

L'ÉTOILE DU NORD

15 Days~ Paris and Family Stay

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The team!



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WHY TRAVEL ABROAD?

- Improves understanding of other cultures & our own culture
- Creates international friendships
- Offers real-life opportunity for students to use the language they've been studying
- Develops self-reliance and personal responsibility
- Enhances college & job applications
- Language & Friendship programs support the valuable skill of learning a language
- L&F offers HOSTING opportunities!

Welcoming an international student into your home & community offers many of the same benefits



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WHY A FAMILY STAY?



One can always be a tourist, but a family stay is a unique opportunity to be immersed in the language, culture, and daily life of their family.



One student per family allows a true immersion experience, and each student has a host family experience to call their own.



WHY LANGUAGE & FRIENDSHIP?

- L&F works with each group to fit student needs
- L&F has been providing educational travel & hosting programs for almost 40 years!
- Experienced staff of former educators & language teachers, who understand educational programs & language learning
- L&F emphasizes communication in the *language* as a **key** to understanding the culture
- Family stays give a true **immersion** experience & create international *friendships*
- L&F offers short-term hosting in the USA:
 - Discounts for those who travel. Double the international friendships!
 - For those unable to travel: bring the culture to your doorstep!



WHY LANGUAGE & FRIENDSHIP? CONTINUED

- Family Stay Coordinators abroad send their students to be placed with American host families.
- 2-3 weeks in February & June/July arrivals
- A great way to prepare for your own family stay -- and understand what it is to be a good guest
- Dates and arrival locations located online:
https://languageandfriendship.com/_portal/hosting-dates--locations



Check out what host families
say about hosting!

PROGRAM TEAM: TEACHERS/ LEADERS

- Work with L&F coordinator to plan all aspects of the program
- Hold preparation meetings with students to help prepare for a successful experience
- Teachers/leaders are students' first point of contact for support during program:
 - Students will have teacher's contact information.
- Work with family-stay coordinator, host family, & student if there are questions or concerns while abroad.





PROGRAM TEAM: FAMILY STAY COORDINATORS

- L&F has an extensive network of teachers & friends abroad, dedicated to fostering international friendships.
- Find welcoming host families in their schools & communities.
- Meet with each family personally to discuss goals, expectations
- Available for the duration of the family stay: provide support & address any questions or concerns.



PROGRAM TEAM: HOST FAMILIES

- VOLUNTEER to welcome students; not paid.
- Host families are interested in cultural exchange & international friendships!
- ONE student per family: maximum immersion.
- Most families have children within 2 years of age of the US student.
- Visiting students may share a room with a host sibling of the same gender, but will have their own bed
- Matches are based on interests of student and family: not gender or age.

PROGRAM TEAM: YOU, THE TRAVELER!

- The success of your family stay also depends on YOU – your interest, openness, & willingness to invest in the experience
- Students receive in-depth preparation for this cultural experience:
 - ✓ Monthly prep meetings as a group
 - ✓ Student Guidebook
- Review the guidebook often to be prepared for the experience! Topics include:

Host family routines	Meals
Greetings	Rules
Spending money	Going out
Group travel	Phone use



YOUR FAMILY STAY PLACEMENT

- When the Language & Friendship coordinator abroad has completed the matches, L&F will e-mail you (student/parent) a letter with contact information.
- *Typically, matches are received **1-3 weeks before departure**. Sometimes it can take a bit longer, but rest assured, a host family will be anxiously awaiting your arrival.*



PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

Behavior before trip:

- Must maintain good academic standing, demonstrate excellent behavior, and be in excellent health.
- Must attend all preparatory meetings & demonstrate a commitment to speaking the language & learning how to be a good, safe traveler – in a group!

Behavior during trip:

- Respect teacher/leaders and members of group, never venture out alone, abide by curfews and all rules.
- No alcohol, smoking, drugs, sexual involvement, tattoos or piercings, or anything else that endangers your safety or the safety and well-being of the group.

Complete Program Expectations are in Program Brochure. Parents and students sign application stating that they agree to these and will also sign a copy of the Program Expectations.



PROGRAM
EXPECTATIONS:
HEALTH

IMPORTANT: Good Health

Students must be able to self-manage medication or health conditions.

- ✓ Group travel is strenuous: requires energy & flexibility!
- ✓ Travelers MUST report accurate and complete health information on application
- ✓ Teachers, Family Stay Coordinators, & host families must be aware of a student's health information – the goal is a safe & supportive program for all involved
- ✓ Some cases may require report from physician and/or educator or counselor.
- ✓ Teacher's responsibility is to the whole group

COMMUNICATION EXPECTATIONS

FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

- Overuse of a cellphone/social media can be disruptive & detract from the experience
- Host families feelings can be hurt if students spend more time talking with friends/family back home instead of getting to know their host family
- In case of any concerns, students should first contact the ***teacher/leader***, instead of parents
- Teachers are the adult in a position to provide direct, local support
- **Students:** be in the moment!
 - Listen to the language around you
 - Learn from the people you meet
 - Live the experience!
- **Parents:** help support your child's efforts to immerse themselves in the experience – limited communication goes both ways!
- Before departure, teacher/leader will provide both students & parents contact information for while the group is abroad
- Language & Friendship team is available in case of questions or concerns

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Consequences for not Meeting Expectations:

Prior to Departure:

Language & Friendship reserves the right to cancel student participation at any time should there be academic, behavioral, or medical issues. Cancellation fees apply.

