

# Le français sur la Côte d'Azur







## Welcome

Experience the Mediterranean Lifestyle

French Courses on the Riviera Le français sur la Côte d'Azur...

Much more than learning a language



This brochure offers you a range of different options for French Courses and accommodation in Nice, the heart of the French Riviera.

At our school you will find a complete programme designed to maximise your potential and help you to learn French as quickly as possible. The school has modern facilities that are ideally located close to the centre of Nice and offers students a wide range of courses, all taught by experienced and professional teachers. Outside of the classroom, we take care of all accommodation arrangements and encourage our students to take part in the cultural activities that are organised each week.

We are keen to assist you with all aspects of your stay and from the moment you arrive to the day you return home we will do our best to help you make the most of your time in Nice.

Come and experience life on the Riviera!
Get to know our culture and enjoy
the sunshine, the beaches and fine cuisine here
on the Côte d'Azur! **At International House**Nice you can always expect a winning
combination of a warm welcome and
quality teaching.

A bientôt,
William Rubinstein
School Director







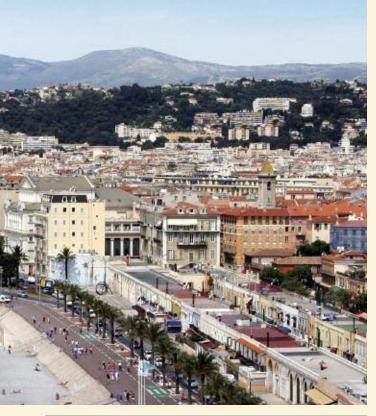
Place Masséna

## Nice La Belle

is blessed with an exceptional location.
Situated on the Mediterranean coast, it is close to the famous seaside resorts of **Antibes, Juan-les-Pins, Cannes** and **Monaco.** Nice is a vibrant and colourful town, famous for its museums and galleries, the Promenade des Anglais and the Old Town. Here you will find the famous Cours Saleya, which is full of life night and day thanks to the markets, the flower stalls and the myriad of bars and restaurants that are open late into the night.

Nice, the capital of the French Riviera,

Temperatures average 15 °C in winter and 29 °C in summer.





The famous Promenade des Anglais

# International House World Organisation

Our school is an affiliate member of the internationally renowned **International House World Organisation** (IHWO) which has over 50 years experience in improving quality in language teaching.

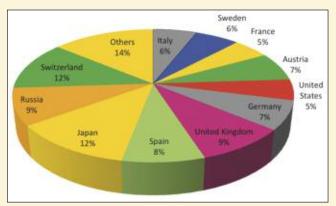
International House was founded in 1953 and the group has expanded to include 150 independent schools. Over 20 languages are now taught in 40 countries around the world. Each school is independently owned and managed but is affiliated to the IHWO network and agrees to adhere to the rigorous quality management systems of IHWO.

The organisation aims to achieve the highest standards in language teaching at its affiliate schools throughout the world.

All member schools are regularly inspected in order to guarantee that the name of **International House** remains synonymous with quality.



Certificates given on the last day



Nationalities of our students

## Why choose International House Nice?

#### Location

We are located in a very beautiful area of Nice close to Garibaldi Place, the library, the National Theatre and the Museum of Modern Art. The school is well connected by public transport and is just a short walk from the city centre, the Old Town and the beach.

#### **Quality Teaching**

If you attend our school you can be sure to be taught by trained, professional and friendly teachers, who attend regular refresher courses to keep them up to date with the latest developments in pedagogical techniques.

## A Warm Welcome

The South of France is not only known for its beautiful beaches and pleasant climate, but also for the warmth and friendliness of the locals. Our host families are no exception and you can be sure to enjoy their hospitality.

At the school, the Director and the staff pay great attention to the welfare of each student and we will be here to assist you if you ever need help or advice.

#### **Emergency Support**

To give you peace of mind, a 24 hour hotline is available to all of our students 7 days a week in case of need or emergency.



