



Sat 07 to Tue 24 July 2012 (subject to confirmation)

A 2½ -WEEK STAY IN FRANCE (APPROX. 18 DAYS)

am: French classes for the Irish students
English classes for the French students
noon: picnic at the school
pm: Activities SHARED with the French students
w/e: « en famille »

*This programme provides the Irish students with the opportunity to **practise their spoken French** in a natural French environment, by participating in sporting activities in the company of French students, with morning French classes taught in **VERY SMALL GROUPS**.*

MORNING FRENCH CLASSES

Emphasis is put on **fluency** and **basic communication skills** (rather than on grammar or written French, done at home). This helps students recognize French pronunciation, gain confidence and love the language.

Teachers use an **ORAL** approach, in conjunction with current documents, [conversation, role-play, French films/TV]. Cultural visits are prepared [PowerPoint, treasure hunts]. Some classes may be shared with the French students [debates, interviews, polls, workshops]. All levels of French are catered for.

Our **VERY SMALL CLASSES (6 to 12 students max/Centre)** maximize personal attention and allow our experienced native teachers to attend to the particular needs and problems of each individual.



AFTERNOON SHARED ACTIVITIES (subject to modification)



SAILING/CANOEING/RAFTING
TENNIS/BADMINTON
SWIMMING/BEACH/
BASKET BALL/VOLLEY BALL
JUNGLE TRAILING/ARCHERY
SKATING/MINI-GOLF/PEDALO
VISIT OF CHÂTEAU/MUSEUM
TOUR OF INDUSTRY

Age 12-14/15-17

ACCOMMODATION
ONE Irish with ONE French
- Not an exchange -

PRICE: €2,200 OR **€1,850** if confirmed **BEFORE 16 June 2012 (first 8 enrolments)** - inclusive of: morning French classes, full board accommodation, afternoon sporting and cultural activities, excursion to chateau or factory, transfers from & back to local French airport & public transport; **except flight & insurance.**

WHAT WE DO NOT DO: Numerous language schools offer stays abroad where foreign students usually

1. Gather in big groups/clans,
2. Speak English throughout their stay,
3. Stay in hostels, with 2 or more students of the same nationality, or
4. Are placed in un-vetted families recruited on a commercial basis,
5. Attend classes of up to 30 students (of different levels),
6. Pay extra fees for optional activities,
7. Have no airport collection and no contact that can reassure their parents,
8. Are left to themselves (no supervision, easy access to alcohol, drugs),
9. Have no access to local French students with whom to practise their French.



Alternative exchange programmes appear more economical and a good initiation, but the mere physical presence in a country, without a structured environment does not suffice to guarantee consistent progress in French.

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