GETTING TO PARIS

Practical guide for participants travelling from abroad

Africa Week 2026, Reworlding from Africa · CEAM·WCAS · 24–27 November 2026

Africa Week runs from Tuesday 24 to Friday 27 November 2026 at four addresses, split between the Left Bank of Paris and Saint-Denis, in the north of the city. This guide gives the addresses, the metro routes, a few hotels by area and ideas for eating out or taking a walk. Opening hours, fares and closing days are indicative and should be checked before you travel.

Where each day takes place

Tuesday 24 November	Sciences Po, then Institut Catholique de Paris	A B
Wednesday 25 November	MSH Paris Nord, Saint-Denis	D
Thursday 26 November	MSH Paris Nord, Saint-Denis	D
Friday 27 November	EHESS Paris, boulevard Raspail, then Sciences Po	C A

The detailed programme for each room is on the website and in the PDF programme.

Getting around

Metro line 12 links the Sciences Po, Institut Catholique and boulevard Raspail area directly to the MSH (Front Populaire stop, about 30 minutes from Rennes). Line 4 serves Saint-Germain-des-Prés, Saint-Placide, Gare du Nord and Marcadet-Poissonniers, where you change for line 12.

From the airports

- **Paris-Charles de Gaulle** : RER B to Châtelet-Les Halles (about 35 minutes), then line 4 to Saint-Germain-des-Prés or Saint-Placide. For the MSH: RER B to Gare du Nord, line 4 to Marcadet-Poissonniers, then line 12 to Front Populaire.
- **Orly** : Metro line 14 to Châtelet (about 25 to 30 minutes), then line 4. Alternative: Orlyval, then RER B.
- **Railway stations** : Gare du Nord is on line 4, which goes straight to Saint-Germain-des-Prés and Saint-Placide.

Tickets (2026 fares, to be checked)

- Airport ticket: €14 for an adult, €7 for a child aged 4 to 9, between Paris and Roissy or Orly. The Roissybus is not included.
- Single t+ ticket: €2.50, valid on the metro. Paper tickets are no longer sold; remaining ones are valid until 15 December 2026 and can be exchanged until 14 January 2027.
- Tickets can be loaded onto a Navigo Easy card, a phone or Apple Wallet, and are validated contactless.
- The metro runs roughly from 5:30 am to 1:15 am, and until 2:15 am on Friday and Saturday nights.

Taxis and ride-hailing: journey time depends on traffic, which is heavy at peak hours between central Paris and the north. To reach the MSH from the Left Bank, the metro is the most predictable option.

The four venues

A Sciences Po

Address 28 rue des Saints-Pères, 75007 Paris (Tuesday 24); 13 rue de l'Université, 75007 Paris (Friday 27)
Days Tuesday 24 and Friday 27
Metro and access Saint-Germain-des-Prés (line 4) or Rue du Bac (line 12).
On foot About 5 minutes from either station; about 12 minutes to the Institut Catholique.

Directions

B Institut Catholique de Paris

Address 21 rue d'Assas, 75006 Paris (entrance at no. 19)
Days Tuesday 24
Metro and access Saint-Placide (line 4) or Rennes (line 12). Buses 89, 94, 95 and 96.
On foot About 5 minutes to the EHESS on boulevard Raspail.

Directions

C EHESS Paris

Address 54 boulevard Raspail, 75006 Paris
Days Friday 27 (morning)
Metro and access Rennes (line 12), about 3 minutes away; Sèvres-Babylone (lines 10 and 12).
On foot About 9 minutes to Sciences Po, for the rest of the day.

Directions

D MSH Paris Nord

Address 20 avenue George Sand, 93210 Saint-Denis
Days Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26
Metro and access Front Populaire (line 12), exit no. 3. Buses 139, 239, 302 and 512.
On foot Under 5 minutes from Front Populaire station.

