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Cultural exploration - Language Practice & Perfection – Study & Learn

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

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The CAVILAM / CPEDERF “Stage”

for Australian & New Zealand University Students of French
1st – 28th JANUARY 2011

(Accommodation reserved from 31st December 2010 – 29th January 2011)

Paris – Vichy (*Cavilam + Home-stay*) – Nevers (*Home-stay*) - Paris

**A guided presentation of what it means to live in France today :
Society – Culture – Education – Cinema & Theatre – Law – Politics**

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

An introduction to current concerns : social, environmental, political

The “stages” are conducted throughout in French, in a friendly relaxed family-oriented atmosphere. At the Cavilam In Vichy you will have two weeks of intensive language courses with an essentially oral/aural bias. In Nevers you will put your spoken French to good use with your host families!



Relaxing after a guided walking tour



The Farewell Dinner in a historic restaurant



Guided tour of the Palais du Luxembourg

Highlights of the Programme include : cinemas, cafe-theatres, theatre - the Palais du Luxembourg - Radio-France - guided visit of the Orsay Impressionist Museum– Versailles – guided walking tours of Montmartre and Le Marais in Paris – Bibracte, Centre of Celtic history and the Roman Occupation of France – Vezelay, the “sacred hill” (village & basilica) from which Richard the Lion Heart left on the Third Crusade – Bazoches, home of Vauban who (re)built some 200 fortified towns and sites in France for Louis XIV....World Heritage Bourges...and more!

**More than 200 hours of activities in French
(including 50 hours intensive language classes at the Cavilam)**

[FULL DETAILS FOLLOW : JUST READ ON!](#)

**Please register your interest by completing and emailing back
[the Provisional Enrolment Form at the end of this document](#)**

**If you have any queries at all, or require further information,
please don’t hesitate to email Annie & David Bancroft on : cpederf@cpederf.com**

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 2010).

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 on a half-board basis 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! 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!). Arrangements for the nine days in Nevers are on a full-board basis.

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 can 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

Read on for information about Programmes, Costs, and Enrolment...

The CAVILAM / CPEDERF “Stage”

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.

Programme Outline :

Friday 31 December 2010 : all participants must arrive in Paris by this date.

Saturday 1 January 2011 : all day Welcome Day, group including the *Welcome Lunch* in a good Paris restaurant!

Sunday 2 January : 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 3 January – Friday 14 January :

Compulsory activities : *Cours intensifs* 8.30 – 12noon, *Ateliers* 14.30 – 16.00 (+ evening preparation)

Optional but highly recommended : 16 hours per week *travail autonome* in the *Centre de Ressources Multimedia* : Laboratoire de phonétique, Salle informatique, Salle Vidéo,

Other activities : *programme gratuit 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 during the stay. The Cavilam issues full details at the introductory session.

Organised weekend full-day excursion (with lunch) into the Puy de Dome region, or to Lyon depending on the weather.

Saturday 15 January :

Mid-morning *rapide* for Nevers, arriving for lunch with host families. You will spend the rest of the weekend with your host families participating in the activities they will have organised for you

Monday 17 – Friday 21 January : Full programme of activities based on the following themes :

Discovery of the history, architecture, art, society and culture through the exploration of the towns of the region, ranging from the most important Celtic museum in Europe at Bibracte, the old Roman capital of Autun and the glories of Romanesque and Gothic architecture through the World Heritage centres of Vezelay and Bourges, to medieval and renaissance houses and châteaux, including a private visit to Vauban's chateau of Bazoches opened specially for you, where this great military architect and strategist lived and designed more than 200 towns and fortifications for Louis XIV! In Nevers itself, the beautiful ducal palace & the history of *faïence*. Opportunities are given to discuss with local municipal authorities and visits are arranged to local schools. In addition there are two festive lunches in local restaurants especially chosen to offer you some excellent French cuisine – always an important cultural experience! There is an evening *apéritif* for all participants with their host families.

Weekend activities arranged by your host families

Sunday 23 January : return to Paris in the early evening

Monday 24 – Thursday 27 January : an 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 group cultural guided visits, outings, accompanied walks including :

Le Marais, Montmartre, the 7th arrondissement known as the « Seat of Power », the Quartier Latin (and the Sorbonne if it is again open to visitors!) and the *Passages couverts de Paris*. The Louvre and the Orsay Impressionist Museum. Many other options for you to choose. *Maison de la Radio* - in the audience for a programme of cultural or musical interest. *Assemblée Nationale* and/or the *Sénat* (subject to official approval)
And, of course, everyone will go to Versailles!

The evening time-slot is usually given over to group visits to the cinema, theatre, café-théâtre...

Friday 28 January :

In the morning : formal assessment session, including a general review of activities and an oral presentation of a topic which has interested you while in France. This is followed by a Farewell Lunch in a good restaurant! Accommodation reserved until the next morning.

NEXT PAGES : DETAILS OF COSTS & PROVISIONAL ENROLMENT!

The CAVILAM/CPEDERF JANUARY 2011 “STAGE”

**Arrival in France :
no later than the evening of 31st December 2010**

**Departure :
you will be free to depart as from about 3pm on Friday 28th January,
but accommodation is automatically reserved until the Saturday morning, 29th January**

COSTS

Included in the overall Cavilam / Cpederf “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

In fact, with the exception of most meals in Paris (except breakfast) 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

(The cost of the 2011 “January Stage” remains at the January 2010 level)

**(This cost does NOT include any hotel supplements, or travel to France)
*Travel to France is the responsibility of each participant***

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED,
PLEASE RETURN THE PROVISIONAL ENROLMENT FORM (next page).**

**The “STAGE” will not be held if there are fewer than 8 participants :
a final decision will be taken no later than 30th September 2010**

The 2011 CAVILAM/CPEDERF “STAGE”
JANUARY 2011

PROVISIONAL ENROLMENT FORM

To be returned as soon as possible

*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!)*

(You can also fax the completed form to : Int + 33.3 + 86.36.46.85)

Surname:..... **Usual first name**

Age (on 1st Sept 2010) :..... **Sex** :.....

Postal address for postal correspondence :

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

Email :

University at which you are currently enrolled :

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

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

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