

Provence French Summer School 2017

The Programme

The Provence French Summer School is designed for Steiner-Waldorf students from Class 10 to Class 12 (ages 15 – 18) with at least a basic level of French but students from other schools are also welcome to come and experience our approach, which is closely tailored to each individual's needs.

Our emphasis is on spoken French. Some grammar will be covered, but our main aim is to get students talking with native speakers and help them communicate in fluent and natural-sounding French. Our lively course makes the most of our superb Provence location by taking students on outings and visits to local places of beauty and interest so they can experience a slice of French life close up! A certificate of achievement is handed out at the end of the course.

Course Start Time & Date

The Provence French Summer School runs from Sunday 16 July to Sunday 30 July 2017 (Course 1) and from Tuesday 1 August to Tuesday 15 August 2017 (Course 2).

Students should arrive in Avignon by 4 pm on the first day of their course so they can attend the pre-course meet-up with host families and teachers from 5 to 7 pm at the school.

French Lessons in the morning (30 hours)

French lessons are held every morning (Monday – Friday) from 8.30 to 12.15 in groups of 15 students, to ensure individual help can be given. A total of 30 hours of formal teaching gives students the opportunity to make good progress. There is not usually any written homework, but we expect students to speak French in their host families!

Provence Activities Programme (afternoons)

Every weekday afternoon and a few evenings, students are outdoors with school staff, enjoying creative activities, discovering Provence and practising their French! On Saturday there is a whole-day excursion. Some activities are chosen by the group and are likely to include:

- Games, drama, singing, crafts and more in the school grounds
- A visit to the famous Avignon Theatre Festival (in July)
- Provençal village market
- Canoeing on a river, an afternoon at the beach
- Walks in Provence's places of natural beauty: river gorges, vineyards, the Ochre Trail
- Seeing historic sites nearby – Marseilles, Nîmes, the Pont du Gard, etc.

More detail on the programme of activities will be available in mid-May 2017.

Free Time

A shady garden is available for students to relax in during daytime breaks. Unless a group activity is planned, host families pick up 'their' students after the afternoon sessions and take them 'home' for the evening.

The Sunday and the last day are completely free and students may arrange activities with their host family and/or other students, in agreement with the host families.