

# French for Teachers Program

Aix-en-Provence, France



## Program Purpose

This course gives non-native teachers of French an opportunity to update their language skills while staying connected with French language and civilization. The course will follow the social and cultural evolutions of contemporary France. Participants will practice dynamic teaching techniques to refresh and reinforce French language skills.

## Program Highlights

**LANGUAGE** - Work on language structure, improve personal expression and fluency, practice exploiting texts, work with writing stimuli, review reading techniques, and reform spelling.

**CURRENT NEWS** – The course objective is to evaluate the large current problems and the mutations that are shaping tomorrow's France through its double Mediterranean and European position. The studied themes are analyzed in view of developing new methodological tools and to update teaching of French language and civilization. This will be accomplished through an analytical approach to France and Europe, youth and education, presidential elections, and more.

**TEACHING METHODOLOGY** – Participants will discover new authors and artistic expressions to offer and use a renewed method in class and improve the quality of oral and written expression.

**OBSERVATION** – Students are invited to observe a *French as a Foreign Language* classroom followed by a class discussion and critique.

**CERTIFICATE** - On the day of departure, each participant will receive a certificate indicating the number of lessons and the duration of the course, as well as the level of French attained based on the European Council Reference Grid. Upon request, a personal report can be given to students who wish to receive one.

**PEDAGOGICAL MATERIAL** - A selection of methods of 'Français Langue Etrangère' for adults will be used, as well as practical oral expression exercises, authentic documents (print, press, and audio visual), and materials from the Multimedia Resource Center.

**HOMESTAY** – Lodging with a local French family, includes private room and 2 meals daily.

## Who May Participate?

This course is intended for non-native teachers working and living outside of France. Participants should be at an advanced level in French.

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## Sample daily schedule

(subject to change)

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEALS</b>	<b>TIMES</b>	<b>ITINERARY</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	B, \$L, D	TBD	Arrival & transfer to homestay
<b>Monday</b>	B, \$L, D	8:00 9:00 12:30 14:00 Dinner	Breakfast at homestay Orientation Break for lunch (not included) Workshops, lectures, and cultural activities Dinner with host family
<b>Tuesday</b>	B, \$L, D	8:00 9:00 12:30 14:00 Dinner	Breakfast at homestay Class Break for lunch (not included) Workshops, lectures, and cultural activities Dinner with host family
<b>Wednesday</b>	B, \$L, D	8:00 9:00 12:30 14:00 Dinner	Breakfast at homestay Class Break for lunch (not included) Workshops, lectures, and cultural activities Dinner with host family
<b>Thursday</b>	B, \$L, D	8:00 9:00 12:30 14:00 Dinner	Breakfast at homestay Class Break for lunch (not included) Workshops, lectures, and cultural activities Dinner with host family
<b>Friday</b>	B, \$L, D	8:00 9:00 12:30 14:00 Dinner	Breakfast at homestay Café actualités Break for lunch (not included) Workshops, lectures, and cultural activities Dinner with host family
<b>Saturday and Sunday</b>	B, L, D	Breakfast  Dinner	Breakfast at homestay Free day to travel independently or participate in excursions with the school (not included) Dinner with host family