# The school building

## The school

## The International House School in Nice

## The school was opened in 1984 by

William Rubinstein, who still runs it today. Before founding his own language school in Nice, this graduate of the University of Rennes taught French as a Foreign Language, first in the United States and then in New Zealand.

He pays very close attention to the quality of the teaching and is always personally involved in the day-to-day life of the school.

The school is situated on the 1st floor of IPAG, one of France's most prestigious business schools.

The classrooms are spacious and air-conditioned, and students have access to all the resources of a modern school. Outside of the classroom, students can visit the cafeteria and relax or study on the terrace. The school has computers

with internet access at vour disposal and WIFI

is also freely available so that you can connect to the internet using your own laptop.

Teenagers visiting a museum

#### **OUR TEACHERS**

We have a dynamic team of teachers who love teaching French. All of them are university graduates. They have years of teaching experience and specialise in teaching foreign students.

The continued ongoing development and training of teachers is a key feature of

## International House schools

Our teachers recognise that the world of teaching is constantly evolving; therefore by introducing contemporary methods and materials into their lessons they ensure that they remain up to date. You can expect the teaching staff to offer you support and encouragement whilst you attend the school so that you find learning French a pleasant experience and make rapid progress.

#### **OUR STUDENTS**

Our students come from all over the world and have many different reasons for studying French. Some of them are university students or professionals, some learn French just for fun, whilst others come to prepare for the official

**DELF** exam. In general our students are between the ages of 17 and 40, but we cater for a wide range of students. This mix ensures an interesting and international study atmosphere. Off season the total number of students varies between 30 and 50 per week. In the summer 120 students attend our school every week.

This new approach allows the students "to learn in action", contributing to greater authenticity in the teaching method.

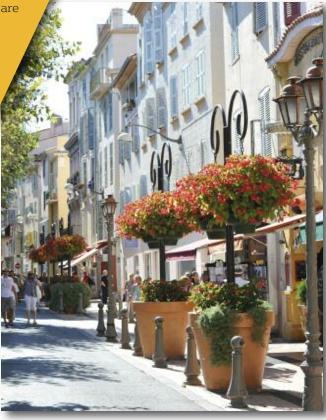
## **DYNAMIC** TEACHING **METHODS**

We offer highquality courses in a friendly atmosphere and emphasise the

"communicative **approach**" to French. Whether it is points of grammar, vocabulary or idioms that are involved, the student is always encouraged to participate.

This approach is complemented

by a more "task orientated" way of teaching that follows the recommendations of the **European** Council.





#### **MATERIALS**

Beginners are lent textbooks and all students are given handouts. Teachers have access to a large resource centre allowing them to keep their course topical, using CDs and DVDs for listening comprehension.

A folder with learning advice, information about the city and a map will be given to the students on arrival.

#### **TEST**

On the first day of class students take an oral and written test to identify their level.

Once this test has been corrected, they are placed in a class that corresponds to their level. Students may change levels with the agreement of the Director and the Director of Studies if they feel that they would be better suited to another class.

## CERTIFICATE

At the end of the course, students are given a certificate detailing the course taken, their attendance and the level of written and spoken French they have reached.

#### **LEVELS**

The courses are divided into 5 different levels - from beginner to advanced - based on the directives of the

Common European Framework of Reference for languages.

No matter what your level of French is, we will always find a class that is suitable for you.

## A1 - Beginners level

Students at this level can deal with simple straightforward exchanges in familiar contexts. They can usually understand enough to keep a very basic conversation going.

## A2 - Pre-Intermediate level

Students can understand and express information about the past, present and future. They can participate in everyday life, deal with most situations involved in travelling around a French speaking country and communicate personal information.



Visiting the Alps near Nice

## **B1-Intermediate level**

Students can comfortably interact with native speakers. They can participate in discussions and express their opinions in familiar contexts. They can describe experiences in their past as well as explain and give reasons for their plans, desires and ambitions for the future.

## **B2** - Upper Intermediate

Students can clearly express their opinions on general topics in both spoken and written forms. They are familiar with more complex structures, have achieved a good level of fluency and communicate using broader vocabulary and idiomatic expressions.

