



ITINERARY FOR San Mateo Community College District Art Immersion in France, Paris & Aix-en-Provence *Saturday March 4 – Saturday April 1, 2023*

*The following itinerary is correct at the time of printing.
Occasionally we need to make changes due to events outside of our control so please
listen for announcements from your faculty and AIFS coordinator, and check emails
regularly.*

Sat, March 4

Students and faculty arrive in Paris airport (CDG)

Meet AIFS representative in Terminal 1 arrivals hall at 11.30am for group transfer by private bus to student accommodation:

Address: Citadines Maine Montparnasse
67 Avenue du Maine, 75014 Paris

(Students arriving later are to make own way to accommodation)

If you are delayed, please email paris@aifs.co.uk or call the duty phone to speak to one of the AIFS Paris team: +33 658995733 (+11 33658995733 if dialing from a US phone).

PM Check into Citadines, local area walkabout and remainder of day to rest and settle in. If your room is not ready on arrival, you are welcome to store bags in the luggage room and explore the local area.

(Independent onward travel from Citadines Maine Montparnasse for own-living students)

Sun, March 5

10am Program Orientation at AIFS Paris office
(Students in Citadines to meet AIFS staff in lobby at 9.30am to travel together)
27 Rue Linné, 1st floor, 75005, Paris (Metro: Jussieu L7 & 10)
Door codes: 30A66/25A12

2-5pm Sightseeing tour by bus with local guide, Catherine Lai
(Bus leaves AIFS Paris office at 2pm sharp)

7pm Welcome meal at Bouillon Racine
(Students in Citadines to meet AIFS staff in lobby at 6.15pm to travel together)
3 Rue Racine, 75006 Paris (Metro: Cluny La Sorbonne L10 or Odéon L4 & 10)

Mon, March 6

- 9am - 1pm Class with SMCCD faculty: Claude Lorraine and the Barbizon School
Paris American Academy, 275 Rue Saint-Jacques, 75005 Paris
Approx. 25 mins on foot or 20mins by Metro – recommended route: walk 5 mins from Citadines to Gare Montparnasse, ride bus 91 for 6 stops to Royal Port-Saint-Jacques, walk 5 mins to Paris American Academy
- PM Faculty-led visit to art store for supplies (time and location TBC by faculty)

Tues, March 7

- Free day
(Suggested activities: Chateau de Versailles/Petit Palais/Centre Pompidou/Catacombs/Modern Art Museum/Musée Jacquemart-André)

Wed, March 8

- 10am Entry for self-guided visit of the Louvre with audioguide
Meet AIFS staff at 9.45am at Exit 2 of Palais Royal - Musée du Louvre Metro (L1 & 7)
- PM Free time to explore the Louvre independently

Thurs, March 9

- Full-day excursion to Barbizon
(Bus leaves Citadines Maine Montparnasse at 9am sharp)
- 10.30am Entry to the Musée Millet
- 2pm Entry to the Musée des Peintres de Barbizon
- 5pm Bus departs Barbizon for return to Paris

Fri, March 10

- 10.30am Guided walking tour of the Montmartre neighborhood
Meet AIFS staff and guide, Brigitte, at 10.15am at exit of Abbesses Metro (L12)
- PM Afternoon sketching and painting in Montmartre with faculty (location and time TBC by faculty)

Sat, March 11

- AM Free morning
- 1pm (Group A) Entry to Fondation Louis Vuitton
- 3pm (Group B) *Meet AIFS staff at 12.30pm (Group A) / 2.30pm (Group B) at 44 Avenue de Friedland (Metro: Etoile L1, 2 & 6) for shuttle bus to museum*

Sun, March 12

- Free day
(Suggested activities: Chateau de Versailles/Petit Palais/Centre Pompidou/Catacombs/Modern Art Museum/Musée Jacquemart-André)

Mon, March 13

- 9am - 1pm Class with SMCCD faculty: Impressionism and Post-Impressionism
Paris American Academy, 275 Rue Saint-Jacques, 75005 Paris (RER: Port-Royal Line B)
- PM – time TBC Self-guided tour of Musée de l'Orangerie
Meet AIFS staff at main door of museum (Metro: Concorde L1, 8 & 12)
- PM Sketching and painting in the Tuileries Gardens (location and time TBC by faculty)

