



Work Experience in France

July 2026
Work Experience in Lille
for Teachers, Students, Parents/Carers
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Our History

2019



Blue Stamp achieved
IALC Accreditation

2023



Blue Stamp achieved
FLE and Fedele Accreditation

2025...

New Website

New destinations in Italy, Spain and
France!

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4.9 ★★★★★ 194 Google reviews

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2018

Blue Stamp Travel achieved
ABTA and ATOL accreditation.



2020

Blue Stamp Moved to
"The Old Bank"



2024

East Midlands Chamber
Business Award Winner



2026...

Why do Work Experience?

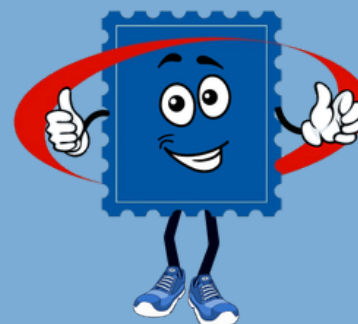
Benefits

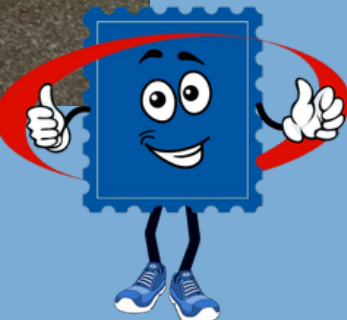
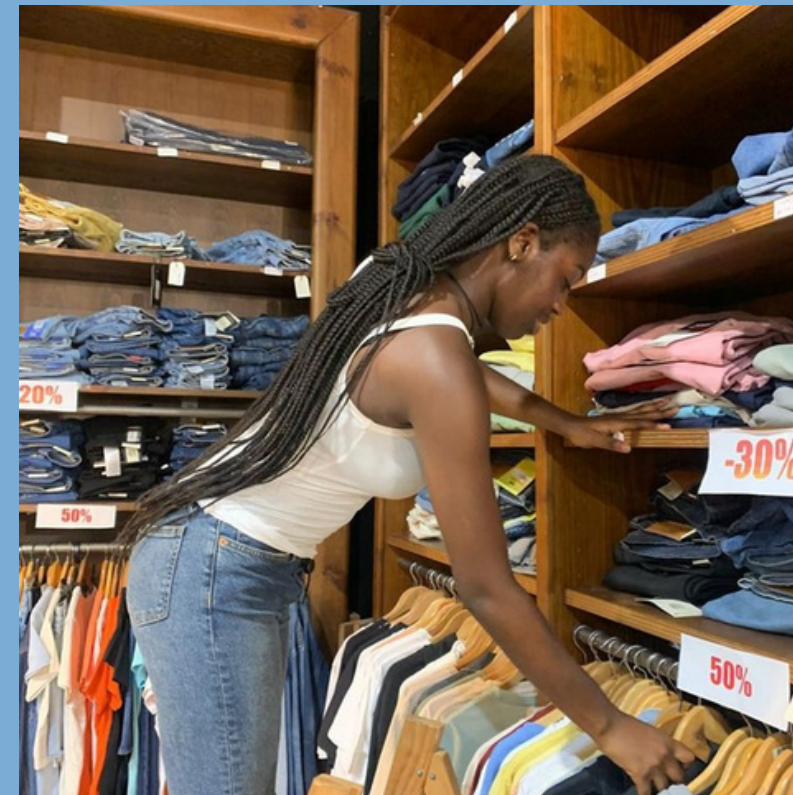
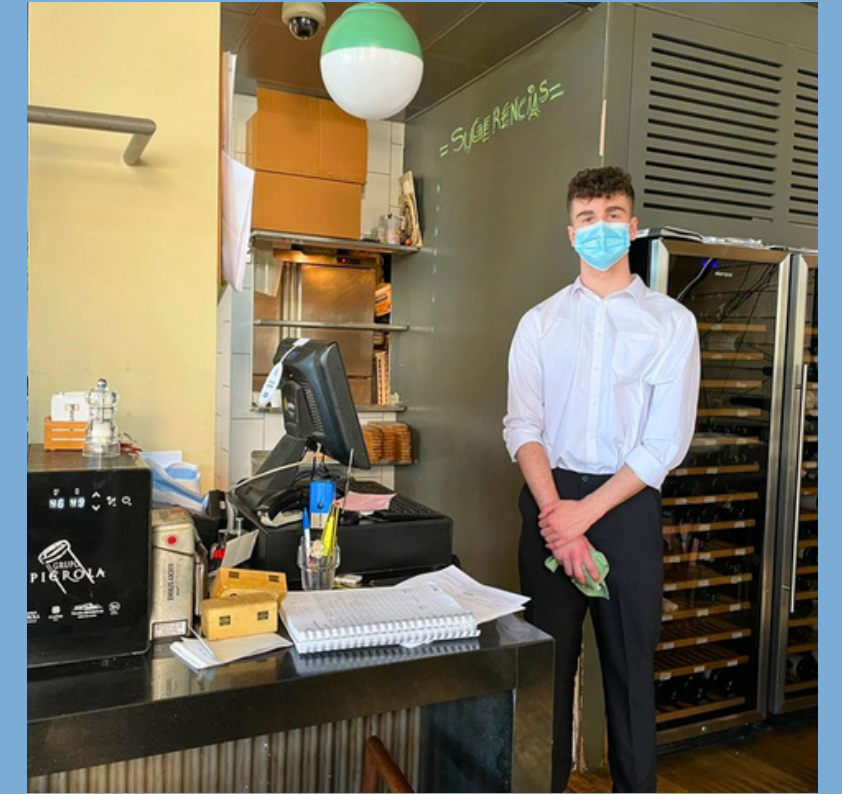
- Invaluable life experience
- Improve fluency in speaking and listening
- Gain confidence
- A taste of independence (whilst supported)
- Live & work abroad
- Make new friends with similar interests
- Understanding foreign culture

