

Welcome to Bordeaux, France!



**2009 Dates:
Begin any Monday!**

**2009 Price Estimate
for 12-Week Program:
\$6,775**

4-Week to 12-Month Programs Possible!

The City

There are many reasons to come to Bordeaux: the charming historic downtown, featuring classy cafes and Europe's longest shopping street, the sunny weather, or its proximity to the Southern Atlantic coast and the Pyrenees. Bordeaux is also the home to a vibrant cultural scene, several universities, and delicious varieties of French cuisine.

The Language Institute

Inside the cozy 19th-century building in downtown Bordeaux you will find several bright classrooms, a self-study room, and a comfortable lounge opening onto a sheltered garden. The institute is situated close to Place Gambetta, where you will find many cafes and shops.

The Classes

For four hours each day, you will study French with a focus on oral communication. The institute emphasizes the importance of understanding the language within its cultural context. You will work with authentic materials like newspaper articles, literature, and songs. The communicative teaching methods include group work and role play, offering many opportunities for you to speak, practice and interact. The maximum number of students is 8-12 in Bordeaux (depending on the season). Courses with a specific focus on business, medicine, law, diplomacy and wine are also available.

Cultural Activities

Dive into the rich cultural life of France! Each week you can choose activities and excursions from an outstanding program. Highlights may include a visit to the contemporary art museum, a day trip to the Dune of Pyla, screenings of French movies, or concerts in different venues. Some activities are free for students, some require you to budget some extra money to cover transportation and entrance fees.

Special Option: Study and Surf on the Atlantic Coast! The institute's second campus is located in the seaside town of Biarritz, on the Bay of Biscay. Start your day with three hours of conversational French classes, then pack your wetsuit and surf the fantastic waves of the Atlantic coast! All levels are welcome, both in the classes and on the surfboard. A four-week program including tuition, surf lessons, equipment, and a homestay with breakfast and dinner every weekday and three meals on weekends costs around €2500. Call for details and more options!

Accommodations

For a full immersion into the French way of life, stay with a welcoming host family! Host family accommodation includes a private room, breakfast and evening dinner each weekday, and all meals on the weekends.



Frequently Asked Questions

What does the cost include? Application processing, homestay placement with breakfast and dinner, tuition, some cultural activities, and study materials.

Can I study if I am a beginner? Yes, this program is open to beginners. Please ask us about specific start dates for beginner-level courses!

When will I receive my host family placement information? Host family details and contact information will be provided in the week prior to your class starting date.

Will there be an orientation session in France? Yes, there is an orientation upon arrival. On your first day, you will take a placement test and get the opportunity to discuss your motivations and interests with your teachers. You are given a welcome packet which includes useful maps and brochures.

Will I have access to email? Yes, the institute has several computers with internet access and students can use them for a flat fee of approximately 20€.

Will the institute be closed for any holidays? Yes. The dates are: April 13, May 1 and 21, June 1, July 13, November 11, and December 20 to January 4. The Biarritz campus is also closed October 30 to March 29.

Can I get credits for studying abroad? Yes! Whether you are a high school graduate, a university student working toward a degree, or a teacher looking for professional development, you can get credit for continuing your education abroad. Earn 5 to 10 credits by signing up for a variety of courses offered by We Study Abroad, an accredited college program linked with Seattle Central Community College. Please visit www.westudyabroad.com for more information.

Do I need travel insurance? A health insurance policy is required for students staying 3 months or longer, and strongly recommended for shorter programs. Prices depend upon trip length and participant age. You can compare different policies online or by contacting your local travel agent.

What is your cancellation policy? If you cancel your program more than 45 days prior to your start date, we will refund the amount you have paid toward your program fee except for the \$100 non-refundable deposit and any cancellation fees charged by the language institute. These fees vary from program to program, so please feel free to ask us about the fees that apply to yours. For cancellations made less than 45 days prior to your program start date, your \$300 deposit will be forfeited, and you will also be responsible for the cancellation fees charged by the institute. If Andeo cancels your program, you will receive a full refund.

How do I apply? To apply, complete an initial application and return it with a \$300 deposit. You can download the application at www.andeo.org. Your deposit will be applied to the total program price. Upon receipt of your program registration and deposit, we will send you a detailed orientation packet. The balance of your program fees will be due 30 days before your program start date.

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