



France Study Abroad 2023

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Paris



We got to spend a lot of time in Paris which made it really nice to be able to explore the city and do a lot of things!

While we were there, we saw the Eiffel tower many many times and even had river cruise around it (this was one of my favorite parts). We also went to the Palace of Versailles and got to ride in little boats in the pond at the garden. We had endless croissants and cappuccinos and made the best memories sitting on the lawn of the Eiffel tower playing cards.



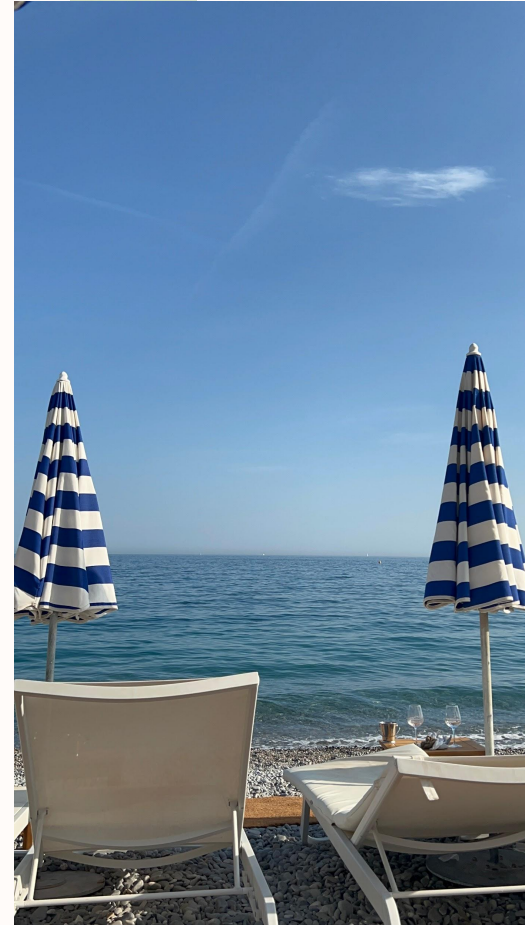
Nice



We got to take a quick weekend trip to Nice and it was so fun and relaxing! We spent the day on the beach and just got to relax and swim in the freezing cold water.

We were able to get a really cheap hotel, but it took almost 3 hours to get to it due to the confusing public transportation and it being really far away :(By the end of the day we were starving and found a random restaurant and ordered so much food. It was a crazy experience but such a funny story to look back on.

Overall, Nice was so beautiful and so fun to just get away for the weekend to go relax on the beach.



Aix en Provence



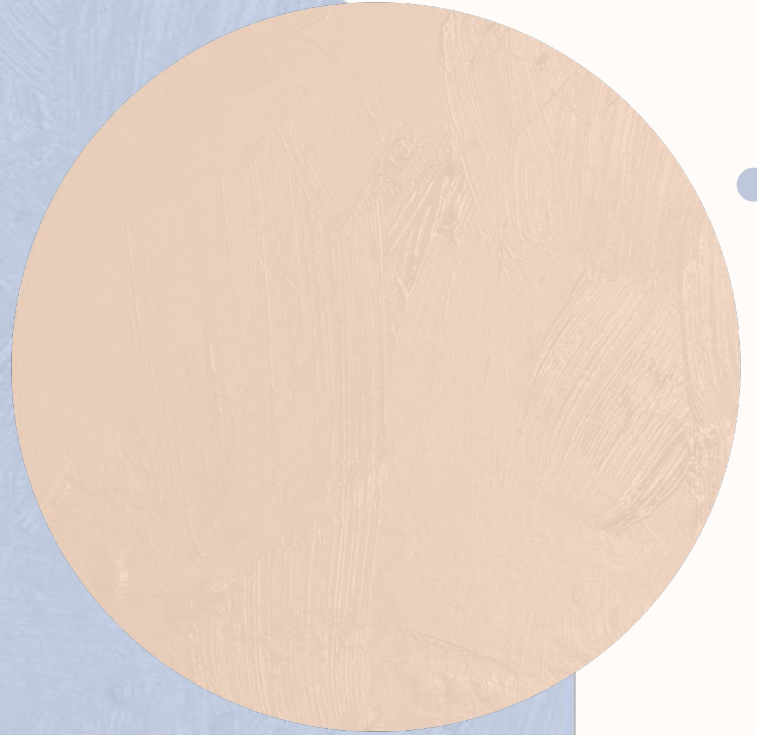
Aix! Our home base!
Aix was truly a dream and the perfect place to stay and take classes abroad. The walks to class were so nice and the main city area was so lively with markets and street performers everywhere.

While in Aix, we got to get dinner with Paco a few times, with gelato after almost every meal. The food was so good there!

We even got to go to a french bbq that a french student put on for us so we could hang out and meet her friends. We had hotdogs in baguettes and melted cheese and it was so yummy.



Barcelona



On one of our long weekends, we decided last minute to go to Barcelona! We went to La Sagrada Familia and walked around Parc Guell on the first day and they were both so beautiful. We even met some Australian friends in our hostel and hung out with them for the day.

While in Barcelona we had lots of aella and tapas and got to go to many cool restaurants. One of them included the number 1 bar in the world! It was truly such a unforgettable experience and the Spanish culture was so lively and unique.



Switzerland



Switzerland was truly my favorite place we visited. We stayed in a airbnb in Leukerbad, which was a tiny town with just a few small german restaurants. The first night was a little challenging since no one spoke french or english in Switzerland, but we successfully ordered dinner and even made friends with the worker. We spent the first day hiking a mountain in Leukerbad but then took a day trip to Kandersteg to hike up to a lake and ride on a toboggan! We also played lots of card games throughout the trip and made so many memories!



Verdon Gorges/The Calanques



We were able to go visit the Calanques and Verdon Gorges with the whole group on two separate day trips.

We all rented canoes at Verdon Gorges and spent the day on the water and stopped for a picnic lunch.

We also go to go look at 8 different Calanques on a boat tour which was so fun and relaxing on the boat.

The water was so blue and it was so cool to see all of the different rock formations in both places! These two day trips were so fun and so pretty!



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Merci & Gig 'em!