

Melbourne Girls College

Presents :

France 2020

Proposed departure date -

Sunday – 13th September 2020

Return date – Monday 28th September 2020





G.E.T Educational Tours

- Australia's Largest and most experienced educational tour provider – established 1960
- Sole business is school tour travel
- Operate tours both internationally and domestically
- Over 12,000 students travel with us annually
- Have been booking with GET since 2011 for France



Our vision is for every student and teacher to grow by safely exploring the world and experiencing all its diversity ¶¶

Day 1: Melbourne – Paris (via Bangkok)

- Meet GET representative (Emmily) at the Melbourne airport. Assistance with check in procedures
- Quote based on Thai Airways.
- Flights subject to change until booked



Day 2: Arrive in Paris (D)

Arrive in Paris and transfer by coach to hotel accommodation. Rooms may not be ready until 2:00 pm).

Remainder of the day at teacher's discretion.

A 3 Day Mobils card zones 1-2 has been included today for travelling on public transport

(D) = Dinner



Accommodation - Hotel Garden St Martin



A charming hotel just a few minutes away (by foot) from the Canal Saint Martin and the Republique Place.

Métro : Jacques Bonsergent (line 5).

RER (nearby) : Gare du Nord (B and D lines).

Bus : Alibert (line 75).

Jacques Bonsergent (lines 56 and 65).

On foot:

1 minute : the Alhambra Theater.

4 minutes : the Canal Saint Martin.

5 minutes : the Republique Place.

By metro / RER :

5 minutes and direct : the "Gare du Nord" and "Gare de l'Est" stations.

10 minutes and direct : the Place de la Bastille.

15 minutes : the Parc de la Villette, the department stores and the Gare de Lyon.

20 minutes : the Stade de France.

Day 3: Paris (BD)

Breakfast at hostel.

Own arrangements to explore Paris with teachers :

- ✓ Eiffel Tower 3rd floor
- ✓ Seine River Cruise (Evening)

- ✓ (B = Breakfast)
- ✓ (D= Dinner)



Day 4: Paris (BD)



Breakfast at hostel.
Own arrangements to explore
Paris under guidance of
teachers

- ✓ L'Orangerie Museum
(entrance only).
- ✓ Champs Elysees.
- ✓ Climb the Arc de Triomphe
(entrance included)



Day 5: Paris (B, AT, D)

Breakfast at hostel.

Own arrangements to explore Paris under guidance of teachers

- ✓ Orsay Museum (Entrance only).
- ✓ Afternoon tea at the restaurant Le Train Bleu inside Gare de Lyon



- ✓ AT= Afternoon Tea

Day 6: Paris (BD)

Breakfast at hostel.
Own arrangements to explore
Paris under guidance of
teachers .
✓ Louvre (entrance included).



Day 7 : Paris - Versailles - Paris (BD)



Breakfast at hotel.

Take the train to Versailles with your teachers.

Entrance to Versailles & guided tour.

A 1 Day Mobilis card zones 1-4 has been included



Day 8: Paris – Montpellier

(BD)

Breakfast at hotel followed by check out.

Coach transfers to Paris train station.

Travel by train to Montpellier in the South of France.

On arrival meet your host families or walk to hotel.

Dinner with host families / local restaurant.