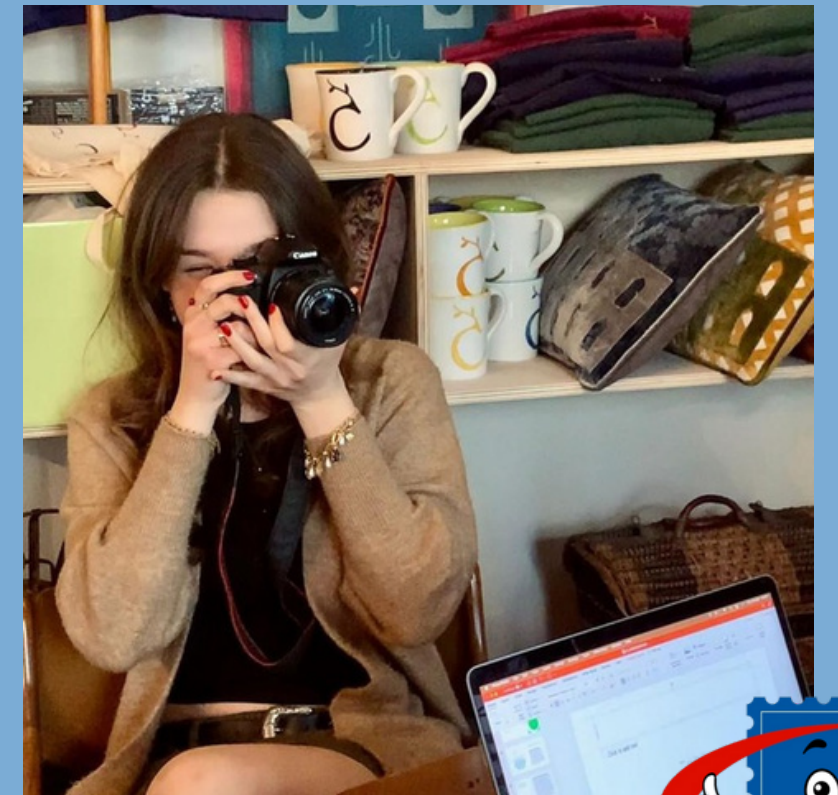
Future Benefits

- Speaking and Listening
- UCAS Applications & University
- Job Interviews
- Future Employment Options

For more on the Benefits of Work Experience visit:
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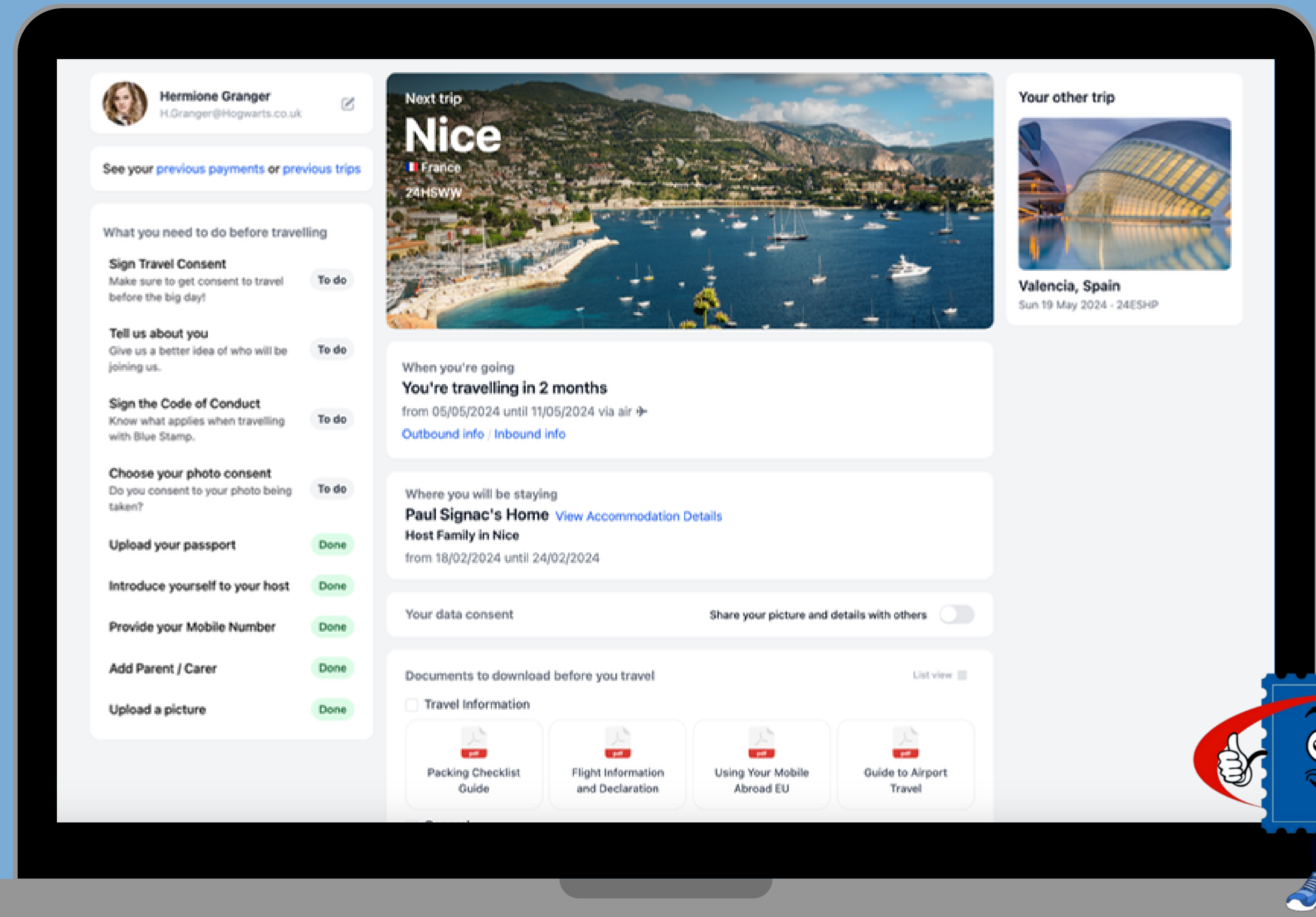