## C1-C2 Advanced level

Students are capable of understanding most lectures, discussions and debates. Students are able to develop a well structured argument and provide supporting evidence in both oral and written forms. They feel comfortable operating in social, academic and professional spheres.







# 1 Intensive General French Programme

This course is designed for students who want to learn the language, make friends and enjoy their free time here in Nice. The main objective of this course is to enable students to understand French culture and to learn how to communicate in everyday situations.

Code:	GR 20
Number of lessons per week:	20 lessons of 45 minutes
Timetable:	Monday-Friday: 9:00 to 12:15 or 13:15 to 16:30
Number of students per class:	Maximum of 10, and an average of 6
Length of the course:	From 1 week to 9 months
Contents:	Grammar, vocabulary, acquisition of language structures. Activities are based on oral expression and listening comprehension, written comprehension and production.



# Super Intensive General French Programme

This course is designed for students who want to learn the language intensively, learning as much French as possible during their stay.

Code:	GR 26
Number of lessons per week:	26 lessons of 45 minutes
Timetable:	Monday-Friday: 9:00 to 12:15 and 3 afternoons from 13:15 to 15:00
Number of students per class:	Maximum of 10, and an average of 6
Contents:	Grammar, vocabulary, acquisition of language structures. Activities are based on oral expression and listening comprehension, written comprehension and production.

## Long Term Courses. NEW!

This new programme is designed for students who want to spend an extended period of time in France.

The course starts every second Monday at a special reduced rate.

The pedagogical content of this programme is similar that of  $GR\ 20$  and  $GR\ 26$ .

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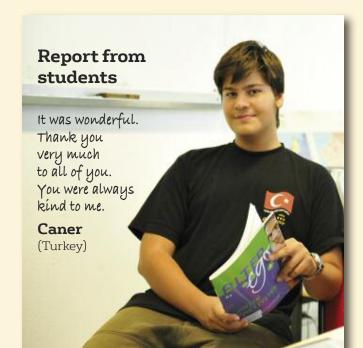
## Afternoon French Programme. NEW!

Code:	GR 6
Number of lessons per week:	6 lessons of 45 minutes
Timetable:	3 afternoons: 13:15 to 15:00
Number of students per class:	Maximum of 10, and an average of 6
Contents:	Grammar, vocabulary, acquisition of language structures. Activities are based mainly on oral expression and listening comprehension.

## Preparation course for DELF A1, A2 and B1 examinations

This course is aimed at students preparing for the DELF A1, A2, and B1 (the Diploma of French Language Studies, awarded by the French Ministry of Education).

Code:	DEL 26
Number of lessons per week:	26 lessons
Timetable:	Monday-Friday: 9:00 to 12:15 general French programme, plus 3 afternoons of preparation for the DELF examinations from 13:15 to 15:00
Number of students per class:	Maximum of 10, and an average of 6



# 6 Preparation course for DELF B2 and DALF examinations

This course is designed for advanced students preparing for the DELF B2 or the DALF C1 and C2. These certificates are often a requirement for people wanting to attend a French university, therefore a very high level of oral and written French is a prerequisite for the course.

Code:	DEL 22/DAL 22
Number of lessons per week:	22 lessons
Timetable:	Monday-Friday: 9:00 to 12:15 General French Programme, plus 1 private lesson twice a week dedicated to exam preparation.
Number of students per class:	Maximum of 10, and an average of 6



Written and oral test on arrival

## French for Executives

This course is ideal for students who need French for their work or who want to prepare for the Chamber of Commerce exam. Businessmen or professionals may also choose private or combined courses.

Code:	Exec 30
Number of lessons per week:	30 lessons.
Timetable:	Monday-Friday: 9:00 to 12:15, 6 students maximum 3 afternoons: 13:15 to 15:00, 4 students maximum plus two afternoons of private lessons focussed on the personal needs of the student.
Length of the course:	From 1 to 4 weeks



# Intensive combined courses

Much appreciated by our students, this type of course allows them to be involved in group dynamics whilst still taking advantage of the tailor-made approach offered by individual classes.

