

Homestay Immersion in France - Individual Travel

2010 Dates and Price*

Choose your summer dates!

Fees: \$2,120 for 3 to 4-week program

(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

- individual homestay placement with a French family
- flexible program dates
- contact with French teenagers

Welcome to France!

Spend your summer immersed in the beautiful French language and culture! Start your day with a delicious *café au lait*, discover your French hometown with your new friends, and develop a nice French accent through animated conversations with your host family! For this program, our partners in France choose families who either have teens at home or can introduce you to people your age in the extended family or neighborhood.

Program Structure

You can choose your own dates and stay for three to four weeks. Once you step off the plane in France, you will be met by a local program representative and escorted to your host family. For the next weeks, you will eat, sleep, and play like the French do. Enjoy experiencing the French culture from the inside! Because students and families are matched based on shared interests and not on location, you may be staying anywhere in the country. Throughout your stay, you will have the support of the local coordinator. Students from Washington and Oregon also have the opportunity to join a group immersion program which is led by a bilingual chaperone and includes roundtrip airfare from Portland or Seattle.

Prerequisites

We recommend this homestay immersion program for students who have studied French for at least three years, who really want to use and improve their language skills, and who feel ready to dive in to a different lifestyle and culture. You won't spend a lot of time with other American students, and you should not expect to do a lot of traveling. If you prefer a program that offers language classes and organized group activities, take a look at our homestay study program in Paris!

"I had an awesome experience. My host family was a perfect match. They planned some outings and activities, but they were also very good at showing me how people in France really live. The meal times were the best. There were always great conversations. A month abroad improved my French skills more than a year of class."

-Hana, 2009-



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Frequently Asked Questions

What does the price include? A homestay placement, travel insurance, pre-departure orientation materials, and on-site support in France.

What is a host family? Host families come in all shapes and sizes, but what they all have in common is a strong interest in sharing their culture. All host families are screened by our partner organization in France and provide warm, welcoming homes for international students. There may be another student from a different country staying with the same family.

Will there be someone my age in the home? In most cases, yes. If a family does not have teens at home, they will introduce you to teens in their extended family or neighborhood. And since young people in France tend to do activities with groups of friends rather than one-on-one, you may have opportunities to make friends outside your host family circle, too.

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.

But what will I DO all day? That depends on your host family's daily schedule and lifestyle. You can expect to speak French, meet French people, explore the town or city you are staying in, and participate in family activities like meals, family gatherings, grocery shopping, or a few weekend outings. The key to enjoying an immersion program is to stay curious and take every opportunity to practice your French and learn something new about your host culture.

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. If you are from Oregon or Washington, you can join us in Portland for an evening orientation in April and a full-day orientation in May.

When should I book my flight? After you have officially been accepted into the program. Information about the arrival/ departure airport and times will be included in your acceptance letter.

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 decided that this is the right program for you. Programs 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.

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.



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