Tues, March 14

- Full day excursion to Auvers-sur-Oise by private bus with local guide
(Bus leaves Citadines Maine Montparnasse at 8.30am sharp)
- AM Entry to the Chateau Auvers sur Oise
- PM Sketching and painting with SMCCD faculty in Auvers-sur-Oise (location and time TBC by faculty)
- 5pm Bus departs Auvers-sur-Oise for return to Paris

Wed, March 15

- 11am Guided tour of Musée Marmottan-Monet
Meet AIFS staff at 10am at Citadines accommodation to travel together
- PM Sketching and painting with SMCCD faculty (location and time TBC by faculty)

Thurs, March 16

- 11.15am Visit to the Musée d'Orsay
Meet AIFS staff at rhino statue at 11am in front of museum (Metro: Assemblée National L12)
- PM Free time to explore the Musée d'Orsay independently

Fri, March 17- Sun, March 19

- Free weekend or Optional weekend to Amsterdam
A full itinerary of this excursion will be sent separately. Please be prepared for a 4.30am start on Friday 17

Mon, March 20

- 9am - 1pm Class with SMCCD faculty
- 1pm - 5pm Class with SMCCD faculty
Paris American Academy, 275 Rue Saint-Jacques, 75005 Paris (RER: Port-Royal Line B)

Tues, March 21

- 9am - 1pm Class with SMCCD faculty
- 1pm - 5pm Class with SMCCD faculty
Paris American Academy, 275 Rue Saint-Jacques, 75005 Paris (RER: Port-Royal Line B)

Wed, March 22

9am - 1pm Class with SMCCD faculty

1pm - 5pm Class with SMCCD faculty

Paris American Academy, 275 Rue Saint-Jacques, 75005 Paris (RER: Port-Royal Line B)

Thurs, March 23

9am - 1pm Class with SMCCD faculty

1pm - 5pm Class with SMCCD faculty

Paris American Academy, 275 Rue Saint-Jacques, 75005 Paris (RER: Port-Royal Line B)

Fri, March 24

10.30am Guided tour of the Paris Opera House (Palais Garnier)

Meet AIFS staff at 10am at front steps of Opera House (Metro: Opéra L3, 7 & 8)

PM Free afternoon

Sat, March 25 PARIS > AIX EN PROVENCE

8am Check out of Paris group accommodation

8.15am Meet at Citadines Maine Montparnasse for transfer to Gare de Lyon for one-way, standard class train to Aix-en-Provence (*departs Paris Gare du Nord at 9.59am, change in Marseille Saint Charles at 1.14pm, arrives Aix at 2.39pm*)

3pm Meet guide, Beatrice Froussard, for transfer from Aix station and check into group accommodation

Address: Sejours et Affaires Mirabeau,
615, avenue W.A. Mozart - 13100 AIX EN PROVENCE

(Independent onward travel from Sejours et Affaires for own-living students)

PM Remainder of day to settle

Sun, March 26

AM -time TBC Walking tour of Aix-en-Provence with local guide, Beatrice

Meet Beatrice at Aix group accommodation

PM Sketching and painting with SMCCD faculty (location and time TBC by faculty)

Mon, March 27

AM Free morning

PM Sketching and painting with SMCCD faculty (location and time TBC by faculty)

Tues, March 28

Full-day excursion to Avignon by private bus
(Bus departs Aix group accommodation at 8.30am sharp)

AM Walking tour of the city
2pm Entry to the Palais des Papes and gardens
5pm Return to Aix-en-Provence by private bus

Wed, March 29

AM Faculty-organized 'en plein air' painting in outdoor location
PM Sketching and painting with SMCCD faculty (location and time TBC by faculty)

Thurs, March 30

Full-day excursion to Arles, Baux-de-Provence and St Remy by private bus
(Please bring a packed lunch! Bus departs Aix group accommodation at 8am sharp)

9am-noon Guided city tour of Arles
Noon Transfer to Baux-de-Provence
1pm Entry to Carrières de Lumières in Baux-de-Provence
2.30pm Transfer to St Remy
3pm Self-guided visit to Saint Paul de Mausole
5pm Return to Aix-en-Provence by private bus

Fri, March 31

8.45am Meet guide, Beatrice, at Aix group accommodation. Transfer to Cezanne Studio by foot, taxi or bus
9.30am Cezanne Studio Tour
PM Opportunity for final sightseeing, souvenir shopping and packing
Eve Farewell meal (time and location TBC)

Sat, April 1

Program ends
Students check out of accommodation and travel independently to Paris airports or train stations for return to U.S. or onward personal travel