

CPEDERF - FRANCE

Another way of discovering & experiencing France if you are a student of French
Cultural exploration - Language Practice & Perfection – Study & Learn

**25 years of providing language & culture courses
in cooperation with university French Departments**

FRENCH LANGUAGE & CULTURE “STAGES” for Australian & New Zealand University Students of French

The CAVILAM / CPEDERF “Stage”

2 – 27 JULY 2009

(Accommodation reserved from 1 – 28 July)

PARIS – VICHY – NEVERS - PARIS

Two Weeks of intensive language work at the Cavilam (Vichy)

**A broad range of cultural activities reflecting :
Society – Culture – Education – Cinema & Theatre – Law – Politics**

**A serious look at France’s heritage :
more than 2000 years of history, art, architecture, traditions**

You go to a theatre, a cafe-theatre, and two cinemas as part of your programme

The “stages” are conducted throughout in French, in a friendly relaxed family-oriented atmosphere



Versailles



Sainte Chapelle



Loire River at Nevers

**More than 200 hours of activities in French
(with 50 hours intensive language classes at the Cavilam)
(plus optional extra private tuition for anyone interested!)
Home-stay accommodation in Vichy and Nevers**

Read on - for

FULL INFORMATION & COSTS

For all queries, do not hesitate to email Annie & David Bancroft at :

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GENERAL INFORMATION

AGE & ELIGIBILITY :

There is NO RESTRICTION ON AGE! Our youngest student in the 25 years of the “stages” was 16 (enrolled with special approval with the Australian educational authorities!) and our oldest was over 80, and 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 in either “stage” is that you are currently enrolled in an Australian or New Zealand University (OR you have just completed your studies, or will commence them in February 2009).

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 French somewhere in your course study!

You must have completed at least a 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.

ACCOMMODATION :

PARIS : A choice between :

HOSTEL : International Student Hostel (Mije) in the centre of one of the most historic parts of the city, *Le Marais*. Although there are relatively few age restrictions imposed by the hostel authorities, the hostel is essentially for the younger generation. If you prefer individual rooms, private bathroom, TV, and tranquillity, we recommend a hotel! The hostel accommodation is included in the overall cost of the “stages”.

HOTEL : For almost 20 years our more mature-age students have opted for the *Paris Voltaire*. A small private two-star typically Parisian family hotel, quiet, unpretentious, good continental breakfast, and the *patronne* speaks English! As the overall “stage” costs are based on hostel accommodation, a supplement is payable for the hotel which offers a special price to our “stage” participants. All details upon request.

VICHY : HOME-STAY ACCOMMODATION is recommended and organised. But if you prefer to stay in a self-contained flat, the Cavilam can arrange this at very little extra cost.

NEVERS : Why Nevers?

It is in the atmosphere created by the *stage* in Nevers that you will find that your oral fluency suddenly takes off, especially after the two weeks’ intensive work at the Cavilam or the constant listening & oral practice of nine days in Paris! The network of *familles d’accueil* has been built up over a period of some eighteen years, and the welcome given to students in Nevers by the host families is warm and generous, and as this experience is considered essential to the overall concept of the stage, we do not arrange alternative hotel accommodation in Nevers. The families agree to take students into their homes because they are interested in them as people and not for the money; they expect a great deal of give and take, encourage them in their interests, and generally see that they have a good time! (Many have returned as friends of the family, no longer as paying guests!)

PRE “STAGE” or END-ON ACCOMMODATION :

if you wish us to arrange additional accommodation for you in Paris either before the commencement of the “stages” 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.

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 “stages”, we can provide detailed reports and testimonials, 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. Some universities may require that you carry out some individual research on a given topic while you are in France : you should discuss your topic with us, and be reassured from the beginning that we will give you every possible assistance if you are faced with this requirement.

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.

INSURANCE : All travel and medical insurance is your own responsibility

The CAVILAM / CPEDERF “Stage” PROGRAMME OUTLINE

The Cavilam, (*Centre d’Approches Vivantes des Langues et des Medias*, affiliated to the Université de Clermont Ferrand) is arguably the finest university institution in France for the teaching of French as a foreign language. Situated in the city centre of Vichy, the Cavilam is attended every year by hundreds of students from all over the world following courses which range from the beginner’s level to the most advanced professional courses required for example by senior managerial and diplomatic personnel. Some enrol at the Cavilam for a whole year, others just for intensive short-duration courses in a particular area of training – the emphasis we choose for our “stages” with the Cavilam is that of oral proficiency.

