



FRENCH for MATURE ADULTS

MONTREUX, SWITZERLAND

START DATES ALL YEAR ROUND



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This French for Mature Adults program enables you to enjoy learning French with other individuals above the age of 50. This tailored program offers exciting group lessons, meaningful cultural immersion, and an enriching language experience.

CITY AND COUNTRY INFO

The chief resort of the Swiss Riviera, Montreux rises in the shape of an amphitheater from the shores of Lac Léman. An Edwardian town with a distinct French accent, it has long been a refuge for expatriates, including the novelist Vladimir Nabokov.

Known for its balmy climate, it sports a profusion of Mediterranean vegetation, which grows lushly in the town's many lakeside parks. The mountains at the town's back protect it from the winds of winter, allowing fruit trees, cypresses, magnolias, bay trees, almonds, and even palms to flourish.

The city has expanded greatly from its original 19th-century core, incorporating several former villages along the shoreline. One of these, Clarens, was used by Rousseau as the setting for his epistolary novel *La nouvelle Héloïse*. The resort enjoyed its heyday in the years just before World War I, when it had only 85 hotel beds. It hosted such distinguished visitors as Tolstoy, Flaubert, Dostoyevsky, and Ruskin. In recent times the town has revived, and today about three-fourths of the resort's 20,000 inhabitants are engaged in some tourist capacity.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this French for Mature Adults program in Montreux, students will greatly improve foreign language abilities, gain personal growth and confidence both nationally and internationally, and combine travel, academics, and passion for language into one incredible life-changing experience.



What's Included

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** 1 week minimum- 20 French group lessons of 45 to 55 minutes per week – max 8 students per class
 - **Age:** over 50
 - **Lodging:** In an shared apartment or Homestay
 - **Arrival Transfer:** available upon request
 - **Placement Testing:** first day placement levels for beginner, intermediate, and advanced
 - **Welcome Package**
 - **5 Organized Activities Weekly***
 - **Access to E-mail**
 - **Certificate of Completion**
 - **Telephone and Fax access**
 - **Medical, Accident and Sickness Coverage ****
 - **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
- * Entrance fees, transportation, etc. may be at additional cost.
- ** See policy for definitions and exclusions.

FULL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

STUDY PROGRAM

The study portion of the program includes 20 French group lessons per week with a 1 week minimum. Maximum number of students per class is 8 although the average size is 4-6. 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.

We have based our approach to language not on the incorporation of exercises and rote phrases that do not fit the students' context, but rather on the pursuit of linguistic goals that are both concrete and practical. You will thus develop your own know-how and not simply accumulate knowledge that you will only be able to apply in a specific context. We use a variety of recognized French as a Second Language (FSL) methods and incorporate the use of current topics and the richness offered by multicultural classes.

Available for students at any level, beginning to advanced. Each lesson has a duration of 50 minutes. The courses take place in the morning, Monday-Friday. Our standard course enables you to gain a solid grounding in all key aspects of the French language while allowing you to dedicate much of the day to other activities.

MATURE ADULT PROGRAM

This course is designed to provide individuals with the opportunity study the French language and experience the culture of Switzerland. The courses will be held in French and will be in intimate groups with other students of the same age. This program will allow you to learn with people of the same age as you and enjoy the same social activities outside of the classroom.

LODGING OPTIONS

HOMESTAY

Staying with a host family offers another dimension of language learning that takes place naturally when you are not even thinking about it during mealtime conversation or a "movie" night or while playing a board game.

Homestays with host families are an excellent opportunity to soak up the local culture as you discover the mentalities, expressions, and daily lives of native speakers. We are very well-acquainted with all of our host families, and each family has satisfied our quality criteria.

STUDENT APARTMENTS

The student apartments are located in the heart of Montreux within walking distance of the course center, business centers, restaurants, bars and cinemas, the lake, the railway station and the central post office. This accommodation is intended for students who wish to make socializing a priority while enjoying a high degree of independence.

Very comfortable single and double rooms are available. All apartments feature a television set, a fully equipped kitchen, a washing machine, a free Internet connection as well as WiFi access.

PRICE RANGE

Cost of 1 week of classes, housing, and cultural activities from:

\$1,247 → \$1,360**

**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.

ACTIVITIES

The school offers a full and varied program of cultural visits, sports, social outings and excursions through the year. Details vary from week to week and from season to season.

Activities include:

- Trips to the Swiss Riviera
- Visiting the Cattle of Chillon
- Sail on Lake Geneva
- Jazz or Folk festivals
- Evening outings
- Food festivals
- Other cultural immersion activities

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the FRENCH for MATURE ADULTS in MONTREUX, either follow the link below or call:

1-888-678-6211

Or visit:

<http://www.nrcsa.com/reg/on-line/regform.html>

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