

Homestay Study Program in Paris, France

2010 Dates and Price*

Dates: July 3-24

3-week programs: \$3,470
(airfare not included)

*We reserve the right to adjust program prices if there is a major change in the currency exchange rate. In this case, applicants may cancel and receive a full refund.



Program Highlights

- small-group language classes
- exciting cultural activities and excursions
- homestay with a welcoming host family
- experience the gorgeous capital of France

Paris, France

Paris! Do we need to say more? This program will take you to the City of Lights, where you will be surrounded by the beautiful language, some of the most impressive historic buildings, narrow cobble-stone streets as well as splendid *chaussées*, and a truly cosmopolitan flair. Your homestay will be in a lovely suburb, so you get to experience the everyday life of Parisians, too.

The Classes

Gain confidence communicating in French through small-group language classes! From Monday to Thursday, you will practice speaking, listening comprehension, and grammar for three hours in the mornings. The topics are chosen to prepare you for your afternoon activities.

Cultural Activities and Excursions

In the afternoons, you will dive into the rich cultural life of Paris and explore the unique *arrondissements*. The activities will introduce you to the history of the city, modern art, and the famous Parisian chic. Fridays are reserved for full-day excursions, for example to Versailles.

Accommodations

A homestay with a local family is the best way to immerse yourself in the daily life in France. Host families come in all shapes and sizes, but what they all have in common is a strong interest in sharing their culture. Your host family will provide breakfast and dinner during the week and all meals on weekends. Lunch with the group on weekdays is included in the program price.

"This was the best trip I have ever taken! My host family was amazing and our conversations were really fun. My teacher was also great. He made French really interesting and I always looked forward to it."

~Samantha, 2009~

Sample 3-Week Itinerary

Week One

Monday - Tour Eiffel
Tuesday - Notre Dame, Le Marais & Musée Carnavalet
Wednesday - Quartier Latin & St. Germain
Thursday - Musée du Louvre
Friday - Versailles
Weekend - free time with host family

Week Two

Monday - Beaubourg & Les Halles
Tuesday - Musée d'Orsay
Wednesday - Champs Elysées & La Défense
Thursday - Maison de la Radio
Friday - Les Catacombes
Weekend - free time with host family

Week Three

Monday - famous restaurants & shops
Tuesday - La Vilette
Wednesday - gardens of Paris
Thursday - Montmartre
Friday - free shopping day



ANDEO
INTERNATIONAL HOMESTAYS

ANDEO International Homestays - a nonprofit

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply for this program? This program is open to students 15 and older who have studied French for the equivalent of at least two years in high school. It is a great choice for students who are excited to see the many world-famous sights Paris has to offer and experience everyday life in France on the weekends.

What does the price include? Tuition for the language course, study materials, homestay placement with meals, cultural activities and excursions, travel insurance, pre-departure orientation materials, and on-site support in France.

What is a host family? A host family may be two parents with children (from baby to adult), a single mother or father, a couple without children, grandparents, or a single person. All host families are screened by our partner organization in France and provide warm, welcoming homes for international students. There may be another international student sharing the homestay with you.

Will my family speak English? They might, but they know that you are coming to use and improve your French skills, so they will encourage you to speak their language.

When will I receive my host family placement information? You will receive host family details and contact information in the week prior to your arrival date, possibly earlier.

How will I get from the airport to my host family? A local program representative and/or your host family will meet you at the airport in Paris and take you to your host family's home. You will also be escorted back to the airport at the end of your stay.

Will there be an orientation? Once you are accepted into the program, we will send you comprehensive orientation materials that cover everything from packing suggestions to dealing with culture shock.

Can I get high school credits for this program? Possibly. Talk to your teachers before the end of the school year about the option of completing an independent study project during or after your stay abroad.

What travel documents will I need? That depends on the length of your program, your citizenship, and other individual factors. Entry requirements change frequently, so we strongly recommend that you contact your nearest French embassy or consulate to get up-to-date information. Generally, U.S. citizens need a passport, but not a visa for a short-term stay. It is your responsibility to obtain all necessary travel documents for your stay in France.

Can I speak to people who have participated in the program before? Definitely! Please contact our office and we can provide you with the email addresses of students who have been on this program.

How do I apply? Complete the initial application form and return it to ANDEO with a \$500 deposit. We will then send you a detailed application with questions about your family and interests, a medical statement and release form, an agreement that spells out behavior expectations, directions for writing a letter to your host family, and three reference forms. You will have about 3-4 weeks to complete this. The decision to accept you into the program will be made based on your completed application. If for any reason we cannot accept you into the program, your deposit will be refunded in full.

What is the application deadline? The deadline is May 1st. However, we recommend that you apply as soon as you feel that all your questions have been answered and you have decided that this is the right program for you. Courses sometimes fill up earlier.

Who should not apply for this program? Students who are currently experiencing excessive behavior problems, drug or alcohol abuse, eating disorders or other psychological disorders that might interfere with the program, or students who have experienced these issues in the past year should not apply.

When should I book my flight? After you have been officially accepted into the program. Information about arrival and departure times will be included in your acceptance letter. In order to arrive in France on June 26, you may need to depart the USA on June 25.

Are there any scholarships? No, ANDEO is a non-profit organization and we try to keep prices as low as possible for all participants. For students who want to fundraise for their program abroad, we have compiled some ideas and suggestions. You can find them on our website at www.andeo.org.



ANDEO
INTERNATIONAL HOMESTAYS

Like having options? Take a look at our other homestay study programs in Costa Rica, Ecuador, Germany, Japan and Spain! We also offer homestay immersion programs in France, Germany, Mexico, and Spain.

ANDEO International Homestays - a nonprofit organization since 1981.