Code:	CO 24
Number of lessons per week:	24 lessons
Timetable:	Monday-Friday: 9:00 to 12:15 in the GR 20 programme plus 2 afternoons of private lessons from 13:15 to 15:00

## Extra-Intensive combined courses

Code:	CO 30
Number of lessons per week:	30 lessons
Timetable:	Monday-Friday: 9:00 to 12:15 general French programme plus 5 afternoons of private lessons from 13:15 to 15:00

# 10 Intensive individual courses

This programme is ideal for students who want to make progress in a very short period of time. Emphasis is placed on speaking about everyday and professional subjects.

Code:	PR 20
Number of lessons per week:	20 lessons
Timetable:	Monday-Friday: 9:00 to 12:15 or 13:15 to 16:30



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## 11 Ultra-Intensive individual courses

Code:	PR 30
Number of lessons per week:	30 lessons
Timetable:	Monday-Friday: 9:00 to 12:15 and from 13:15 to 15:00

## 12 A la carte individual courses

Code:	FLEX
Number of lessons per week:	Mayvary
Timetable:	Flexible times, please contact us for further information

# Training Course for Teachers

This course is designed for primary and secondary school teachers of French who want to brush up on their spoken French, refresh their teaching method and gain a better knowledge and understanding of modern France. Excursions and social activities are part of the programme, which follows the Comenius European Syllabus.

Code:	TEACH 30
Number of lessons per week:	30 lessons or activities
Timetable:	Monday-Friday: 9:00 to 12:15 and from 13:15 to 15:00
Calendar:	One 2 week course in July

# 14 Home Tutoring

Code:	HOM20/30
Number of lessons per week:	20 or 30 lessons at the teacher's home
Contents:	This course consists of staying at the teacher's home, allowing students to study in the comfort of a home environment. It is ideal as the students can communicate in French at all times and learn about French culture and traditions. The syllabus for this course is similar to that of PR20 or PR30.



# 15 Support Programme

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This programme is designed for our students who want to stay in France for an extended period of time on a working holiday or student visa.

## We provide assistance in the following areas:

- Obtaining a Carte de Séjour
- Advice in writing a CV and a cover letter in French
- Help to find suitable and affordable accommodation
- Advice on employment opportunities in the area
- Practical help when leaving Nice to visit other parts of France or Europe: taking care of post, luggage and other similar issues in the short term.

## 16 40+ Programme

This programme is a full package designed both for groups or individuals (40+) who want to combine a language course with a holiday to France. The price includes all transfers, tuition, accommodation with a host family and activities. Classes are held in the morning, whilst social and cultural activities are organised by the school for the afternoons. The 40+ programme lasts for 2 weeks. Please inquire for further details.

Code:	SR20
Number of lessons per week:	20 lessons
Timetable:	Monday - Friday: 9.00-12.15
Dates:	February, May, October. (Please contact us to find out the exact dates)
Number of students per class:	Maximum number is 10 and minimum number is 5. If there are fewer than 5, the students will have the chance to join a regular course.



# 17 Family French programme

Code:	FAM20
Number of lessons per week:	20 lessons
Timetable:	Monday - Friday: 9.00-12.15
Dates:	July and August
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This course allows parents and children to study at the same time and on the same premises but they will be placed in different groups.

# Summer Teenage Programme

During the summer months we offer special French courses for students aged between 12 and 16.

Code:	TEEN 20
Dates:	The programme runs over 6 weeks in July and August and students may join the course every Monday. The minimum stay is 2 weeks.

#### This exciting package includes:

- French classes Monday to Friday with experienced **International House** teachers
- Classroom material
- Full board family accommodation in a shared room.
- A full programme of diverse extra-curricular activities and excursions, organised every afternoon by qualified team leaders
- Return transfers from the airport to the host family.
- ullet Bus & tram pass

## Conditions:

This programme is aimed at students who have studied the language for at least one year. It **must be noted that complete beginners are not accepted**.

