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Educational Tours to France for Primary Schools

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Introduction

Welcome to our Educational Tours to France Brochure which we trust will inspire you to choose La Jolie Ronde and Langues et Voyages – ELS, to organise your forthcoming trip.

Since 1995 La Jolie Ronde, working in partnership with bonded French educational tour operator, Langues et Voyages – ELS, has been successfully organising tailor-made tours to Northern France and Normandy for Primary Schools. As a result, thousands of children have experienced new cultures and environments and the everyday realities of a foreign language, as well as sampling unique opportunities for personal and social development.



Langues et Voyages

Taking an Educational Tour with La Jolie Ronde is the perfect way to provide pupils with new and exciting learning experiences. We offer:

- Tours individually tailored to your school's requirements and budget
- Langues et Voyages – ELS staff on hand at all times
- A specially trained bilingual leader throughout your stay
- Secure accommodation approved by the French regulatory authorities
- Fully equipped coaches with seat belts
- A wide variety of fun, educational and leisure activities to choose from
- Pre-prepared educational worksheets, based around your visit
- Opportunities to correspond, meet and converse with French children

Finally, we offer 2-day preview visits for teachers. This is an ideal opportunity to visit some of the residential centres we use in Northern France and gain an insight into the educational and leisure activities we offer. The cost of the preview visit is refunded when your school books a tour.

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Residential Centres

All the Residential centres we use have been chosen with great care and attention and are visited regularly. Before deciding to work with any particular centre, the following criteria are essential: security, cleanliness and hygiene, quality of food provided and the overall friendliness of the staff.

As well as the common links in high quality and standards, each centre retains its own distinctive character, making it possible to have a unique experience in different regions of France. All centres encompass:

- Warm, secure accommodation, some including en-suite facilities
- Healthy, nutritious food that appeals to young tastes
- Facilities for classroom and games activities



All residential centres meet European Standards and have passed academic inspection by the local French Authorities. The residential centres we use are based in Nord Pas de Calais, Le Mans and Normandy.

Nord Pas de Calais

The proximity of the Nord Pas de Calais region to the UK means it is a popular area for British school visitors. The short Dover to Calais route has always been the traditional gateway to the continent.

Berck-sur-Mer, Etaples, Stella Plage, Le Portel, Le Touquet and Hardelot are typical French seaside towns, where pupils will be able to enjoy their initial taste of France and savour aspects of French life.

“ Every year this French residential just gets better and better! I would confidently and happily recommend it to any primary school and challenge them to better it! ”

Mrs M. Bagdatlioglu, Whinstone Primary School, Stockton-on-Tees.

Normandy

This part of France has close associations with Britain. William the Conqueror set off from this area to conquer Britain in 1066. You can visit the charming little town of Bayeux and see the magnificent tapestry describing the Norman Conquest. Nearer to our own time, the allied Normandy landings started here in 1944. The residential centres are well situated for visits to the Normandy beaches and the Caen Memorial Museum of Peace. Rouen in Upper Normandy is also well worth considering as it is only 2 hours from the Eurotunnel.



A typical dining room

Le Mans

Le Mans is in the West of France, at the heart of a triangle formed by Normandy to the north west, Paris to the north east, and the Loire valley to the south. The city is best known for 'Les 24 heures', the 24 hour motor race that takes place each year. You can visit the motor racing circuit and museum nearby, plus the surrounding area has plenty to offer – for example Saumur, with its renaissance castle, Futuroscope at Poitiers and the Cadre Noir (French National Riding School).

Please see details about our Preview Visits for teachers on page 10.



A group at Futuroscope, Poitiers

“ Our trip to Stella Maris was an amazing experience. Every day was filled with interesting activities and useful information. By the end of our four days we felt so much more confident in speaking our short sentences in French. Our knowledge of the way of life in France has been extended. When we returned everyone knew we had had a wonderful time. They could see this on our smiling faces. We really look forward to next year's trip! ”

J. Miller and pupils at Oakfield Prep School, Dulwich.

Educational and Leisure Activities

For many of your pupils this will be their first trip abroad. Our activities are not only fun and exciting, but also encourage pupils' interest in another culture and language at an age when they are most receptive to learning, and ahead of moving into secondary school. Through these short study trips to France, our aim is to give your pupils the chance to sample the everyday realities of "real life" France.

All our tours are tailor-made to your own requirements and we are happy to work with you to develop a school trip that meets your budget and above all ensures the safety and enjoyment of your group. All activities have been personally visited by our agents as part of their Safety Management System.

OUR TOP 10 ACTIVITIES



OPEN AIR FRENCH MARKET

Provides opportunities to look around at local produce and speak French in order to complete their language questionnaires as well as buy any souvenirs.

VISIT TO A FRENCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Children are welcomed into a classroom and have fun practising the French language with children their own age.

AUTHENTIC FRENCH BAKERY

Children are taught how to make croissants or bread by a professional chef. Making the croissants proves great fun but eating them is even better!

2ND WORLD WAR MUSEUM

Bring to life what the children have been learning in their history lessons.

