

FRANCE CLASSIC

15-18

AGE RANGE

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HOST FAMILY

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SCHOOL



COUNTRY INFORMATION

France has a great variety of landscapes, a long coastline, a large diversity of monuments, a prestigious culture and a rich heritage. It explains why, every year, over 80 million enthusiastic tourists visit France. Choose to be a "local" and experience "la vie à la française". France has a growing population of 65 million on 543,965 km². It is the biggest state in the European Union. There are five cities including suburbs (Nice, Nantes, Toulon, Strasbourg and Bordeaux) that have over half a million inhabitants. Paris, Lyon, Marseille, Lille and Toulouse have more than one million people. Even though cities are fast-growing, France is still a rural country.

Area: 643,801 Square kilometres

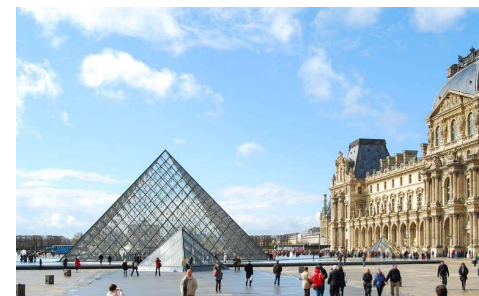
Population: Approximately 67 million

Capital: Paris

Language: French

National day: Bastille Day - 14th July

COUNTRY MAP



Age criteria:

15-18 years old

Starting months: September and January

Language requirements:

Minimum of 2 years of French

Visa: Mandatory - extra fees apply

Area choice: Yes - City Choice available

Preparation course:

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Welcome Camp in London,
extra fee apply

School year: September - June

School day: 8:00 - 18:00

Subjects: Mandatory and optional subjects

Optional trips: Options to join trips in France.

THE SCHOOL

The French high school, "le lycée", is three years long. The first year, "la seconde", offers a general programme with French, Maths, History, Geography, Sciences and Physical Education, along with a few options for about 30 hours per week. In second and third year, "la première" and "la terminale", Literature/Philosophy, Sciences, History/Geography, a foreign language and PE are mandatory. Students also choose 3 to 4 electives.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Full Zapp application
- Good health
- Good grades (minimum C average)
- Good knowledge of English
- Skype interview before acceptance
- 2 years of French

THE CULTURE

French families enjoy a great deal of traditions. The host family will introduce the student to family traditions such as, "la Galette des Rois", a crusty cake filled with almonds or apples, eaten early January to celebrate the visit of the three Kings to Jesus; or "la Chandeleur", crêpes made and tossed with a coin in hand to bring good luck.

HOST FAMILY

French families are close-knit units. Meals are important and taken together. As in most latin countries, the word of elders is to be respected and teenagers are supervised in their schoolwork and outings. Though the host families live everywhere in France, most of them live in the countryside and in small or medium-sized towns. In most families both parents work.

SPORTS

Most young people practice sport in local clubs. Ball sports, especially Soccer, Gymnastics/ Dance or Tracks & Field are extremely popular all-around France. Depending on the local environment, some specific sports can be offered, for instance winter sport in the mountain or water sport on the seaside.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All exchange students to France are invited to participate in excursions during the year. The excursions give students the opportunity to make friends from all over the world while experiencing new and exciting parts of the country. The excursions may vary from year to year and the prices depend on what is included. Information and invitations will be sent by email after arrival in the host country.