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AIX-EN-PROVENCE
International language institute

**Learn French
in France!**



IS AIX-EN-PROVENCE is a medium size international language school specialized in high quality French courses for adults since 1972. Providing quality and ensuring a friendly atmosphere are our priorities. We are situated in **Aix-en-Provence**, a small but very lively university town of Roman origin in the south of France, just 35 km from the Mediterranean and a 2,5 hour drive to the Alps. It is ideal for discovering our beautiful region with its historical sites of great interest, its wines, food, craft and culture and its mild climate. The sun spends the winter in **Provence!**

Our fantastic location in the heart of Provence allows to offer not only a wide range of courses but also an interesting weekly optional activity program with numerous possibilities of excursions and activities, such as cooking classes, painting classes, wine-tasting, petanque and writing workshops.

We look forward to welcoming you in sunny Provence!



A WIDE RANGE OF FRENCH COURSES: We offer a wide range of French language courses, whether you need to learn French for **private** or for **professional** reasons.

There is a variety in **intensity and length** of the courses, and they all have in common the aim at **autonomy and communication**. Classes are in **small groups** (10 people maximum) during the whole year with a focus on **oral communication**.

The minimum age is 18 years, except for the closed groups where we can accept younger students.

Tailor-made programmes for individuals and closed groups

Tailor-made programmes for universities, colleges, schools or professional groups. Every year we welcome closed groups of companies, universities and schools for whom we have designed a tailor-made programme **according to the goals and needs** of the group. Duration, number of lessons, pedagogical programme and activities, size of the group, level and dates are to be defined together for an individual quote.

1 lesson = 45 minutes

Levels based on the **Common European Framework of Reference of the Council of Europe (CEFR)**

Our program of French courses includes different types of courses:

GENERAL FRENCH COURSES:

- General French (FG)
- General French + (FG+)
- General French & Private Lessons (FGCP)
- Option French Exam Preparation (APE)

FRENCH FOR PROFESSIONAL PURPOSES: For all our French courses on specific objectives we ask the participants to fill in a questionnaire on beforehand in order to prepare the course according to your needs and goals.

- Executive French (FP)
- General French & Professional Private lessons (FGCP Pro)
- General French & Summer University for Teachers (FGUEE)
- Private lessons (CP)

LONG TERM FRENCH COURSES:

- Trimestrial French (FT)
- Semi-intensive French (FSI)
- French courses for Scandinavians (Folkhögskolekurs) (FH)

FRENCH COURSES & ACTIVITIES: A combination of French courses in the morning (General French FG or individual French classes CP) and a choice of optional activity courses in the afternoon. Payable.

Optional courses:

- Option Discovering Provence Cooking (DCP)
- Option Discover Provence (DP)
- Option Discovering œnology (DO)
- Option Discover Provence on Foot (DPP)
- Option Discover Aromatherapy (DA)

Optional activities:

- Option Painting workshops (AP)
- Option Golf (G)
- Option Horse riding (E)

A HIGHLY RECOGNIZED SCHOOL

IS Aix-en-Provence is certified since 2007 with the official government accreditation Label FLE obtaining 3 stars (the maximum possible) on each of the 5 categories audited: Welcome, Premises, Teachers, Courses and Overall Management and we were again awarded with the same number of stars at the re-inspection in 2011.



ACCOMMODATION: Various proposals hosting!

Depending on your priorities we can help you choose the most suitable kind of accommodation for you. Everyone is different but we recommend homestay because it's an excellent complement to your French course in France.

The homestay gives a total immersion in the French language and culture, but if you prefer to be independent you may choose another type of accommodation, such as a studio or hotel room. You can also look for your own accommodation.

HOMESTAY:

• Homestay

Homestays are booked and invoiced by IS Aix-en-Provence.
3 formulas are available: Half-board, Bed & breakfast, Room with access to the kitchen

RESIDENCES:

- Student residence * (from May to September)
- Hotel residences **
- Hotel residences ***
- Hotel residences ****
- Hotel residences **** with swimming pool

HOTELS:

- Hotel **
- Hotel ****

STUDIOS OR PRIVATE APARTMENTS:

• Studios or private apartments

A selection of studios and two-room privately owned apartments to book well in advance !