Babel account & information

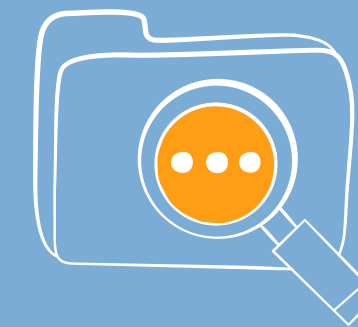
Itineraries
Travel Details
Emergency contacts
Placement Details
Guidance Documents
Packing Checklist
Code of Conduct

Keep an eye on your account as some employers may yet close on 14/07/25 for Bastille Day.

Hours may be adjusted for heat too.

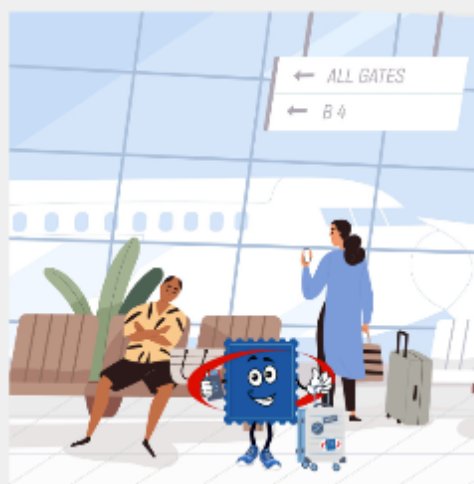


Key Documents



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Dates: Sunday 12th July 2026
- Saturday 18th July 2026



Key Addresses

- London St Pancras Train Station, Euston Rd, London N1C 4QP
- Lille Europe Train Station, 1 Place François Mitterrand, 59777 Euralille
- Accommodation: HI Hostel Lille Stéphane Hessel, 1235 Bd Paul Painlevé 59000 Lille



Useful Information

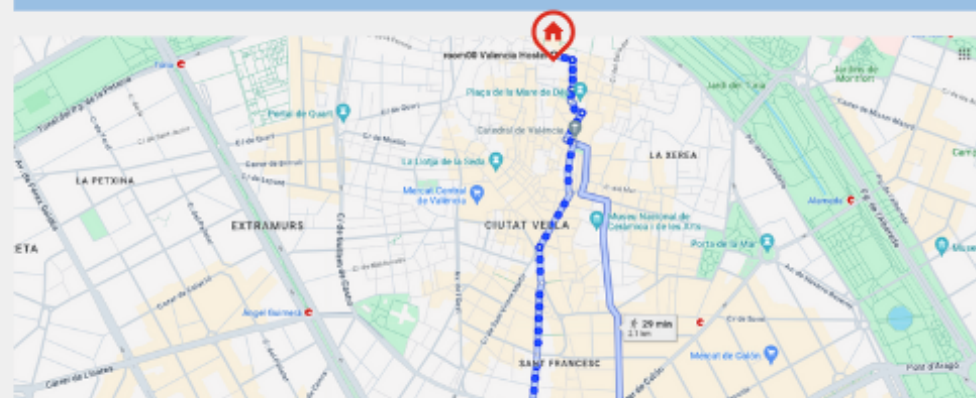
- Journey time is approx. 1h 22mins travelling a distance of 152 miles
- France is an hour ahead of UK
- Lille's July temperatures vary from 24° to 14° degrees
- The Eurostar can reach speeds of 300 kilometres per hour

Blue Stamp Travel office in UK (office hours): 0044 (0) 115 9404 500
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Emergency Services: Number 112

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NAME Travel Plan

Accommodation:
Work Placement:



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(28 mins)

OR

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(4 mins)

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(9 mins)

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(7 mins)

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MOBILE PHONE USE IN THE EU — PLEASE READ CAREFULLY —

Travelling from the UK to the EU can be an exciting and enjoyable experience, but it's important to be aware of the different mobile phone regulations in place to avoid any unexpected charges or disruptions to your service while abroad.

Before you travel, check your mobile phone plan to ensure you're aware of any charges that may apply while you're abroad. Most UK mobile phone providers offer international roaming packages that enable you to use your phone in the EU without incurring additional charges.

The latest roaming policies of the UK's four major telephone companies (Vodafone, EE, O2, and Three) are listed below.