BAYEUX

See the world famous Bayeux Tapestry which describes William the Conqueror's landing in England and the Battle of Hastings.

TYPICAL FRENCH SUPERMARKET

A fantastic way in which pupils can not only practise their French but also see the variety of foods available.

GOAT FARM

Everyone has the chance to make their own bread & cheese. Whilst the bread is baking, your pupils can milk the farm goats!! At the end of the visit, they are able to taste their own warm bread & fresh cheese – truly delicious!

BEACH ACTIVITIES

Including sand sailing, kite making and flying. The children enjoy expert tuition with experienced instructors.

BEE AND HONEY FARM

The children have the chance to discover everything about the life of the bee. They will also make their own wax candles which they can take home, together with a pot of honey.

TRADITIONAL SWEET SHOP

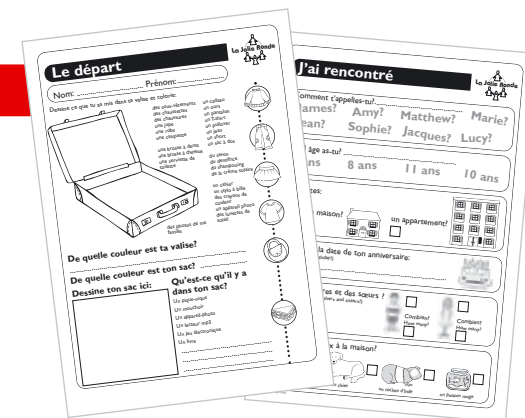
Children have the opportunity to make and sample the different types of hand-made sweets.

MANY MORE ACTIVITIES
available on request!



Fun and educational worksheets

Pre-prepared fun and educational worksheets based on the activities and visits you have chosen are provided for all pupils on the trip. The worksheets are a fantastic record of the times spent in France and can be shown to parents, displayed on notice boards or included as part of a school project.



“ The crêperie was a hit as was the farm, market and bread making but surprisingly many children listed the visit to the school as their most memorable moment as they felt a sense of confidence at being able to converse and have fun with the French children, whether it was over a clipboard and a biscuit, through a game of football or having fun on the playground together. ”

Mrs S. Mitchell, St. Luke's C of E Primary School, Bournemouth.

Planning Your Tour and Sample Itineraries

We aim to make planning your trip as easy as possible and in order to help you we have put together some sample itineraries. Our partners, French educational tour operator, Langues et Voyages – ELS are more than happy to discuss your needs and provide a comprehensive quote... they can even tailor an itinerary to fit your requirements and budget.

All our tours include:

- Door-to-door travel by coach
 - Channel crossings and road tolls
 - Accommodation and full board
 - Use of your coach for local excursions (subject to EU driver's hours regulations)
 - Services of your personal tour organiser
 - Entrance fees to monuments and other places included in the itinerary
 - Educational worksheets based on chosen activities
 - Red pupil baseball caps for easier identification
 - Security wristbands with contact numbers
- PLUS, the Party Leader will also receive:**
- FREE teacher places (accommodation on the basis of 2 teachers per room, otherwise, single room supplement applies)
 - FREE preview visits (if a tour is subsequently booked and paid for).

3 DAY TRIP TO NORD PAS DE CALAIS – SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1	Morning	Depart school by coach for Boulogne via Eurotunnel at Folkestone. Picnic lunch and visit Nausicaà (the National Centre of Aquatic Life).
	Afternoon	Visit a French primary school to meet the French children you have been writing to. La Jolie Ronde educational activities with the French children. Visit a traditional chocolate factory. A short talk about cocoa is followed by a demonstration of moulding and coating and a tasting session that nobody would miss.
	Evening	Transfer to your accommodation centre for dinner. Room allocation, fire drill and full board accommodation in multi-bed rooms en suite.
Day 2	Morning	Visit the English cemetery of the First and Second World Wars in Etaples. A visit to Le Succès Berckois. In this traditional sweet shop you'll see how sweets are made. At the end of the visit each child will receive a warm lollipop to mould into a shape of their choice.
	Afternoon	Visit the farm "La Halte d'autrefois" where children will make their own bread. After visiting the goats the children will make goats' cheese. They will be able to choose the flavour they want for their cheese: salt, pepper, herbs... At the end of the visit there will be a 'goûter' so that the children can taste the bread and cheese they have made.
	Evening	Return to the residential centre for dinner.
Day 3	Morning	Visit the local traditional French market. Language exercises. Following this there will be a sand sailing session with experienced instructors.
	Afternoon	Afternoon Transfer by coach to Bouin Plumois to visit "Musée de l'Abeille d'Opale". Two workshops: "Life of the bee" & "Candle making" where each child will receive a pot of honey & candle to take home.

ONLY £255^{} pp**

* Price based on 30 pupils plus 5 free teachers. Prices correct at time of going to print.

