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# FRENCH AT L'ÎLE AUX FLEURS



**FEBRUARY 17-24, 2019\***

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

*\*Travel dates to be confirmed upon flight booking*



## DAY 1: USA | FORT DE FRANCE (Sunday)

- Fly to **Fort de France, Martinique**. This island is truly a little bit of France in the French Caribbean Islands.
- A **Forum Representative** will meet you at the airport and help you transfer to the school France Langue in Fort de France.
- Meet your **host families** and get settled in. While living with a host family, you will find that French is more than just a textbook language. It becomes a living and working language, spoken and written daily. You will eat French Indies food, meet French people and have an excellent opportunity to practice your French in real life situations.
- Enjoy your first evening with your host family.



## DAY 2: FRENCH CLASSES | FORT DE FRANCE (Monday)

- Breakfast with your family.
- Go to an orientation tour of the school before attending your French classes (2 hours on the first day).
- All educational materials required during your stay will be provided.
- At lunch time, partake in a **Cooking Class!** With instructions from a qualified chef, learn how to make a simple traditional Caribbean dishes in small groups. Taste what you created!
- This afternoon, accompanied by a **local guide**, you will discover the key of Fort de France's Heritage and History.
- Enter the **Bibliothèque Schoelcher**, a Romanesque, Byzantine-style library and architectural wonder (designed by Gustave Eiffel, after whom the Eiffel Tower was named), was built for the Paris Exposition of 1889. In 1895, it was shipped, piece by piece, and reassembled in Fort-de-France.
- Continue your day with a visit of the **Saint Louis Cathedral**.
- Have some free time for shopping.
- Return your host family for dinner and night accommodation.



## DAY 3: FRENCH CLASSES | MANGROVE TOUR (Tuesday)

- After breakfast with your family, go to school.
- Attend your French classes (4 periodes of 45 minutes each).
- Lunch at the school cafeteria (packed lunch).
- This afternoon, you will head out for a **nature tour**. Martinique is a multi-faceted island that not only has beautiful white sand beaches, but also a totally different type of ecosystem only a few kilometers away: **the mangrove**. This tropical forest grows in the brackish waters on the Martinique coastline.
- Through this guided boat tour, you will discover the exceptional flora and fauna that lives in the mangrove. At the end of the excursion, you will stop on a small island, « l'île Robinson » for refreshments and snacks.
- Upon return in Fort de France, join your family for dinner and night accommodation.





#### DAY 4: FRENCH CLASSES | TROPICAL ADVENTURE IN 4X4 (Wednesday)

- After breakfast with your family, go to school.
- Attend your French classes (4 periodes of 45 minutes each).
- Lunch at the school cafeteria (packed lunch).
- This afternoon, **in 4x4 jeeps**, drive through the sugar cane fields and banana plantations.
- Return to your host family for dinner and night accommodation.

#### DAY 5: FRENCH CLASSES | SLAVE'S VILLAGE (Thursday)

- Breakfast with your family before your morning at school.
- Attend your French classes. (4 periodes of 45 minutes each)
- Lunch at the school cafeteria (packed lunch).
- This afternoon, you will visit a reconstructed 19th century **slave's village**.
- The slavery savannah is a 2 acre property located in Trois Ilets. During the guided tour, you will have the chance to visit some of Martinique's traditional homes; learn about the history of slavery as well as the culture and traditions of the island. You will also learn about local medicinal plants during the visit of the gardens.
- Return home to your family for dinner and night accommodation.



#### DAY 6: FRENCH CLASSES | HORSE RIDING (Friday)

- Breakfast with your family before your morning at school.
- Attend your French classes. (4 periodes of 45 minutes each)
- Lunch at the school cafeteria (packed lunch).
- This afternoon, head to **Morne Rouge**. Admire these rich tropical forests filled with colorful flora and take in the scenic views while **horseback riding!**
- Return home to your family for dinner and night accommodation.



#### DAY 7: CATAMARAN CRUISE (Saturday)

- Breakfast with your family.
- Today you will board a **catamaran for a day cruise** around the Northern part of the island.
- You'll stop in a charming cove where you'll be able to swim in turquoise water, snorkel or just relax in the shade of the palms.
- A **Creole lunch** will be served on board.
- Continue your cruise along the coast to discover the beautiful coves.
- Stop to visit the town of **St. Pierre**.
- Enjoy the sunset on board to the rhythms of Caribbean music.
- Return to your host family for dinner and night accommodation.



#### DAY 8: DEPART (Sunday)

- Today, say a fond "au revoir!" to your exchange partners and transfer by private motorcoach to the airport for your flight back to the USA.



**YOUR LANGUAGE SCHOOL:**

**France Langue Martinique**

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<http://www.france-langue.com/ville/nice-4>

Known as "the Island of flowers," Martinique offers a plethora of cultural and outdoor activities for students. From its numerous ruins and monuments to its gorgeous beaches and great food, the island is a wonderful destination for cultural and language immersion.

France Langue Martinique is located in a lively neighborhood in the capital town of Fort de France. Classes are in small groups of 10 to 12 students, allowing for students to progress rapidly with individualized attention and support.

Host families are located 5 to 35 minutes, with some even a boat ride away, from the France Langue school. Students will be placed two to three students per family and contact information of the host family will be sent approximately two to four weeks prior to departure.



*This is your tailor-made travel experience – you will not be combined with another group!*

### PRICE PER PERSON

20+ participants	\$ 2,750
15 to 19 participants	\$ 2,800
12 to 14 participants	\$ 2,850
10 to 11 participants	\$ 2,940

### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

June 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	\$ 500
July 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	\$ 800
September 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	\$ 800
December 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Balance

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Round-trip airfare\* from Boston to Fort de France
- ✓ Departure taxes and airline fuel surcharges of \$250 per traveler
- ✓ Associated transportation costs while in Martinique

### IMMERSION PROGRAM:

- ✓ 7 nights full-board twin occupancy with your host family (2 students per family)
- ✓ French lessons, experienced, native teachers
- ✓ Cultural & leisure activities as per itinerary (50 minutes in length) with qualified French teachers
- ✓ All educational materials
- ✓ All cultural and aforementioned visits, activities, tours, and admissions as per itinerary
- ✓ Service of a dynamic professional bilingual guide with the group for excursions and transfers
- ✓ **Two free travelers regardless of the group size**
- ✓ *Chaperones: 7 nights in host families*

### PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- ✓ Tips are at your discretion – these are standard guidelines:
  - Forum Tour Manager: 3 Euros per day, per traveler
  - Bus Drivers: 1 Euro per day, per traveler

### NOTES

- \*Airlines have the legal right to increase fuel surcharges to flight tickets after bookings have been made. In the event of an increase in airline taxes and/or fuel surcharges, Forum reserves the right to update prices accordingly.
- **Forum Language Experience** has purchased the **Student Protection Plan** from Travel Insured International on behalf of all participants. **Cancel For Any Reason** is an available **option** that must be purchased at the time of trip deposit. **\*CFAR is not available to residents of NY\***
- Forum has quoted this package at an exchange rate of 1 Euro = 1.25 USD. In the event of a significant change in the exchange rate, Forum reserves the right to update prices accordingly.

Date of quote: May 5, 2018 | Prices are valid until: First payment deadline | Your Forum Tour Consultant: **Anaïs Boschet**

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