

# French Language and Culture Summer School

**French Institute (IDF)**  
University of Orleans, France



*This summer, experience a full French immersion in Orleans,  
labelled “City of Arts and History”.*

**2 or 4 weeks to :**

*Practice  
and make progress  
in French*

*Discover  
the region  
and its culture*

*Live French  
in and out of classes*

*Located in the heart of the Loire Valley (UNESCO World Heritage) and only one hour from Paris by train, the French Institute (IDF) is accredited with 3 stars with the label “Quality of French as a Foreign Language”.*



### **Programme:**

- 18 hours a week of classes and workshops about French language and culture, from beginners' to B2/ C1 level.
- Build up language skills in classes and practice in immersion during visits, activities and creative projects.
- Cultural and gastronomic visits in the city and in the region + many optional activities.

### **Visits and day trips: 2 first weeks**

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#### **A royal day between the city of Blois and the castle of Chambord**

Stroll in the royal city of Blois and have a lunch break on the Loire riverside before heading to Chambord, symbol of the French Renaissance and king Francis I's most majestic castle. End the day with a horse show in the famous gardens.

#### **Guided tour: the old town's must-sees**

Discover the historical city center and wander through the half-timbered façades, the Renaissance buildings and Orleans must-sees.



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### Gastronomic visit: the last vinegar maker in Orleans

Immerse yourself in the heart of a tradition and know-how dating back to the Middle Ages in the famous last vinegar factory of Orleans.

## 2 last weeks

### Renaissance day between the castle of Chenonceau and the town of Amboise

Dive into History at the castle of Chenonceau, a Renaissance jewel with its great gallery over the Cher river. Have a lunch break in the quaint streets of Amboise, city of Leonardo da Vinci, and discover the inventions of this Italian genius in his residence of the Clos Lucé.



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### Guided tour: Orleans top to bottom

Reach for the sky and climb up the 252 steps of the cathedral to discover the city's best panorama. Then descend into the city's undergrounds and explore a crypt dating back from the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

### Gastronomic visit: a gourmet walk

Follow us into the streets of Orléans to discover and taste the local delicacies.



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### *Optional activities (not included):*

Boat ride on the Loire and beach of the Charlemagne river island  
 Concert evening on the banks of the Loire • Literature café • The Loire by bike  
 Board games bar • 14th of July fireworks on the Loire  
 And much more: cinema, shopping, swimming pool, bowling, etc.

## **Registration fees**

2 weeks : **550€**

4 weeks : **1000€**

The fees include the classes and workshops, the course material, the cultural and gastronomic visits and day trips.

## **Accommodation**

Half board at a host family:

**335€** for 2 weeks or **615€** for 4 weeks

In a studio in the city center, without meals:

**320€** for 2 weeks or **615€** for 4 weeks

## **Registrations**

Open to anyone above 18 years old, from beginner to advanced level.

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### **Website**

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