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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Sophia Antipolis

The **French Riviera** is a wellspring of innovation, containing the notable Sophia-Antipolis technopole, which brings together world-class companies in high-tech sectors, an efficient research and development network (130 laboratories with thousands of researchers), 10 international schools (the largest concentration in Europe), and a renowned university cluster, all in the same area.

The first European technopole, **Sophia Antipolis**, initiated in 1969 by Senator Pierre Laffitte, was created around a strong idea: "cross fertilization" between researchers, teachers and industry. It is a global center of innovation, with 1,350 companies employing 34,400 people from 63 different nationalities, along with 4,500 researchers and 5,500 students. 20 km from Nice International Airport, Sophia Antipolis is an exceptional site of 2,400 hectares, surrounded by both the sea and the mountains, with two thirds of the area dedicated to green areas, jogging, walking, tennis, golf, etc.

The technology park is located on the Community of Agglomerations of Sophia Antipolis (CASA) which groups together 24 communes around the technopole. More precisely, it covers the communes of Antibes, Biot, Mougins, Valbonne, and Vallauris, in the heart of an area of one million inhabitants. The world's specialists find a fulfilling environment: a multicultural environment and an exceptional quality of life that fosters creativity and productivity.

The landscape combines modernity with a rich heritage of ancient history and traditions, enriched by the many artists that the region has attracted. For example, the town of Biot, on which the Campus is located, offers a typical medieval village. Biot is famous for its glassware and its history around pottery. Its clay-rich lands have fed an economy dedicated to pottery, though now declining in Biot, for several centuries.

The SophiaTech Campus and the Sophia Antipolis Business Center are two highly dynamic and innovative venues.

campus.sophiatech.fr/fr/

www.casa-infos.fr/economie-emploi/business-pole-lieu-de-vie



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International Standardization Institutes (W3C, ETSI), numerous competitive clusters (Secure Communicating Solutions, Pegasus, etc.), prominent schools (Telecom ParisTech, Polytech'Nice, SKEMA, etc.) and research institutes (INRIA, CNRS, INRA, etc.) are located on the site.

Industry and Research in Sophia Antipolis

Sophia Antipolis has attracted entrepreneurs, engineers and researchers from around the world for over 40 years. Each year, on average, 800 new jobs are created in the technopole, thus turning the area into a destination for finding R&D or innovative industrial employment.

The information technology sector represents 20% of companies and 42% of jobs in the area, and is center of Sophia Antipolis, with related specialties including health, chemistry, life sciences and the environment.

Prominent companies in the sector include Amadeus, Cisco Systems, Dassault Systems, Orange, Hewlett Packard, Nvidia, Intel, Symantec, Air France, American Express, Thales Underwater Systems, Toyota, Samsung, Huawei, etc.

SophiaTech Campus



The **SophiaTech campus** is a university and research center dedicated to information and communication technology (ICT) located in the heart of Sophia-Antipolis near Cannes, Antibes and Nice. The campus brings together academic institutions: Nice Sophia Antipolis University, UNS/Polytech Nice Sophia, Telecom ParisTech, INRIA, CNRS, INRA, etc. (3,000 students and 800 professors/researchers). It hosts the SATT Sud Est, the headquarters of KIC ICT Labs, the collaborative platform of CIM PACA, and the new FabLab SoLab dedicated to Internet of Things (IoT).

More information : campus.sophiatech.fr

Latitude : 43°36'54.698"-N / 43.61516917

Longitude : 7°4'17.645"-E / 7.07156761

Traveling to the campus

By car :

- From the A8 motorway coming from Nice: Take exit 44 (Antibes-Sophia Antipolis). Follow signs to Sophia Antipolis, (the rightmost road after the toll)
- From the A8 motorway coming from Marseille: Take exit 44, (Antibes-Grasse-Sophia Antipolis). Follow signs to Sophia Antipolis (See highway-campus plan).

By train :

- The nearest SNCF train station is Antibes train station, buses (see below) and taxis provide a connection between Antibes and Sophia Antipolis. www.sncf.com/en/trains/ter

By bus :

Note: Signal the bus driver to get on and off the bus

- From the airport or Nice-Ville: Line 230: regular connections between 7am and 8:30pm, Mon-Fri (duration 40 minutes), stop Templiers [Download timetable](#)
- From Antibes: Envibus Lines 1, 9, 12, 100, Direction Gare Routiere (GR) Valbonne Sophia Antipolis (VSA), stop Templiers

Your itineraries:

ceparou06.fr

envibus.fr



SophiaTech Campus



Forum building

Transportation Information

Airport Connections to Nice

By bus :

www.lignesdazur.com/

Line 98: Airport / Downtown - Promenade des Arts

From both terminals, every 20mn, from 6am to 11:43pm (except holidays)

Departure from Riquier Station, every 20mn, from 5:20am to 9pm (except holidays)

[Download timetable](#)

Line 99: Airport / Gambetta - Railway station (direct line)

From both terminals, every 30 min, from 7:50am to 9pm.

