

Choate Rosemary Hall's Summer Program in Paris, France
June 13 - July 17, 2019



Program Overview:

Choate Rosemary Hall's five-week program in Paris, France offers intermediate to advanced high school French language students the opportunity to live with Parisian families, take courses conducted exclusively in French, participate in cultural outings that use the city as an extension of the classroom, and travel to Versailles and the Loire Valley. Through art history and French history, and during two to three museum visits per week as well as regular reading and writing, students improve their interpersonal, interpretive and presentational skills. Daily immersion in French studies and in the routines of life in Paris enables participants to improve their knowledge of French language and culture, while also gaining self-confidence and a better understanding of themselves as global citizens.

Academic Program:

Students take French Language and Current Events, Art History and French History all conducted exclusively in French and taught by in-country Choate faculty. In addition to course work (in class and during visits), and light homework, each student prepares an independently designed research project to be presented in written format and "à l'oral" to the entire group. Several afternoons a week are given to the exploration of a neighborhood, a monument, a park or museum with students divided into small groups. Some of these "visites" include the Louvre, the Cathédrale Notre-Dame, the Pompidou Center, the Quartier Latin, and the Marais. Students also may attend a painting workshop or a theater performance as events in Paris permit.

In conjunction with their study of the Middle-Ages and the Renaissance, students travel to the Loire Valley to visit the famed villages, abbeys, and châteaux built or embellished by French kings such as Charles VII, François Ier and Henri II, and associated with historical figures such as Joan of Arc, Jacques Coeur, and Catherine de Médicis.



Program Dates and Travel Arrangements:

Students depart on Thursday, June 13, and the program officially begins with arrival in Paris the following day. The program concludes on Wednesday, July 17 in Paris.

Choate arranges a designated round-trip group flight from JFK International Airport to Paris, France. A Choate faculty member travels on this outbound flight on June 13, but not on the return flight on July 17. Participants are not required to purchase a ticket on the designated flight, but those not doing so are asked to arrive in Paris at a specific airport and terminal, within a specified time frame on Friday, June 14.

Eligibility:

Participating students must have completed the ninth, tenth, or eleventh grade and two years of high school French (or its equivalent). Speaking and listening experience in French is also important given the amount of the language spoken in the program.

Application Deadline:

The summer study abroad applications can be found here: <http://www.choate.edu/summer>. **The application deadline is March 15, 2019.**

Medical and Emergency Services:

During the program students are covered by International SOS (ISOS), an international medical and travel security services company. This coverage works in conjunction with Cigna Insurance to whom all international claims will be submitted. If you are interested in learning more about ISOS's services please visit www.internationalsos.com and enter Choate's membership number: 11BCAS088164.

In addition to our services with ISOS, Choate continuously monitors world events and may, when safety and/or security dictate, move a program's location or cancel a program entirely.

Cost:

The program tuition is \$7,850. This fee is inclusive of ground transportation within France for all program activities, tuition, homestay meals and lodging, museum entrances, and International SOS coverage. Not included in this cost are international airfare, passport and visa fees (if applicable), and personal spending money. Financial assistance is not available for Choate summer abroad programs.

For more information:

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