

French à la Carte

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suggest some top
destinations for
French immersion*



Paris

Situated on the banks of the river Seine in north-central France, Paris is France's capital and largest city. Paris hosts a rich array of museums, galleries, and nightlife and is the most visited city in the world with more than 30 million visitors per year.

Mondes Nouveaux, founded in 1983, is a non-profit organization specializing in language homestays in France. Their teachers are dedicated specialists, and host families give students a warm welcome into their homes. Each student is individually and fully covered by a comprehensive insurance upon request. Mondes Nouveaux is an excellent choice for your French language immersion needs.

The Ecole Suisse Internationale is a non-profit organization specializing in teaching French as a foreign language and is recognized by the Paris Education Authority and the Swiss government. The institute is open to anyone over 16 who would like to improve their knowledge in the French language and its culture.

The school is represented in two different locations: in the heart of Paris and in Dijon, capital of the Burgundy region. Thanks to their small capacity, they have successfully developed a nice and friendly atmosphere. Their French program is adapted to the student's level and each person can choose the best formula compare to his/her objectives whether you choose part-time or full-time programs, exam preparation (Delf, Dalf, CCIP, TCF, etc.), private lessons, or summer teacher training programs.

Les Cèdres is a French language school in the small, friendly town of Massy, in the leafy southern suburbs of Paris, just 30 minutes by train from the Notre-Dame cathedral. Not only are class sizes small (an average of eight or nine per class), but there is also a system of personal help, and excellent relationships with the local community (clubs, societies, churches, language helpers). Courses are offered at five levels; with study periods ranging from the three-week summer school in July to a programme of up to two years (minimum period, six weeks) during the school year (September to June). On-campus child care is available, as well as on- or off-campus accommodation. Many students choose the school for its Christian leaning (short daily chapel service), but others are attracted by the friendly atmosphere.

Alsace

Attractive medieval villages, woods, and quaint towns

make the region of Alsace a popular tourist area. The adjoining mountainous Jura and Vosges has high forests, lakes and meadows, gorges and waterfalls, and is excellent for both cross-country skiing in the winter and mountain biking and hiking in the summer.

inlingua is a French school situated in charming Alsace. Lessons are offered privately or in small groups and are taught by experienced and committed teachers. Cultural and gastronomic activities are taken around France to allow students a better understanding of the culture and people. Students have the choice of staying in hotels, apartments, or family accomodation while they attend inlingua.

Vichy

Vichy, situated on the northern edge of the Auvergne,

in the heart of Bourbon country, is noted for its sparkling waters (said to alleviate liver and stomach ailments). Because of this, it is now a popular spa and resort town. The city's current reputation for health and relaxation has been aided greatly by the Perrier craze that has swept most of the world. The Perrier Company has a contract to bottle Vichy water for sale elsewhere and also runs the city's major attractions.

CAVILAM is a high-quality French school in Vichy founded in 1964 by the University of Clermont-Ferrand. The school is in the center of the town by Allier Lake. They offer a plethora of courses such as teacher training, intensive one-week courses, long term courses, preparation for university studies, "Language and Leisure," and "Juniors Language and Sports." At CAVILAM, their mission is to make language teaching active and lively, to train and assist French teachers, and to develop innovative teaching methods.

Loire Valley

The glorious valley of the Loire, also known as both the

Garden of France and the Cradle of the French Language, is rich in both history and architecture. Sophisticated cities, luxuriant landscape, and magnificent food and wine add up to a bourgeois paradise and an excellent place to study French.

The Institut de Touraine is a prestigious French language school founded in 1912. Located at Tours, in the Loire Valley, the Institut de Touraine has built a strong reputation of quality over the years. Over 80 nationalities come each year to learn French. They offer a full range of courses for all levels: two weeks, one month, or three month programs. Specialized courses are optional for intermediate or higher levels and training courses are regularly organized for teachers. DELF, DALF, Certificates and Diploma from the Paris Chamber of Commerce, and TCF can be prepared and taken at the Institute.