Departure from the railway station every 30 min, from 8am to 9pm

[Download timetable](#)

AERO 6 € One way with connections on the Lignes d'Azur bus and tramway network in the 74 min following the 1st validation, excluding round trip.

You must validate your ticket when getting on each time.

Departures are every 30 minutes from the S.N.C.F. Nice Ville and every 16 minutes from Lycée Masséna. You have the possibility to go to Nice Côte d'Azur Airport for 6 € (This ticket Aéro allows a **one way** trip on an express line 98 or 99 airport with connections on the urban network Lignes d'Azur within 74 min.

By taxi

The taxi lines are located outside the Terminal: Gate A1 (T1) and Gate A3 (T2)

Estimated prices: Nice-Center Ville to airport: day (7am-6pm): from 23 to 31 €, night (6pm-7am): from 28 to 33 € (luggage not included).

Prices are approximate and variable according to traffic conditions. The price to be paid is indicated on the meter.

Upon request, the taxi will issue a receipt (including the registration number of the vehicle, the date, the point of departure and the point of arrival, as well as the duration of the trip).



Cours Saleya, Nice

Bus and Tramway in Nice

(The same ticket may be used for connections between tramway and buses within 74 minutes)



Bus

The Lignes d'Azur network has 100 regular lines serving the 24 municipalities of the territory. It offers quick trips and attractive pricing.

www.lignesdazur.com/

www.nice.fr/fr/transports-et-deplacements/le-bus

Tramway

The first line of the tramway (T1), constructed in 2007, is nearly 9 km long and stretches from Nice-Nord to the Pasteur hospital, east of the city.

Line 1 provides a north/east connection via the city center via avenue Jean Médecin and Place Masséna and allows you to travel around the clock! Transport is available Monday to Sunday from 4:25 am to 1:35 am.

The **same bus / tram ticket** may be used for multiple connections.

The **Solo** ticket allows travel with correspondences for 74 min at € 1.50 and different types of ticket packs are available : Multi 10 (10 € 10 tickets), 1-day pass, 7-day pass, Title Aero 1 98 and 99), Parcazur (round trip) of "à la Carte" subscriptions.

5 **Car parks (Park and Ride)** allow you to park free of charge and reach the city center by tramway.

tramway.nice.fr

www.nice.fr/fr/transports-et-deplacements/ligne-1

Lignes d'Azur Mobile

[Download application for iPhone](#) (free) /

[Download application for Android](#) (free)

Night Service

Lignes d'Azur provides 5 bus lines (N1 to N5) at your service from 9:10 pm to 1:10 am with departures from the new Promenade des Arts terminal every half hour. (Pricing identical to day rates.)

www.lignesdazur.com/presentation/?rub_code=95

Travel and Accommodations in Nice

<https://www.nice.fr>

<http://www.cotedazur-tourisme.com/>

Nice Côte d'Azur International Airport, the second largest in France (after Paris), flies directly to more than 100 direct destinations in 73 countries from Nice. It places Nice Côte d'Azur less than 2 hours from major European cities. It served more than 12 million travelers in 2015.



In line with recent innovative environmental initiatives such as the switch to 100% renewable electricity, with the testing of the first 100% electric airport shuttle by biberonnage and the installation of an autonomous power supply system and air conditioning for business aviation, the Nice Côte d'Azur Airport becomes the first French Carbon Neutral Airport by obtaining a Carbon Level 3+ accreditation, and becomes the 25th certified airport in the world. (www.nice.aeroport.fr/)

Communication, road, motorway and railway infrastructures are in full development, including a major Tramway project that will effectively link the city center of Nice to neighboring cities by 2020. The first line of the tramway went into service in November 2007, and the second is in progress. This will increase the attractiveness of the agglomeration at the international level. The network thus created will link most of the major centers of economic activity in the heart of the Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolis and the major tourist facilities. (www.nicecotedazur.org)

Nice, the second most popular national convention center after Paris, included one of the very first European centers in the medical field. Business tourism represents 10% of visitors in Nice, between 1.5 and 2 million tourists per year. With luxury hotels and international chain hotels in the city center, to small boutique hotels located around the old town or the hills, from the contemporary architecture to the Belle Epoque style, the choice is vast for a total of 10,000 rooms. The majority of hotels are located in the city center near the Acropolis Congress Center or the tram line. (<http://www.meet-in-nice.com/votre-hebergement>)

Hotels			Residences		
Category	Number	Rooms	Category	Number	Rooms
5* et 4 *	40	4419	4*	3	272
3 *	58	3143	3*	1	129
2*	43	1426	2*	-	-
1 *	8	302	-	-	-
Other	22	407	Other	7	432

References provided by the Nice Tourist Office (<http://www.nicetourisme.com>)

In order to be located close to the stations of line 230 for the buses leading to Sophia Antipolis, it is preferable to rent a room in a hotel in an area around Place Masséna, and check proximity to the tram stations.

Bus stops 230: Lycée Masséna, Gustave V, Gambetta / Walk to NICE - Lycée Masséna to Sophia Antipolis

Bus stops 230: Gambetta/France, Alsace-Lorraine, Thiers-Gambetta for the line NICE - Gambetta/France to Sophia Antipolis.



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