful of my neighbors, both within my building and in the surrounding areas. This includes keeping noise levels down and being discreet and quiet in the surrounding streets when coming home late. In many countries, it is against the law to make excessive noise after 10 pm.
5. I understand that as a representative of CEA, my home university, and the US, I am expected to conduct myself in a considerate and respectful manner while in my housing.
6. I agree not to consume any illegal substance in my housing.
7. I agree to thoroughly read the guidelines included below, and I understand that I will be held responsible for adhering to them for the duration of my program.

#### **Meals**

Students residing in an apartment do not receive a meal plan. There is a kitchenette in each apartment in which students can prepare their own meals. Kitchenettes are furnished with utensils and have a refrigerator, sink, two burners & a microwave oven.



### **Phone and Internet**

There is a WIFI access in each apartment. Students should either get an international plan before leaving the US or buy a cheap burner phone and French SIM card on arrival, or just a French SIM card if the phone is unlocked to receive and make calls, as well as to communicate with their family and friends.

### **Linens**

Students will be provided with a pillow, pillow case, a comforter & comforter cover. Students must provide their own fitted sheet (twin size) and towels.

### **Laundry**

The Residence has a laundry facility and the fee for washing one load is 1€, the dryer is free.

### **Smoking**

There is no smoking allowed in the apartments. Students may smoke outside.

### **Amenities**

No two apartments are the same as the original building dates from 1700 (it has been renovated of course). Apartments are small compared to US standards and vary in size between 32 m<sup>2</sup> and 37 m<sup>2</sup>. All the apartments have a living area, kitchenette, shower and toilet. The sleeping area is typically in an upstairs loft area. CEA students will share a room with another CEA student.

### **Guests**

CEA students are responsible for the conduct of their guests while in CEA housing. Overnight guests are not permitted in any housing assignment.

### **Curfew**

Apartment residents have no curfew. It is a law in France however, to not make noise after 10:00 pm. Please respect the quiet time of your roommates and neighbors.

### **Keys & Security**

Each student will be issued keys to their housing upon check-in. Under no circumstances may students make a copy of their keys. In the event that keys are lost during the program, students will be responsible for the cost of replacement. In addition, students are required to follow any additional security procedures as dictated by their specific housing assignment/facility.

### **Check-in**

Upon moving in to your apartment students will be required to complete and sign an Inventory Checklist, which will be an accurate and complete record of the contents and conditions of your room and shared common areas.

### **Housing Checks**

CEA staff may check apartments any time it deems necessary throughout the semester without prior notice to students.

### **Check-out**



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CEA will monitor student housing check-out at the end of the program. You must adhere to the proper check-out procedures when vacating CEA housing, which include turning in keys, removing personal items, waste and debris, and leaving the room/apartment in an acceptable, clean condition. At the end of the program, you must check out of your housing with the CEA Resident Staff. The Inventory Checklist and housing inspection will serve as the basis for billing or refunds as appropriate. The CEA resident staff will make every effort to inform students of any fees that will be withheld from the program deposit prior to departure; however, CEA reserves the right to inspect housing after students' departure.

### **Utilities**

CEA will cover all reasonable utility expenses. Students who incur utility charges above and beyond the allotted amount will be responsible for paying the excessive charges. Please note that electricity is very expensive in countries outside the US. Students are expected to be mindful of this when using electricity in their host country, and to be more conservative than they might otherwise be accustomed to.

### **Housing Problems**

Any housing problems should be communicated to the CEA staff, who will either advise the students how to fix the problem or make arrangements to see that the problem is resolved.

Housing problems, unless an emergency, should be communicated during work hours by phone or by email.

### **Damages**

All students must respect all furniture, property, and other items provided. All damage, even unintentional, will be billed to the student responsible. If responsibility cannot be determined, the cost will be split equally among all residents. Please note, if excessive cleaning and/or trash removal is required at the end of the program, students will be responsible for all additional costs incurred. In addition, CEA will, without liability, dispose of any personal items left in CEA housing at the end of this contract term. If the program damage deposit does not cover all charges, the student will be billed accordingly. CEA reserves the right to withhold academic transcripts for any outstanding balance on student accounts.