Wednesday 1 July : all participants should arrive in Paris by this date. (If you have problems, please discuss with us at the time of Pre-Enrolment : there are always solutions!)

Thursday 2 July : all day Welcome Day, group session all morning, Welcome Lunch followed by a guided exploration of Paris by getting used to the bus system, cruise on a *bateau mouche* on the river Seine. Free in the evening.

Friday – Saturday 3 & 4 July : guided cultural activities Paris

Sunday 5 July : morning free, arrive at the Gare de Lyon no later than 12h30 to take the *Teoz rapide* to Vichy where you will be met by the Cavilam and your host family.

Monday 6 – Friday 17 July : Cavilam course

Compulsory activities : *Cours intensifs* morning, *Ateliers* afternoon (+ evening preparation)

Optional but highly recommended : Supplementary *travail autonome* in the *Centre de Ressources Multimedia* : Laboratoire de phonétique, Salle informatique, Salle Vidéo,

Private tuition : supplementary private tuition can be arranged for anyone interested on the basis of 90 min sessions twice or three times per week. You do not have to make up your mind until the

time of Official enrolment, but if the idea appeals and you would like further information (including costs!) please let us know at the time of your provisional enrolment.

Other activities : *programme de spectacles et animations offert par le Cavilam* (including sports facilities) – plus optional extras *au choix* (but small supplements payable) depending on the opportunities available in Vichy and the region during the stay. The Cavilam issues full details at the introductory session. Plus Organised excursions - one full-day excursion and two half-day excursions are organised as part of your general cultural programme..

Friday evening 17 July - after courses you take a fast train for Nevers, arriving for the evening meal with your host family. You will spend the rest of the weekend with your host families participating in the activities they will have organised for you.

Monday & Tuesday 20 & 21 July : cultural programme around Nevers
Tuesday 21 July – evening train back to Paris

Wednesday 22 July - Sunday 26 July : intensive culture and language programme in Paris
Each day is divided into three time-slots : morning/afternoon/evening. For each day, one daytime-slot is organised for discussions, group cultural guided visits, outings, accompanied walks... The evening time-slot is given over to group visits to the theatre and café-théâtre.

Monday 27 July : Formal assessment day, review of activities, and an oral presentation of a topic which has interested you while in France.

COSTS

Included in the overall “Stage” Packet are :

All accommodation : in Paris hostel (or hotel with supplement) on Bed & Breakfast basis
Welcome & Farewell meals in good restaurants
in Vichy : home stay on half-board basis
in Nevers : home stay on full board basis

Travel : All train travel (tickets & reservation) Paris – Vichy – Nevers – Paris
Travel pass (Metro/RER/Bus) on your return to Paris, a set of tickets for your first weekend

All course and tuition fees : Cavilam and Cpederf

All cinemas, theatres, cafe-theatre as part of the official programme
All outings, guided visits, excursions, guided walking tours, museums and monuments in the programme

With the exception of meals in Paris and lunch in Vichy, all your expenses are catered for by the “stage” costs. What you spend in addition is of course your own affair, but you will have very little free time!

Cost per participant : 2850 euros

((This cost does NOT include any hotel supplements, or travel to France)

Travel to France is the responsibility of each participant

The 2009 JULY CAVILAM/CPEDERF "STAGE"

1 – 25JULY 2009

PROVISIONAL ENROLMENT FORM

To be returned as soon as possible and no later than 15 March 2009

*You do not need to send any deposit with your Pre-Enrolment
Your Pre-Enrolment will be formally acknowledged by email*

This form should be returned by email (cpederf@cpederf.com)

(either as a Word Attachment Document or as a scanned page)
(If you have problems, just type out the replies in an email and we'll complete the form for you!)

Surname:.....Usual first name

Age (on 1st Jan 2009) :..... Sex :.....

Postal address for postal correspondence :

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Tel No : (incl local code)Fax.....

Email :

University at which you are currently enrolled :

Major subjects (other than French) :.....

Number of years you have studied French : at schoolat university.....

Would you be interested in additional private tuition course at the Cavilam?.....

Date :Signed :.(To print name if sending by email) :.....

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES, JUST EMAIL US ON : cpederf@cpederf.com