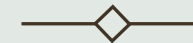


MERICI COLLEGE FRENCH STUDY TOUR

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
PARENT MEETING



WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST 2024
6:00PM TO BE HELD IN THE CRLC

Draft Itinerary

5 April – 24 April 2025

BONJOUR ET BIENVENUE TOUT LE MONDE!

Introductions

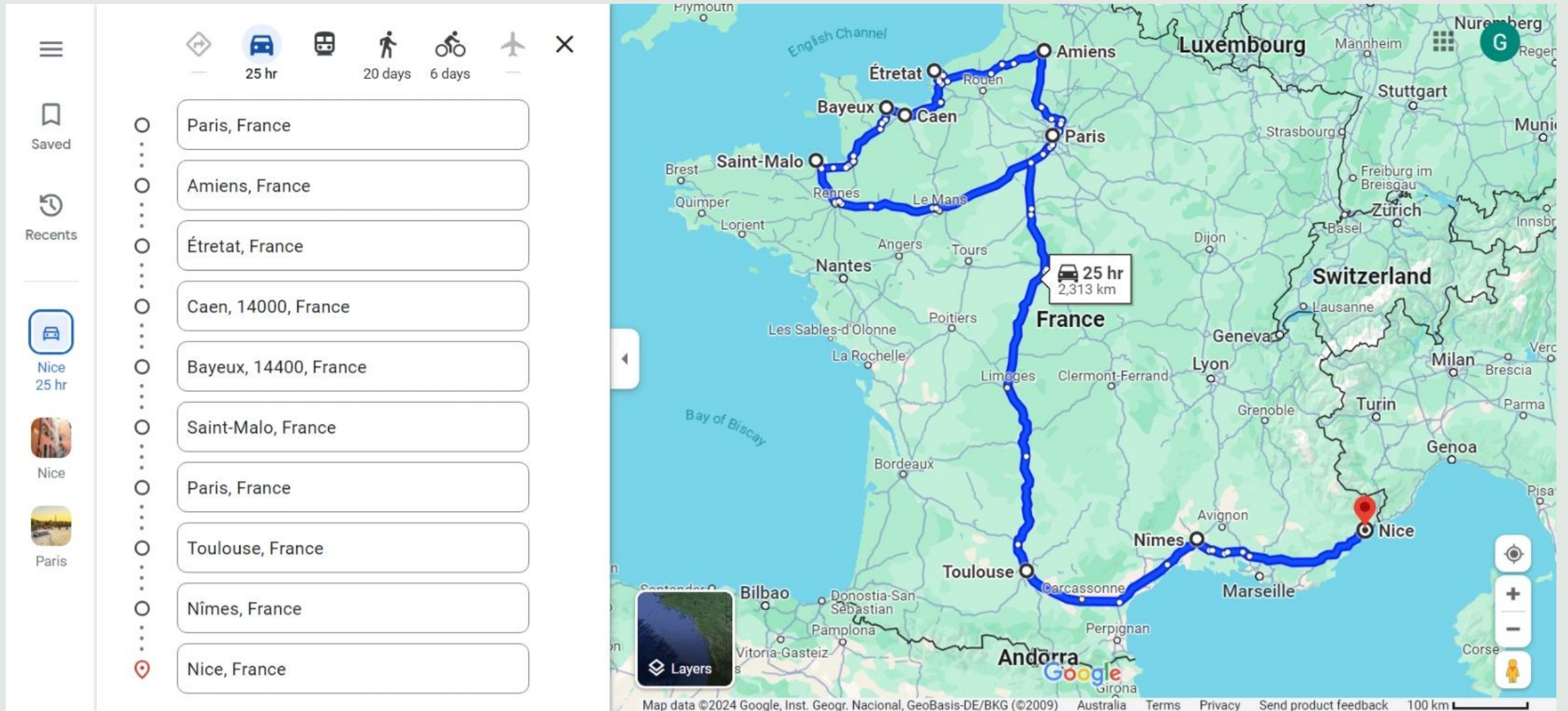
House Keeping

Travel Agent Selection Process

Passport Travel



General Map of 21-Day Study Tour





Day One

Depart Canberra.
Murrays Coach to
Sydney.
Board flight.



Day Two



Arrival at Charles de
Gaulle Airport, Paris.

Preliminary sightseeing
tour led by Tour Leader.

Stay at FIAP Jean Monnet
—hostel located in heart of
Paris. [FIAP](#)





Day Three

Coach Tour from Paris to visit key
battlefields of WWI.