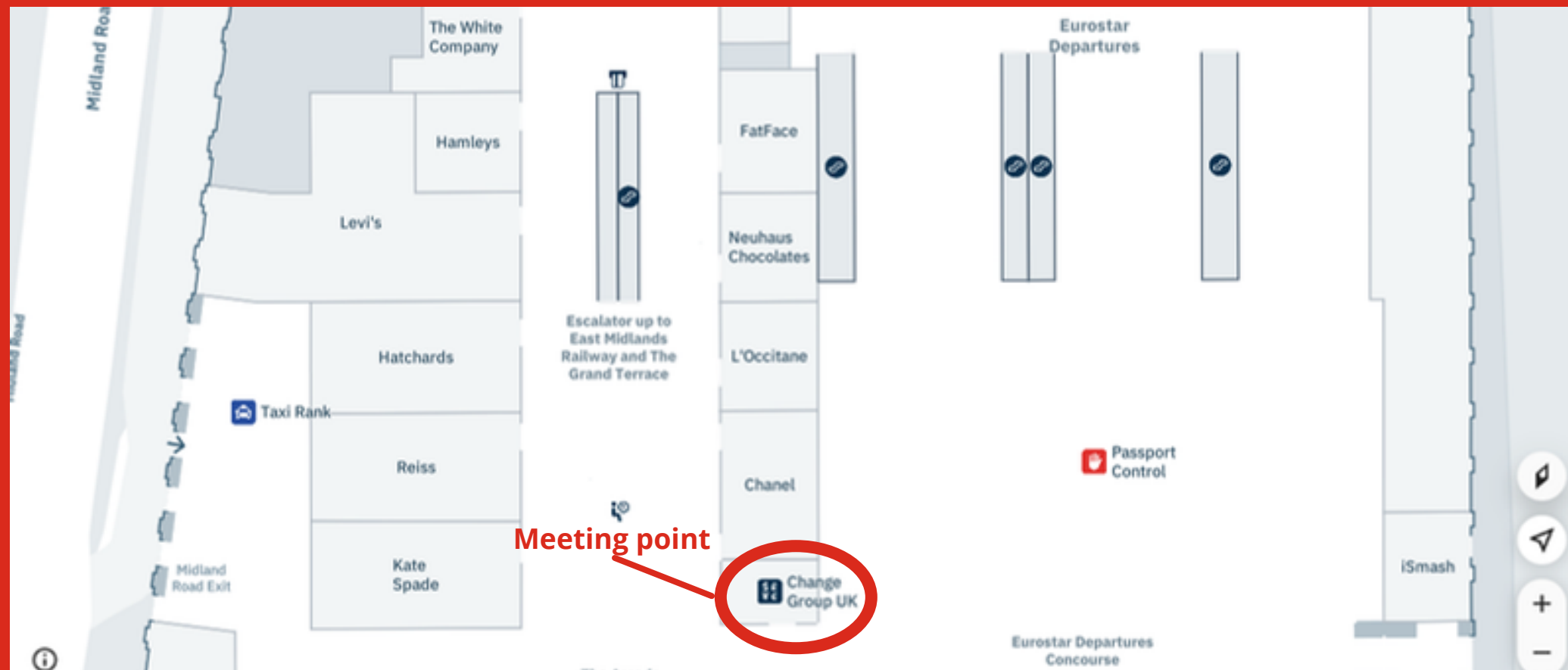
Whoever your provider is, it's a good idea to check your own phone plan well in advance of your trip to make sure you're fully informed and prepared to avoid any issues while abroad.



Travel plans will appear this week in your account.

Eurostar

- All details about travel arrangements will be found on your travel itinerary including meeting times and location
- Tickets will be handed out by the group leader on arrival
- If you are running late, please contact the Group Leader or the office, we may be able to leave your ticket behind the desk.



Group Leader

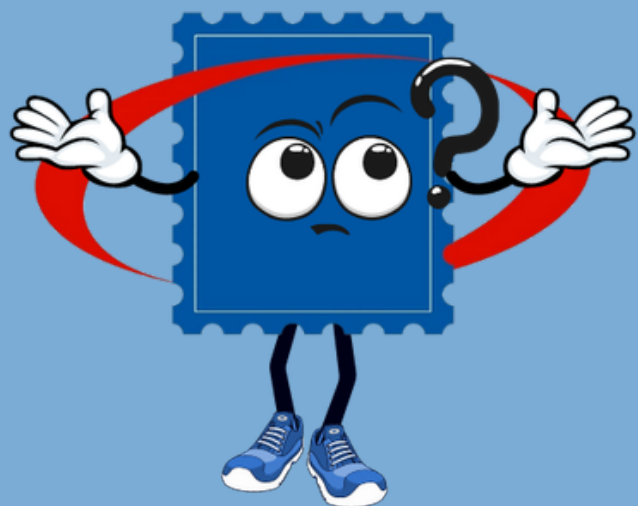


Jemima

- Our Group Leaders are skilled-linguists, experienced-travellers and are used to working with young people. They are DBS cleared or have the international equivalent
- They will be your main point of contact with any questions, issues or problems while you're away
- Your Group Leader is Jemima



**You will be invited to join a
Whatsapp group with your Group
Leader on the day before your trip.**





Expectations & Support

Expectations

- Enjoy
- Learn
- Look after each other - be considerate
- Adhere to the signed Code of Conduct
- Keep to time
- Be your best-self!

Sanctions

- Removal from placement or homestay
- Ultimate sanction is to return to the UK at your own expense.

Additional Support

- Group Leader
- Work Placement Supervisors
- UK Office (by phone / whatsapp / email)

Whatsapp Group

The group will be live during your stay.
Try to practise your French!

- We can't help if we don't know of any issues.
- Contact us and communicate if you need help!



