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# Welcome!

Welcome to International House Nice and to the French Riviera where the sun shines 300 days per year! Come and learn French in the heart of the city. Discover our culture and enjoy our sunshine, our beautiful beaches and the Mediterranean cuisine!

This brochure offers you a range of different options for both courses and accommodation, Get to know us better and try to imagine how much our students enjoy learning French with us.

At our school you will find a complete programme designed to help you achieve your objective: to communicate in French.

We are keen to assist you with all aspects of your stay. The school has modern facilities that are perfectly located in the city centre and offers a wide range of courses given by professional teachers.

We take care of all accommodation arrangements and encourage our students to participate in the cultural activities, which are organised every week.

From the moment you arrive to the day you return home, we will do our best to ensure you make the most of your stay.

Come and experience it with us!

William Rubinstein School Director

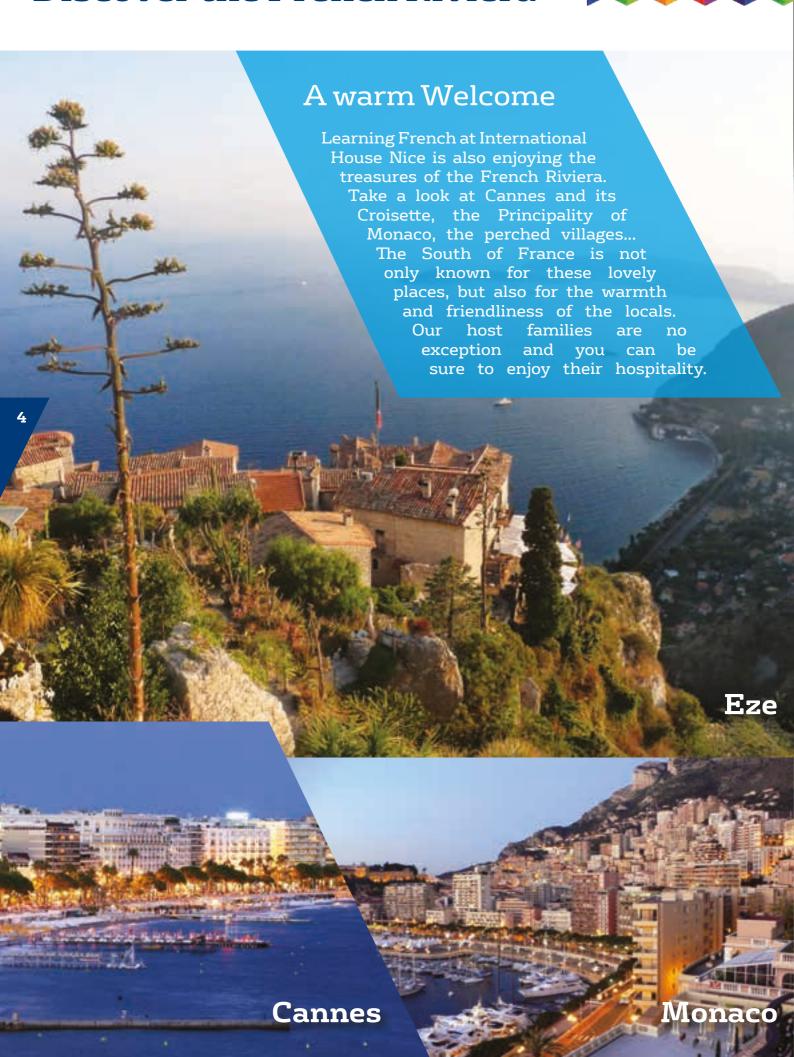
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# The school

The school was opened in 1984 by William Rubinstein, who still runs it today. The school is located in the residential Quartier des Musiciens which is a very safe and ideally located area.

- 6 minutes from the main street avenue Jean Médecin
- 5 minutes from the railway station
- 7 minutes from the seafront.

Our new 400 square metres site, spanning

the first floor includes **eight spacious classrooms** and **three extra classroms** on the ground floor.

Bright, **air conditionned**, and all equipped with state of the art equipment, each classroom provides the perfect ambience for learning and engaging in the French language.

A **large student room** is available, where pupils can benefit from computers, a library with reference books, a television, daily newspapers, magazines and vending machines.

### Our teachers

We have a dynamic team of teachers. All of them are university graduates with years of teaching experience and specialised in teaching foreign students. The ongoing development and training of teachers is a key feature of **International House** schools. Up-to-date methods and material are incorporated into their lessons.

### Our students

Our students come from all over the world. Some of them are university students or professionals. Some learn French just for fun, whilst others come to prepare for the official **DELF exams**. They are between the ages of 17 and 40.



