



FRENCH & HIKING

AIX-EN-PROVENCE, FRANCE

Programs in February, April, June, September, and October



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This course has been designed for adults of all levels who need to communicate with greater ease for personal or professional reasons. It combines a French course with the possibility to discover the countryside of Aix-en-Provence, its natural sites and its vegetation by foot.

CITY AND COUNTRY INFO

Aix-en-Provence is a picturesque spa town with Roman origins. Some of its fame can be attributed to 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

Students will gain confidence in their abilities to speak, write, and read in the French language. Outside of the classroom, students will have the opportunity to establish relationships with their peers, while gaining a greater appreciation for the natural beauty surrounding Aix-en-Provence on frequent hiking excursions. Other opportunities for an enriching cultural experience are offered.



What's Included

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** Minimum 2 weeks; 20 French lessons per week of 45 minutes each.
- **Hiking:** 30 hours of hiking per week
- **Lodging:** Homestay options and residence hall
- **Placement Testing**
- **Access to E-mail**
- **Certificate of Completion**
- **Pre-Departure Information**
- **Welcome Pack**
- **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 program consists of 20 French lessons per week and is available for students at any level, beginning to advanced. Each lesson has a duration of 45 minutes. The courses take place in the morning, Monday-Friday. Self study in the multimedia learning center is available for all students, as are learning resources of all kinds: audio, video, and computer assisted language learning. These elements are all available for students to work independently.

The objectives of the program are to improve listening and written comprehension, speak with more confidence and ease, communicate in every day situations and extend knowledge of French politics, social life and culture.

HIKING PROGRAM

The hiking program includes 30 hours of hiking. There will be hiking excursions on weekdays in the afternoon after French lessons and Sundays. Discover the natural heritage of Provence by foot with a professional guide

LODGING

Homestay Options

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.

(1) Half-board

You stay with a homestay family and it includes breakfast and dinner; you have lunch elsewhere and can not use your host's kitchen. This type of accommodation encourages linguistic and cultural immersion.

(2) Bed & breakfast

You stay with a homestay family and it includes breakfast; you have your other meals elsewhere and you can not use the kitchen unless they agree. This kind of accommodation is recommended for people who want to be independent - contact with your host family is rather limited.

(3) Room with access to the kitchen

You stay with a homestay family and no meals are provided, but you have access to the kitchen to prepare your own meals - you and your host decide on what times you can use the kitchen. This kind of accommodation is recommended for people who want to be independent and/or have a special diet.

Residence

The Halls of Residence are situated a 10-minute walk away from the school and offer single rooms with shower/toilet. Residents are also free to use a communal kitchen and a computer room. The block of buildings contains a restaurant, offering low-priced meals from Monday to Saturday.

PRICE RANGE

Cost for 2 weeks of French & Hiking program, lodging, insurance, and registration fee ranges between:

\$2,713 → \$3,287**

**Cost ranges according to lodging and board.

ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES

U.S. citizens traveling on 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.

Minimum age of 18 unless accompanied by an adult.

ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

A variety of complementary activities aimed at leisure and free time are offered at the center. Entrance fees may be applicable.

Activities may include:

- Golf
- Rock-climbing
- Tennis
- Water-sports
- Cycling
- Horseback riding
- Trips to local markets
- Local festivals
- Barbecues

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the FRENCH & HIKING PROGRAM in AIX-EN-PROVENCE, either follow the link below or call 1-888-678-6211.

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

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