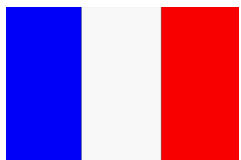


# France



Programme	Price in Euros*	Departure Date	Return Date**		Departure Date	Return Date**	
6 weeks	E2185*	See below	By arrangement	Application in France by Sept 1			
3 months	E3408*	Arrive 1 Sept School starts 5 Sept.	Finish Nov 25**	Application in France by Apr 15 or May 1	Arrive 6 Jan School starts 2 January	Finish Mar 27**	Application in France by 15 Sept or Oct 1
6 months	E4295*	Arrive 1 Sept School starts 5 Sept.	Finish Jan 26**	Application in France by Apr 15 or May 1	Arrive 6 Jan School starts 2 January	Finish June 20**	Application in France by 15 Sept or Oct 1
10months	E6195*	Arrive 1 Sept School starts 5 Sept.	Finish June 22**	Application in France by Apr 15 or May 1	Arrive 6 Jan School starts 2 January	Finish Nov 25**	Application in France by 15 Sept or Oct 1

\*These are for fees only. *Airfares are charged separately* due to serious price fluctuations. Prices for fees are current as of Nov 2010 but are subject to change without notice as exchange rates fluctuate and contracts are renegotiated.

\*\*Return dates may vary by a few days.

## The six week programme

Departure dates are different each year. The most recent departure took place two days after the end of NCEA and returned six weeks later. This exchange is a cultural experience inside a French family and not an opportunity to be a tourist while living with a French family and going to a French school. There are approximately ten days of school vacation time around Xmas and New Year celebrations providing a special experience with a French family at a special time. If enough students go, the exchange concludes with a guided Paris Cocktail Tour of three days and two nights taking in major sights.

## Longer exchanges

These all include a one-month language course in Paris at the beginning of the exchange. This involves about half a day of language instruction and the remainder of the day free. It is not obligatory to go on this course and if you don't want to do it, you should discuss this during your interview. You should remember that many French families regard their language as a national treasure to be used carefully and accurately. Many students have valued the language course very highly regardless of their facility with the language at the time they arrive in France. New Zealand exchange students are well-regarded in France for their warmth, their ability to fit easily into French families and for their enthusiasm for France and French culture.

## Other possibilities

We can also arrange 2, 4, 6 and 10 month programmes. Dates and prices require negotiation.

## Transfers

You will be met on arrival in Paris and transferred immediately to your host family. On shorter exchanges this can mean an immediate, sometimes long, train journey. You are not usually accompanied on this part of the trip but are met at the other end by either your host family or the local coordinator or both.

If you're on a longer exchange you are taken straight to your host family in Paris. You will be with them while you are at the language

## Placements

These are made before you leave and if you have applied at the correct time you should be in contact with your host family for at least a week before you leave. Some students are in contact for a month or more. Host families have to go through an interview and vetting process. Most placements are in Brittany and the northwest but you can be placed anywhere in the country. Your personality and preferences are taken into account if at all possible, but the supply of generous and welcoming families is not bottomless and you must be prepared to adapt to the situation you are given.

Successful placements depend as much upon you as upon the family you're given. Some students stay with the same family for a whole year while others may have two or three families.

## Gap Year students

You can go when you are 18 and can turn 19 while on exchange, but you must apply while still enrolled at school in NZ. French students are generally a little older than NZ students at the same stage of their schooling. As a gap year student you can have more freedom than most other students during the summer break in France but we need to be sure of your suitability. There is an additional fee for 18 year old students of about E100 for carte de sejours charges while in France.

## Applications

These begin with the simple form in the initial application brochure. It requires basic details, a photo, the permission of your parents or guardians, a copy of your passport and \$50 to convince us that you're serious. Then comes the full application form in both English and French. Most people take quite a while to complete this. It is followed by an interview/chat at home with at least one of your parents/guardians present and takes about two and a half hours. Most people who get to this stage are able to go. If the interview works well, we'll begin looking for a placement for you, booking flights, buying insurance and obtaining a visa. This can take three months so it is good to apply early.



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