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## **28 DAY FRENCH LANGUAGE & CULTURE COURSE IN FRANCE**

**For University Students of French from Australia and New Zealand**

## **The 34<sup>th</sup> CPEDERF (France Heritage) / CAVILAM**

### **“JANUARY STAGE”**

*Designed especially to help you make great progress in speaking and understanding French*

**1 January – 30 January 2019**

**10 days in Paris**

**3 weeks at the CAVILAM in Vichy (with homestay)**

**Since the creation of the “January Stages” by Cpéderf,  
some 700 students of French from Australian and New Zealand universities have participated**

**THE “STAGE” STARTS ON WEDNESDAY 2 JANUARY AT 9.30am, SO YOU MUST ARRIVE  
IN PARIS NO LATER THAN THE EVENING OF TUESDAY 1 JANUARY 2019**

### **FEEDBACK FROM RECENT CPEDERF “JANUARY STAGE” PARTICIPANTS**

*The «stage» was an incredible experience. I am so glad I was able to participate in it, and many thanks again  
(Katherine 2018)*

*Thank you once again for an incredible experience. I learnt so much, it was a wonderful month (Sasha 2018)*

*Merci beaucoup pour une telle expérience incroyable! J'ai beaucoup appris et j'ai rencontré des gens merveilleux!  
(Nadia 2017)*

*Merci beaucoup pour tout. J'ai bien aimé mon deuxième séjour avec vous! (Lloyd)*

*Tout ce que vous avez fait pour nous, c'était vraiment un stage formidable ! (Jacqui 2017)*

*Tout le voyage a été une expérience incroyable! (Joan 2017)*

*Merci encore pour votre patience et votre vivacité! Je n'oublierai jamais! (Jabelle 2017)*

*J'ai adoré mon séjour! C'était incroyable et je ne l'oublierai jamais! Merci pour tout! (Emily 2017)*

*Merci beaucoup pour tout! Vraiment la meilleure expérience de ma vie! (Lucy 2017)*

*Merci beaucoup pour tout. C'était une expérience incroyable! (Hannah 2017)*

*This course was such an incredible experience and has really given me a lot of confidence in my abilities. The cultural activities in Paris and the following three weeks in Vichy was a perfect combination. The staff at the Cavilam were extremely supportive and the class environment was incredibly productive and encouraging. Thanks again for such a wonderful opportunity. I will most certainly recommend this course to other students...I can confidently say that taking the «stage» has been the best decision I have made throughout my French learning journey! (Elizabeth 2016)*

*Thanks so much! I had a fantastic time and I couldn't recommend the experience highly enough (Ralph 2016)*

*I cannot thank you enough for your organization, enthusiasm and generosity. The knowledge and passion you shared with our group was incredibly inspiring and the content of the weeks spent together far exceeded any of my initial expectations. I recommend this experience to every student without hesitation. (Catherine 2016)*

*Je suis très contente de mon séjour en France, c'était certainement une expérience inoubliable. Vous avez créé un stage incroyablement organisé et les visites guidées étaient très intéressantes. Les professeurs à Vichy sont passionnés, évoquant l'envie à apprendre (Jane 2016)*

*Thank you so much for a wonderful January. I had the most fantastic time! (Lucy 2015)*

*I just want to say a big thankyou for everything you have done to make this such a terrific trip! (Tania 2015)*

*I want to thank you for an incredible month. It was an absolute privilege, every single second. I highly recommend this "stage" to any students thinking of attending (Marcelle 2014)*

*Like all great experiences, the month was both very challenging and rewarding...I hoped it would be an unforgettable experience – and it certainly was! (Caroline 2014)*

*A big thank you for organizing such an amazing stay for us...The programme was really so helpful for all of us, and one of the best learning experiences I've had. I can't recommend the "stage" high enough! (Kate 2014)*

*I had an absolutely great "stage" with you. I feel my level of French and knowledge of French culture has developed greatly! (Caitlin 2014)*