# **Teaching French**



#### **Materials**

Beginners are lent textbooks and all students are given handouts. Teachers have access to a large resource centre allowing them to keep their course topical, using CDs and DVDs for listening comprehension.

A folder with learning advice, information about the city, and a map will be given to the students on arrival.

### **Test**

On the first day of class students take an oral and written test to identify their level.

Once this test has been corrected, they are placed in a class that corresponds to their level. Students may change levels with the agreement of the Director of Studies if they feel that they would be better suited to another class.

#### Certificate

At the end of the course, students are given a certificate detailing the course taken, their attendance and the level of written and spoken French they have reached.

#### Levels

The courses are divided into **5 differents levels** - from beginner to advanced - based on the directives of the **Common European Framework of Reference for languages**.

No matter what your level of French is, we will always find a class that is suitable for you.



#### Levels

# A1 Beginners Level

Students at this level can deal with simple straightforward exchanges in familiar contexts. They can usually understand enough to keep a very basic conversation going.

# A2 Pre-Intermediate level

Students can understand and express information about the past, present and future. They can participate in everyday life, deal with most situations involved in travelling around a French speaking country and communicate personal information.

# B1 Intermediate level

Students can comfortably interact with native speakers. They can participate in discussions and express their opinions in familiar contexts. They can describe experiences in their past as well as explain and give reasons for their plans, desires and ambitions for the future.

# B2 Upper Intermediate

Students can clearly express their opinions on general topics in both spoken and written forms. They are familiar with more complex structures, have achieved a good level of fluency and communicate using broader vocabulary and idiomatic expressions.

# C1 Advanced level

Students are capable of understanding most lectures, discussions and debates. Students are able to develop a well structured argument and provide supporting evidence in both oral and written forms. They feel comfortable operating in social, academic and professional spheres.

# GR Intensive General20 French Progamme

This course is designed for students who want to learn the language, make friends and enjoy their free time here in Nice. The main objective of this course is to enable students to understand French culture and to learn how to communicate in

# everyday situations. Number of lessons per week

20 lessons of 45 minutes

Timetable Monday-Friday: 9:00 to 12:15 or 13:15 to 16:30 when necessary

#### Number of students per class

Maximum of 10 and an average of 6

#### Length of the course

From 1 week to 12 months

#### Contents

Grammar, vocabulary, acquisition of language structures. Activities are based on oral expression and listening comprehension, written comprehension and production.

# Preparation coursefor DELF A1, A2 andB1 examinations

This course is aimed at students preparing the DELF A1, A2 and B1 (the **Diploma of French Language Studies**, awarded by the French Ministry of Education).

#### Number of lessons per week

26 lessons

#### Timetable

Monday-Friday: 9:00 to 12:15 general French Programme, plus 3 afternoons of preparation for the DELF examinations from 13:15 to 14:55.

#### Number of students per class

Maximum of 10 and an average of 6

### GR Super Intensive 26 General French Progamme



This course is designed for students who want to learn the language intensively, learning as much French as possible during their stay.

#### Number of lessons per week

26 lessons of 45 minutes

#### Timetable

Monday-Friday: 9:00 to 12:15 and 3 afternoons from 13:15 to 14:55

#### Number of students per class

Maximum of 10 and an average of 6

#### Contents

Grammar, vocabulary, acquisition of language structures. Activities are based on oral expression and listening comprehension, written comprehension and production.

# DEL Preparation course DAL for DELF B2 and DALF examinations



This course is designed for advanced students preparing for the DELF B2 or the DALF C1 and C2. These certificates are often a requirement for people wanting to attend a French university, therefore a very high level of oral and written French is a prerequisite for the course.

#### Number of lessons per week

22 lessons

#### Timetable

Monday-Friday: 9:00 to 12:15 General French Programme, plus 1 private lesson twice a week dedicated to exam preparation

#### Number of students per class

Maximum of **10** plus private lessons

# CO Intensive 24 combined courses



Much appreciated by our students, this type of course allows them to be involved in group dynamics whilst still taking advantage of the tailor-made approach offered by individual classes.

Number of lessons per week 24 lessons

#### **Timetable**

Monday-Friday: 9:00 to 12:15 in the GR20 programme plus 2 afternoons of private lessons from 13:15 to 14:55

# CO Extra intensive 30 combined courses

Number of lessons per week

30 lessons

#### **Timetable**

Monday-Friday: 9:00 to 12:15 general French programme plus 5 afternoons of private lessons from 13:15 to 14:55

# PR Intensive individual 20 courses



This programme is ideal for students who want to make progress in a very short period of time. Emphasis is placed on speaking about everyday and professional subjects.

