

# MARET IN FRANCE: SUMMER 2019



**What:** Maret Linguo-Cultural Program in France

**Date:** approx dates: June 11- July 11, 2019

**Where:** Nantes, Bordeaux, Dordogne/Périgord Region, Paris

**Participants:** Open to all Upper School French students + a few students from France

**Leaders:** Mme Eiff (with assistant teacher from France)

**Program Fee:** ~\$6500 (depending on number of participants)

**Academic Credit:** 1 language credit

## Program Description:

**Students will live and travel together for a month to improve their language skills, deepen their cultural understandings, make personal connections and grow as independent travelers and community members.**

### Proposed Program Itinerary:

- 2 nights at hotel in Nantes to tour city and connect with local students at the Lycée Loquidy.
- 4 nights hosted by families and students from Lycée-Collège St. Louis in St. Nazaire to explore school and surrounding attractions
- 2 nights in a youth hostel around Tour to visit several Châteaux in the Loire Valley
- 2 nights at a summer youth camp (UCPA) on the Atlantic Coast near Bordeaux w/ sailing, biking and ropes course
- 1 night at hotel in Bordeaux, Cité du Vin
- 2 weeks in a “gîte rural” (converted farm), where students will be immersed in daily living activities and explore the surrounding historical and cultural attractions
- 3-4 hotel nights in Paris

## Student Responsibilities:

**In order to receive 1 language credit, the student will have to:**

- seek out opportunities to **use French** to improve language skills and cultural knowledge by integrating into the local community and communicating with invited guests
- actively **participate in** the program activities
- keep a **daily journal** (written/oral) with self-generated and/or assigned topics. (Journals will be collected and evaluated based on their use of language, creativity and evidence of reflection)
- submit a **final project** related to their experience in France
- do their **own laundry** and **clean-up** of rooms as required
- participate in **food shopping** and **meal preparation** as required

### **Food accommodations:**

All meals will be provided throughout the trip. Students will eat restaurant meals, picnics, or home cooked meals.

Food accommodations will always be made for students with certain food restrictions/allergies.

### **~\$6500 Program Fee Includes:**

- Round-trip airfare Washington-Paris
- 3 meals/day and all lodging
- language instruction
- all excursion and activity fees
- all local transportation

Additional fees:

- personal expenses (snacks, souvenirs, personal supplies)

### **Important Dates:**

Registration Form w/ \$500 non-refundable deposit due date: December 16, 2018

**Information Night: Monday, November 12, 7pm, Upper School Atrium**

Payment Schedule: 3 installments

Pre-trip Parent/Student meeting 1: release forms and contracts due (Spring 2019, TBA)

Pre-trip Parent/Student meeting 2: packing lists and travel tips (end of May, TBA)