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FULL IMMERSION INTO THE FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE



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-  **SUMMER PROGRAMMES**
-  **ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES**
-  **EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES**



1 - STAY WITH A HOST FAMILY

Students live with a French family following their daily timetable and enjoying their summer family plans.

Dates: 1 to 6 weeks in June, July or August

Ages: 10 to 18 years

Location: most of the families are located in Brittany and Western Loire but may be anywhere in France

Airports: depending on the location of the family

Arrivals and departures: Saturdays or Sundays ideally from 10 am to 5 pm



2 - BRITTANY : STAY WITH A HOST FAMILY + SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Students live with a French family and choose activities provided by local organisers for French children and teenagers.

Dates: 1 to 3 weeks in July or August

Ages: 10 to 18 years

Location: Brittany

Airports: Nantes, Rennes, Lorient

Arrivals and departures: Saturdays or Sundays ideally from 10 am to 5 pm

WATER ACTIVITIES - Sports nautiques

Catamaran sailing, windsurfing, dinghy sailing.

Venues: Baden, Séné or Arradon sailing clubs

Courses: half day from Monday to Friday

Timetable: introduction courses in the morning and improvement courses in the afternoon; Swimming skills are mandatory

Please bring appropriate clothes and shoes to practise water sports

HORSE RIDING - Équitation - HORSE RIDING LESSONS

Venues: Arradon or Saint Avé

Courses: full day or half day Monday to Friday

Please bring appropriate equipment for the lessons; helmets can be provided if needed





3 - WESTERN LOIRE : STAY WITH A HOST FAMILY + SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Students live with a French family and choose activities provided by local organisers for French children and teenagers.

Dates: 1 to 3 weeks in July

Ages: 10 to 18 years

Location: Western Loire

Airports: Nantes

Arrivals and departures: Saturdays or Sundays ideally from 10 am to 5 pm

CIRCUS CAMP

Discover new activities, boost self-confidence, be part of an exciting team building games and have fun.

Dates: five days- 6-10 July or 13-17 July, from 10 am to 5 pm.

Ages : 11 to 15 years

Venues : Cholet - "La Baraque à Cirque" is a circus school with an "Amateur Practice" certification granted by the French Federation of Circus Schools.

Timetable: acrobats, blancing on objects, body language and acting skills, aerial performances like trapezes artists and tightrope walkers.

GOLF LESSONS

Cholet golf course is an 18-hole course set on 56 hectares of green landscapes.

Dates: all July - Registration before end of May - 2 hours per day over 5 days from Monday to Friday.

Ages: 10 to 15 years

All materials included in the price.

TENNIS LESSONS

Cholet clay Tennis Club is the second largest tennis club in the Maine et Loire area with around 300 members.

Dates: all July, from 10 am to 12 pm or from 2 pm to 4 pm, Monday to Friday.

Ages: 10 to 18 years

Tennis rackets can be provided if needed

ROWING CAMP

Rowing enriches people's abilities to share and work towards a shared goal while they enjoy a team sport in a beautiful location.

Dates: the first fortnight of July, 4 days a week - 2 to 5 pm - from Tuesday to Friday.

Ages: 11 to 18 years

Beginners accepted but they must be able to swim 25 metres and not be afraid of swimming in open waters.

KAYAKING CAMP

Dates: First two weeks of July, mornings only 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Ages: 10 to 14 years

Beginners accepted but they must be able to swim 25 metres and not be afraid of swimming in open waters.





ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES IN FRANCE

Our academic program is offered to **students aged 11 to 18 years old** who are willing to experience a **family immersion and discover school life** in France.

They are enrolled into a **local French school** and get integrated into a class with French students of the same age and follow compulsory and optional subjects.

Their stay can last **from 1 to 10 months** depending on the student's preferences and availability.

We can offer **two different accommodations, mainly in Brittany** (North-West part of France), around the Nantes area where we have our local representatives.

The two options are:

1 - HOMESTAY THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

The student goes to school **following the same timetable as the other children in the family**. They may or not go to the **same school**, which depends on the availability of each school.

Our host families are **caring families with one or several children, not necessarily same gender and age as the student**.

2 - BOARDING SCHOOL + HOMESTAY

The student lives in a **boarding school during the week, from Monday to Friday afternoon, and stays with a host family for the weekend**.

In France, most of **the boarders are 15 to 18 year olds**, so it is very unlikely to find places in boarding schools for under 15s.





CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS AGES 8 TO 17

6 months for children age 10 to 14

This is a **one year exchange program**. The European child stays for 6 months abroad, and the foreign child will stay in Europe for the remaining half year.

The children are challenged to **integrate themselves** to the best of their ability, **to accept the foreign lifestyle habits** and make the most of their exchange.

They should comprehend that **they will need to adapt to the new family**, not the other way around. The families on the other side **take full responsibility for the foreign child and treat the child like one of their own** – with all rights and responsibilities.

The exchange child is part of the family – not a guest !

The children communicate regularly with their biological families, but **it is recommended that this does not occur more than once a week**. Visits back home would be counter-productive and are not encouraged. The host parents choose an appropriate school for the exchange student together with Aventuro.

The child continues to attend school, does his /her homework, writes exams etc. The free time is filled with hobbies, meeting friends, and of course the child spends holidays, weekends, parties and family reunions together with the host family.

The children should simply forget about their native language for 6 months in order to completely immerse themselves in the new language and its sound.

Flexible, up to 6 months for teenagers up to 17

Our exchange program for teenagers **differs mainly due to its flexibility in duration**.

The procedure itself is similar to the one for younger children, but the duration and **the timing of the exchange is determined by the families**.

In other words: **the maximum duration is 6 months**, everything else is subject to personal preferences.





OUR OBJECTIVES

- To offer a unique cultural and linguistic experience
- To provide the opportunity to **experience the French educational system** as well as sports and activities enjoyed by French students
- To make long lasting friendships

OUR COMMITMENTS

- **A careful selection** of a host family that matches the student's personality
- **A personalised follow-up** of the student during the stay; this includes regular contact with the student, the host family and the school, with at least 3 written reports during the academic year.



THE FRENCH SCHOOL SYSTEM

The school year in France runs **from early September to early July**. However, different areas in the country have different holidays during the academic year.

These are the main holiday breaks:

- **All Saints** (la Toussaint): two weeks around the end of October and the beginning of November
- **Christmas** (Noël): two weeks at Christmas
- **Winter break** (hiver): two weeks around mid-February
- **Easter** (Paques): two weeks around mid-April
- **Summer** (été): two months starting in early July or mid-June for sixth form students

SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AGED 11+

After primary school, students in France **have to complete two further educational stages**:

- **Collège** - Secondary school for children **aged 11 to 15**. This stage lasts four years.
- **Lycée** - Sixth form studies for teenagers **aged 15 to 18**. This stage lasts three years where students prepare their baccalauréat.

The deadline registration for 1 full academic year is 5 months before the school term starts at the latest and 4 months for shorter stays.