Accommodation

- You will be staying at HI Stephané Hessel Auberge de Jeunesse which is a short walk from the train station and city centre
- There are **2 rooms of 4 girls** and **1 room of 4 boys**
 - Rooming allocation will be negotiated between students when you arrive
- The Group Leader will be staying in the same hotel with you.
- Buffet breakfast included
- Curfews will be decided by your Group Leader





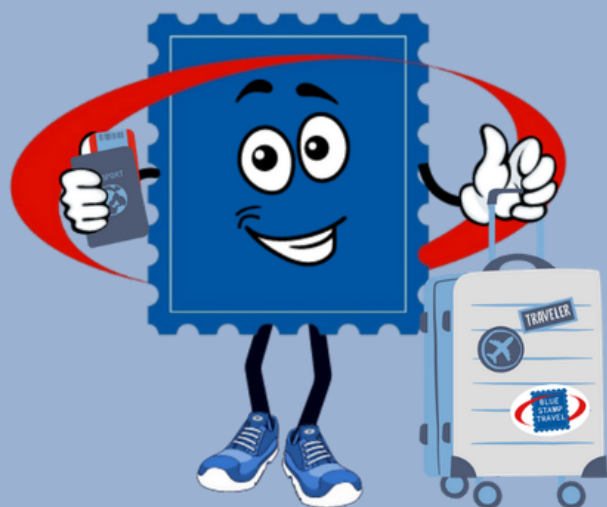
Local Travel

Your Group Leader will assist you with purchasing a local travel card when you arrive in Lille.
You may need this during the week.

Single tickets on Lille's Ilévia public transport network (metro, bus, and tram) cost €1.80 each.

Frequent travellers can purchase a booklet of 10 trips (a carnet) for €14.40.

(For daily riders, unlimited 1-day passes are available for €5.50)



Placements

- Details of your placement found on Babel
- Please pack suitable workwear - 3 students at LUC, please take swimwear and a towel
- If your placement is further out or you are unsure about the journey, your group leader may come with you on your first day. Travel plans are in your Babel account
- Bastille Day on 14th July, some placements not starting until Tuesday
- Please check your Babel accounts in the run up to the trip in case there any last adjustments to hours.



Some students are not working on Monday 14th July – Bastille Day

Please check your work placement details before you travel, in case of updates or changes? As the 14th July might have some last-minute closures.

For students at LUC – make sure you have your sports and swim wear, towels etc...

2 students at Ibis Styles Grand Place – please read through the guide that was sent to you about the hotel



