

TRAVEL TIPS TO CIGRE SESSION

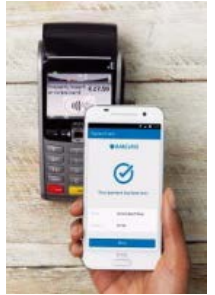
Before we start, it must be stated that the following is only a guide, it is in no way intended to be construed as definitive nor all the facts of law that may pertain to you. The comments and suggestions in this document have been collated and volunteered by other travellers to be generally helpful. The document does NOT represent CIGRE policy or views. CIGRE accepts no liability for the accuracy or completeness of any of this information. Readers are advised to independently validate any information, particularly if it has legal implications (e.g. road rules).

Before you leave home

1. Take a **photocopy of your credit cards and passport** (front and back) leave a copy with a family member at home and also leave a copy in the hotel safe too so you can phone to cancel the cards if necessary.
NOTE: You must have at least 6 months validity on your passport or the authorities may not permit you to travel.
2. CIGRE Australia highly recommends that you check the Government Smart Traveller website for updates on safety for travelling (this is regardless of destinations).
<http://smartraveller.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>
3. CIGRE Australia highly recommends you register your trip with Smart Traveller so that in the unlikely event of an incident your safety can be supported by the Australian Government. It also provides you with any immediate security updates via text or email. The website is:
<https://orao.dfat.gov.au/pages/userlogin.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fpages%2fsecured%2fdefault.aspx>
4. Take a listing of any of your medications as their full chemical names as brand names may be different. Also have a listing of your doctor, dentist and other medical practitioner name, address, phone and email. Any medication (prescribed or not) in containers over 100ml needs to have a label from a Doctor or Chemist otherwise it could be confiscated.
5. Take a list of any food restrictions and allergies – it might be useful to translate that to French using Google Translate or similar.
6. Advise Banks, otherwise your bank may cancel your card access as it believes someone overseas is using it fraudulently.
7. If you plan to drive in Europe, some countries and/or some of the hire car companies in some countries require to see an International Drivers Licence/Permit rather than just your national one. **Failure to do so may constitute a criminal or civil offence and may have more serious consequences.** 😞🗨️
Not having an International Licence might also trigger an exclusion under your travel insurance policy if claiming for loss caused while driving a motor vehicle overseas.

In some circumstances, certain types of driving licence have been required to be pre-registered with the hire car companies. It is worth asking when you make your reservation.

8. Consider buying special secure bags with slash proof straps and multi-locking zips (e.g. as one example PACSAFE <https://www.pacsafe.com>)
9. Consider buying "scan-proof" / "RFID-safe" wallets and purses for your credit cards and passport. These prevent fraudsters brushing past your pocket or bag with a remote payment machine to read the "Contactless" or "Touchless" feature of some credit and debit cards. The transactions will be relatively small (there is a limit to each Contactless / Touchless transaction) but the total can mount up quickly.
10. Consider buying an overseas SIM card for your phone to minimise phone and data charges. To note that there is now a common European tariff in place, meaning that you should not need a separate SIM card for each country you visit. The alternative is to check with your Australian phone company to seek out the costs for international access. Eg Telstra offers a \$10 per day access feature for some countries for customers but it has limits & conditions.
11. Other options include using phone apps like What's App & Hangouts – these use wi-fi which may be available for free at hotels and many places.
12. AMERICAN EXPRESS Credit Cards: It is wise to have a second type of credit card such as a Visa or Travelex type debit card as many shops, cafes and restaurants will not accept AMEX.
13. Electric power sockets are 220 V 50 Hz. Plugs need to have a round body and round pins – make sure you have a suitable adaptor and bring a multi-way power board to charge your PC, camera batteries and phones simultaneously
14. Many hotels have quite small rooms. So don't pack lots of big bags – you won't have space to store them!
15. If you need it: the Australian Embassy in Paris:
<http://france.embassy.gov.au/pari/contact-us.html>
Phone: +33 1 40 59 33 00
Address: 4 rue Jean Rey 75724 Paris Cedex (metro : Bir Hakeim or RER : Champs de Mars)
Email: General questions: info.paris@dfat.gov.au Consular questions:
consular.paris@dfat.gov.au