Directions

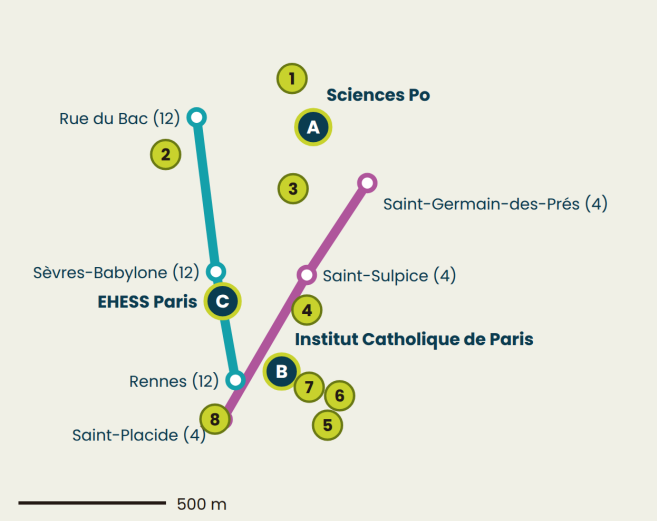
Map of the venues



Schematic map, not to scale: positions are computed from the venues' coordinates and the route of line 12 is simplified. For exact directions, scan the QR code of each venue.

Detail maps: venues and hotels

Left Bank



1. Hôtel Université Saint-Germain-des-Prés
2. Hôtel Saint-Germain
3. Hôtel Pas de Calais
4. Hôtel de l'Abbaye Saint-Germain
5. Bonsoir Madame
6. Hôtel Saint-Louis Jardin du Luxembourg
7. Hôtel Jean Bart
8. Hôtel Aramis Saint-Germain, Best Western

North: MSH Paris Nord and hotels



9. Break & Home Campus Condorcet, La Maison des Chercheurs
10. ibis budget Paris Aubervilliers
11. ibis Styles Paris Saint-Denis Plaine
12. Novotel Suites Paris Stade de France

Event venues: A to D. Hotels (numbers from the list). Schematic maps: positions are computed from coordinates, with no street background. For exact directions, use the QR code or the link of each venue.

Where to stay

Selection by area. The hotels are not event partners, no rates are given and bookings are made directly with each hotel. Book early for late November.

Left Bank, near Sciences Po, the Institut Catholique and boulevard Raspail

All Left Bank venues are within 15 minutes' walk of these addresses. Line 12 links them to the MSH.

1. Hôtel Université Saint-Germain-des-Prés, 22 rue de l'Université, 75007
small boutique hotel

2. Hôtel Saint-Germain, 88 rue du Bac, 75007
next to Rue du Bac station (line 12)

3. Hôtel Pas de Calais, 59 rue des Saints-Pères, 75006
quiet street in Saint-Germain-des-Prés

4. Hôtel de l'Abbaye Saint-Germain, 10 rue Cassette, 75006
boutique hotel with an inner courtyard

5. Bonsoir Madame, 65 rue Madame, 75006
near the Luxembourg garden

6. Hôtel Saint-Louis Jardin du Luxembourg, 63 rue Madame, 75006
near the Luxembourg garden

7. Hôtel Jean Bart, 9 rue Jean Bart, 75006
a few minutes from the Institut Catholique

8. Hôtel Aramis Saint-Germain, Best Western, 124 rue de Rennes, 75006
rue de Rennes, opposite Saint-Placide station (line 4), a few blocks from Rennes (line 12)

North, near the MSH

Straight-line distances from the MSH, converted into walking time: Break & Home is on campus, the ibis Styles is about 10 to 15 minutes away, the ibis budget about 15 minutes and the Novotel Suites about 20 to 25 minutes. None of the last three is next to metro line 12: check the exact route. Central Paris is about 30 minutes away by metro.

9. Break & Home Campus Condorcet, La Maison des Chercheurs, 3 cours des Humanités, 93300 Aubervilliers
on the Condorcet campus, next to the MSH, residence for researchers

10. ibis budget Paris Aubervilliers, 53-61 rue de la Commune de Paris, 93300 Aubervilliers
economy range

11. ibis Styles Paris Saint-Denis Plaine, 212 avenue du Président Wilson, 93210 Saint-Denis
mid-range

12. Novotel Suites Paris Stade de France, 31 avenue Jules Rimet, 93210 Saint-Denis
comfort range, suite-style rooms

Eating out

Addresses near the venues and a few African restaurants elsewhere in Paris. Opening days and hours vary: check before you go.