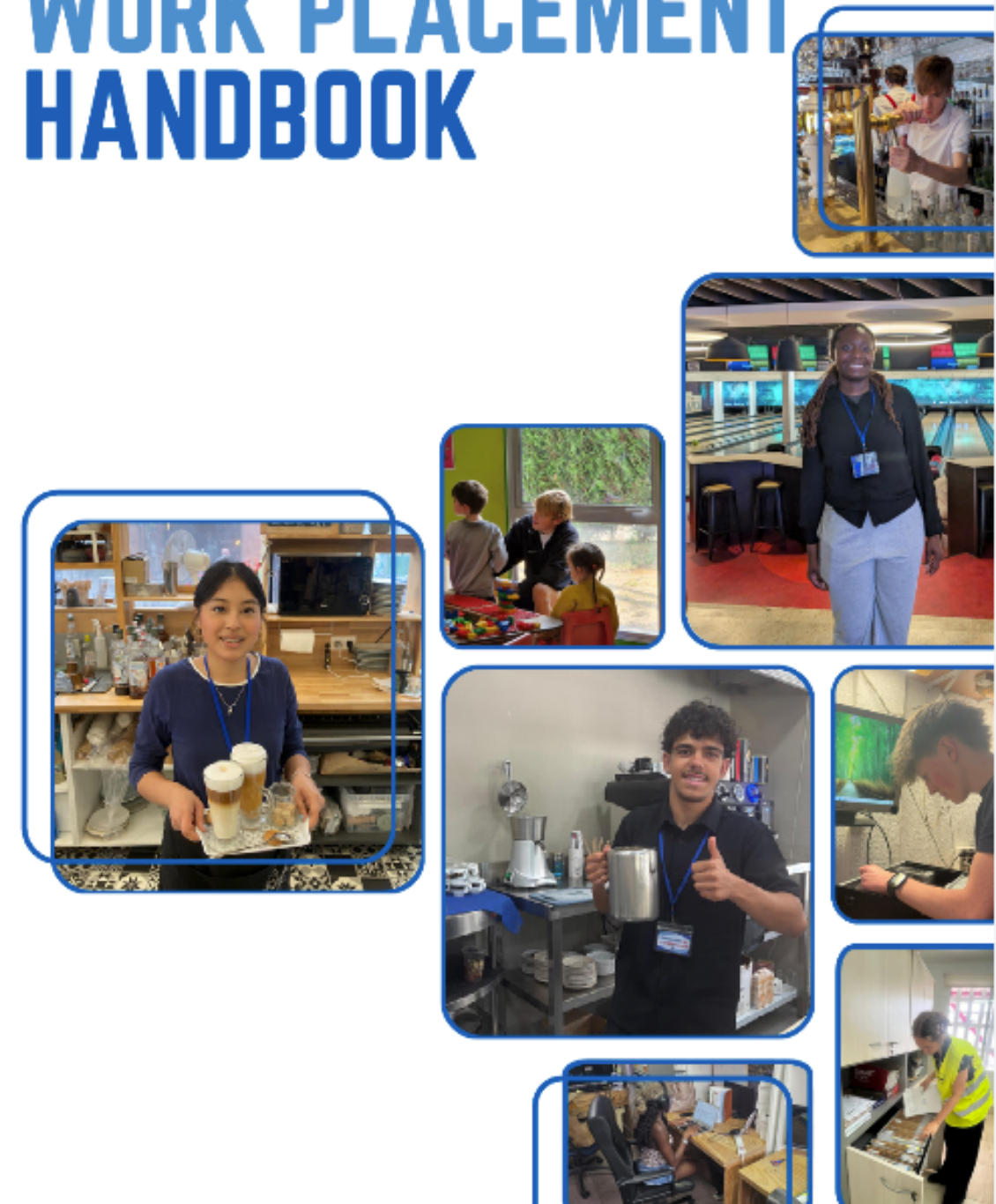


Work Placements

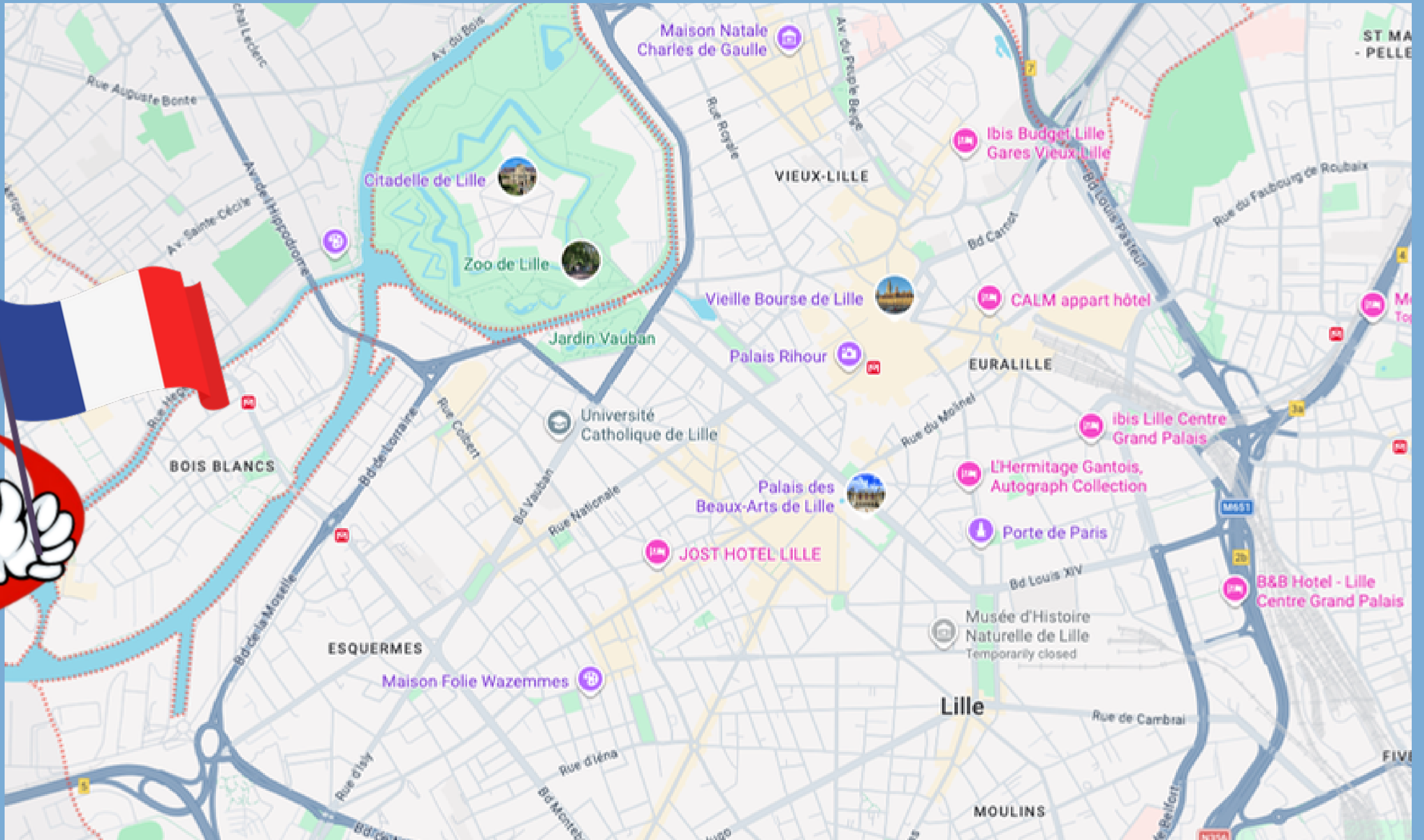
- Read the guide about work placements in your Babel account
Check clothing requirements and adhere to them!
- Visit your placement on Sunday and introduce yourself if possible.
(Some placements will be closed.)
- Be on time and manage your timings - allow for your journey
- Speak to your Group Leader about your placement - they will check in with you through the week and visit you.
- Manage your time outside of work - meet with other students or return to your host. Work times will vary for each student.
- You are on the trip to gain experience - give it your best effort and be open-minded to challenges (language and work place)
- Mobile phones in the work place are not allowed.
- Make sure you check-in on arrival and departure EVERY day.

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WORK PLACEMENT HANDBOOK



Some placements may have a day off during the week - hours balance in total over the week.



