

HOW TO REACH OICA

When you arrive in Paris by plane at Charles de Gaulle airport (CDG), there are three options to go to the city: taxi, bus or metro/suburban trains.

Taxi is really expensive.

Bus is convenient but you may end up in traffic jams. Tickets are sold by the bus driver or available at a machine, a return ticket is significantly cheaper than 2 single tickets. If everything runs well it takes you about 45 min to 1 hour, depending at which terminal you start. However, it can be 1.5 hours plus to go to the city. The bus is Le Cars Direct (former Air France Bus) line 2, it stops at all terminals (just follow the respective bus signs) with the shortest travel times from terminal 1. To the city you go to Place Charles de Gaulle Etoile/Arc de Triomphe; to OICA offices you just walk down Champs Elysees from there until Rue de Berri goes to the left after about 500 m.

Train is reliable, quick and cheap. From CDG airport you take the suburban train RER (line B) to Chatelet/Les Halles. The train station is at terminal 2 of the airport between sub-terminals 2C and 2E. From terminal 1, there is a small shuttle (signs CDGVAL) to terminal 2 that you need to take first. You may also exit at the RER station (2nd shuttle stop on the way to Terminal 2). The shuttle is for free. Tickets for the RER are sold by vending machines. Alternatively, there is also a ticket office. If you go down to the trains prefer those with the least stops to the city, indicated by red lights in front of the stations at the time table. A quick train needs something like 30 minutes to the city, those that stop everywhere need about additional 30 min. At station Chatelet/Les Halles change to Metro line 1 (yellow line), direction La Defense. The RER ticket is still valid, for max. 90 minutes from your start. When you go to OICA, exit at station George V (Georg 5th), and then go downwards the Champs Elysees a few meters to Rue de Berri (left side).

When you go to Paris by train, or if you already are in Paris, use the Metro to go to OICA offices. The nearest Metro station is George V on line 1 (yellow line) but if the weather is nice you may wish to enjoy the little walk from Place Charles de Gaulle Etoile/Arc de Triomphe – where also lines 3 (blue) and 6 (green) stop – down the Champs Elysees.

From Champs Elysees, you go around 50 to 70 m into Rue de Berri, No. 4 is on the right side of the street, the next building is a little restaurant. The entrance to OICA offices is on the left side within the passageway of the building – if you are on the courtyard you went too far! It is a small door, you need to ring to make someone from OICA opening it. OICA offices are on the 3rd floor to the right, you may need to ring again or to knock if the door is not open.

For more information (maps, hotels, etc.): <http://www.oica.net/category/index/contact/>

