



France

“Paris, reine du monde...”. So goes the song ! This splendid summer study program in Paris France is a one-month long total immersion program in the culture and language of France and its unique capital city – still as always the top destination of travelers worldwide. Students will develop their language skills while taking a culture and civilization class for advanced credit in French that will initiate them to the history of this majestic city as well as the traditions of the country.

The courses offered are FREN 313 OR 314, Conversation/Composition, with a focus on French culture and daily life, and FREN 390, Special Topic : “A History of Paris and its Architecture”, designed to teach the history of the capital from the early days, and its Roman past, through the ages to its role in today’s France and the world – since Paris is not only the capital of France, but also the heart of Francophonie (the French-speaking world), students will as well be able to sample the many international flavors of the French experience, during their stays. Prerequisite for both classes is FREN 202, and/or permission of the Instructor.

The program will take place downtown Paris, and be housed at the MIJE (Maison Internationale de la Jeunesse) right at the heart of the city in the Marais, where classes will also be held, and includes breakfast and dinner. A typical day will see the students attend formal classes in the morning, followed by educational trips to the many famous museums, landmarks and neighborhoods of this inexhaustible cultural treasure trove that is Paris. The museums of the Louvre, Orsay, Carnavalet (History of Paris), Pompidou (Modern Art), Cluny (Middle Ages), the Invalides (Army/Empire), and (of course) the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Notre-Dame, the Catacombes, Hotel de Ville, Père Lachaise, Sacré-Coeur, Montmartre, Latin Quarter, Pigalle, and more, are among the sites to visit.

The week will end with a daylong fieldtrip to famous chateaux around Paris : Ecoen (Renaissance museum), Fontainebleau, and Versailles, among others. Visits are to feature professional bilingual French guides where available, and a (French) commented tour of Paris on an open bus, a cruise on the river Seine, as well as local transportation are also included – as well of course as museum fees, and tips.

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