Meals

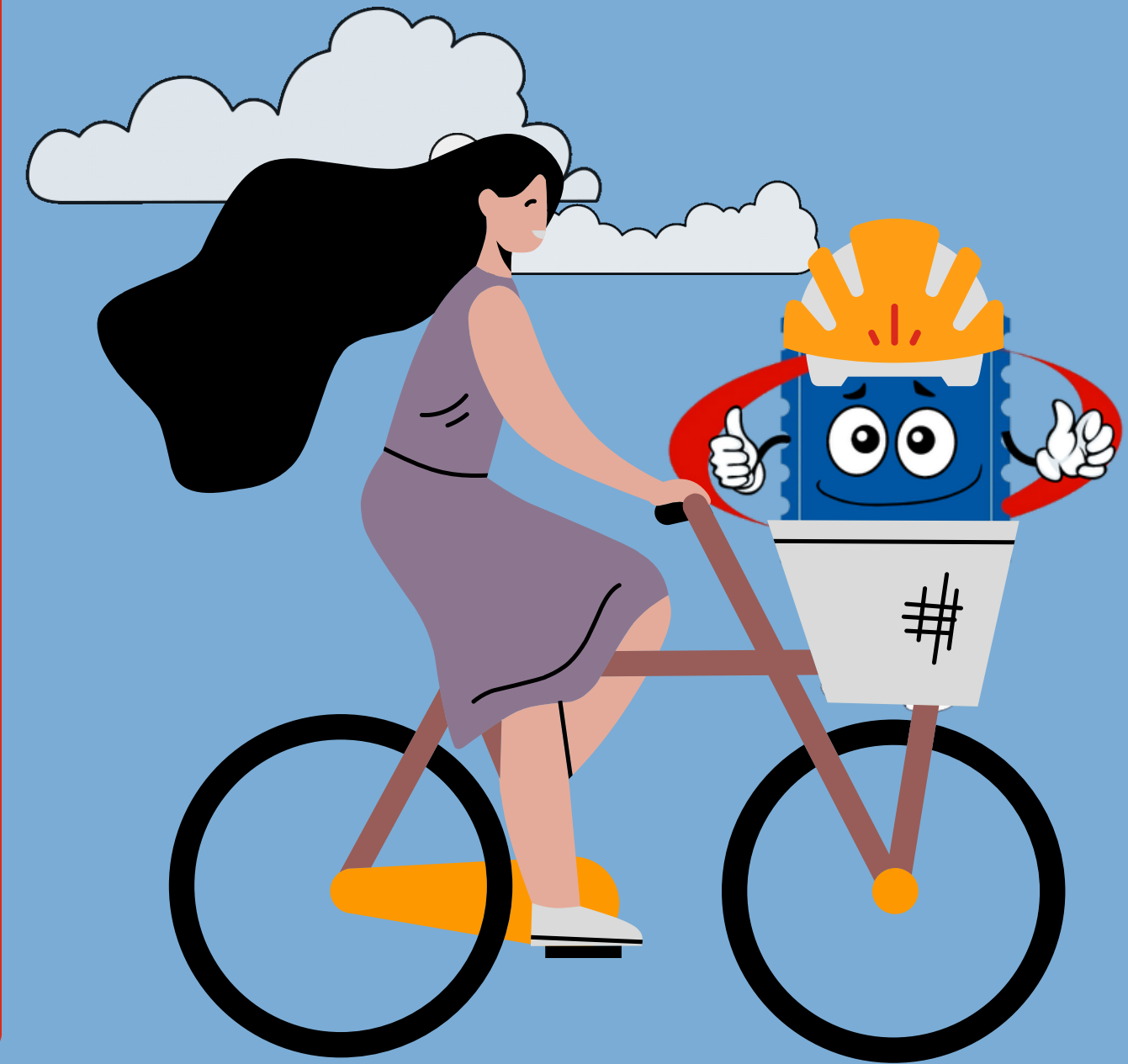


- Any allergies and dietary requirements will be taken into account when selecting restaurants for group dinners
- 2 dinners
 - Sunday
 - Monday French Bistro



Activities

- Your Group Leader will discuss with the group what activities you would like to do.
- Tuesday Evening - Bowling (included)
- Extras are not included in the trip price and may be a small additional cost
- Examples of past activities:
 - Escape Rooms
 - Cinema
- Bastille Day celebrations





Spending Money & Meals

- Breakfast and evening meal will be provided at your accommodation.
 - You need to allow some spending money for lunches which you can get from a local supermarket, bakery or cafe near work.
 - You will need to allow money for some local transport.
- You may have the opportunity to eat as a group one evening. Allow some money for this too.



Most places accept contactless and/or Apple Pay etc. but it is a good idea to take a small amount of Euros too just in case.

Spending can vary from student to student.
We would recommend something in the region of €130-€150.



Advice to Future Travellers: Work Experience

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Watch on  YouTube

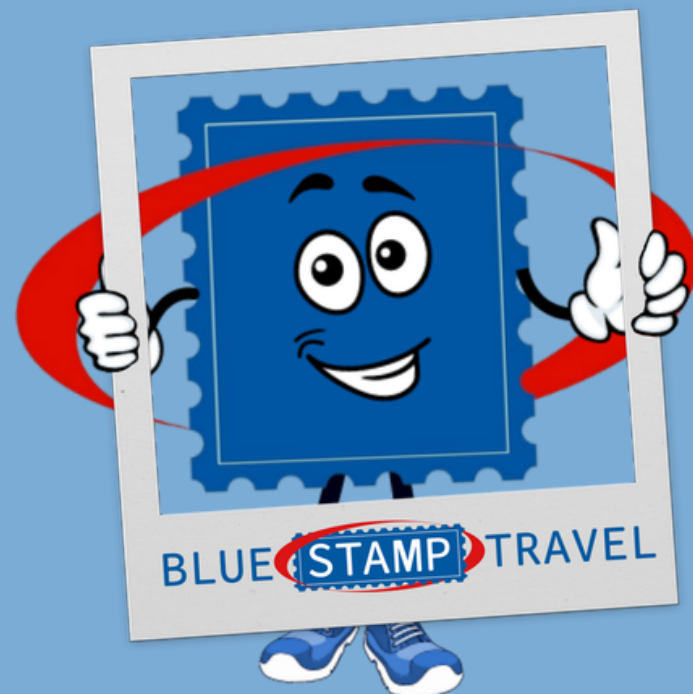
Keeping Safe



- Stay aware and vigilant
- Take care when handling your valuables in public
- It is advised to not take too much money out and about
- Try to avoid the areas of town that may have a reputation – your Group Leader can advise you of areas to avoid.
- Read our Health & Safety Guide for further guidance
- Pay attention on cycle-paths and on roads

Photos & Socials

Please tick the consent in your account.



