



FRENCH & PAINTING

AIX-EN-PROVENCE, FRANCE

START DATES YEAR-ROUND



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This French & Painting program enables you to combine a French course with the discovery of painting in Provence, giving you the chance to create your own piece of art. This unique program offers exciting hands-on art classes, meaningful cultural immersion, and an enriching language program.

CITY AND COUNTRY INFO

Aix-en-Provence is a spa town with Roman origins and baptised "Ville d'Eau - Ville d'Art" (city of water - city of art). This picturesque city owes some of its fame to one of its children, the painter Paul Cézanne.



Over the centuries numerous artists have been charmed by the light of this city. Its narrow streets, multicolored facades, its fountains and its markets attract visitors from all over the world. Aix-en-Provence is a young and lively university city with about 30,000 students.

The natural and cultural heritage which surrounds it also offers lots to discover : the historic cities Arles, Avignon and Nîmes, the Lubéron, the gorges of the Verdon and of course the mountain Sainte-Victoire which is the pride of the "Aixois" (people from Aix), the beaches and the 'Calanques' (rocky inlets in the Mediterranean) which are 30 minutes away by car.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this French & Painting Program in Aix-en-Provence, students will gain experience in foreign art programs, greatly improve foreign language abilities, gain personal growth and confidence both nationally and internationally, and combine travel, academics, and passion for art into one incredible life-changing experience.

What's Included

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** 2 week minimum-group 20 French 45 minute lessons per week in group of 5- 12 students per class.
- **Painting Classes:** 12 hours per week
- **Lodging:** In a Studio Apartment or Homestay
- **Placement Testing**
- **1-2 Organized Activities Weekly***
- * Entrance fees, transportation, etc. may be at additional cost.
- **Access to E-mail**
- **Access to Multimedia Learning Center**
- **Certificate of Completion**
- **Pre-Departure Information**
- **Planning Guide**
- **Medical, Accident and Sickness Coverage ****
- ** See policy for definitions and exclusions.
- **Medivac Coverage**
- **Other Travel Coverage:** repatriation, baggage, personal effects, accidental death and dismemberment , etc.
- **24 Hour Emergency Multilingual Hotline:** call collect from anywhere in the world

FULL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

STUDY PROGRAM

The study portion of the program includes 20 hours per week of Group French classes with a 2 week minimum. Maximum number of students per class is 5, with the average being 2 students. Groups are organized in a way that each will always consist of students possessing the same level of French.

All of our teachers are native speakers with university educations and are very experienced teaching French to foreigners. Most have learned a second language themselves and understand the student's perspective.

The method is based on the 4 language skills: listening, grammar, oral and written comprehension. No English will be used in class. Classes are 45 minutes in length.

Our program is divided into 6 levels of study. The first 4 are concentrated on grammar, vocabulary, practical situations, and conversation. The next 2 levels, advanced and superior, focus mainly on conversation and advanced reading and writing topics.

PAINTING PROGRAM

The objectives of this painting course are:

- To learn the different painting techniques
- To practice French vocabulary linked to art
- To discover the famous Provence painters
- To enjoy the pleasure of create art and beauty
- To leave Aix-en-Provence with your personal pieces of art and souvenirs

LODGING OPTIONS

HOMESTAY

The majority of families in Aix-en-Provence are within walking distance of the school, approximately 5 to 20 minutes. Student are placed with a variety of carefully selected families, and we do our best to accommodate all special requests. Many students find that living with local French families helps to improve language skills and understanding and appreciation of the culture.

PRIVATE STUDIO APARTMENT

This option is more for the very independent student who likes his or her freedom to come and go. Studios come fully furnished with a big living area that combines the living, dining, and bedroom. Each studio has a fully stocked kitchen and is self-catering.

PRICE RANGE

Cost of 2 weeks of classes, 12 painting lessons per week, and 2 weeks total of housing ranges from:

\$2,522 → \$3,064**

**Prices range according to housing and board options.

ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES

U.S. citizens traveling with regular passports for tourism or business do not need a visa for a stay of 90 days or less. Those planning a longer visit must obtain a visa in advance of arrival.

Minimum age of 18 unless accompanied by an adult. There is a limited number of positions every start date.

ACTIVITIES

The NRCSA center in Aix-en-Provence offers many special activities and some are at an additional cost. Below are some examples:

- Cooking classes
- Wine tasting
- Drawing workshop
- Pastry lessons

Some sporting activity options for students can include:

- Water Sports
- Golf
- Horseback riding
- Cycling
- Rock climbing
- Tennis
- Hiking

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the FRENCH & PAINTING PROGRAM in Aix-en-Provence, either follow the link below or call 1-888-678-6211.

<http://www.nrdsa.com/reg/online/regform.html>

When you register, \$140 USD is due to secure your place in the program.