Number of lessons per week

20 lessons

**Timetable** 

Monday-Friday: 13:15 to 16:30

# PR Ultra intensive 30 individual courses

Number of lessons per week

30 lessons

#### Timetable

Monday-Friday: 9:00 to 12:15 and 13:15 to 14:55

# FLEX A La Carte individual courses

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Number of lessons per week

May vary

#### **Timetable**

Flexible times, please contact us for further information.

# HOM Home tutoring

Number of lessons per week

**20 or 30 lessons** at the teacher's home

#### Contents

This course consists of staying at the teacher's home, allowing students to study in the comfort of a home environment. It is ideal as the students can communicate in French at all times and learn about French culture and traditions. The syllabus for this course is similar to that of **PR20** or **PR30**.

### SR 50+ 20 Programme



This course, usually one week in length, can be requested in closed groups, with accommodation in host families or hotels. specific activities (or themes) can be organised. Please inquire for further details.

Number of lessons per week

20 lessons

#### Timetable

Monday-Friday, 9:00 to 12:15



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During the summer months we offer **French or English courses** for students aged between 10 and 16.

#### **Dates**

This residential programme runs over **5 or 6 weeks in July and August** and students may join the course every Monday. The minimum stay is 1 week.

#### This exciting package includes:

- Classroom materials
- Insurance
- Two transfers
- Tuition: Monday-Friday, 9:00-12:15
- Full board accommodation on campus
- 3 hot meals a day
- Social Programme

#### Conditions:

This programme is aimed at students who have studied the language for at least one year. Complete beginners can be accepted on fixed dates.

#### Activities:

- **Team sports** (football, basketball, volleybal, ect.)
- Watersports (paragliding, kayaking, swimming)
- Cultural activities (visit to museums such as the Matisse and Chagall art galleries)
- **Excursions** (Monaco, Antibes, Cannes)
- Beach, games, film nights under supervision during the week and two full day excursions or outdoor activities during the weekends.

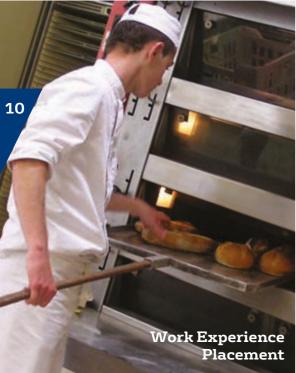
Please contact us for the teenage brochure













# FAM Family French Programme

Number of lessons per week

20 lessons

**Timetable** 

Monday-Friday: 9:00-12:15

#### Dates

**July and August** 

This course allows parents and children to study at the same time, but on different premises.

### Secondary School Group Programmes

We also offer courses designed especially for school groups. The programme is adapted to suit the student's requirements and it is ideal for teachers who wish to organise courses in France. We have had the pleasure of welcoming school groups from Canada, the UK, New-Zealand, Italy, Austria and Switzerland, many of whom return year after year to IH Nice. Please ask for a proposal and a quotation.

# WE Work Experience Placement

It is possible to undertake a work placement during your stay at the school. This placement is unpaid and takes place in Nice or the surrounding areas. The aim of this placement is to enable students to gain an initial work experience in France and to improve their French.

This placement may be in:

- **■** The Hotel Industry
- Tourism
- Patisserie and Chocolatier
- Restaurant and Catering
- Beauty Therapy and Spa Treatment
- Organic farm and Vineyard

#### Conditions

An intermediate level of French is required. These placements are for students and young adults, aged 20 to 30.

With a minimum length of 2 weeks and a maximum length of 8 weeks, this work placement must be preceded by at least 2 weeks of French Tuition

Please contact the school for further details.

### 🛐 French on Skype



For those who prefer to learn at home or are pressed for time, we are now offering French lessons on Skype. Lessons can be taken 1 to 5 times per week, in a minimum package of 5 lessons of 45 minutes.

If students also want to enrol in a French course at our school premises, their Skype lessons can take place before or after their morning or afternoon lessons. A schedule can be arranged with your teacher.

Please see our website or inquire for more information.

### **Additional Courses**



### **COOK** Cookery Classes

Cookery classes take place on selected afternoons during the week and must be booked in advance. Students are taught in small groups by an expert chef. They learn about different aspects of French cuisine. Students will prepare a starter, a main course and dessert. At the end of the course students share the food they have made and a three-course dinner with wine is served!