*The whole Cpederf/Cavilam experience was terrific! I got so much out of the "January Stage"! (Geoff 2013)*

*Thank you so much for the "January stage"! I had the most wonderful time and know that my French has improved enormously! (Rosie 2013)*

### **PROGRAMME OUTLINE**

2 - 5 January - intensive language and cultural activities in Paris

6 – 25 January : language courses (26 classes per week plus cultural activities) organized by the Cavilam in Vichy. The Cavilam includes a three weeks half-board home-stay in Vichy. You return to Paris on the evening of your last Friday in Vichy, 25 January,

26 – 28 January : intensive language & cultural activities in Paris

Tuesday 29 January : FINAL ASSESSMENT SESSION in order to gauge the progress you have made during the "stage. This will be followed by a Farewell Lunch.

You will be free to depart as from approx 3.30pm on Tuesday 29 January. Your accommodation is reserved until Wednesday morning, 30 January.

### **The general pattern of your 28 days with is as follows :**

**Tuesday 1 January : Arrival Day. To be settled in hostel or hotel by the evening.**

**Wednesday 2 January :** Welcome Day and preparation for your four-week course. The day's programme will include a *Get-together Lunch* in a typical Parisian *bistrot de quartier*.

### **Thursday 3 – Saturday 5 January : Part 1 of your Paris programme**

Both parts of your Paris programme will include all-day intensive language practice and cultural activities, the two being closely inter-related. Each day a different theme is treated - for example : Medieval and Renaissance Paris, Paris as capital of politics and power, Montmartre, French Impressionist Painting, the Architectural face of Paris, the national Press, and the preparation of evening activities.

**Major items** will include a guided visit of Orsay (the National Impressionist museum) where you will also be offered lunch in the gloriously decorated restaurant, a guided visit of *Versailles*, as well as the *Sainte Chapelle* and of course the *Louvre*! You will also explore some of the most historic *quartiers* of Paris, such as the *Marais* and the *Quartier Latin*.

**You will also have a personal choice of two additional visits** : for example, the *Musée Picasso*, the *Catacombes*, the *Cimetière Père Lachaise*, the *Orangerie*, the *Musée de la Musique*, the *Opéra*, the *Centre Pompidou*. There is an immense range of possibilities, details of which will be sent to you later in the year.

**Evening activities** as part of the programme will include a major “*spectacle*”, as well as a theatre, a café-théâtre, and a cinema (or two!). In the group sessions you will be prepared for each visit, and be expected to participate in the subsequent discussions. In the evening also, a cruise on the Seine to see Paris by night, and of course a trip up the Eiffel Tower!

**Sunday 6 January** - Morning : you visit one of the great Paris street markets. Early afternoon : you take a fast train to Vichy where you will be met by members of the Cavilam and your home-stay hosts.

**Monday 7 – Friday 25 January : Intensive French language course and cultural activities at the CAVILAM, with home-stay** (where you will be able to practise your French).

The CAVILAM, affiliated to the *Alliance Française* and the *Université de Clermont Ferrand* is arguably the finest institution in France for the teaching of French as a foreign language and one of the very few catering for students with very short intensive courses. The ball starts rolling on the Monday morning with a series of placement tests to ensure you are placed in a group appropriate to your level. Then follow three weeks of intensive formal language classes, (26 classes and workshops each week), group practice and media resources back-up. Excursions, cultural, social and sporting activities organized throughout.

**After classes on Friday 25 January** : return by fast train to Paris

**Saturday 26 – Monday 28 January : Part 2** of your language & cultural programme in Paris

**Tuesday 29 January** : Full morning assessment session - each participant will offer a short presentation in French on a topic developed during your stay in France and must take part in subsequent discussions, designed to assess your progress in French during the “stage”. This session will be followed by a *Farewell Lunch* in a well-known restaurant (which is also a classified historic building!)

