

## Alabama in France 2019

Paris -- Versailles -- la Touraine -- le Mont Saint Michel -- Saint Malo -- etc  
June 23 - July 27, 2019

### *General description of the program:*

The University of Alabama will be conducting its 45th consecutive summer program in France, from June 23rd to July 27th, 2019. The Alabama 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 *La 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 (undergraduate and graduate) 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 other meals 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 the Versailles palace, bikes for exploring extensive gardens, Marie Antoinette's fantasy hamlet, and other palaces on the grounds
- other sites: Cathédrale Notre-Dame, Musée Rodin, Napoleon's tomb, l'Arc de Triomphe, Montmartre, Place de la Concorde, Basilique Saint Denis (monarchs' tombs), Tour Eiffel, Seine boat ride, etc.
- Performances (depending upon availability): opéra/ballet, play(s), musical(s)

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

- arriving in Tours on June 30th by private bus
- students immediately welcomed by their French host families (all meals except weekday lunches and Saturday excursions are 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 (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 July 27th

**Cost: approximately \$5650** ("approximately" for the moment, while budget approval is still pending; this price does not include airfare, nor does it include any of the meals that are not mentioned above).

**Apply:** While awaiting budget approval, it is already possible to submit an application to the General Faculty-Led Program site, indicating your preference for the France Language & Culture program. To submit your application now, visit this site: [https://apply.studyabroad.ua.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program\\_ID=11646](https://apply.studyabroad.ua.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=11646). Your application will then be moved from the general application to the France program when the latter is open.

**Once the program site is open, it is easy to apply directly as follows:**

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

**For more information contact the Program Director:**

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