Villers-Bretonneux

Pozières

Hamel

The Somme

Le Hamel

Sir John Monash & the Australian
Museum, including École Victoria



Day Four



Limestone cliffs of
Étretat

Bayeux Tapestry

Honfleur



Day Four- possible inclusion



Le Char à Voile!

Known as Sand Yachting or Land Sailing!

Professional guide delivers safety instructions followed by a 2-hour lesson. *This activity is to be approved by Catholic Education.*



Day Five



Caen – Memorial Museum for
Peace

D-Day Landing Beaches of
WWII.

Arromanches.

US Cemetery in Coleville-sur-
Mer





Day Six



Tour of Le Mont Saint Michel



Visit to St Malo- the walled “Corsair City”

Day Seven



Coach Transfer back to Paris.

1-hour cruise on the River
Seine

Sightseeing in Paris led by the
Tour Leader

Possible visit to Notre Dame
Cathedral, depending on
renovations



Day Eight



Paris- sightseeing.

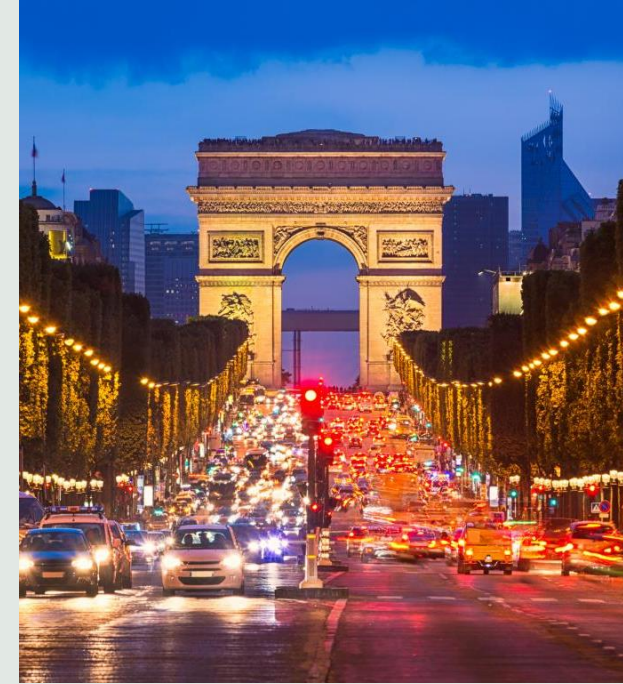
Visit to Le Louvre Museum

Jardin de Tuileries

Stroll up the Champs Elysées

Option: Climb up the Arc de
Triomphe

Montmartre



Day Nine



Full day visiting Le
Château de Versailles

Push bike hire to tour the
gardens of the castle.





Day Ten



Last morning of sightseeing in Paris.

Options: La Sorbonne, Jardin de Luxembourg, le Quartier Latin, le Panthéon, food markets...

Afternoon TGV to Toulouse.

Accommodation will be either in a youth hostel or a 2-star hotel



Day Eleven



First of four French language classes
conducted by a language school.

4 x 45-minute lessons. (9-12pm).

Afternoon – guided tour of Toulouse
by local teachers from the language
school.

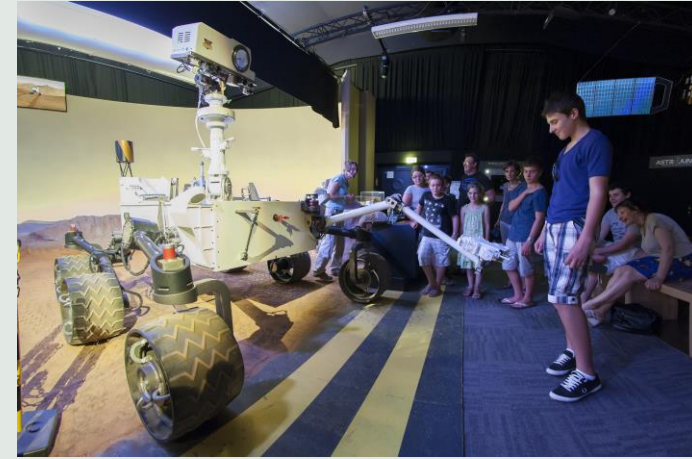
Evening No. 2 in hostel.



Day Twelve



Second of four French language classes. (9–12pm).
Afternoon: Visit to “Cité de l’Espace”. A scientific, educational theme park focused on space & its discovery.
Evening No. 3 in hostel.



Day Thirteen



Second of four French language classes. (9-12pm).

