



24th to 31st October 2010 8 days / 7 nights
Bridging the Gap from GCSE to AS French
Improve your French for Primary School Teachers

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 at the Alliance Française in Bordeaux

The Bridging the Gap programme has been designed to suit the needs of post GCSE students on the AS course 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.

The courses for Primary Teachers will support development of all skills to gain confidence in the delivery of the primary languages curriculum for French.

- 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. 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/primary teachers 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 and a visit to St Emilion or Arcachon on Wednesday.

- Evenings will be spent with the host family and allow time for homework.
- Students/primary teachers 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 participants will be based in Alliance Française host families to enable maximum exposure to French language and culture. Students/primary teachers can request to stay in pairs but should be aware that may hinder their progress in French.

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 CIC**'). 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: participants will have a final programme and contact details of all host families no less than 2 weeks before departure.

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

Passports: participants must have their own individual valid passport.

Flights: participants must travel on the Easyjet scheduled flight from Bristol to Bordeaux. These are already on sale. Early booking is advisable.

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

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