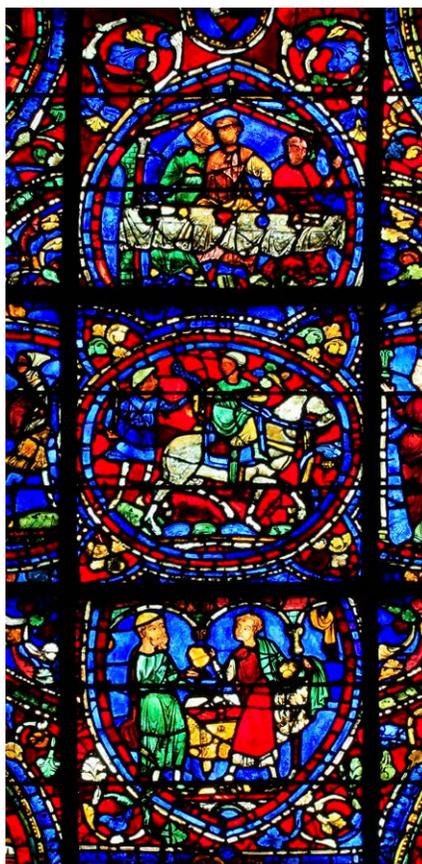




There's Just Something about France...



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CULTURE

Picture This!

If your hopes for a year abroad include seeing incredible sights and eating amazing food, you made the right choice in France!

For a country that's smaller than the state of Texas, it boasts a lot of diversity. Its Atlantic coastline features the World War II D-Day beaches and many nearby cities and towns that bear scars of the era. The Mediterranean coast has fabulous beach resort towns. The French Alps offer ideal winter sport getaway spots. Castles, caves, cathedrals, and so much more are yours to explore!

Ever heard of René Descartes? Claude Monet? Napoleon Bonaparte? Yes, France is home to these and many other of the world's most renowned historical figures.



FUN FACTS

Did You Know?

Cheese lovers, rejoice! There are 350 to 400 distinct types of French cheese grouped into eight categories. With different varieties of many of those types, the number of cheeses is closer to 1,000!

France is ranked as the top tourist destination in the world—Paris is the most visited area, followed by the French Riviera, located along the Mediterranean Sea.

The French love sports! Baron Pierre de Coubertin was responsible for the Olympic Games' revival. The Tour de France is the oldest and most prestigious cycling race, and the French Open is one of the four Grand Slam tennis tournaments. And as in most European countries, soccer is an obsession—*vive le sport!*

FAMILY LIFE

Live it Up

Soak up the culture—whether that means museums in an urban environment, the unique charms of a rural village, or something in between. The French will proudly share their national and local treasures with you.

Other than breakfast, which tends to be fairly simple, mealtime is important. Rather than merely a time to eat, meals are regarded as a chance for families to spend time together. Meals for special occasions, including major holidays, can include five or six courses and last several hours.

Manners matter. Smiling and saying hello (*bonjour*) upon entering a shop or meeting someone goes a long way—as does at least trying to speak French. You'll be speaking *bien français* before long!



SCHOOL

Keep Learning

There are two types of French high schools, *lycée professionnel* and *lycée général/technologique*. Chances are you'll be in one of the latter, which offers French students degrees (*baccalauréat*, or "bac") in a variety of fields and prepares them for studying at the university level.

The school day generally runs from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a long lunch break. Wednesday afternoons are free, allowing for cultural activities. You'll likely study French, math, geography, civics, social and physical sciences, foreign language, and sports.

While American high schools offer a host of extracurricular activities, the same is not true here, so be sure to make arrangements to socialize with friends outside of school hours.

ALL THE FACTS

A Closer Look

Dates and Costs

- Duration:
 - 10 months (academic year)
 - 5 months (semester)
- Start dates:
 - August
 - January (spring semester)
- Cost:
 - \$8,500 (academic year)
 - \$7,000 (semester)

Terms of Participation

- Between the ages of 15 and 18
- Currently enrolled in a U.S. high school
- GPA of C+ or better
- At least three years of French

Application Deadline

- April 1: fall semester or academic year
- September 1: spring semester

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What's Included?

- Student selection interview
- Guidance through visa process
- Selection and preparation of host family
- High school enrollment
- U.S. pre-departure orientation
- Medical insurance
- Local support and progress reports
- 24-hour emergency support abroad and in the U.S.

What's Not Included?

- International and local airfares
- Visa application fees
- School fees (textbooks, lunch, etc.)
- Personal expenses, souvenirs, incidentals
- Transportation to and from school
- Phone cards or cell phone

How Does It Work?

- Visit pax.org/us-students for details on application packet
- After application materials received, student interview arranged
- Application packet sent abroad for final acceptance by partner organization
- Student matched with host family and school
- Student guided through visa process
- Details of exact host family, school, and community shared with student
- Correspondence with host family begins
- Pre-departure orientation session in the U.S.
- Departure