Mobile Phone Roaming

- Read the guide in your Babel account
- If you do not have Roaming enabled, you will not have access to Whatsapp / Google Maps etc when you are outside of Wifi areas.
- You need to enable roaming with your network BEFORE you leave the UK.
- You need to set your phone to allow roaming.
- It is usually cheaper to pay for a bundle in advance if you have not got it included.



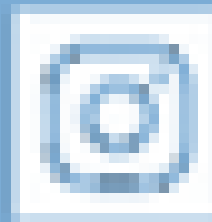
Emergency Contacts

1. Group Leader
2. Placement Supervisor
3. Blue Stamp Head Office

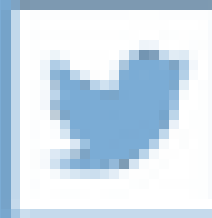


Make sure you have the numbers ready stored in your phone.

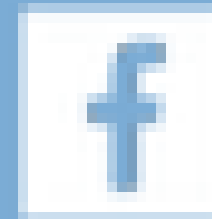
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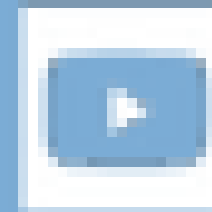
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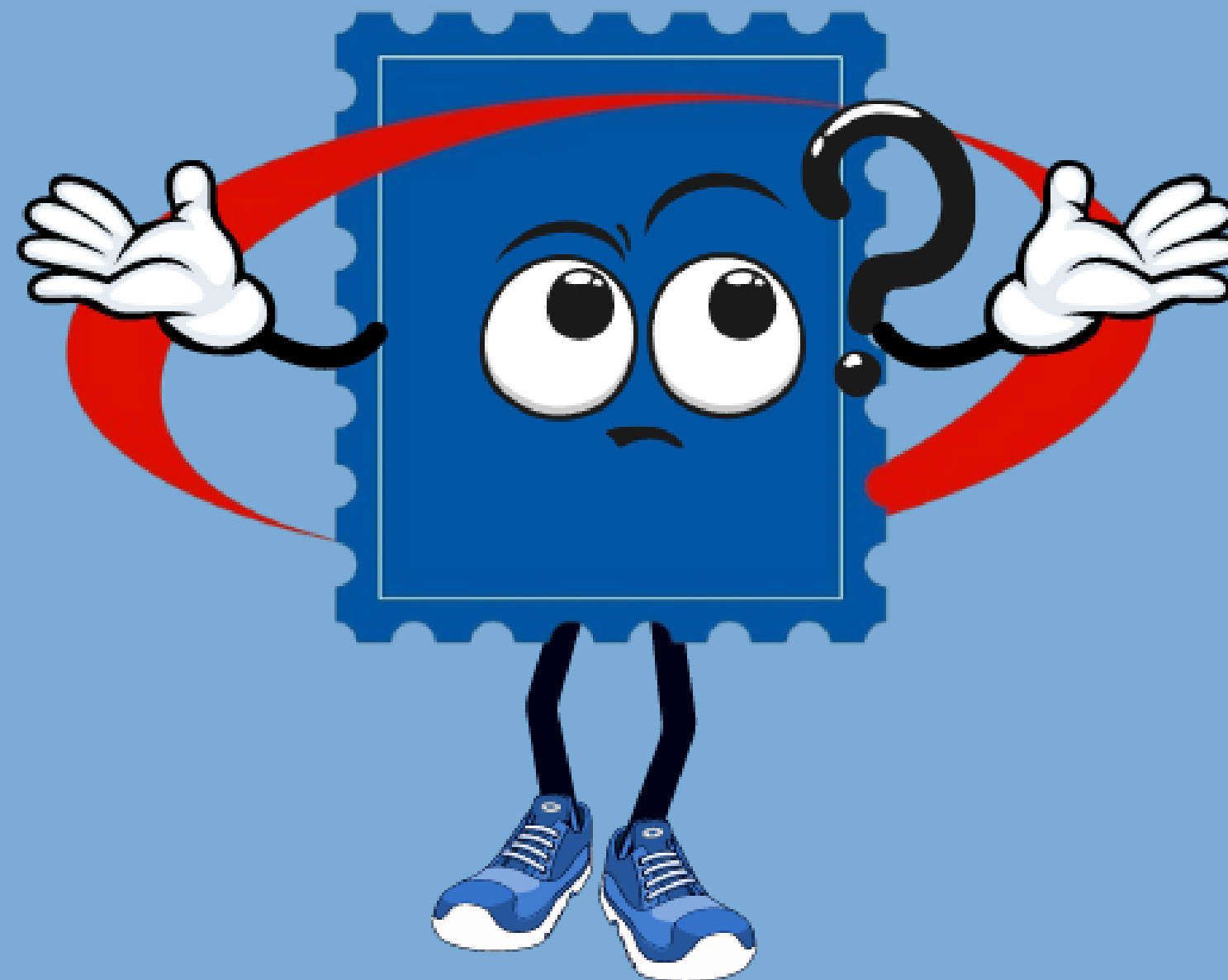


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Q & A?



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<https://www.bluestamptravel.com/work-experience-abroad/#Set-Departures-Frequently-Asked-Questions>