YOUR FIRST DAY: You should arrive in Aix on the Sunday in order to be able to start your course on Monday morning. If you have chosen homestay, your hostfamily is expecting you on Sunday from 18:00. For other types of accommodation, the arrival procedure varies from one formula to another.

The first day of your French course in Aix-en-Provence:

You are expected at our French language school on Monday morning between 08:30 and 09:00.

The schedule for the first day of all the General French and General French Plus is usually the following:

08h30-09h00: **Registration** (Please bring two identity photos)
09h00-10h15: **Written and oral evaluation**
10h30-10h45: **Break**
10h45-11h45: **General Information**
11h45-12h45: **Guided tour of Aix on foot**
12h45-13h45: **Lunch break**
14h00-15h30: **Course** (exceptional schedule due to first day of class)

Schedule may vary, make sure to read your arrival information. On the first day at IS Aix-en-Provence you will be provided a folder containing your schedule and all necessary information regarding your stay. Cultural and leisure activities are organized every week and you will receive detailed information on these as well.



The schedule for the first day of other course types will be indicated in the confirmation letter that you will receive about 3-4 weeks before the course start.



IS ACTIVITY PROGRAMME: Outside the French courses, we offer a wide program of cultural and social activities. We are also happy to help in organizing sports activities such as tennis, golf, swimming etc.

We work with trustworthy partners – associations, professionals and private individuals – to provide our students with a diversity of activities. They all offer a cultural interest, an opportunity to practice your French and a chance to get to know the other students better.

A sample of activities programmed :

- Guided town tour
- Cooking classes in cooperation with l'Atelier des Chefs or in a private home.
- Wine-tasting in cooperation with «La Cave du Félibrige»
- Guided tour of the market
- Pastry workshop
- Writing workshop and other language workshops
- Pétonque contest with aperitif
- Accrobranche
- Hiking in cooperation with Evana
- Sailing (mainly summer-time but possible year round on request)
- Excursions to places of interest (Arles, les Baux, la Camargue, Avignon, Pont du Gard, le Luberon, Cassis & the calanques, Marseille, Saint-Tropez, Monaco, the carnival in Nice, the Cannes film festival, les Gorges du Verdon...

In addition to the activity programme we give our students ongoing information about current events in Aix; it's a very lively town with always something on. In summer there are several music festivals, such as the International Festival of Lyric Art in July and "Aix in Music" in June. Throughout the year there are numerous dance events, mainly thanks to the Ballet Preljocaj.



THE CITY OF AIX-EN-PROVENCE: Your stay in Aix

- 141.000 inhabitants, including 35.000 students
- 35 km from Marseille and from the Mediterranean
- Situated in the heart of Provence, with its rich natural and cultural heritage
- 300 sunny days per year: the summer spends the winter in Provence!
- «Aix» is pronounced «ex»

Aix-en-Provence is the perfect place to study French in France. It's a picturesque spa town of Roman origin which is at the same time a young and vibrant city thanks to the large student population ensuring that the café terraces are always full. Its narrow streets, multicoloured facades, its markets and its cultural life attract visitors from all over the world.

The city is baptised «**Ville d'Eau - Ville d'Art**» [city of water – city of Art] thanks to its fountains and to all the artists having been charmed over the centuries by the specific light and by the beautiful surroundings. One of its children is the painter Paul Cézanne whose workshop is open to the public, facing the mountain la Sainte-Victoire.

With its situation in the heart of Provence, our city benefits from all the characteristics of this world famous area and your stay in Aix-en-Provence will offer you numerous opportunities to live fabulous scenic, cultural and gastronomic experiences.



HOW TO GET HERE:

By plane

- Marseille-Provence international airport is less than 30 minutes from Aix-en-Provence. A regular shuttle service is available between the airport and Aix-en-Provence.
- Nice airport is 2 hours from Aix-en-Provence. A bus travels between Nice and Aix-en-Provence three times a day.

By train

- The Aix TGV train station is 20 minutes from Aix-en-Provence. Buses leave for the centre of Aix-en-Provence every 30 minutes.
- The Marseille TGV station is 35 minutes from Aix-en-Provence. Connecting buses and trains all the time from early morning until late in the evening.

By car

- The Soleil Motorway [A7 or E80 / E714], which goes from Paris to Nice via Lyon, goes past Aix-en-Provence [Aix-en-Provence is 8 hours from Paris].

Prices of buses and taxis

- We can organize your transfers on request.



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