



FRANCE
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école de français

15-17 year olds

French & Surf Teens programme Biarritz

Open and cosmopolitan, Biarritz is a prime destination and one of France's most welcoming towns. Through the years, it has stayed open to the outside world without ever losing its identity. Ideally situated in South West France in the Basque Country, Anglet-Bayonne-Biarritz make up a diverse and attractive holiday destination.

The wonderful beaches in Anglet and Biarritz are a world-renowned surfers' paradise, while Bayonne is a medieval old town with great shopping facilities and a beautiful riverside-setting.

From 08/07
to 04/08/2012
(1 to 4 weeks maximum)

- 795 € for 1 week
- 1415 € for 2 weeks
- 2175 € for 3 weeks
- 2685 € for 4 weeks

French lessons

Lessons will take place in the Collège Stella Maris in Anglet, located about 25 minutes by bus from Biarritz city centre. The collège is set in beautiful grounds surrounded by pine trees and is the perfect setting for a summer camp.

The course includes 20 lessons of 45 minutes each per week, taking place Monday to Friday between 9.30 am and 12.45 pm, in international classes of 14 students maximum per class. After an initial level test, students are placed in classes according to their level. Please note that complete beginners and advanced students are not catered for in this programme.

Teachers are all native speakers, university graduates and use the communicative approach, meaning that the lessons include all aspects of the language (speaking, reading, listening and writing) but the focus is on oral communication. Teachers encourage the students to interact as much as possible and actively use what they learn in class.

Surf lessons

There are 8 lessons of 45 minutes each per week, taught in blocks of 1.5 hours on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The times will vary according to the tides.

Lessons are adapted to the needs and levels of the participants, and are taught by the university-qualified instructors of our partner surf school Hastea-Biarritz, in groups of 8 maximum.

Surf lessons will take place in the famous Côte des Basques beach (5 minutes walking distance from Biarritz city centre), which offers a wide range of waves for all levels. We may sometimes take the students to other beaches if the weather requires it (in which case transport will be included).

All material is provided by the surf school (wetsuits and boards).

Activity programme

Daily activities will take place before or after the surf lessons, depending on the tides. There will be sports (football match, beach volley contest etc...) and social activities (quiz, arts & crafts, photo contest etc...) to encourage students to practice French together.

There will also be one half-day excursion on Wednesday afternoon, either in Bayonne or St Jean de Luz.

Please note that the activity programme will be the same in weeks 1 and 3, as well as in weeks 2 and 4. However even though the activities will be repeated, they will never really be the same as it's the students who make them different every time, so students are welcome to stay 3 or even 4 weeks if they wish!

There will be a group leader to run the afternoon activity programme and supervise the teens.

Accommodation

Students will be accommodated in twin rooms in carefully selected host families located in Biarritz or Anglet. Families will never be located more than 30 minutes by bus from the Collège Stella Maris where classes take place.

Students will be placed in pairs with another teen of the same gender but different nationality (unless otherwise requested).

Meals

Full board is included: breakfast in the host families' homes, packed lunches on weekdays and dinner at home in the evenings. Lunches at weekends will be at home with the families too.

Special dietary requirements can be catered for but please inform us at the time of booking.

Transport

Students can either walk or take the bus together to the collège. The bus pass is not included in the cost of the course and costs approximately 15 € per week. Students will receive details on how to get from their host families to the collège before the start of the course, and host families will also be able to help them with their itinerary.

Airport transfers

Return transfers are included from Biarritz Airport or Biarritz train station. Host families will pick the students up on arrival and drop them off on departure. Students should arrive on Sunday and leave on Saturday, although extra nights are available if necessary.

Sample daily timetable (may be subject to changes)

7.30 am	Wake up
8.15 am	Breakfast
8.45 am	Departure for school
9.30 am-12.45 pm	French lessons
1 pm-2 pm	Lunch
2 pm-6.30 pm	Surf & afternoon activities (excursion on Wednesdays)
7 p.m.	Back at home
7.30 pm	Dinner with host family
9 pm-11 pm	Free time with host family or outside (if allowed by parents)
11 pm	Bedtime

Sample weekly timetable

	9.30 am - 12.45 pm	1 pm - 2 pm	2 pm - 6.30 pm	Evening
Mon.	French Lessons	Lunch	Surf & Activities	Free time with host family or outside (if allowed by parents)
Tues.			Excursion	
Wed.			Surf & Activities	
Thurs.				
Fri.				
Sat.	Departure or Free day			
Sun.	Free day or Arrivals			

Parents have the option to sign an authorization form allowing their teenager to go out unaccompanied in the evenings, with a curfew. Host families will inform the school manager if the student does not respect this curfew.

For more information on the programme please contact info@bls-frenchcourses.com