## Activities:

- Team sports (football, basketball, volleyball, etc.).
- Watersports (paragliding, kayaking, swimming).
- Cultural activities (visits to museums such as the Matisse and Chagall art galleries).
- Excursions (Monaco, Antibes, Cannes).
- Outdoor activities in the region (adventure park, Aquasplash).

Please contact us for the latest teenage brochure.

# Secondary School Group Programmes

- We also offer courses designed especially for school groups. The programme is adapted to suit the student's requirements and it is ideal for teachers who wish to organise courses in France. We have had the pleasure of welcoming school groups from Canada, the UK, New-Zealand, Italy, Austria and Switzerland, many of whom return year after year to **IH Nice**.
- Please ask for a proposal and a quotation.



Learning can be fun



Water sports in Nice



Salsa lessons at school



## Courses >

# UNIVERSITY PROGRAMMES University foundation Programmes NEW!

#### Code: Uni26

This course is designed for students who have completed their secondary education and passed the equivalent of the French Baccalaureat. The aim of these classes is to help prepare students to join a French university or IPAG business school.

A course of general French takes place in the morning with afternoon classes dedicated to academic French. Students enrolled on this programme will also be assisted with all of the procedures involved in registering for university.

Starting dates are every second Monday.

Please contact the Director for further details and to explain your requirements.

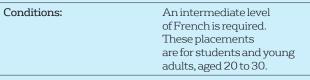
Number of lessons per week:	26
Duration:	3 months (12 weeks), 6 months (24 weeks) or 9 months (36 weeks).

## **Work Experience Placement**

Code:	WE
Contents:	It is possible to undertake a work placement during your
	stay at the school.
	This placement is unpaid
	and takes place in Nice
	or the surrounding areas.
	The aim of this placement
	is to enable students to gain
	an initial work experience
	in France and to improve
	their French.

#### This placement may be in:

- The Hotel Industry
- Tourism
- Patisserie and Chocolatier
- Restaurant and Catering
- $\bullet$  Beauty Therapy and Spa Treatment
- $\bullet$  Organic farm and Vineyard



With a minimum length of 4 weeks and a maximum length of 8 weeks, this work placement must be preceded by at least 2 weeks of French Tuition.

Please contact the school for further details.



A Swiss trainee in a company



A trainee in an organic farm



Famous macarons made by a trainee



## **IPAG: Paris Riviera Business School**

International House Nice is located on the same modern premises as the renowned private business school Ipag. This is a perfect situation as it allows the IH students to interact with the Ipag students when taking a break in our gardens or on the terrace. This way the students can improve their French and perhaps have an active social life whilst staying in Nice.

## **Additional Courses**

While you study French at our school, you can also take:

Cookery classes

We are also in contact with the Centre de Formation d'Adultes in Carros, near Nice and in other cities, which organises training for apprentices and vocational courses in:

- Catering
- Boulangerie / Pâtisserie
- Beauty therapy

Please enquire for further details.



## Accommodation

e offer different options for accommodation including host families, halls of residence, shared apartments and private studios. We understand that in order for you to feel relaxed and comfortable during your stay it is essential that you are satisfied with your accommodation arrangements. For this reason we attach great importance to ensuring that the quality of the accommodation we provide is of a high standard. We select our host families with the utmost care and ensure that our shared apartments and studios are kept



Host mother and her guests

#### **HOST FAMILIES**

in good condition.

Living with a French family is the best way to become familiar with the French lifestyle, to get to know French customs and to practise the language.

We have different types of host families. They may be parents and children, a couple or a single parent who takes in students because he or she enjoys the company.

You will encounter a warm family atmosphere where only French is spoken. There may be other students in the house, so you will also enjoy their company.

Most of the families live within a reasonable distance of the school; the maximum distance from the school to the host family is 20 minutes by bus or tram. Don't expect their homes to be luxurious, but they should be comfortable and hospitable.

Students are lodged in single or double rooms.
Weekly laundry and cleaning is included.
You will have your own keys to come and go as you please, but you will be expected to respect some basic rules and schedules, especially for

mealtimes.

