

UA IN FRANCE: LANGUAGE & CULTURE – 2021 FACULTY LED SUMMER PROGRAM

PARIS - VERSAILLES - TOURAINE - MONT SAINT-MICHEL - SAINT-MALO - ETC.

JUNE 20 - JULY 25, 2021

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM:

The University of Alabama will be conducting its 46th summer program in France, from June 20 to July 25, 2021. The UA in France program begins with a weeklong 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 daytrip 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 (JUNE 20-27) 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, some with guided tours: Musée du Louvre, Musée d'Orsay, Centre Pompidou, etc.
- tour of Versailles palace, bikes for exploring extensive gardens, Marie Antoinette's fantasy hamlet, and Trianon 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, concert

THE TOURS & TOURAINE PORTION OF THE TRIP (JUNE 27- JULY 25) WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- arriving in Tours from Paris on June 27th by private bus
- students immediately welcomed by their French host families (all meals except weekday lunches and Saturday excursions with host families)
- immersion classes weekdays at the Institut de Touraine (June 28-July 23)
- a cooking mini-workshop or/and a wine (or 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 tours and excursions, including on Wednesday afternoons and on Saturdays (some are optional, but might be covered from program funds if the exchange rate is favorable)
- performances, art exhibitions, cinema (depending upon availability and funding)
- final gourmet banquet
- depart Tours by private bus to Paris CDG airport on July 25

COST: budget is still in preparation (it was \$6,075 in 2020; price does not include airfare, nor does it include any of the meals that are not mentioned above)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

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