5 DAY TRIP TO NORMANDY – SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1	Morning	Depart school by coach for Portsmouth.
	Afternoon	Channel crossing to Caen-Ouistreham including dinner.
	Evening	Transfer by coach to your residential centre. Room allocation, fire drill and full board accommodation for four nights.
Day 2	Morning	Visit the Bayeux Tapestry (using audio guides). You will hear in graphic detail the events of William the Conqueror's landing in England and the Battle of Hastings in 1066. A film lasting 15 minutes adds a historical perspective and a further insight into the tapestry. This is followed by a visit to the Cathedral in Bayeux.
	Afternoon	Visit an organic bakery and make your own bread.
	Evening	Return to the residential centre for dinner.
Day 3	Morning	Visit a French primary school to meet the French children you have been writing to. La Jolie Ronde educational activities with the French children. Visit the German cemetery of the 2nd World War and the Peace Garden.
	Afternoon	Visit Arromanches 360°, a circular cinema and find out about the events of June 1944 by watching a short film. Visit Ranville and relive the landing of the first liberators in Normandy during the night of 5th June 1944 thanks to the new Pegasus Memorial. You will be able to see the famous Pegasus bridge, the first bridge in France to be liberated. Visit the English cemetery of the Second World War in Ranville.
	Evening	Return to the residential centre for dinner.
Day 4	Morning	Depart by coach to visit a zoo.
	Afternoon	Visit the local supermarket for shopping with language activities.
	Evening	Return to the residential centre for dinner.
Day 5	Morning	Visit the local market where pupils will have an activity sheet to complete, followed by lunch in a crêperie.
	Afternoon	Free time on the beach for games.
	Evening	Depart for Caen-Ouistreham and the return channel crossing to England (dinner on board).

ONLY £420^{} pp**

* Price based on 30 pupils plus 5 free teachers. Prices correct at time of going to print.

“ The organisation of the trip was superb. We had an excellent itinerary which the children thoroughly enjoyed. I would have no hesitation in highly recommending La Jolie Ronde / ELS to other schools! ”

A Randall, Our Lady of Ransom School, Essex

Off Peak Tours



Children see Stingray at Nausicaä

In response to demand, we have expanded our range of educational tours to France to include short, discounted tours during the off peak season (November to February inclusive).

These tours are 1 or 2 night stays in Northern France and include some of the most popular activities such as visits to the local market and the Second World War museum at Ambleuse. The children get a chance to practise their French with the help of specially designed activity sheets, as well as the

opportunity to experience French culture, whilst enjoying the hospitality of carefully selected residential centres.

Prices start from around £145 for a one night (2 day) tour, making a trip to France a more realistic proposition than ever before.

2 DAY NORD PAS DE CALAIS SAMPLE OFF PEAK ITINERARY

Day 1	Morning	Depart your school by coach for Boulogne via Eurotunnel and Channel crossing.
	Afternoon	Picnic lunch (not included in tariff). In the afternoon, discover Boulogne and France in general thanks to a town trail. Then, depart by coach for Becasuc in Boulogne to discover all the secrets of handmade sweets.
	Evening	Transfer to your residential centre for dinner. Room allocation and full board accommodation in multi-bedrooms.
Day 2	Morning	After breakfast, visit the supermarket Auchan in Boulogne for shopping with language exercises. Then, depart by coach for Nortkerque to visit a traditional Apple Juice factory. Free tasting and a bottle of juice for each child at the end of the visit.
	Afternoon	Following a picnic lunch, depart your residential centre by coach to visit a bakery to see bread and cakes being made in a traditional French way. Make your own "croissant" and leave with a "baguette" and a "croissant" for each child at the end of visit.
	Evening	Depart by coach for Coquelles. Embarkation on board the Eurotunnel shuttle and Channel crossing. Arrival in Folkestone and direct transfer to your home town.

*Off Peak Tour for a 1 night stay in "Mont de Couppe", Le Portel Boulogne, France – £145 per pupil (based on 30 pupils travelling plus 3 free teachers). Prices correct at time of going to print.

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£145^{pp}*

Preview Visits



We recognise the importance of ensuring high standards of accommodation and tour arrangements for your group. Your LEA, School or Committee may insist that as party leader, you undertake an inspection trip to ensure that this is the case. We are able to provide a preview visit regardless of whether or not you have booked your tour. These 2 day visits enable you to see firsthand the venues, accommodation and activities that we provide. They also provide an opportunity to gain information which will help you to complete risk assessment forms.

The visits include travel from London plus full board accommodation while in France. The cost of the preview visit is £130 which is refundable when you book your Tour.

Please contact us on 01949 839715 option 1 to reserve your place, or e-mail: tours@lajolieronde.co.uk

“ A whistle stop tour giving snippets of activities and places to stay has certainly prompted me to enthuse to both children and parents the benefits of a tour.. We'll definitely be coming! ”
JR, St. Lawrence College, Kent.



Groups taking advantage of the Preview Visits

“ The visits to all 5 youth centres were of immense value. The visits were very informative and they allowed teachers to complete their risk assessment paperwork while sharing ideas with like-minded colleagues ”

K.P. St. Hilary's School, Godalming, Surrey.

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