Teachers stay at hotel with daily breakfast



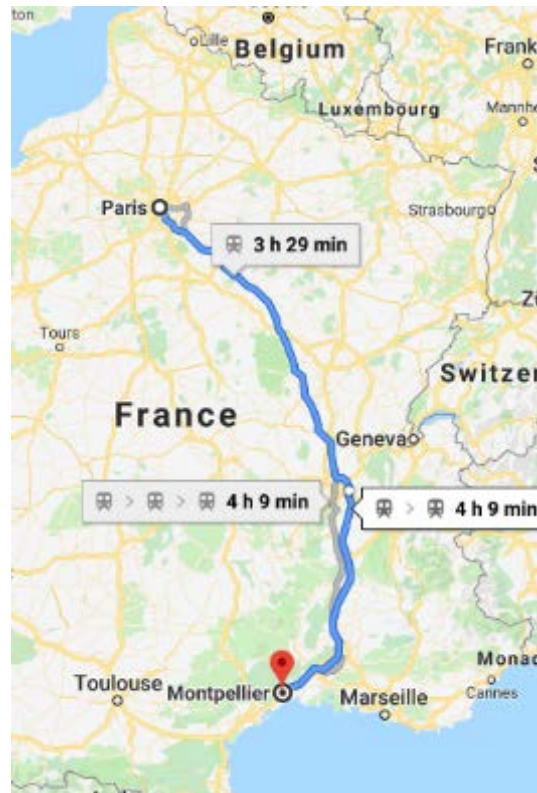
Montpellier & LSF Language School

Train to Montpellier by TVG – High Speed train is approx. 4 hours.

Montpellier is a college town in the South of France

LSF Montpellier is a private institution for higher education, one of the most established and well-known French language schools in France with 2 800 students from all over the world coming to us to learn French in France every year.

Since 1996 LSF has organised language stays in Montpellier for adults and juniors, groups and individuals, with a friendly family atmosphere and a great nationality and age mix in the courses. Our French school offers high quality French courses taught by competent and enthusiastic teachers, carefully selected accommodation and a wide-ranging cultural and leisure programme. The best way to learn French in France and discover French culture while enjoying all the pleasures of the wonderful south of France!



LSF Language

Host families can be: **School**

Parents with babies or young children

Parents with school age children

Parents with teenagers

Parents with adult children

Single mum with children

Retired couples with no children left at home

Single female with no children

Host family might host other students from different school, nationality etc.

Location of homestay:

Some live-in apartments, some have houses

Some are within walking distance of language school in centre of town

Some are not in the town and up to 1 hour away by public transport (commonly they are around 30 minutes away by public transport)

Students have to make their own way to school by public transport or walk.

Sometimes students have to change public transport, maybe take the bus then tram

We always guarantee at least 2 students per family

Any type of allergy (allergic to pets etc.) must be advised as soon as possible

Police Check are not compulsory in Europe. In the past families have never provided any police check. The language school run a family check every year



Days 9 - 13: Montpellier

(BLD)

Breakfast with host family.

Montpellier is a dynamic town, with technology and tradition co-existing side by side.

Your homestay program includes 12 French language classes, an orientation walk of Montpellier, cooking lesson, full coach tours to Avignon & Carcassonne.

Lunch/packed lunch included.

Dinner with host family

Avignon



Carcassonne



Day 14: Montpellier – Paris (BD)



After breakfast, say goodbye to your homestay hosts and travel by TGV to Paris.

Coach transfer to your accommodation.

The remainder of the day is for your own activities under the direction of your teachers.

Dinner included.





Day 15: Paris – Melbourne

(B) Breakfast at hostel followed by check out.

Later this afternoon, transfer to the airport via coach, and check in for your flight home to Melbourne.

Board your flight home.

Travel via Bangkok

Flights subject to change until booked

Day 16: Arrive in Melbourne

Arrive in Melbourne – parents to pick up students at Melbourne airport



Tour

Inclusions

- ✓ Flights
- ✓ Return economy airfare Melbourne – Paris – Melbourne with Thai airways
- ✓ Prepaid airport/airline taxes and levies

- ✓ **Coach transfers:**
- ✓ Paris airport – accommodation – Paris airport,
- ✓ Paris accommodation – train station – Paris accommodation
- ✓ 6x 1 day Paris Mobilis cards zones 1-2
- ✓ 1x 1 day Paris Mobilis card zones 1-4 (Versailles excursion)

- ✓ **Train tickets:**
- ✓ Paris to Montpellier with TGV
- ✓ Montpellier to Paris with TGV





Tour Inclusions



- ✓ Accommodation:
- ✓ 7 nights' accommodation at Hotel garden St Martin in Paris with breakfast (split over 2 stays 6/1)
- ✓ 7 dinners at local restaurants in Paris
- ✓ 6 x nights homestay accommodation with breakfast & dinner (2-star hotel for teachers with daily breakfast)
- ✓ 5 packed lunches during homestay

- ✓ Paris
- ✓ Entrance and reservation: Louvre Museum (school letter required), Arc de Triomphe. Orangerie Museum, Orsay Museum (school letter required)
- ✓ Eiffel tower climb (3rd floor) – subject to availability
- ✓ 1 hour Seine river cruise (open ticket, choose on the spot when to use it)
- ✓ Tea time at the Train Bleu (Tea and cake)
- ✓ Climb the Arc de Triomphe (entrance included)



