



2012

**ACCOMMODATION
WITH A FRENCH
HOST FAMILY**

ADULTS (18 y.o. +)

CENTRE INTERNATIONAL D'ANTIBES



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One of our host families

Our host families offer students comfortable living conditions and the opportunity to explore French life.

HOST FAMILY LOCATION

Our students are accommodated within the same city as the school. We do our best to ensure the school is within walking distance.

However some students have to use local buses, particularly during the busy summer period (max. 30 min.)

Important: generally, there is no bus transportation after 8.00 p.m. so students may have to take a taxi or walk back to their host family after this time.

We have a selection of host families living in particularly attractive villas, but which are only accessible by car. If the student has his/her own transport, or wishes to rent a car or a scooter, it is important for us to be informed at the time of the initial reservation in order for us to place him/her in such a family.

We inform the student of the name, address and telephone number of the host family 15 days prior to arrival.



In the garden with a host family



Room at one of our host families

THE ROOMS

Our students may be accommodated in a single room or share a twin room. If they share a room, we do our best to place them with other students of a similar age but of a different mother tongue (please note that during certain periods, this may be very difficult, even impossible).

For reasons of privacy and comfort, we ask students over 25 to select a single room (unless making their reservations simultaneously).



Students at our school "Le Château"



Cooking with the host family

THE MEALS

Students can choose between 3 options:

- **“breakfast only”**: breakfast takes place every morning with the host family.

Note that in France, breakfast consists of a hot drink (tea, coffee, chocolate, milk), bread, butter or/and jam. Some families offer cereals, orange juice and sometimes French “croissants”.

Important: The students who choose this option must be aware that they cannot use the kitchen of their host family to cook their dinner or to eat in his/her room. That is the reason why we suggest to the students who stay for several months and especially in winter to take the half board option.

- **“half-board”**: breakfast and lunch take place every day with the host family.

Students sometimes may prefer to have dinner with friends in town: in that case they have to inform their host family a day in advance.

- **“Weekend lunches”**: in addition to the half board, students can have, lunch at the week-end and public holidays.

During the week, lunch is available in our school's self-service restaurant or at the numerous local restaurants and sandwich bars.

EDUCATIONAL ASPECT

To make their stay in a French family a success, the students must attempt to express and communicate in the French language as much as possible and try to forget their own language, culture and habits. One of the great advantages of living with a family is that the students can experience everyday situations in France.

The students also learn a great deal about the French way of life and civilisation as long as they are prepared to make an effort and adapt to the family environment. The family will no doubt also have questions to ask about life in the student's own country, as well as its culture and traditions.



French course at our school « Le Château »

It is important to inform us of your travel details (time, flight or train number, place of arrival: station or airport) at the latest, the Tuesday prior to the arrival date.

HOW TO REACH THE STUDENTS?

BY MAIL:

The student will be able to give his host family's home address to his/her contacts, as follows:
Mr / Mrs / Ms (student's last name).....
C/O Mr & Mrs (host family's last name).....

BY PHONE:

The student can be reached by phone in his/her host family. For making their own calls, the student will be able to use the school's public phones.



THE SERVICES

- **Bed linen:** sheets are supplied to the students during their stay and are changed regularly.
Towels are not provided.
- **Transfer:** Our host families collect students from Antibes train station or Nice airport and take them back on the day of departure.
Note: if the student does not arrive or depart at the weekend, the transfer will not be provided by the host family
- **Internet:** Some host families permit students to use their internet access or their own computer, even if they are not obliged to do so. Therefore students are able to benefit from this goodwill gesture but within reasonable limits.
- **Washing:** The host families who accept to wash the students' clothes in their own washing machine can ask the students **2 euros** to pay per washing. In any case students will be able to use one of the numerous launderettes of the city.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Students should be aware that when they enter someone's home as a guest, they must inevitably sacrifice a little independence and personal freedom, and do their best to adapt to their new family lifestyle.
- Students have **to keep their room reasonably clean** and tidy and have to respect the rules of the family with whom they are accommodated.
- **If a student damages, breaks something or loses the host family's keys, he/she will have to**

reimburse the host family directly or use his/her private insurance.

- It is important that the students go out with the telephone number of their host family.
- We have a detailed description of each host family at our disposal, which we will be happy to forward to you on request.

