



BIENVENUE

Ohh la la! France, officially the French Republic, is the largest country in Western Europe. Its lengthy borders touch Germany, Belgium, Spain, Switzerland, Italy, the Atlantic Ocean, the Pyrenees mountains, the Mediterranean Sea, and the Alps. More than 25 percent of its territory is covered with forest, and another 50 percent is countryside or farmland.

The capital is the marvelous and romantic city of Paris and the official language is French. France population is 67,092,056 and it is the most ethnically diverse country in Europe. This is why France is a world leader in different aspects of culture, including cuisine, philosophy, music, art, film, fashion, literature and sport. More than 80 million people visit the country every year, more than any other country on Earth!

*Students will learn interesting facts about a day of school in France. **Did you know there is no school on “mercredi” Wednesday?** Oui, c’est correct! The school day in France typically runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a half day on Saturday, although students do not attend school on Wednesday. As the school day is long, time for sports and other extra-curricular activities during a typical school day is limited. That’s why they have a day off from school mid-week to do it. This leaves time to practice a sport or take on other hobbies. **Did you also know that by law kids are required to have 1.5-2 hour lunchtime?** Yes, they are!*

*We encourage you to come and learn more about this “**magnifique**” country. Students will enjoy our Paris-style Café with delicious French baguette, cheese, jam, and mustard roasted chicken. Of course the classic French Flourless Chocolate Cake will not be missing in our menu. All this will be followed by a craft activity making watercolor paintings. At the end of our journey, they will have fun playing the popular French “**Escargot**” game (snail game). **Bon Voyage et Merci Beaucoup!***