# Meeting Venue & Accommodations

Bordeaux, France

The IVC & NUVA Expert Summit will take place at the **Radisson Blu Hotel**, located at **63 Rue Lucien Faure Dock G6, Bordeaux, France**.

Bordeaux, renowned for its world-famous vineyards, is an elegant city with stunning 18th-century architecture, tree-lined boulevards, and a vibrant cultural scene that rivals even Paris.

The Radisson Blu is situated in the **Bassins à Flot** district, a former industrial port area now transformed into a dynamic urban hub. Spanning 160 hectares, this redeveloped waterfront district blends modern architecture with historic charm, offering a mix of cultural, leisure, and business opportunities—making it an ideal location for collaboration and networking.

## Getting to Bordeaux

* By Air ✈️: Bordeaux–Mérignac Airport (BOD) is the nearest international airport, with direct flights from major European hubs and connections from North America.
* By Train 🚆: Bordeaux is well connected via TGV high-speed trains, with a journey time of approximately 2 hours from Paris (Gare Montparnasse).

## Local Transportation

* Tram & Bus 🚋🚌: The Bordeaux tram network provides easy access to the city center and surrounding areas, with a stop near the Radisson Blu.
* Taxi & Ride-Sharing 🚖: Readily available throughout the city.
* Walking & Cycling 🚶‍♂️🚲: Bordeaux is pedestrian-friendly, with bike rental services for convenient short trips.

## Recommended Hotels

* **Radisson Blu Bordeaux** (Meeting Venue)
	+ **Location:** On-site at the summit venue
	+ **Rate:** €170 per night (including tax, breakfast, and single occupancy)
	+ **Tourist Tax:** €3.74 per person per night
	+ **Booking:** To secure this rate, submit the completed reservation form to romain.toulgoat@radissonblu.com
* **Quality Hotel Bordeaux Centre** (City Center, near shopping & dining)
	+ **Location:** In the heart of Bordeaux, ideal for exploring the city
	+ **Room Rates:** €155–€200 per night (depending on options)
	+ **Travel Time to Venue:** 🚋 **25-30 min by bus** (num 5) or 🚖 **15 min by taxi**
* **Hotel Konti Bordeaux** (Historic District, Golden Triangle)
	+ **Location:** Near the old city center in a restored **18th-century mansion**
	+ **Room Rates:** €141–€200 per night (depending on options)
	+ **Travel Time to Venue:** 🚋 **25-30 min by bus** (num 5) or 🚖 **15 min by taxi**

## Traveling to Venue

Bordeaux has an efficient and easy-to-use public transport system, making it simple to navigate the city. The Tram B line connects the city center to the Bassins à Flot district, where the summit venue is located. Trams run frequently, and a single TBM ticket costs €1.90, valid for one hour across all tram, bus, and riverboat routes. Paper tickets can be recharged up to 10 times, making them a convenient option for multiple trips. Tickets are available at station kiosks or via the TBM app.

For short distances, walking and cycling are excellent ways to get around. Bordeaux is a pedestrian-friendly city with dedicated bike lanes, and VCub public bike rentals are available throughout the city. Taxis and ride-sharing services like Uber and Bolt are also convenient options for door-to-door transport.

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| From Airport by Taxi/Car | The airport is located 16km away. *Approximately 25 minutes.* |
| From Airport by Tram | Take tram A to Hotel de Ville, transfer to Tram B, then get off at La Cité du Vin and walk 650 meters down Rue Lucien Faure.*Approximately 1 hour 15 minutes.* |
| From the train station by tram: | Take tram C to Les Quinconces, transfer to Tram B, then get off at La Cité du Vin and walk 650 meters down Rue Lucien Faure. *Approximately 30 minutes.* |
| From the train station by train/bus: | Take the TER (regional train) to Cenon (first stop), then take bus 32 towards Bouliac Centre commercial and get off at the Bassins à flot. *Approximately 35 minutes.* |
| From Quality Hotel | Take the bus number 5 at “Gambetta” stop, towards “Bassins à flot” then get off at the “Faure-Brunet” stop. Or catch Tram C at “Grand Théâtre” in the direction of “Berges de la Garonne” and get off at the “La cité du vin”. *Approximately 30 minutes.* |
| From Hotel Konti | Take the bus number 5 at Gambetta going towards “Bassins à flot” then get off at Faure-Brunet. Or take Tram C from Gambetta going towards Berges de la Garonne, then get off at La cité du vin. *Approximately 30 minutes.* |

**Extend Your Stay in Bordeaux**

For those considering staying the weekend, **Bordeaux in May** offers pleasant spring weather, making it an ideal time to explore the city's rich history, world-renowned wines, and scenic riverfront. Whether you prefer **cultural landmarks, outdoor activities, or culinary experiences**, Bordeaux has something to offer.

* **Experience the Wine Capital of the World** – Take a short trip to the **Médoc, Saint-Émilion, or Pessac-Léognan** wine regions for tastings at historic châteaux. For a **closer option**, visit **La Cité du Vin**, an interactive wine museum just minutes from the summit venue.
* **Discover Bordeaux’s Historic Center** – Stroll through **Place de la Bourse**, the **Miroir d’Eau** (water mirror), and the **UNESCO-listed old town**, where charming squares and elegant 18th-century buildings define the city’s character.
* **Enjoy the Garonne Riverfront** – Walk, cycle, or take a river cruise along Bordeaux’s scenic quays, where you’ll find lively markets, cafés, and stunning views.
* **Explore the Dune of Pilat** – Just 40 minutes from Bordeaux, this is Europe’s highest sand dune, offering breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean and the Arcachon Bay.
* **Taste the Local Cuisine** – From fresh oysters from Arcachon Bay to the famous **canelé** pastry, Bordeaux is a food lover’s paradise. The **Marché des Capucins** is the go-to spot for fresh local specialties.

While the **International Summit on Vaccine Coding & Standards** is the priority, extending your stay provides a perfect opportunity to experience the best of Bordeaux while engaging with global vaccine coding experts in a vibrant, historic setting.