



# ACADÉMIE AQUITAINE

SUNDAY 11TH APRIL TO SUNDAY 18TH APRIL 2010 FOR GCSE STUDENTS

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16 PLACES ON EACH COURSE

## **Introduction**

Bristol and Bordeaux have been twin cities since 1947. Bordeaux, the capital of the Aquitaine region, is a very grand and vibrant city with a newly developed tram system. Since June 2007 Bordeaux is officially included as an UNESCO World Heritage site. It boasts the longest pedestrian street in Europe, La Rue Sainte Catherine and the largest square in Europe, Place des Quinconces. It is surrounded by vineyards and beautiful countryside and the stunning resort of Arcachon is only an hour away. The Alliance Française is a well-established global network which teaches French language and civilisation. The Alliance in Bordeaux has an official link with the Alliance Française in Bristol.

## **Programme outline for study visits in Bordeaux**

This programme has been designed to suit the needs of GCSE and AS/A2 students and to provide immersion in French language and culture, supported by lessons and a programme of excursions and activities. The emphasis will be on communication skills and preparing for oral examinations.

- 12 hours of intensive French tuition delivered by native speaker specialists based at the Alliance Française in the centre of Bordeaux. Classrooms are fully equipped and a variety of authentic materials will be used. Lessons will focus on the GCSE and AS/A2 exam requirements. There will no more than 16 students in a class. Homework will be given to support the lessons and to maximise progress during the course of the week.
- Lessons will be in the mornings on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
- Students will have 4 afternoon visits to include discovering historic Bordeaux on foot, Le Musée d'Aquitaine, a cinema excursion and an afternoon to enjoy the shops and cafés. There will be a morning at the cookery school 'L'Atelier des Chefs' preparing their own lunch followed by a visit to St Emilion on Wednesday.
- Evenings will be spent with the host family and allow time for homework. It will be school term-time in Bordeaux.
- Students will be accompanied by a qualified French teacher who will travel with the group on the scheduled Easyjet flight from Bristol to Bordeaux and be present to supervise the visits and excursions and be available at all times to support all aspects of the visit.

## **The homestay**

All students will be based in Alliance Française host families and where possible with a child of the family who is of school age to enable maximum exposure to French language and culture. Students can request to stay in pairs or on an individual basis.

The hosting will be on a full board basis with a packed lunch provided by the family (apart from Wednesday when the students will make their own lunch at the cookery school.) The families are carefully checked and vetted by the Alliance and are regularly used by them. All families have to complete a 'Child Protection host family questionnaire'. Students can be visited by the accompanying teacher at any time. Students will be in a supervised environment and will not be allowed out in the evenings unless with the host family.

## Cost

The cost per student is £495 exclusive of flight, individual passports and pocket money. This includes

- Travel Insurance
- Host family accommodation on full board basis (host families will be present for airport arrival and departure)
- Accompanying qualified teacher to travel with the group and be the main point of contact for the students during their visit
- 12 hours of intensive French tuition
- All course materials
- A copy of the Travel Safe booklet
- All visits and excursions including entrance fees and a session at the cookery school.
- Homework tasks
- Certificate of attendance

## Terms and conditions

Course fees: a deposit of £150 per student to be paid on application. (Cheques should be made payable to 'Académie Aquitaine'). If the course is already full, deposits will be returned.

Cancellations: any cancellation before the payment of the balance will only result in loss of the deposit. Any cancellation after this will mean that 80% of the course fees are payable up to 14 days before departure. Cancellation after this will be subject to 100% payment.

**Final details:** students will have a final programme and contact details of all host families no less than 2 weeks before departure.

**EHIC:** students need to have their own European Health Insurance Card.

**Passports:** students must have their own individual valid passport.

**Flights:** students must travel on the Easyjet scheduled flight from Bristol to Bordeaux. The flights are on sale now. Early booking is advisable.

Please register your interest with your French teacher who will give you an application form for the trip. There is a maximum of 16 places for each course.

## This form needs to be completed and returned together with your deposit to:

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Bristol International Airport  
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