Guided visit of the Airbus assembly plant—the largest aeronautical complex in Europe.

Evening No. 4 in hostel.



Day Fourteen



Third of four French language classes. (9-12pm).

Afternoon: Free time in Toulouse as a group to sightsee & go shopping.

Evening No. 5 in hostel.



Day FIFTEEN



Morning: Travel by coach from Toulouse to Carcassonne. A local guide will lead a walking tour of this medieval citadel, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Afternoon: Nîmes. This town is known as the Ancient Rome of France!



Day Sixteen



Morning: Coach to Colias
where we will meet a
professional guide to have a 2-
hour canoe trip ending at the
magnificent Pont du Gard.

Afternoon: Free afternoon in
Nîmes to relax & sightsee as a
group.

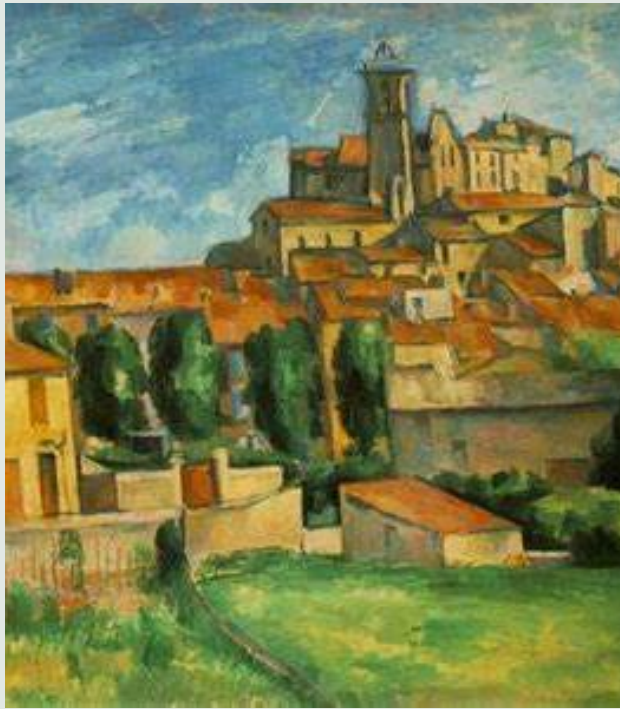


Day Seventeen



Travel by coach from Nîmes to Aix-en-Provence for lunch and a look around this lovely city, home of post-impressionist artist Paul Cézanne.

Arrive in Nice in late afternoon. A classy city with a distinct Italian character & vibrant Mediterranean energy!



Day Eighteen



Final morning in France! Free time for present & thank you shopping for your parents in the French Riviera city of Nice!

Afternoon: flight home from Nice International Airport.



DAY
NINETEEN



Flight Nice to Sydney.



Day Twenty



Flight/Coach to Canberra.

Home Sweet Home...with
better French...
greater appreciation & wonder
of France...
more resilience &
independence...
some presents for the family?



Bienvenue à la maison
Welcome home

Who's invited?

- ★ Students in Years 9–12 in 2025 studying French. Students who actively engage in their studies of French.
- ★ Students who are up to date on their school fees
- ★ Students who are not enrolled on a fee-reduction program.
- ★ 20–25 students who are risk takers, open-minded & willing to step out of their comfort zones.
- ★ 3–4 teaching staff. Male/Female. Some fluent in French.

What's
included?

- International return airfares from Sydney
- 11 nights of accommodation
- 5 nights in hostel/2-star hotel in Toulouse
- 17 Breakfasts
- 7 lunches
- 11 dinners in local restaurants or hostels
- 6 dinners with host families
- Entrance fees to Musée Australien in Villers Bretonneux, Bayeux Tapestry, Memorial for Peace, “Grands Appartements” of the Château de Versailles, Gardens of Chateau de Versailles (« Fountains Show »), 1-hour bike ride in the gardens of the Château de Versailles, Cité de l'Espace

What's the
cost of the
study tour?

Approximately
\$8,600-\$8,900

The costs do not currently include:

- ☐ Passport application fees
- ☐ Travel Insurance
- ☐ Schengen Visa application fees for non-Australian citizens
- ☐ Accommodation and meals other than mentioned
- ☐ Transport and visits other than mentioned
- ☐ Tips and personal expenses
- ☐ Murrays Coach to & from Sydney

A payment plan through the school will take place to ensure regular payments by participants and may be used to offset rising prices e.g. airfare tax increases. Details will be forthcoming.

Final payment is required by the travel agent no later than 90 days prior to date of departure. The final payment will be due Friday 29 November.