

Spend 10 days in France, the country of amazing diversity. Enjoy the charm of Provence and the dynamics of Paris, the center of fashion and cuisine. A home stay program is a wonderful opportunity to explore everything that France has to offer. The objective of the program is for participants to learn about the culture and daily life of the host country through their host family, whether it be on family outings, get-togethers or just hanging out at home.



## Paris

Arrive in Paris, the city of lights. Spend two fun-filled days discovering this dynamic and fashionable city. Take walks through Paris. Start at the Eiffel Tower, the most visited site in the world and the symbol of France. Then on to the Arc de Triomphe one of the landmarks of Napoleon's imperial capital which offers an admirable perspective of Paris and the twelve avenues converging in a star shape. Walk along the Champs-Élysées Boulevard and see how Parisians relax and enjoy a beautiful morning on its many sidewalk cafes. Visit the Notre Dame Cathedral. If Paris has a heart, then this is it. Notre Dame de Paris is not only a masterpiece of French Gothic architecture, but has also been Catholic Paris' ceremonial focus for seven centuries. Take the Metro to the hills of Montmartre to visit the Place du Tertre with artists hard at work and

the majestic Sacré Coeur Basilica. And take a guided tour of the Louvre Museum, which houses nearly 300,000 works of art including the famous Mona Lisa.

## Family Stay Accommodation and Meals

The home stay will be at the heart of Provence, In Aix en Provence, the city in the Southern France, famous for its hot springs, fountains, and southern hospitality Your chosen host families will be your source for discovering life in France. You will become more familiar with culture, cuisine and French language. Spend one half day in the local school. All meals will be arranged by your host families.



## Nîmes

Say "Merci" and "Au Revoir" to your gracious host families and leave Aix en Provence for Nimes, the city that possesses some of the best-preserved Roman architecture in the world, the capital of the Gard Department with history that goes back to the Roman Empire. Visit **Les Baux de Provence** high on a windswept plateau overlooking the southern Alpilles. Visit a glass blowing factory and learn about this ancient art.

In the afternoon visit the Beaucaire Medieval Castle, where you will watch a gladiator show, have Roman and Medieval workshops, and do a tasting of Roman foods.

## Avignon

Continue your trip to Avignon, the town that was the capital of Christendom in the 14<sup>th</sup> century – the popes lived here during what the Romans called the Babylonian Captivity. Visit the Palais des Papes, headquarters of a group of cardinals who came close to toppling the authority of the popes in Rome, and the famous Pont d'Avignon. In the evening take the bullet train, TGV, to Paris.



## Paris

Spend the last day of your trip in Paris. Take the RER to visit the Palace of Versailles, which was built by Louis XIV, the Sun King. Tour the Queen's Bedroom just as Marie-Antoinette left it in 1789. Visit the newly reopened Hall of Mirrors and the manicured French Style gardens which were designed by Le Notre. As your last evening treat, take a ride on the Bateaux-Mouche and see the beautiful Paris lights.

## Program Price

### Included

Airfare

English Speaking Tour Escort in Paris

Train Tickets

Paris-Aix en Provence

Avignon - Paris

Lodging

4 days of family Stay including 3 meals /day

4 nights of hotel in Paris including breakfast and dinners

1 night hotel in Nimes including breakfast and dinner

Travel insurance including Medical/Accident Insurance

Excursion to Nimes and Avignon on coach bus

Entrances in Paris

Louvre Guided Visit

Eiffel Tower

Bateaux Mouche

Emergency staff in France

