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28 DAY FRENCH LANGUAGE & CULTURE COURSE IN FRANCE

For University Students of French from Australia and New Zealand

The 32nd CPEDERF “JANUARY STAGE”

JANUARY 2017

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

27 DECEMBER 2016 – 25 JANUARY 2017

10 days in Paris with CPEDERF

3 weeks at the CAVILAM in Vichy (with homestay)

**Since the creation of the CPEDERF “January Stages”,
some 600 students of French from Australian and New Zealand universities have participated**

**THE “STAGE” STARTS ON WEDNESDAY 28 DECEMBER at 9.30am, SO YOU MUST
ARRIVE IN PARIS NO LATER THAN THE EVENING OF TUESDAY 27 DECEMBER 2017**

FEEDBACK FROM RECENT CPEDERF PARTICIPANTS

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 throughout the stage. 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. It was an absolute pleasure to take part in your program (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 passionnées, 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! I have definitely enjoyed all of it! (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)

I cannot speak highly enough of my time with David and Annie in Paris, and at the Cavilam : it gave me a great deal of confidence to continue with French (Rick 2013)

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

28 December - 1 January : intensive language and cultural activities in Paris

2 – 20 January) : language course (26 classes per week plus cultural activities) organized by the Cavilam in Vichy.

The Cavilam includes a three weeks home-stay in Vichy. (NB : hotel or self-catering studio accommodation is also available on request – additional costs incurred. *Nevertheless we strongly recommend that you opt for the homestay, as this is seen as an integral part of the programme. You return to Paris on the evening of your last Friday in Vichy, 20 January.*

21 – 24 January : intensive language & cultural activities in Paris

FINAL SESSIONS : on your last Tuesday morning (24 January) you will have a Final Assessment session with Cpederf in order to gauge the progress you have made during the “stage”, and this will be followed by a Farewell Lunch in a good Paris restaurant.

You will be free to depart as from approx 3.30pm on Tuesday 24 January. Your accommodation is reserved until Wednesday morning, 25 January.

The pattern of your 28 days with CPEDERF/CAVILAM is as follows :

Tuesday 27 December : Arrival Day. To be settled in hostel or hotel by the evening.

Wednesday 28 December : 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 29 December – Saturday 31 January :

Part 1 of your Paris programme – 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.

Major activities will include a guided visit of Versailles, a guided visit of Orsay, the National Impressionist museum, as well as the *Sainte Chapelle*, the *Invalides*, the Musée Rodin, the *Opéra Garnier*, and of course the Louvre! You will also explore one or two of the most historic *quartiers* of Paris, such as the Marais and the Latin Quarter.

Evening activities as part of the programme include a visit to the theatre, to a café-théâtre, and to a cinema. In the group sessions you will be prepared for each visit, and be expected to participate in the subsequent discussions. **We will help you plan your New Year's Eve in Paris!!**

Sunday 1 January : You visit one of the great Paris street markets. Early afternoon : take a fast train to Vichy where you will be met by members of the Cavilam and your home-stay hosts.

Monday 2 – Friday 20 January : your three weeks in Vichy : Intensive French language course and cultural activities at the CAVILAM, with home-stay.

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. Evening cultural, social and sporting activities organized by the Cavilam, plus an all-day coach excursion each weekend.

After classes on Friday 20 January : return by fast train to Paris

Saturday 21 – Monday 23 January : Part 2 of your language & cultural programme in Paris

Tuesday 24 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!)

Formal assessment reports & attainment certificates are give by both the Cavilam and Cpederf.

ACCOMMODATION RESERVED FROM :
Afternoon 27 DECEMBER 2016 to morning 25 JANUARY 2017

In Paris : Bed & breakfast in a student hostel in the centre of the city (or hotel if preferred)

In Vichy : Home-stay half-board (or hotel/flat if preferred)

The total cost of the “stage” is fixed at 3250 euros per person

(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 (A supplement is payable if you prefer to stay in the *Ibis* hotel close to the Cavilam, or have a self-catering studio).

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

All tuition & class sessions in Paris, 7 days full programme of language & cultural sessions, accompanied walks and guided visits in Paris, and all excursions

All entries to monuments and museums as part of the programme

Theatre, Café-théâtre, Cinema in Paris

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

Return fast Teoz trains Paris – Vichy – Paris (and seat reservations)

Welcome and *Farewell* lunches in good Paris restaurants

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

General information

AGE & ELIGIBILITY :

There is NO RESTRICTION ON AGE! Our two youngest student in the 31 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 2017).

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...but you must have, or intend to have, French somewhere in your university studies!

By November 2016, 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. Our 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 27 December 2016, 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 either the Cavilam or Cpederf are directly involved. You receive official assessment certificates at the end of the “stage” from both Cpederf and the Cavilam, we provide detailed reports, but credit points and travel assistance are something you must discuss with your university, not with us. Each university has its own policy in this regard.

TRAVEL : It is not our policy to get 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, we strongly advise you 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 us to arrange additional accommodation for you in Paris either before the commencement of the “stage” or after the official departure date, we can readily arrange this for you in either hostel or hotel at the special rates charged for the “stage” itself.

PLEASE NOTE :

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

If you have the slightest query, please email us at :

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