

Year 8 France Trip June 2024



France

Monday 3rd to Friday 7th June 2024

Arrive at school for: 1.40am, leave luggage outside, come into school via the new reception entrance and register.

Hand over any medication, ensure inhalers are kept on you.

Hand passports in as you get on to the coach.

You will stop at the motorway services after a couple of hours

Leave school for Dover: 2.00am

Arrive in Dover approx.: 8.00am

Depart dover: 10.05am (ferry crossing 90mins)

Arrive at Calais: 12.35pm (1hr time difference)

Depart Calais: Head to Vimmy Ridge War Memorial for a visit, then to PGL Chateau De Grande Romaine to arrive around: 6.30pm



Staff attending

- ▶ Miss Woolliscroft - Trip Lead
 - ▶ Miss Smith
 - ▶ Mr Chandler
 - ▶ Mr Walford
 - ▶ Mrs Taylor
 - ▶ Mrs Messenger
 - ▶ Mrs Brown
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- ▶ Students will be in activity groups of 13 or 14 and assigned a group leader.
 - ▶ Groups 1, 2, 3 will be on coach 1
 - ▶ Groups 4,5,6 will be on coach 2
 - ▶ The groupings will be announced next Wednesday 22nd May at the end of competitive sports.
 - ▶ Students will not be allowed to switch groups or change coaches at any time.
 - ▶ When on the ferry, excursions and free time, there will be lots of time to you to mix with the other groups.

PGL Chateau De Grande Romaine



- Rooms are all ensuite and sleep between 4-7 students.
- Room allocation will be next week, you pick your roomies!!
- Keys are allocated 2 per room, therefore 2 people will be solely responsible.
- Your team leader will collect your key cards in every morning after breakfast and return them to you at the end of the afternoon activities.
- You are only allowed in your own room. Under no circumstances are you to go into anyone else's room.



KIT LIST:

Pillow or cushion for travelling	
Pyjamas/nightie	
Toilet bag with soap or shower gel (we will aim to get them to a shower every day!)	
Toothbrush and toothpaste	
Hairbrush	
2 Towels	
Underwear	
Socks	
Shorts/trousers/leggings/joggers (no short shorts!!!!)	
T-shirts and tops (no crop tops!!!!)	
Jumpers/sweatshirts	
Trainers / comfy footwear	
Flip flops/sandals/sliders	
Jacket/coat	
Swimming costume (no bikinis) or swim shorts for boys	
Torch and spare batteries	
Hat and sun glasses	
One bag – rucksack to take on the coach to contain packed lunch, drinks, snacks, books, magazines etc	
Re-fillable water bottle	
Personal medication (e.g. inhalers) as necessary	
Insect repellent (pump spray or roll on, not an aerosol)	
Sun cream	
Travel adapter plug	

Where are going and what are we doing?

- ▶ **Monday** – arrive in Calais around 1.00pm Stop en-route to the chateau, at the Vimy Ridge War Memorial. Arrive at your accommodation approx. 6.30pm where you will check in, have your evening meal.
- ▶ **Tuesday** – We'll head to Provins – watch the Legend of the Knights show, then head to the snail farm (€4.50)
- ▶ **Wednesday** – Parc Asterix Theme Park all day, back to the Chateau for your evening meal and evening activity.
- ▶ **Thursday** – Visit to Brie, walk and tour of the area, then a visit to the local market and preparaez a manger (€3-5), then we head off to the hypermarket to shop!
- ▶ **Friday** – It will be up, packed breakfast and get ready to leave back to the UK. However, we will stop en-route at the Chocolataire de Lachelle which is a chocolatiers. We will arrive in Calais around 2.30pm for the ferry home. Arrival back at school at around Midnight.
- ▶ **Evening Entertainment:**
- ▶ There will be evening entertainment on site, which will be provided by the PGL entertainment team 😊

Free Times on site:

- ▶ There will be free time where there are communal areas, sports to play such as basketball, football, volleyball etc. There are floodlights and PGL provide the equipment.