### **ENG** English courses

International House Nice is now offering private English lessons. Whilst each lesson is 45 minutes in length, students will study for 1 hour and a half at once (two lessons). The lessons come in a package of 6 lessons.

Students are taught by a trained native English teacher and the quality is on par with the French lessons. Lessons can be arranged with a teacher and are available from 15:00, between 1 and 5 times a week.

The English course package is supplementary and can only be taken in addition to a French course.

Please enrol for the English lessons when you register for your preferred French course.



#### KIDS Kids Club

This new programme is over the summer months and is for kids between the ages of 4 to 10 who wish to learn French and English by playing with French kids of their age. They will learn languages while singing, dancing, making sports and cooking. The club is at a walking distance from our main school.

**Timetable** 

Monday-Friday: 9:00-12:00

**Dates** 

July and August

Please enquire for further details.



#### GOLF Golf classes



For those who enjoy an afternoon at a golf club, classes are now available on demand.

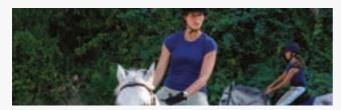
Situated in an idyllic location, only 15km/30 minutes from the city centre by bus, their team of certified golf teachers at **Villeneuve-Loubet Golf Club** are anxious to work on your swing!

With an earnest welcome, learn how to golf in a club, which owns a course of 40 pot poles, of which 17 are equipped with electronic mats.

You will be given complete training, working on all aspects of your gameplay, alternating according to your needs and desires.

For those who are beginners, be sure to come and discover their course, 9 pot holes and 1 800 metres in size, during which you will learn to golf in a number of different technical situations.

Please enquire for further details.



### HORSE Horse riding classes



Discover the joys of horse riding with **Villeneuve-Loubet Horse Riding Club**!

Situated right in the heart of the forest, their large grounds

(25 hectares), dedicated specifically to their horses, can be found just a 30 minute bus ride away from the centre of Nice. Whether you are a beginner or intermediate rider, you are guaranteed a warm welcome from their professional team, who are very much looking toward to sharing their passion of horses with you.

The club owns 30 horses, ensuring numerous horses adapted to each level. In addition, you will find a saddlery shop with a large range of horse riding equipment.

For those who want a wholesome meal or glass of wine, be sure to visit their restaurant "Les jardins de Saint-Georges".



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### Host families

Living with a French family is the best way to become familiar with the French lifestyle, to get to know French customs and to practise the language.

provide is of a high standard. We select our host

families with the utmost care and ensure that shared apartments and studios are kept in good

We have different types of host families. They may be parents with children or a couple or a single parent who takes in students because he or she enjoys company. You will encounter a warm family atmosphere where only French is spoken. There may be other students in the house, so you will also enjoy their company.

Most of the families live within a reasonable distance of the school; the maximum distance from the school is 20 minutes by bus or tram. Whilst not all homes are luxurious, they should be comfortable and hospitable.

Students are lodged in single or double rooms. Weekly laundry and cleaning is included.

You will have your own keys to come and go as you please, but you will be expected to respect some basic rules and schedules, especially for mealtimes.

The accommodation is available from 4pm on the Sunday prior to the first day of the course (Monday) until noon on the Saturday following the last day of class (Friday). Extra nights may be available on request.



### Halls of residence

Our halls of residence are located in the city centre. They have a lounge with a bed, a kitchenette and a bathroom. The rooms can accommodate one or two people. The accommodation includes bed linen and blankets.



### Hotels, hostels

If you prefer this type of accommodation, we can help you to make a booking and give you advice on the best options for your budget.



# Social Programme 🛰

The programme of activities and excursions will help you to discover French culture, the hospitable attitude of the French and the festive atmosphere of our city. It is the ideal complement to a French course, giving you the chance to practise French in everyday situations and the opportunity to get to know other people.



Whilst Nice is renowned for being a summer destination, the ski slopes in winter, just a short distance from the city, attract tourists to Nice all year round. This is undoubtedly a great weekend activity for keen skiers!

### Not to be missed!

- Orientation on arrival: visit Old Nice, learn about its history and see some interesting sights!
- Visit Cannes, Antibes and Monaco
- Take a day trip to Saint-Tropez
- Explore the picturesque villages of Saint-Paul-de-Vence and Eze
- Visit Matisse, Chagall and Picasso museums
- Sample some fine Provençal cuisine and try the specialities of the region
- · Check out the nightlife in Old Nice



## School location



### How to get to Nice





Nice has an **International Airport** located about 5km from the city. As France's second busiest airport, it operates a large number of domestic and international flights. The airport is connected to the city centre by a regular bus service, or you can take a taxi to your accommodation.



