

Welcome to Montpellier, France!

2008 Dates: Begin any Monday!

2008 Price: € 1750 for 4 weeks

€ 4825 for 12 weeks

**(4-week program available June to Sept;
longer programs available throughout the year)**



Montpellier

Study French in the beautiful southern town of Montpellier. You'll be minutes away from the world famous *Place de la Comédie* and the *Tour de la Babote* and just twenty minutes from the sunny beaches of the Mediterranean!

The School

The school is located on the ground floor of a traditional French building and features a reception area, spacious classrooms, offices, a kitchen, a library and a central meeting and entertainment area with an opening glass roof. All instructors are experienced native speakers who are certified to teach French as a second language.

The Classes

In addition to providing a dynamic learning environment, the school emphasizes the practical "communicative approach" to French. On your first day you will be given an oral and written test to determine your language level. The maximum class size is eight students, but the average number of students is five. Classes are held three hours per day, Monday-Friday, except on public holidays.

Cultural Activities

The school offers a variety of social and cultural activities each week, including the "twinning program" that will pair you with a local native speaker for language exchange. In order to help you discover, understand, and truly appreciate Montpellier and the surrounding area, the school organizes activities twice per week during the summer. Some of the activities include visiting the nearby Mediterranean beaches, shopping and sightseeing in Montpellier, wine-tasting, visiting local museums and chateaux, excursions to the *arrière-pays* and open air meals in the Bohemian quarter. Costs average around \$26 per student for two activities.

Special Option: Language & Lifestyle Exploration

This program lets you try out your language skills in a variety of real-life settings while familiarizing yourself with the local traditions, art, cinema, French cuisine, and much more. Each day is based on a different theme. In the mornings, you will develop the vocabulary, and then practice it in language activities and project work. In the afternoon, you will go on an excursion or visit a place related to the theme with a local group leader dedicated to making your cultural exploration interesting and fun. The course caters to students with a language level from elementary to advanced, and focuses on increasing your fluency and self-confidence. Call for details!

Accommodations

For total immersion into the French lifestyle, stay with a welcoming host family! Host family accommodation includes a private room with breakfast and evening dinner each day.

Frequently Asked Questions

What does the cost include? Application processing, homestay placement, tuition, cultural activities, textbooks and class materials. Your homestay fees include a private room, airport pick-up and breakfast & dinner.

When will I receive my host family placement information? Host family information, details and contact information will be provided no later than the week prior to your class starting date.

How will I get to and from school if I am staying with a host family? Most homes are a short bus ride from the school or within walking distance.

Can I get credits for studying abroad? Yes! Whether you are a high school graduate, a university student working toward a degree, or a teacher working on professional development, you can get credit for continuing your education abroad. Earn 5 to 10 credits by signing up for a variety of courses offered by We Study Abroad, an accredited college program linked with Seattle Central Community College. Please visit www.westudyabroad.com for more information.

Can I study if I am a beginner? Yes, this program is open to beginners.

Is there an orientation? Yes, you receive an orientation upon arrival. You are given a welcome packet which includes maps, brochures and practical information.

Will I have access to email? Yes, the school has a computer room and all students can access email and the internet.

Are there any days that school is not in session? The only day that school is not in session is on Christmas, December 25th.

Do I need travel insurance? The program in France requires that all students have travel insurance that includes personal liability, accident and health coverage valid for France. Prices depend upon trip length and participant age but average about \$75 for a 4-week stay. Visit www.insuremytrip.com for a comparison of different policies.

Can I speak to people who have attended the program before? Definitely! Please contact our office and we can provide you with emails for students who have participated in this program before. They love to speak about their experiences.

How do I apply? To apply, complete an initial application and return it with a \$250 deposit. You can download the application at www.andeo.org. Your deposit will be applied to the total program price. Upon receipt of your program registration and deposit, we will send you a detailed orientation packet. The balance of your program fees will be due 30 days before your program start date. *\$100 of your deposit is non-refundable if you cancel your program.*

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