

French & Surfing Teenage Course

Is this the course for you?

Yes. If you're looking for an immersion French course, staying with local French hosts. It's perfect for older teenagers looking to work on their French, in a teenage only study environment (by the sea) with other language students from across Europe. Students really enjoy living on the Atlantic coast, in Biarritz.

The courses are popular ~ so early reservations are advised!

Location Plus Points

- Biarritz is a smart, lively Atlantic town; sunny & coastal
- A small, friendly learning environment
- A popular summertime location with teenage language learners
- Combine your French studies with a surfing course and a stay with local French hosts
- Students love the easy access to golden beaches

Course Plus Points

- Tutors are all native speakers who are also professional teachers of French as a foreign language.
- Only French will be spoken in class
- Relaxed yet lively classroom atmosphere
- Perfect for A' level, I Bac or Leaving Cert levels
- 20 French lessons per week format offered
- Surfing and activities are all overseen by group leaders



Biarritz 2027

13/17 yr old students

20 language lessons per week
+ 4 afternoons of surf instruction
(surf lessons times dependent on the tides)
Surfing lessons take place in Anglet
Maximum 14 students per French level
8 students per surfing group/instructor

Students are driven to the beach by language school staff and back to the school after the session
Wetsuits and boards provided
Social activities, excursions and one evening event are included in the programme

Please note: French tuition can be booked as a stand-alone course, only if parents are also in Biarritz to take legal responsibility of the student/s.

Course Notes

You will take an online level test, before arrival.

On the first Monday you take a swim test before going to school, and then have an induction talk.

Monday classes: 10.10 hrs to 12.30 hrs*

Tuesday to Friday classes: 09.00 hrs to 12.30 hrs*

** with a 20-minute break*

In total there are 15 hours (or 20 lessons x 45 minutes) French tuition each week (no homework is set).

The programme covers all the different elements of the French language, across different language level classes.

You are taught a wide range of language learning tools; covering speaking, reading, writing and listening skills according to their current French language level.

The lessons focus on oral communication, supported by written skills work and the teachers are all university educated, native speakers. You are always encouraged to participate actively in class and to put your current and new-found French skills into practice.

Course Dates: 2027

Arrival: Sunday
Course runs: **Monday / Friday**
Departure: Saturday

June	21	28		
July	05	12	19	26
August	02	09#		

No beginners. Elementary/ High intermediate levels only
(equivalent to completion of 1st year GCSE level and above)

End of Summer Sessions: 13 August 2027

* **Public Holidays:** 14 July
– no French lessons are held on public holidays,
other activities (surfing/sporting etc) are still provided.



Course Fees: 2027

Tuition & host accommodation/ shared room

CESA Admin fee: € 70.00

1 wk	€ 1,160.00
2 wks	€ 2,320.00
3 wks	€ 3,480.00
4 wks	€ 4,640.00

Fees include:

Tuition, social programme, 2-way transfer and accommodation
(shared room/full-board)

Extra fee Shared room/Extra night: € 70.00

Special diet i.e. Gluten free/Vegan: € 45.00 per week

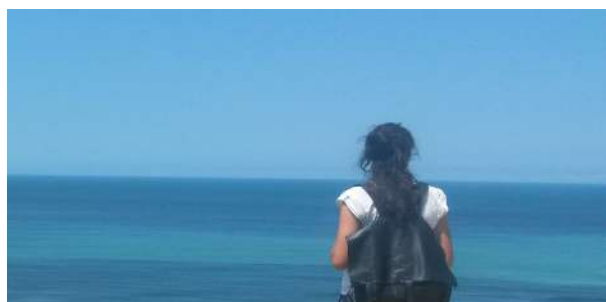
Language School:

In **June** the school welcomes between 15 to 30 students per week and classes are held in the main school building, used year-round for adult courses. The school is in a typical Basque house in a central area.

In **July and early August**, the school expects to host between 40 to 60 students in any one week and teenagers may be taught in a separate building, not the main school.

Teenage Students:

Most teenagers come from Western Europe – specifically Spain, Germany and Switzerland. With additional students from Russia, America, Japan, Ireland and the UK. Of course, every teenager is welcome, whatever their nationality.



