

# France 2020

Students are expected to be in good academic standing, show a keen interest in learning and improving their French, and will serve as good ambassadors for Riverside Secondary.

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## Basic Information

When?	May 3-18, 2020
Where?	France (Nîmes, Caen, St. Malo, Paris)
Who?	Grade 10-12 French Immersion students
How much?	The approximated cost of \$3200 includes flight, hotels, a tour bus, all group outings (museums, parks, attractions), public transit and teacher coverage.

The annual trip to France has been a longstanding tradition here in the Communications program at Riverside Secondary. This trip gives an opportunity to students to explore a new culture and apply all the lessons they have learned in French Immersion over the years. It is an immersive trip in which students are required to speak in French at all times, even after the day's activities.

Over two weeks, the students will visit different regions of France which each have a distinct character and cultural importance. We will be traveling primarily by private coach from city-to-city. These regions include the Provence, Brittany, and Normandy regions, as well as a three-night stay in Paris.

Please note that the cost does not include money for shopping or food. All breakfasts are included, as well as three dinners.

Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please email Helaine Lo or Kevin Tao to be included on the future mailing list.





# A trip of a lifetime

What can you expect to see on this trip?

## The South of France (including Nîmes, Arles, Avignon, Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert)

Based out of Nîmes, we will find ourselves in a region that was heavily influenced by the Roman Empire. As a result, we will have the opportunity to visit monuments that have been built close to 2000 years ago. We will also have the opportunity to explore cities and villages including one of “France’s Most Beautiful Villages”, Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert.

## Saint Malo

This famous port city saw Jacques Cartier embark on a journey that would eventually lead to the discovery of the Saint Lawrence River and the founding of Quebec City in 1608.

## Normandy (including Caen, Bayeux, Courseulles-sur-Mer)

Our primary focus in Normandy is understanding the causes and consequences of the Second World War. We will learn about how the

Second World War came to be in our visits to the Mémorial de Caen, and the Centre Plage Juno. We will also pay our respects to the fallen in our visits to Canadian, American, and German war cemeteries as part of our journey.

## Paris

While we only spend a few days in the City of Lights, our days are filled with visits and exploration of the city. Our visits include the Musée d’Orsay, the Catacombes, the Palais Garnier, and the Eiffel Tower of course!

## Expectations and responsibilities

Students who participate in this trip **must have demonstrated** that they are responsible and trustworthy students.

Students must be able to show that they can:

- speak in French at all

time during the trip

- conduct themselves in a respectful and polite manner
- keep up with missed school time/work
- adhere to curfews



- travel in a group
- be trusted to explore an area of the city on their own
- communicate well