Tour

Inclusions

- ✓ Montpellier
- ✓ 12 hours French language lessons
- ✓ Guided walking tour in Montpellier
- ✓ Cooking class in Montpellier
- ✓ 10 x 2-hour public transport ticket in Montpellier (for students)
- ✓ Full day excursion to Carcassonne by private coach (possibly joined by other students of the language school)
- ✓ Full day excursion to Avignon by private coach (possibly joined by other students of the language school)

Complimentary GET Service

- ✓ 24 Hour assistance back-up and support
- ✓ Assistance with processing visa documents (if needed)
- ✓ Assistance with airport check-in
- ✓ Ticket wallets





Tour

(Items that must be paid for directly by tour participants)

EXCLUSIONS

- Passport costs/Visa costs for non-Australian passport holders
- Meals other than specified
- Personal Expenses
- Entrance fees other than specified



What can affect the cost of the tour?



Below are some factors that can affect the quoted price of the tour:

- Prepaid airline and airport taxes, levies and surcharges are frequently changing. This component is not fixed until the entire airline and tax amount is paid and the group is ticketed by the airline
- Exchange rates- all land costs are calculated in local currency. The exchange rate used in the quote is EURO = .61
- Tour Numbers (If Tour Participant numbers or the mix of participants change, your Tour will be re-costed)
- Itinerary changes

Tour pricing includes an indicative price for airfares, and taxes and levies applied to air tickets which is subject to airline increases, changes in taxes and seasonality changes for 2020.

**Prices are not fixed until final monies are received by G.E.T Educational
Tours**



Foreign Currency Rate Guarantee



The exchange rate used is indicative only. Upon receipt of your deposit, we will proceed to lock in the exchange rate for the land arrangements on this tour (except train travel) and forward you an updated letter confirming the guaranteed exchange rate secured for the group.

The Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Guarantee is not a price guarantee. Changes in air fares, airline levies, *train fares*, changes to your itinerary after deposit payment, changes in tour participant numbers or mix of males and females will be reflected in your final price.



Passport Information

- Each passenger must have a valid passport
- Your passport must not expire within 6 months of the date of return
- A photocopy of the details page of each passenger's passport is required
- If you are travelling on anything other than an Australian passport, advise the school immediately





Vaccinations and Medical Advice

- Please seek professional advice regarding specific vaccinations required for this destination
- Please visit the smart traveller website prior to departing for advice on recommended vaccinations and other relevant travel warnings: <http://smartraveller.gov.au>
- Please advise the school immediately of any existing medical concerns (allergies, asthma, etc.)





Spending Money

- Students will need to take enough spending money to cover meals and snacks not covered in the itinerary, along with and personal expenses and souvenirs
- It is best to take money in a couple of different forms- some local currency in cash, some on a debit card or travel money card, such as the Travelex Cash Passport
- Currency is Euros



Melbourne Girls' College

France study tour 2020







MGC TOUR STAFF

BIENVENUE A TOUS!

- Jason Kohlman
- Kathryn Lloyd
- Leigh Hanley

TOUR RATIONALE

- Compressed cultural experience
- Cultural
 - Language used daily/homestay
 - Icons of Cuisine, Fashion, Architecture
 - Modern/Renaissance/Mediaeval/Ancient history and art
- Exchange is preferred by some













2020 TOUR LOGISTICS

- Restricted group size: **25 with 3 staff**
- Students of French in 2020
- Years 9, 10, & 11 only
- **\$3000 deposit & application lodged by Fri 6/12, 4pm**
- Subsequent selection process if necessary
- Insurance coverage/safety priority



2020 TOUR

Next steps

- Questions
- **Deposit/application form, Friday 6/12, 4pm at Office**
- Interviews 9/12 if necessary
- Notification of successful/unsuccessful applicants:
10/12/2019
- Final payment near end of term 1, 2020 (March 20)
- Subsequent meetings/ logistics (2020):
 - ID/passport submission
 - Packing & travel prep meeting
 - Homestay prep. classes (in school hours)

