

Chez Vous Summer . . .

. . . *the most efficient (and easiest) (and funnest) way to . . .*

- gain the French credit you need
 - build confidence using French in real life
 - absorb French culture and understanding

. . . and become the international Christian that French people like to meet and talk to!

**Build relational confidence for connecting with real people -
integrating Language Skills, Cultural Confidence, and Faith**

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Yes, we've got to keep learning new French - we know language study is tough, especially on the front end . . .

. . . but Chez Vous makes it easier. And quicker too!



Here's how . . .

- You're in France!
- You're absorbing new French EVERY day - no time to forget stuff!
- No distractions by that Chemistry quiz or English paper due this week
- AND, you're actually USING French in real life - connecting with real people . . .



PLUS . . . Chez Vous gives you extra boosters to maximize your language progress, things like . . .

- A fun variety of activities and exercises throughout each week
- Effective shortcuts for recalling words and verb tenses
- And a French "buddy" to spend time with each week

*Trying to learn
French in America is
like taking swimming
lessons in your
bedroom*

French course options include . . .

. . . one (Séjour) or two (Full Track) semester courses taught in modular format (see Application Part B for study options). These concentrated courses do require diligent work, but at the same time your French studies are a lot easier and more rewarding when they *connect* you directly to the daily life, relational activities, and French culture surrounding you.



CULTURAL CONFIDENCE

Speaking French is only part of the relational skill set you need to really *use* your French with real people.

Chez Vous will help you master . . .

- The 5 critical things you *must* do *every* time you meet someone
- The rhythm of socializing in a French café
- The etiquette of a French meal
- The relational process for getting acquainted with a French person
- The historical depth and cultural values of a people surrounded by 2000 years of human civilization

There's nothing like that knowing smile you get from a French person who realizes that YOU know what you're doing!

Avoid wondering “so what just happened there?” . . .

Avoid cringe-worthy mistakes . . .

Avoid offending people . . .

Chez Vous will *connect* you to the touchstones of French life and values . . . helping you to see the world through the eyes of the French people you meet.

How does Chez Vous help you make these connections?

- With “Culture Moment” mini-lectures on customs and values . . .
- With guided activities that engage you in real French life, such as playing “boules,” learning public transportation, discussing French movies, and more . . .
- AND with moderate limitations on home-culture contact, the Chez Vous experience helps you absorb more rapidly the language and culture around you.



Culture, of course, emerges from within the history of a people (*and with France we're talking thousands of years!*). So WE immerse ourselves in that history as well . . .

In **NORMANDY**, typical* guided visits include ...

- **Mont St. Michel** - Commemorating Michael the Archangel's victory over Satan, you will climb to the clouds to experience this architectural wonder from the Middle Ages.
- **Giverny** - The beautiful home and gardens of Monet display the lifestyle and inspiration behind the father of French Impressionism.
- **Caen** - William the Conqueror – Duke of Normandy and conqueror of England in 1066 - ruled from his castle in this nearby city.
- **The Bayeux Tapestry** - a world-heritage artifact, this 233 ft. tapestry from the Middle Ages depicts the battle of Hastings in 1066 –an event that changed the course of French, English and world history.
- **Rouen** - In this town where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake, you'll be transported back in time as you walk the narrow cobble-stone streets and visit the cathedral that inspired some of Monet's paintings.



- **Cheese and Cider farms** - Enjoy a real “taste” of Norman life that has endured for hundreds of years.
- **World War II Memorial Museum** - plunging you into the world-wide tumult that would change the course of modern history – including the world around you!
- **D-Day Beaches** - Where so many gave their all for our freedom, explore the bunkers and bomb craters of Pointe du Hoc, stand on the sand of Omaha Beach, and at the American Cemetery – remember.

And of course, there's PARIS !

For 2 days** Chez Vous will immerse you in the history, beauty, and culture of the "city of light." You will discover Paris “in-depth” through thematic explorations such as . . .

- A **Roman Medieval Walk** beginning with original Roman ruins;
- A **Spiritual Heritage Walk** retracing key sites and events from the French Reformation;
- A **Revolution and Napoleon Walk** - 25 years that changed both France and the USA;
- and re-visiting the strange legend of The **First Missionary to Paris**.

Evening activities will let you live like a real Parisian – typically including . . .

- meals at historic or culturally unique restaurants,
- and/or other memorable experiences!

**Due to unforeseen circumstances that may arise (strikes, renovations, etc.), Chez Vous is unable to guarantee every site visit)*





***The “Chez Vous Paris” experience is a thorough educational overview of the city’s history and beauty. For a more relaxed time of sight-seeing in Paris, see the optional “Paris Plus” extension opportunity that you can add on following your Chez Vous program.*

FAITH INTEGRATION

Polls in France reveal that a large majority of French people have trouble believing that God even exists.

Established in Normandy for over 25 years now, Chez Vous Normandy is known and respected as a community of faith. So our French friends, acquaintances, and contacts are often curious about the spiritual beliefs of Chez Vous staff and students.

During your time at Chez Vous you may or may not be asked about your faith, but just in case you are, Chez Vous helps prepare you . . .

- For people who find it difficult to believe that God exists;
- For people who are curious about the differences between Catholics, Protestants, and Evangelicals;
- For people who wonder how a God could allow so much suffering in the world.



Chez Vous will also help you to integrate your spiritual life with your French studies through . . .



- Daily worship moments in French
- French church experiences
- Faith-related French vocabulary
- Service projects in the community and in a local church

And for a little more background . . .

Core schedule: Your typical daily rhythm will include morning classes, frequent cultural activities, substantial “French Only” speaking periods, as well as regular “down-time” to enjoy the beach or local cafés and shops.

Our area: Your life at the Jacques Lefevre Institute unfolds in Franceville— a small town on the Normandy coast just 2½ hours from Paris and 25 minutes from Caen. *Cafés, crêperies, boulangerie, tabac, presse* and other shops provide a classic French environment for you to connect and practice your French on a daily basis. The town square and kiosk in front of the Institute host a number of activities including concerts and open-air markets.