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Timings of day:

- ▶ Breakfast: 7.30 – 8.30am
- ▶ Lunch: Between 12.00 – 1.00pm
- ▶ Evening meal: 6.00 – 7.30pm
- ▶ Evening Entertainment: 8.00 – 9.00pm
- ▶ Bed time: in your rooms by 10.00pm
- ▶ Quiet and sleep by 10.30pm (This is a Chateau Rule)
- ▶ Shop on site is open 5.30 – 8.30pm

Travel

Coach

- ▶ Three activity groups allocated per coach
- ▶ Each coach has a leader and first aider
- ▶ Safety – seatbelts to be worn at all times, no exceptions.
- ▶ Rubbish, unwanted food, drinks etc must be put in bins provided
- ▶ No chewing gum
- ▶ It is your responsibility to keep your coach clean and tidy!

Ferry

- ▶ There will be a central place for the whole group (identified when we get on the ferry)
- ▶ You must always be in groups of 3 or more
- ▶ Duty Free Shop – go to the shop in small groups (large groups won't be allowed in) a member of staff needs to be in the shop area. You are not allowed to enter without a member of staff.
- ▶ For safety reasons, you are only allowed outside on the deck with a member of staff – behaviour process will be followed
- ▶ The ferry has it's own rules about children not entering the bar area and no passengers on the car deck whilst the ferry is in motion.

Food...

- ▶ Breakfast:

Cereal, fruit, yoghurts, pastries etc, hot drinks

- ▶ Lunch:

You make your own baguette each day, choice of fillings and snacks

- ▶ Evening meal:

Soup and hot buffet style menu with some occasional French delights!!!

Please note the venue is a NUT FREE Site!!

Money...

- ▶ You will need both English money and Euros.
- ▶ We recommend around £40.00 English which you will be able to spend at the motorway services and on the ferry (£20 for each journey). We advise you keep £20.00 in an envelope that you do not open until your return journey.
- ▶ We recommend around €50.00 for the trip for the snail far, spending in the hypermarket, to spend in the shop on site that sells sweets, snacks and drinks etc and for the visit to the local market in Brie.
- ▶ Your money is solely your responsibility, we highly recommend a wallet or purse to keep your money safe. Please don't just put in it in pockets.
- ▶ You need to manage and budget your money, especially your English money as you will need to save money for your return travel.

What to bring/not to bring:

- ▶ The **MOST IMPORTANT THING IS YOUR PASSPORT!!!!**
- ▶ UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIUC) if you have one
- ▶ Money – in a purse or wallet
- ▶ Packed lunch, drinks and snacks for the journey. The first meal that will be provided, will be your evening meal at around 6.30pm when we are the Chateau
- ▶ Rucksack – you will need this every day to put your packed lunch, drink, sun cream, sun glasses, hat etc in
- ▶ Miss Smiths biggest recommendation after passports, Insect repellent (pump or roll on), antihistamines and bites cream – **vicious little critters apparently!!!**



PLEASE CAN YOU SEND IN A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR CHILDS PASSPORT INTO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 17TH MAY 2024.

DO NOT BRING

- ▶ Spray deodorants/spray perfumes or aftershaves
- ▶ Chewing Gum – this is banned for all travel
- ▶ Vapes/cigarettes
- ▶ Alcohol
- ▶ Hair Straighteners

BEHAVIOUR

- ▶ Poor behaviour will not be tolerated.
- ▶ Although you are out of school, you are still representing the school and we expect the same high standards of behaviour
- ▶ Normal school rules apply regarding behaviour
- ▶ You will remain in the activity groups you are put in for all activities off site
- ▶ If there are any major behaviour or safeguarding concerns your parents will be contacted and behaviour procedures will be followed

Mobile phones

- ▶ Mobile phones will be allowed but due to safeguarding they are not permitted in any of the bedrooms
- ▶ Data roaming is your responsibility, any costs incurred are not the responsibility of the school.
- ▶ You will need to charge your phones during breakfast time, free time or evening time in the communal areas
- ▶ Mobiles will be handed out at breakfast time and returned to your group leader before you go to bed
- ▶ We recommend you bring a battery charging pack to support the charging of your phone
- ▶ Photo's are only for your own memories and not to be sent or forwarded – **REMEMBER YOU MUST GET CONSENT BEFORE YOU TAKE A PHOTO OF SOMEONE!**
- ▶ Any miss use of your mobile and it will be confiscated until the end of your trip where it will be handed directly to your parents/carers.

REMINDER:

By the end of this week, Friday 17th May, I will need a photocopy of your passport with your beautiful faces 😊



Any issues regarding your passport, come and see me at the end.

Any questions??



Ask away or come and see us at the end!