

Homestay Immersion Program in France

2015 Dates and Price*

Choose your summer dates and stay for two to five weeks!

Price: \$2,200 for 2-3 week program
\$2,800 for 4-5 week program
(Airfare not included)

*We reserve the right to adjust program prices if there is a major change in the currency exchange rate. In this case, applicants may cancel and receive a full refund.



Program Highlights

- individual homestay placement with a French family
- flexible program dates
- contact with French teenagers

Welcome to France!

Spend your summer immersed in the beautiful French language and culture! Start your day with a delicious *café au lait*, discover your French hometown with your new friends, and develop a nice French accent through animated conversations with your host family! For this program, our partners in France choose families who either have teens at home or can introduce you to people your age in the extended family or neighborhood.

Program Structure

You can choose your own dates and stay for two to five weeks. Once you step off the plane in France, you will be met by a local program representative and escorted to your host family. For the next weeks, you will eat, sleep, and play like the French do. Enjoy experiencing the French culture from the inside! Because students and families are matched based on shared interests and not on location, you may be staying anywhere in the country. Throughout your stay, you will have the support of the local coordinator.

Prerequisites

We recommend this homestay immersion program for students who have studied French for at least three years, who really want to use and improve their language skills, and who feel ready to dive in to a different lifestyle and culture. You won't spend a lot of time with other American students, and you should not expect to do a lot of traveling. If you prefer a program that offers language classes and organized group activities, take a look at our homestay study program in Paris!

"This experience helped me improve my French and energize me for future language study. I loved meeting my host sister's friends, visiting a neighboring town, baking a cake, swimming, and playing with the family's cat—all in French!"
~Madeline~

"I loved the program and my host family. ANDEO was very well organized, and I felt assured of all the details of my trip. And I enjoyed the feeling that I was improving rapidly in French!"
~Hadley~



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Frequently Asked Questions

What does the price include? A homestay with a welcoming family, local transportation to/from your homestay, travel insurance, pre-departure orientation materials, and on-site support in France.

What are my pre-trip responsibilities? You will need to turn in your application and payments on time, obtain your travel documents, book your flights, and prepare for the experience using the orientation materials we will send you.

What is a host family? Host families come in all shapes and sizes, but what they all have in common is a strong interest in sharing their culture. All host families are screened by our partner organization in France and provide warm, welcoming homes for international students.

Will there be kids my age in the home? In most cases, yes. If a family does not have teens at home, they will introduce you to teens in their extended family or neighborhood. And since young people in France tend to do activities with groups of friends rather than one-on-one, you may have opportunities to make friends outside your host family circle, too.

But what will I DO all day? That depends on your host family's daily schedule and lifestyle. You can expect to speak French, meet French people, explore the town or city you are staying in, and participate in family activities like meals, family gatherings, grocery shopping, or a few weekend outings. The key to enjoying an immersion program is to stay curious and take every opportunity to practice your French and learn something new about your host culture.

Will my family speak English? They might, but they know that you are coming to use and improve your French skills, so they will encourage you to speak their language.

How will I get from the airport to my host family? Our partner organization will arrange transportation from Paris to your host family for you.

When will I receive my host family placement information? You will receive host family details and contact information in the week prior to your arrival date, possibly earlier.

Can I get high school credits for this program? Possibly. Talk to your teachers before the end of the school year about the option of completing an independent study project during or after your stay abroad.

Will ANDEO help me prepare for the experience? Yes. Once you are accepted into the program, we will send you comprehensive orientation materials that cover everything from packing suggestions to dealing with culture shock. You are also welcome to contact us by email or phone with any questions you may have.

When should I book my flight? Wait until after you have officially been accepted into the program. Information about the arrival/departure airport and times will be included in your acceptance letter.

What travel documents will I need? That depends on the length of your program, your citizenship, and other individual factors. Generally, U.S. citizens need a passport, but not a visa for a short-term stay. It is your responsibility to obtain all necessary travel documents for your stay in France.

Can I speak to people who have participated in the program before? Definitely! Please contact our office and we can provide you with the email addresses of students who have been on this program.

How do I apply? Complete the initial application form and return it to ANDEO with a \$300 deposit. The deposit will go toward your total program price; it is not an additional fee. We will then email you a detailed application with questions about your family and interests, a medical statement and release form, an agreement that spells out behavior expectations, directions for writing a letter to your host family, and three reference forms. You will have about three weeks to complete these forms. The decision to accept you into the program will be made based on your completed application.

What is the application deadline? The deadline is May 1st. However, we recommend that you apply as soon as you feel that all your questions have been answered and you decided that this is the right program for you. Programs sometimes fill up earlier.

What is your cancellation policy? If for any reason we cannot accept you into the program, you will receive a full refund of all payments made. If you cancel before the date your detailed application is due, \$200 of the deposit will be refunded. If you cancel after that date, you will receive a full refund less the deposit and any non-refundable costs incurred. All cancellations must be received in writing.

Who should not apply for this program? Students who are currently experiencing excessive behavior problems, drug or alcohol abuse, eating disorders or other psychological disorders that might interfere with the program, or students who have experienced these issues in the past year should not apply.

What if I have more questions? Visit www.andeo.org, email us at info@andeo.org, or call 503.274.1776 or 800.274.6007.



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