### By train

Trains coming from all over the country stop at the **Nice-Ville station**, located in the centre of Nice.



#### Transfer service

We can arrange arrival and departure transfers from the airport, train or bus station. To guarantee the transfer we need to know your arrival details (date, time and flight number) at least two weeks before your arrival. Please note there is a fee for this service.

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### How to get to the school



#### By tram

The school is a few minutes walk from the tram stop **Jean Médecin.** 



#### By bus

There are several local bus services, which stop near the school. The closest ones are **Rossini**, **Mozart**, **Sévillan**, **Jean Médecin** and **Thiers**.

The area is easily accessible by road and the region benefits from an excellent public transport system. A network of trains, buses and the new **tramway** makes it simple and affordable not only to get to school every day, but also to discover **Nice** and the surrounding area.

### First day of class

We expect you to arrive at school at 9:00 on Monday. You will then take a written and oral test to determine your level of French. Once the test is finished students will consult their timetable. Classes start on the same day!

After class, all students will attend the orientation meeting where they will get to know other students, the staff and receive useful information. In the afternoon, we organise a guided tour of the city and we highly recommend you take part as it will be another chance to meet new people and get to know the city.



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# General conditions of enrolment



- **1.** Registration fee: **45** Euros. Payable for all courses. International House provides: all learning materials (a textbook is lent to some classes), a student guide, a map of the town and free access to the Internet and Wifi connection.
- **2. Courses** start every Monday, except for complete beginners (see the dates given in the price list) with classes taking place from Monday to Friday except on Public Holidays. If the duration of the course includes two public holidays during the first four weeks, one will be refunded.

Student's holidays (for long term courses) have to be communicated to the school in advance so that the student will be able to catch up according to our availability.

- **3.** A group is made of three students minimum. If there is no group corresponding to a student's language level, the number of lessons will be reduced by 50% for one student, by 30% for two students.
- **4. Family reservation fee: 65 Euros**. Host family accommodation is provided from 16:00 on the Sunday until the Saturday morning following the end of the course. Other arrangements are possible if agreed with the family. **Accommodation fee for residences, hotels, apartments: 55 Euros**.
- **5. Enrolment and payment:** A student is enrolled only when he/she has completed an enrolment form and returned it to the school with an INITIAL DEPOSIT for the lessons of **450 Euros**. This amount will be deducted from the student's invoice. If he/ she has chosen accommodation in a RESIDENCE, HOTEL or SHARED APARTMENT, the INITIAL DEPOSIT must be **450 Euros** for the lessons and an additional **500 Euros** to secure the accommodation. Enrolment is considered definite once the student has received a letter of confirmation and the invoice stating the total amount from the school. The REMAINDER OF THE BALANCE for the course and accommodation must be paid 4 weeks before the starting date of the students' course.

An extra deposit of **200 Euros** against damages (in addition to the **500 Euros** already paid) will be required on arrival at the flat for all students renting a

shared apartment or a residence. This deposit will be returned at the end of the stay, after an inventory with the owner provided no damage has occurred. Students must hold valid personal liability insurance covering any damage that might occur, a copy of which must be sent to the school prior to arrival in Nice. If the total amount of your stay is less than the deposit, please pay only what is required.

- **6. Changes:** If the student decides to make any changes regarding dates, accommodation or the program once he/she has received the invoice, a fee of **30 Euros** will be charged.
- 7. Reimbursement: In the event of cancellation before the start of the course, the amount paid will be refunded less 200 Euros provided the school receives notice of cancellation two weeks or more before the start of the course. In case of visa refusal, the applicant will have to send us an official document of refusal provided by the French consulate. Without this document no reimbursement will be possible. Once a course has started, tuition fees are not refundable except in extenuating circumstances at the Director's discretion. Please note that the cancellation procedure may take up to 4 weeks. If a student is absent during the course for personal or medical reasons or to sit the D.E.L.F. examination, the days are neither transferable nor refunded. For shared flats and halls of residence, the cancellation fee is 500 Euros if the school is informed 2 weeks minimum before the starting date. No reimbursement is possible if asked less than 2 weeks before the starting date.
- **8. Activities:** Excursions and social activities are not included in the costs, except for the teenage programme.
- **9. Insurance:** All students are strongly advised to take out comprehensive medical and personal insurance (illness, accident, hospitalization, cancellation, etc.) to cover their stay in France, as well as personal liability insurance. The school authorities cannot be held responsible for accidents caused by students during their stay. Students taking part in the teenage summer programme are insured if they take the whole package.
- **10. Bank charges:** A flat fee of **5 Euros** will be added for each payment by credit card or internet.





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