

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.

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

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