While abroad:

Consequences for behavior or undisclosed medical conditions revealed abroad will depend on the offense/situation. Actions may include any/all of the following:

- Address concern directly with student
- Call home to parents
- Return home at parent expense

L&F has a zero tolerance alcohol policy. Students who drink while on the program return home at parent expense.

See Program Brochure for more info

***Additional teacher or school requirements
for program eligibility***

TRAVEL SAFETY & INSURANCE

- Language & Friendship is committed to providing a safe, educational experience for each participant.
- Extensive preparation materials are provided to help ensure safety, inspire self-confidence, and facilitate communication.
- L&F regularly monitors the website of the U.S. Department of States and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO).
- L&F is in frequent communication with coordinators and partners abroad to stay informed on each region's political general climate firsthand.
- All participants covered by medical accident & sickness insurance for duration of program abroad. (See details in Program Brochure.)

France

Travel & Family Stay

May 20 - June 3, 2026

15 Days ~ Paris & Family Stay in Angers

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN FRENCH

Experience France from the perspective of your host family! Use the French you have learned in school, and continue to build your vocabulary!

SEE THE SITES

Discover the rich history through famous sites, museums, and by visiting local, authentic restaurants.

EXPERIENCE THE CULTURE

Enjoy all that France has to offer: food, music, history, and art – Dive into *la vie française* !

Pricing:

\$4595 based on 8-9 travelers and 2 leaders

\$4395 based on 10-12 travelers and 2 leaders

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For program details and
enrollment information:

Scan the QR code or click the link below.



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Scan the QR code
for a program
overview, as well as
cost and payment
information,
insurance and the
application process.

Register by October 15!

ENROLLMENT PROCESS

Application to be Host
Family also
on L&F website!

- Online application: Step-by-step instructions sent to teacher.
- **Application Process:**
 - Traveler Info
 - Family Stay materials (photos, letter in French, etc.)
 - Payment
 - Final Agreements (electronic signatures)
- Submit application online for teacher approval
- Teacher may ask for updates or clarification
- **All requirements** must be completed by enrollment deadline to finalize enrollment

Are you able to attend & participate in group meetings?

Can you commit to following the program expectations (no alcohol, etc)?

Are you independent and able to be away from friends/family?

Able to limit phone use and contact back home?

Ready to immerse yourself in the experience?

Willing to make an effort to speak the language?

Ready to keep an open mind about cultural differences?

Ambitious and motivated to learn?

Adventurous and ready to try new experiences and new foods?

Interested in making new friends?

Open, tolerant, and respectful of others?

Flexible and able to adjust to the unexpected?

Appreciative of the efforts of others (teachers, parents, host families)?

Is this Program a Good Fit?



Did you answer “yes”?
This program may be a good fit!

What can I do to prepare myself?
How can I do my part?
Will I use the tools given to me
(group meetings, L&F guidebook,
advice from teachers/parents) to
have a positive experience?



Did you answer “NO” to
any of the questions?

Talk with your teacher!
A conversation may help you:
Calm nerves or fears
Develop tools for a successful program
Help determine if this program is a good fit

Our Itinerary



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| May 20 | Depart MSP for Paris |
| May 21 | Arrive CDG, take a train to Angers to meet your host family |
| May 22-
June 1 | Enjoy time with your host family! |
| June 1 | "Au revoir host families!"
Return to Paris for some sightseeing. Eat dinner with your group. |
| June 2 | Continue visiting Paris and end with a group farewell dinner. |
| June 3 | Take a private shuttle to the airport for your trip back to MSP |



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À bientôt !



Family Stay







Pictures to
use if needed



Paris

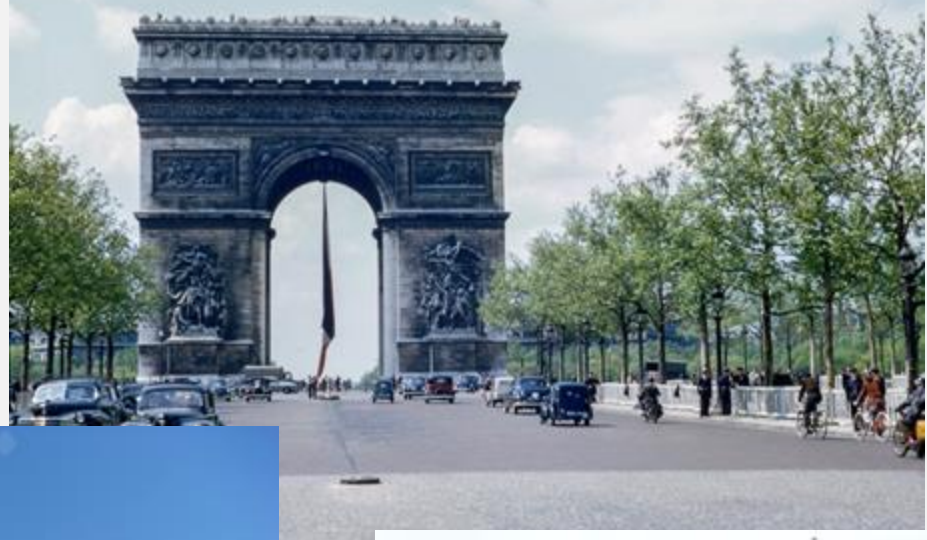


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Loire Valley



Normandie & Bretagne



Southeast



Southwest



Alpes