**You will receive formal assessment reports & attainment certificates at the end of the “stage”**

**ACCOMMODATION RESERVED FROM :**  
**Afternoon 1 JANUARY to morning 30 JANUARY 2019**

**In Paris** : Bed & breakfast in a student hostel in the historic centre of Paris

**In Vichy** : Home-stay half-board

**The total cost of the “stage” is fixed at 3450 euros per person**  
**(based on a minimum of 15 participants)**

**(This cost is for France only and does not include travel to France)**

**(Hotel /flat accommodation if chosen will incur a supplement depending on the hotel chosen)**

## **What is included in the cost :**

Bed & Breakfast in student hostel in central Paris - 10 nights

Half-board (bed, breakfast, dinner) home-stay accommodation in Vichy

All classes and workshops at the Cavilam, (26 classes per week), access to all facilities, social activities mid-week and weekend excursions offered by the Cavilam.

All tuition & class sessions in Paris, 8 days full programme of language & cultural sessions, accompanied walks and guided visits in Paris, and all excursions

All programmed entries to monuments, museums, theatre, café-théâtre, cinemas and a *Spectacle in Paris*

Travel passes and tickets for all travel in Paris (metro, bus, RER, tram)

Return fast *Intercity* trains Paris – Vichy – Paris (including seat reservations)

*Welcome* and *Farewell* lunches in good Paris restaurants, as well as lunch in the *Musée d'Orsay*

In general : as extras you will only be required to pay for your meals in Paris (except breakfast and the three restaurant lunches) – you will be given plenty of advice on how/where to eat correctly and cheaply! And lunches in Vichy (which are not expensive if you eat in the *restaurant universitaire*).

## **General information**

**There is NO RESTRICTION ON AGE!** Our two youngest students in the 33 years of the “stages” were 16 (enrolled with special approval with the local educational authorities and one came back for a second successive year!) and our oldest was over 80, and who was one of the youngest in spirit we have ever had with us!

**There is NO RESTRICTION ON NATIONALITY :** it does not matter what passport you hold, the only criterion for enrolment is that you are currently enrolled in an Australian or New Zealand University (OR that you have just completed your studies, OR will commence them in February 2019).

You do not need to be majoring in French! Many of our participants are enrolled in double degrees, majoring in such subjects as law, politics, economics, international studies, music, maths, computer science, history, medicine...but you must have, or intend to have, French somewhere in your university studies! By November 2018, you must have completed at least a one-year beginner’s course in French at university if you have not studied French in high school. The general requirement is that you must be willing to (try to!) communicate with your host families without assuming that the members of the family will have a knowledge of English. High School students who have attained the age of 18 by 1 January 2019, who have studied French in their final year at school and who intend studying French at University may also enrol.

### **CREDIT POINTS, TRAVEL ASSISTANCE, OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF THE “STAGES”**

**This is something you must take up individually with your university French Department.** It is not something in which we are directly involved. You receive official assessment certificates at the end of the “stage” and detailed reports are provided, but credit points and travel assistance are something you must discuss with your university. Each university has its own policy in this regard.

**TRAVEL :** We are never involved in travel arrangements to France. Many participants have such varied travel arrangements (some coming over just for the “stage”, others spending a week or two, others here for a couple of months travelling through Europe...). *The costs for the “stage” are therefore for France only.*

**HOME- STAY ACCOMMODATION IN VICHY (Cavilam) :** As the essential purpose of the January “Stage” is to help you improve your listening comprehension and spoken French, you are strongly advised to accept the home-stay option while at the Cavilam. This way you will be speaking French at breakfast and throughout the evening with your hosts. ( However for any who insist on alternative accommodation, the Cavilam can arrange self-catering studio or hotel room accommodation at little extra cost)

**PRE & POST- “ STAGE” ACCOMMODATION :** if you wish additional accommodation in Paris either before the commencement of the “stage” or after the official departure date, this can readily be arranged in either hostel or hotel at the special rates charged for the “stage” itself.

**All medical, accident, travel & cancellation insurance is your own responsibility**

**If you have the slightest query, please email us at: [cpederf@gmail.com](mailto:cpederf@gmail.com)**