



AVERAGE TEMPERATURES °C				
Location	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
Bordeaux	17 / 6	25 / 14	18 / 8	9 / 2
Boulogne	12 / 6	20 / 14	14 / 10	6 / 2
Lyon	16 / 6	27 / 15	16 / 7	5 / -1
Nantes	15 / 6	24 / 14	16 / 8	8 / 2
Nice	17 / 9	27 / 18	21 / 12	13 / 4
Paris	16 / 6	25 / 15	16 / 6	6 / 1
Strasbourg	16 / 5	25 / 13	14 / 6	1 / -2

**AT A GLANCE**

**Currency**

Euro, commonly written as €  
 Current exchange rate:  
 1 euro = £0.69 sterling

**Cost of living**

Loaf of bread: £'a30.69 (baguette)  
 Bottle of wine: £'a31.38 (vin de pays);  
 £3.50 (appellation contrôlé)

**Time**

An hour ahead of GMT (two hours from the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in October).

**Business hours**

Offices:  
 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday  
 Government offices:  
 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday  
 Banks:  
 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday  
 Shops:  
 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, Monday to Saturday

**Population**

Approximately 61 million

**Languages**

French

**Religions**

Roman Catholic: 90 per cent  
 Protestant: 2 per cent  
 Jewish: 1 per cent  
 Muslim (primarily North African):  
 3 per cent  
 Unaffiliated: 4 per cent

**Driving**

Driving is on the right. Citizens of EU countries (including Britain) are permitted to drive within France on the driving licence issued by their country of origin. If you are planning to move to France, and assuming you hold a valid licence, you can request to change from your current licence to a French one. However, you are not required by law to do so.

**Two-bedroom house:**

Average cost £162,000

**Two-bedroom apartment:**

Average cost £299,000 (usually city based, hence the higher price)