

UA in France: Language & Culture – 2018 Faculty Led Summer Program

Paris -- Versailles -- Touraine -- Mont Saint-Michel -- Saint-Malo -- etc.

May 20 - June 24, 2018

General description of the program:

The University of Alabama will be conducting its 44th consecutive summer program in France, from May 20 to June 24, 2018. The UA in France program begins with a week-long excursion in Paris and Versailles, visiting major historical and cultural sites, followed by four weeks of concentrated study at the Institut de Touraine, in the city of Tours, while living with a French family. There will also be other excursions, including a day-trip to seaside locations at le Mont Saint-Michel and Saint-Malo, with the possibility of visiting many of the famous châteaux of Touraine. In every location, participants will be immersed in French language and culture, resulting in an optimal learning experience. Every student will earn 6 hours of credit. Credit is available for a full slate of courses (from FR 201 to FR 680) that will help any participant satisfy requirements for a major or a minor in French, or for foreign language proficiency for some other program, or just for personal interest and enrichment.

The Paris & Versailles portion of the trip will include the following:

- hotel with breakfast (some lunches and dinners may be included, depending on availability of funding)
- municipal transportation pass, museum pass
- major art museums, with guided tours: Musée du Louvre, Musée d'Orsay, Centre Pompidou
- guided tour of Versailles palace, bikes for exploring extensive gardens and other palaces on the grounds
- other sites: Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris, Musée Rodin, Napoléon's tomb, Arc de Triomphe, Montmartre, Place de la Concorde, Basilique cathédrale de Saint Denis, Tour Eiffel, Seine boat ride, etc.
- Performances (depending upon availability): opéra/ballet, play, musical

The city of Tours & Touraine portion of the trip will include the following:

- arriving in Tours on May 27th by private bus
- students immediately welcomed by their French host families (all meals except weekday lunches with host families)
- immersion classes weekdays at the Institut de Touraine
- a cooking mini-workshop and a wine and cheese dégustation will be included in the program
- a day-long seaside excursion to le Mont Saint-Michel and Saint-Malo
- during stay in Tours there will be various daytime excursions on Wednesday afternoons and on Saturdays (some are optional, but might be covered from program funds if the exchange rate is favorable)
- final gourmet banquet
- depart Tours by private bus to Paris CDG airport on June 24th

Cost: approximately \$5,750 (not including airfare; "approximately" for the moment because administrative approval of the projected budget is still pending; cost was \$5,625 in 2016 and \$5,650 in 2017, but with a weaker Euro)

Enrollment: While waiting for the official **UA in France: Language & Culture** program application to be opened, in order to reserve your spot now, go ahead and start a general study abroad application at the following website:

studyabroad.ua.edu, click on **2018 Summer Faculty Led General App Now Open!**

This application includes the same initial application documents as the UA in France application. Once the online UA in France application is ready, then Education Abroad staff will move your application from the general application to the UA in France application and you will not have to repeat the "Pending" phase of the application. Important: the general application questionnaire will direct you to "*Faculty Led: Program Selection*". When asked, "Which UA faculty-led or internship program are you interested in?", you should select the **UA in France: Language & Culture** program from the drop-down menu. This will indicate to Education Abroad staff which program your application needs to be moved to once it is time to do so.

Once program approval is finalized, you can enroll directly for **UA in France: Language & Culture** as follows:

It's easy to apply and become part of the program:

1. visit <http://studyabroad.ua.edu/>
2. select "Program Search" and click on it
3. type "France" in slot next to Program Name
4. click on "UA in France: Language and Culture"
5. click on "Apply Now" to begin your application

For more information, come to INFORMATION SESSION on THURSDAY 11/9 from 5-6 PM in BC 203 or contact the Program Director:

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