The accommodation is available from 4pm on the Sunday prior to the first day of the course

(Monday)
until noon
on the
Saturday
following the
last day of class
(Friday).
Extra nights may
be available on
request.

## HOTELS, HOSTELS

If you prefer this type of accommodation, we can help you to make a booking and give you advice on the best options for your budget.

#### **STUDIOS**

Our studios are located in the city centre close to the school.

They have a lounge with a bed, a kitchenette and a bathroom.

The studios can accommodate one or two people. The accommodation includes bed linen and blankets.

## SHARED APARTMENTS

If our students do not wish to live with a host family, we can help them find an apartment to share. They will have their own bedroom but will share the kitchen, living area and the bathroom with other people.

1. The Citea residence

2. Student in her bedroom

# Social programme



he programme of activities and excursions will help you to discover French culture, the friendly attitude of the French and the festive atmosphere of our city. It is the ideal complement to a French course, giving you the chance to practise French in everyday situations and the opportunity to get to know other people.

## Not to be missed!

- Orientation on arrival: visit Old Nice, learn about its history and see some interesting sights!
- Visit Cannes, Antibes and Monaco
- Take a day trip to **Saint Tropez**
- $\bullet$  Explore the picturesque villages of  $\bf Saint\, Paul\, de\, Vence$  and  $\bf Eze$
- Visit the **Matisse, Chagall** and **Picasso** museums
- Sample some fine provincial cuisine and try the specialities of the region
- Check out the nightlife in Vieux Nice

## Events on the Riviera

- Nice Carnival (February)
- Cannes Film Festival (May)
- Monaco Grand Prix (May)
- Jazz Festival (July)

Nice is well known for being a summer destination but in winter the ski slopes are just a short distance from the city, making it an ideal weekend activity for keen skiers!



Saint Tropez by boat

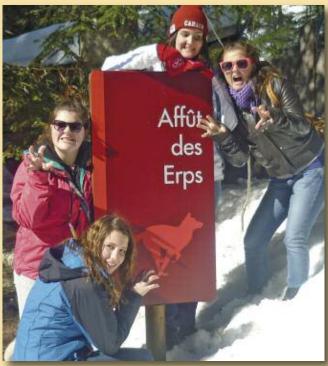




An evening in a niçois restaurant



In front of the Picasso museum



In the Alps



# How to get to the school



The school cafeteria

## How to get to Nice

## ... By Plane

Nice has an **International Airport** located about 5km from the city. As France's second busiest airport, it operates a large number of domestic and international flights. The airport is connected to the city centre by a regular bus service, or you can take a taxi to your accommodation.

## ... By Train

Trains coming from all over the country stop at the "Nice Ville", located in the centre of Nice.

## **Transfer Service**

We can arrange arrival and departure transfers from the airport, train or bus station. To guarantee the transfer we need to know your arrival details (date, time, and flight number) at least two weeks before your arrival.

Please note that there is a fee for this service.



Morning break on the school terrasse



## How to get to the school

## ... By tram

The school is just a 5 minute walk from the tramstop at **Place Garibaldi**.

There are several local bus services which stop near the school. The closest ones are **Défly, Pont Barla** and **Pastorelli**.

The area is easily accessible by road and the region benefits from an excellent public transport system. A network of trains, buses and the new **tramway** makes it simple and affordable not only to get to school every day, but also to discover **Nice** and the surrounding area.



## First day of class

We expect you to arrive at school at **9 a.m on Monday**, when you will take a written and oral test to determine your level of French. Once the test is finished students will consult their timetable. Classes start on the same day!

After class, all students will attend the orientation meeting where they will get to know other new students, the staff and receive useful information. In the afternoon we organise a guided tour of the city and we highly recommend you take part as it will be another chance to meet new people and get to know the city.

## General conditions of enrolment

- **1. Registration fee: 40 Euros**. Payable for all courses. International House provides: all learning materials (a textbook is lent to beginners), a student guide, a map of the town and free Internet access.
- 2. Courses start every Monday, except for complete beginners (please consult the dates listed in the price list) with classes taking place from Monday to Friday except on Public Holidays. If the duration of the course includes two public holidays during the first four weeks, one will be refunded.
- 3. A group is formed with a minimum of three students.