Course Timetable

- ~ Breakfast with hosts
- ~ First Monday: Swim assessment at the beach, then Student Welcome & Induction at the school
- ~ 2nd week/Monday Classes: 09.00 to 12.30hrs
- ~ Tuesday/Friday: 09.00 to 12.30 hrs (inc 20 mins break)
- ~ Picnic lunch (supplied by hosts)
- ~ Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri: Surfing sessions
- ~ Wednesday: Half-day excursion
- ~ Dinner with hosts
- ~ Going out Permission rules applied – see Page 4 notes

Weekend:

- ~ Saturday: Arrival/Departure day or activities (late night rule applies to older students)
- ~ Sunday: Free day (earlier curfew applied)

Sample Weekly timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7.30am	Wake up & Breakfast						
First Week: 9am/ 12.30am	Swim test & Student Welcome	French lessons <i>(20 minutes break included)</i>				Departure <i>Drop off by the hosts or staff</i> or Group activities for students staying for 2 week or longer	Arrival <i>Collection by the host family or staff</i> or Free day
Additional weeks:	French lessons						
12.30pm	Lunch <i>(time varies depending on activities)</i>						
PM	Surf session	Surf session	Group activities:	Surf session	Surf session		
6.30pm +/-	Back for dinner with the host family						
8.30pm/ 11pm	Evening with host family or free time						
11pm	Bedtime / Curfew rules applied				Extended Curfew	Extended Curfew	Bedtime
01.00am							

Surf sessions:

1.5hrs duration. Supervision ratio of 1 member of staff to 8 students

Timetable will vary depending on tides and weather conditions – staff will advise the students once in Biarritz

Fully qualified instructors at the partner surf school

Lessons adapted to the needs and levels of the participants; groups of 8 students maximum

Activity sessions:

Supervision ratio of 1 member of staff to 12 students (8 students for surfing)

Each activity is supervised by qualified professionals or a school representative

Wednesday activities: football tournaments, beach volley competitions, quizzes, photo competitions, treasure hunts.



Extra Activities:

The school staff arrange a variety of **additional activities** aside from the Surfing programme each week, including; football tournaments, beach volley competitions, quizzes, photo competitions, treasure hunts on Wednesday afternoon (half-day) and Saturday.

The activities are a great way to get to know each other and of course to practise your French, outside of the formal class sessions!

Students are accompanied by school staff, to encourage a little more French conversation wherever possible.



Ready to enrol?

You can enrol online here or call the CESA office and we can enrol the students over the phone. We recommend you enrol as early as possible as summer places (especially July dates) book up well in advance of the start date.

A deposit of €300.00 or £250.00 is required at the time of booking (or full fees if enrolling close to the start date).

Accommodation

French hosts/ess based (private household)

Offered on a shared room basis (either with a friend or the college will find another student for you to share with) with full-board (breakfast and evening meals every day and Sunday lunch + picnic lunch on other days) arranged by the hosts.

Hosts offer either one twin or triple rooms or in a few cases, two or three twin rooms.

French hosts live in and around Biarritz, Bayonne and Anglet - in houses generally a bus ride from the language school (expect a journey of 25/30 minutes by bus).

Bus pass: Allow €40.00 per week

Please note some buses stop running in Biarritz around 8/9pm (3 lines run all night), so students staying out later may have to walk or take a taxi back to their hosts.

Students are expected to keep their bedroom tidy and may be asked to clean the room. Hosts provide bed linen, but students should bring their own towel. The bedrooms have storage space, a workspace, a lamp and a window.

Hosts offer you the chance to share daily French life with native speakers. They may well have more than two students staying with them.

They will collect you from Biarritz airport/station by arrangement, free of charge (if at a reasonable hour) and take you back at the end of the course.

They will also show their students to college on the first Monday of their course. Sundays are spent with your hosts, so that they can enjoy your company and may even take you out for the day or go to the beach with you (though this isn't compulsory).

Travel directions:

Arrive: **Sunday** Depart: **Saturday AM**

Travel to Biarritz by plane (or train) and then take the host arranged two-way transfer to your accommodation.

Going Out Permission:

Teenagers aged 13/17 years old will need a signed parental permission form to be able to go out in the evenings **up to 23.00hrs** during the week and **01.00hrs on Friday/Saturday**, or nights before public holidays otherwise students are **NOT** allowed out in the evenings, after the evening meal.

Parents of students 15 yrs or younger will need to send in an additional letter of authorisation to enable the students to out in the evening.

NB: Parents cannot set alternative curfews, as the school staff are unable to police them.

> [CESA Biarritz Teenage Camp info](#) [online](#)