

Learn about the French culture, new useful words, experience Paris and meet new friends on the 7-day STS Preparation Course: France.



PREPARATION COURSE: FRANCE



STS Preparation Course is a great start to exchange in France. The course is held on a beautiful private high school campus, west of Paris. Students attending the prep course have a wonderful time meeting people from all over the world while, at the same time, learning about the French way of life, the culture and language. Last but not least, the students get the opportunity to spend time in Paris, the city of lights.

WHEN?

Our prep course starts on Friday, August 21st. The students are requested to arrive at Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport before 12 noon as the bus will pick us up at that time. The course ends on Friday, 28th. A bus will then drive us to Paris to catch connecting flights and trains to the final destinations and host families.

WHERE?

We will be staying at L'Ecole des Roches founded in 1899. This is an international high school specializing in French as a foreign language. The STS group will have its own house on the campus. Rooms will be shared by 2, 4, 6 or 8 students depending on the size of the rooms. The students are required to bring towels as the school does not provide them. Visit the school site on www.ecoledesroches.com for more details about the location.

COURSE CONTENT

At arrival, the students will be divided into 2 groups according to French level. Every other day, we will have 2 hours of French and 2 hours of cultural classes in groups. The French courses will be given by "French as a Foreign Language" certified teachers. The groups will allow students to progress at their own speed. The cultural classes will be given by STS staff on lifestyle and high school in France.

Language Courses. Do you know that "il pleut des cordes" literally means "it's raining ropes" with other words "it's raining cats and dogs"? Do you know when exactly to use "vous" or "tu"? It is one of the numerous things the students will learn in our language course along with a review of the tricky grammar of the French language. Our courses are taught in an informal but efficient manner.

Cultural Courses. Our international prep course group help the students understand the many cultural differences between nations. French people kiss on cheeks once, twice or more depending on the region or shake hands to say bonjour. But what is the right

thing to do? Wherever the students come from, France will be different from their home countries. That is part of the excitement of a year abroad! In our courses, tips to easily embrace the French culture will be given.

ACTIVITIES

Picture yourself walking up the stairs of the Eiffel tower, cruising on the Seine river, drinking café au lait at a French bistro, looking at Mona Lisa right in the eyes, dreaming of the hunchback in Notre-Dame, wandering in the Normand village Verneuil sur Avre, enjoying the sun at the beach in Honfleur and much more! Our Prep Course offer the students this French reality.

On campus there is a swimming pool, soccer field, basketball courts and tennis courts open to our students. So please do not forget to bring swimwear, towels and other sports equipment. After dinner, different activities will be organized (French films, games and so on.)

The STS Prep Course gives the students the opportunity to create long lasting friendship with teenagers from all over the world.

PROGRAM – STS PREPARATION COURSE: FRANCE

- Day 1** Arrival in Paris. Students will be picked up at the airport by STS staff.
- Day 2** Language and Cultural courses. Visit to the Verneuil sur Avre, a Normand village.
- Day 3** Day trip to Paris. Sightseeing and picnic in the shadow of the Eiffel Tower.
- Day 4** Language and Cultural courses. Activities on campus.
- Day 5** Day trip to Paris. Shopping and free time.
- Day 6** Language and Cultural Courses. Activities on campus.
- Day 7** Day trip to the beach; Honfleur, Deauville, etc.
- Day 8** Departure Day and arrival in host families.