Near Sciences Po, the Institut Catholique and the EHESS

Café Saint-Placide, 127 rue de Rennes, 6th
café-brasserie open early, next to the Institut Catholique

Bistrot des Amis, 67 rue du Cherche-Midi, 6th
neighbourhood bistro

Garçon !, 83 rue du Cherche-Midi, 6th
French cuisine

Le Basile, 34 rue de Grenelle, 7th
café-bistro, a short walk from Sciences Po

La Routine Café, 105 rue de Grenelle, 7th
breakfast and brunch

Near the MSH

Brasserie Le Front Populaire, 3 rue des Fillettes, Saint-Denis
next to the metro, closed at weekends

Chez Papa, 64 avenue du Président Wilson, Saint-Denis
South-West French cuisine, open weekday lunchtimes

African cuisine in Paris

La Main d'Or, Mama Loboko, 45 rue de Gergovie, 14th
Congolese cuisine

BMK Paris-Bamako, 14 rue de la Fidélité, 10th
West African cuisine, near Gare du Nord and Gare de l'Est

Osè African Cuisine, 34 rue du Faubourg Saint-Martin, 10th
bowls, West African cuisine

Chez Lala, 52 rue Championnet, 18th
Senegalese and Malian cuisine

Au petit Bamako, 108 rue de Bagnolet, 20th
West African cuisine, closed on Mondays

Good places and African links

Librairie Présence Africaine, 25 bis rue des Écoles, 5th
house founded by Alioune Diop

Éditions L'Harmattan, 16 rue des Écoles, 5th
bookshop and publisher, with a large Africa section

Éditions et librairie Karthala, 22-24 boulevard Arago, 13th
publisher on Africa, open on weekdays; Gobelins metro (line 7)

Institut du monde arabe, 1 rue des Fossés-Saint-Bernard, 5th
museum, exhibitions and a terrace over the Seine

Musée du quai Branly, Jacques Chirac, 37 quai Branly, 7th
arts of Africa, Asia, Oceania and the Americas

Musée d'Orsay, 1 rue de la Légion d'Honneur, 7th
Solférino station (line 12), close to Sciences Po

Luxembourg garden, 6th
a few minutes from the Institut Catholique

Château Rouge quarter, 18th, Château Rouge metro (line 4)
African markets and shops

National Museum of the History of Immigration, Palais de la Porte Dorée, 12th
line 8, Porte Dorée station

Basilica of Saint-Denis, 1 rue de la Légion d'Honneur, 93200 Saint-Denis
line 13, Basilique de Saint-Denis station

Cultural programme during the week

Africa-related events found for 24 to 27 November 2026 and the days after. Many venues publish their November agenda late: the list is partial and should be completed before it is circulated.

Africolor festival, opening concert, Salle Jacques Brel, Pantin
Friday 27 November, 8:30 pm: Baraka and Kader Tarhanine. The festival continues until 24 December.

Africolor festival, Saint-Denis and Paris
Saturday 28 November: Magui Diop in Saint-Denis (Ligne 13, MJC) and Barbarry, RATPI Club edition, in Paris.

Ciné Regards Africains festival, Antony, Arcueil, Cachan, L'Haÿ-les-Roses and Villejuif
20 to 29 November: African films in cinemas and cultural venues in the inner southern suburbs.

Exhibition "Tenter l'art pour soigner", Institut du monde arabe, 5th
on until 3 January 2027, around the Blida-Joinville psychiatric hospital in Algeria.

Musée du quai Branly: the temporary exhibitions announced for these dates are not about Africa, but the permanent collections remain on view. Hours, fares and bookings should be checked on africolor.com and on each venue's website.

Practical information

- **Visa and entry** : Depending on nationality, a short-stay visa is required. Applications are made on france-visas.gouv.fr, several weeks before departure.
- **Weather** : In late November, temperatures usually range from 5 to 10 °C, with some rainy days. Bring a coat and an umbrella.
- **Electricity** : 230 V, type C and E sockets. Devices from other standards need an adapter.
- **Payment** : Bank cards are accepted almost everywhere, contactless included. Tipping is not compulsory.
- **Emergencies** : 112 (European number), 15 (ambulance), 17 (police), 18 (fire brigade).
- **Languages** : Sessions are held in French and in English according to the programme.
- **Meals** : The addresses above are for meals taken outside the programme.

Information checked in October 2026. Addresses and fares may change.