

# FRANCE A LA CARTE

## 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

### JUNE 17 - JULY 15, 2009



**A CO-ED SUMMER PROGRAM SINCE 1989**

- \*TRAVELS IN FRANCE
- \*LINGUISTIC IMMERSION
- \*FAMILY HOME STAY
- \* ACADEMIC CREDIT
- \*CULTURAL DISCOVERIES
- \* FUN AND CO-ED FRIENDSHIP

*IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE LYCEES OF TOURS, FRANCE*

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## Philosophy of the Landon French Summer Program

The program was created in the 1989-1990 academic year and is now in its 20th year. Our co-ed program aims first and foremost at offering a fun, creative and rewarding time in France. Through our versatile program, we seek to reinforce a student's French skills by offering him or her an opportunity to hear and speak French in the context of a French family where the language and the culture, studied in the classroom, come to life as a natural experience. We want the students to feel actively involved, every day, in an enjoyable discovery of the country and of the people hosting them.

The carefully selected French families offer a wonderful warm welcome to each student; they also host sports events, evening gatherings, dinners and parties, for all involved; French and American, meet for evenings of fun where all share in the joyous French summer life style, and feel at home.

Additionally, History, Architecture, and the Arts are illustrated through daily and weekly visits in Tours and the Loire Valley, as well as in private guided tours in Chartres, Paris and Normandy. The students feel at ease with what they learn, they gain fluency in the French language and they truly enjoy a fun filled, enriching, co-ed summer experience.

### Academic Component

Thanks to the French Embassy in Washington, Landon has been introduced to and hosted by with the private Lycées Saint Grégoire in Tours, and Notre Dame La Riche, Saint Vincent and the European Lycée of Sainte Ursule. Classes are held in the morning for 3 periods, four days a week.

Native speakers teach French at Skills in listening comprehension, conversation, the students' level; grammar and writing are honed in every class. Cultural vignettes are studied every day and each student is encouraged to make daily entries, in French, in the cultural journal prepared for everyone's cultural benefit.

### The Immersion Program

Each American student is placed in a French family where he or she shares the life of the family. Evenings and weekends are the strongest times the students are given the opportunity to gain fluency and experience French culture as these are the times of full immersion mode.

The French host families are carefully selected by Dr. Veronique Lesage, a Pediatrics Anesthesiologist at Children's hospital, in Tours, and Mme Catherine Daumont, a past host family for many years, and the main on-site contact. Both will again co-ordinate the selection of the French families this year. Early spring, they try to visit the Landon school where they meet with the registered students and their families, in order to have the best possible profile to successfully match each candidate with a French family.

### Exchange Option

An exchange option is strongly recommended to the participants for mutual benefits and enrichment. The French families are always enthusiastic to welcome us. Many of them do wish to find a host family for their own sons or daughters. The reciprocal hospitality has always been very successful and adds a special lasting dimension to the immersion experience as friendships endure over the years.

## Program Schedules and Fees

4 week-stay : Depart on Wednesday June 17, return on Wednesday July 15 : \$ 4,250

3 week-stay : Depart on Wednesday June 17, return on Wednesday July 8: \$ 3,850

3 week-stay: Depart on Wednesday June 24, return on Wednesday July 15: \$ 3,850

*We will do our best to accommodate different dates for those who would have conflicts with these above given dates. However, in order to cover the cost of individually chaperoned transfers, a charge of \$250 will be added to the cost of the program for each separate departure or arrival.*

### **IMPORTANT:**

**The dates given above are the dates on which the flights must be booked both for departure from Washington and for return from Paris to Washington.** We strongly advise you to book the latest flight possible out of your departure city from the USA, as well as book the late afternoon flight from Paris for the return. Flights arriving early morning in Paris or departing early morning from Paris pose a serious challenge for the transfers to and from Tours.

The fees cover:

- All ground transportation, and airport transfers
- Hotels and restaurants for the overnight excursions in Paris and in Normandy.
- All excursions, museums, visits fees, guided tours, etc.
- Immersion in a French family in the city of Tours – all meals, laundry, entertainment, family outings, etc.
- Tuition for the French course, the course book(s) and a journal

The flexibility of participation offered to the students precludes buying a group ticket. Each family is responsible for taking care of the airfare and reservations of the student. Flights paid for with frequent flyer miles, available to many families, must be booked very early. It is strongly recommended that families register early and benefit from the best fares.

n.b. International travel/medical insurance must be subscribed by each family. Each family must check with existing coverage to ensure that it extends to situations abroad. Many major credit card companies offer coverage if the airfare is charged to that company.

### Paying guest in Tours

An 200 Euros @ week fee is added to the cost of the program for the families who do not wish to host a French student in exchange.

### Registration and Payments Schedule

1. Registration is recommended before Winter break.
2. An early registration gives us the best conditions to match the students with a host family in Tours.
3. A non refundable \$500 deposit is due with the registration.
4. The balance of payments is due no later than April 30<sup>th</sup>.