The Hotels

Best Western Star Champs Elysées

18 Rue de l'Arc de Triomphe, 75017 Paris, France

Reception/bookings email: contact@hotelstarchampselysees.com

Phone: +33 1 43 80 27 69

Hôtel des Deux Avenues

38 rue Poncelet

75017 -PARIS

Tél : +33 (0)1 42 27 44 35

Reception/bookings email: hotel-des-deux-avenues@wanadoo.fr

These are both non-smoking hotels. Breakfast will be provided daily between 7am and about 10am. 7am to 8:30am will be busy with so if you can delay – please do! There'll be plenty of food.

Keep an eye out for the notice board in the foyer of the Best Western Hotel.

Social drinks sponsored by CIGRE Australia will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the foyer of the Best Western Star Champs Elysées – in between the Session and dinner.

YOU MUST: settle your bill directly with the hotel. The hotel has been given your arrival date and time and departure date. Up to 15 August, any changes let CIGRE Australia know, after that, advise the hotel directly.

Aussie / Kiwi Dinner

Sunday evening 26 August 2018 at 7pm until late.

AU PETIT MARGUERY

Rive Droite 64 Avenue des Ternes - 75017 PARIS

TEL : +33 1 45 74 16 66

www.petitmarguery-rivedroite.com



It is a short walk from both Hotels.

Please check for directions when you arrive at your hotel.

At the Palais des Congres

CIGRE Australia has a room on Level 2, no. 234 (same room as last time). It will have tables and chairs if you need a break, a chat, or to do some work. A notice board will show Aussie activities there and in other parts of the Session.

To get to the venue it is a short walk from both Hotels & to the Restaurant (Aussie/Kiwi Dinner) therefore no arrangements have been made for transport.

CDG Airport to the Paris Porte Maillot at the front of the Palais des Congrès

For all CIGRE Delegates there is a free bus **if you have the voucher...** To get the Voucher go to this page <http://sessionpapers2018.cigre.org/Site/documents/home.asp> login and then click on Download the Session papers. You will then need to enter your email address (as per your registration) and assigned CIGRE Session 47 registration number to get to the selections below. Click on the pdf file under the Voucher Cars Air France.

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If you choose this option, then you will be dropped off in front of the Conference Centre and have a short 10 min walk to your hotel. Make sure you have the map or catch a taxi to the hotel if you need.

Les Cars Air France

Look for **Les Cars, Bus number 2** – follow the signs to “Paris by Bus”.



Route Travelled:

From Roissy CDG - Line 2 loops through the terminals of the airport and has two main stops in the city, Porte Maillot (which is near the conference centre, but a fair way from the hotel) and Etoile at the Arc de Triomphe. The Etoile stop is at 1 avenue Carnot, about 300 metres from the Best Western Hotel, which can be accessed by walking away from the Arc along ave Carnot (approx. north), right into Rue du General Lanrezac, and left into Rue de l'Arc de Triomphe. An alternative is to go down Ave Mac-Mahon, next main street clockwise from Carnot and turn left into the other end of Rue du General Lanrezac.

From Orly, Line 1 terminates at Etoile. This link shows the Les Cars Air France map http://videocdn.airfrance.com/cars-airfrance/index_en.html



The bus picks up at the locations indicated by the arrows above

- near the mid-point between Terminals 2A and 2C on the arrivals level just outside the doors,
- downstairs in the middle between Terminal 2E and 2F
- at the mid-point on the arrivals level between Terminals 2B and 2D
- Terminal 1

It then travels direct to Porte Maillot which is exactly the street outside the Palais des Congrès conference centre and opposite the Meridien hotel.

It then goes on to Etoile (the Arc De Triomphe is in the centre of the Etoile “star” roundabout)