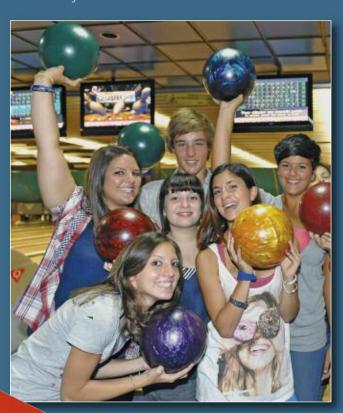
If there is no group corresponding to a student's language level, the number of lessons may be reduced slightly as they will be given individual tuition.

- **4. Family reservation fee: 50€.** Host family accommodation is provided from 4 p.m. on the Sunday until the Saturday morning following the end of the course. Other arrangements are possible if agreed with the family. Accommodation fee for Residence, Hotels, Apartments: 60€.
- 5. Enrolment and payment: A student is enrolled only when he/she has completed an enrolment form and returned it to the school with an INITIAL DEPOSIT of 450 Euros. This amount will be deducted from the students' invoice. If he/she has chosen accommodation in a STUDIO or HOTEL, the INITIAL DEPOSIT must be 450 Euros plus an additional 500 Euros to secure the studio/residence. Enrolment is considered definite once the student has received a letter of confirmation and the invoice stating the total amount.

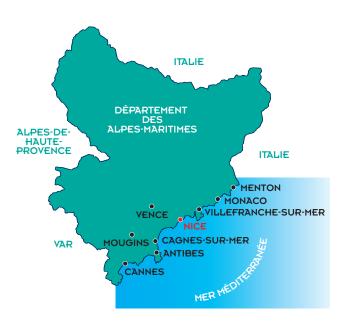
The REMAINDER OF THE BALANCE for the course and accommodation must be paid 4 weeks before the start date of the student's course. An extra deposit of 400 Euros against damages in addition to the 500 Euros already paid will be required on arrival at the flat for all students renting a studio or a residence. This deposit will be returned at the end of the stay, after an inventory with the owner, provided no damage has occurred. Students must hold valid personal liability insurance covering any damage that might occur, a copy of which must be sent to the school prior to arrival in Nice.

- **6.** If the total amount of your stay is less than the deposit, please pay only what is required. If the student decides to make any changes regarding dates, accommodation or the programme once he/she has received the invoice, a fee of 25€ will be charged.
- 7. Reimbursement: In the event of cancellation before the start of the course, the amount paid will be refunded less 1 week's course and accommodation, provided the school receives notice of cancellation two weeks or more before the start of the course.

  Once a course has started, tuition fees are not refundable except in extenuating circumstances at the Director's discretion. If a student is absent during the course for personal or medical reasons or is unable to sit the DELF examination, the days are neither transferable nor refundable.
- **8. Excursions and social activities** are not included in the cost, except for the teenage programme and 40+ programme.
- 9. All students are strongly advised to take out comprehensive medical and personal insurance (illness, accident, hospitalisation, cancellation, etc.) to cover their stay in France, as well as personal liability insurance. The school cannot be held responsible for accidents caused by students during their stay.







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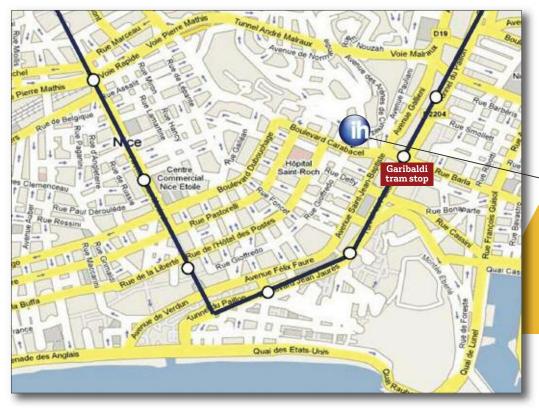
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