

one of the best-known venues for a wide array of shopping. Of course, Eurodisney is located just outside of town, and Europe's largest indoor water park, Aquaboulevard, is just a short tram ride from our residence.

Where do students travel on weekends?

In recent years, students have travel by plane to Barcelona, Rome, and Istanbul (a 2-3 hour flight); and by high-speed rail to London, Munich and Amsterdam (a 2-3 hour train ride) during their free time on the weekends. Others visited the Mediterranean beaches of the south of France in Cannes, Nice, Antibes or Monte Carlo; while it's also easy to get to Atlantic beaches like La Baule (3 hours by train). For shorter weekend or day trips, students visited the D-Day landing beaches in Normandy, vineyards and bottling plants in Champagne, Renaissance chateaux of the Loire Valley, the Impressionist painter Claude Monet's home and gardens at Giverny or the nearby Forest and Chateau of Fontainebleau. Students are encouraged to contact each other during the spring semester to coordinate travelling in small groups to get the best prices.

Who teaches the classes?

The program director and main instructor is Professor John Savage, who teaches courses on European history and Global Studies at Lehigh. However, in the diverse sites we visit students are exposed to a variety of guides and docents who are specialists in the specific topics we engage. Also, every summer the program has invited guest speakers to teach classes on specific topics, such as Prof. Rick Matthews of Lehigh's Political Science department. Prof. John Savage is a specialist on the social, cultural and political history of the city of Paris and its relation to broader currents in Europe and the world. Before coming to Lehigh, he lived, studied and taught in Paris for seven years and completed a dissertation based on Parisian archival sources. In fact, his first job during college was as a messenger for an international law firm there, so he really got to know his way around the city!

LEHIGH IN PARIS

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What is Lehigh in Paris?

Lehigh in Paris is an exciting summer study abroad program devoted to discovering the history and culture of the city of Paris, led by a Lehigh faculty member, taught entirely in English. During the month of July, students live together in Paris and participate in excursions and outings four days per week. Classes take place around the city as students discover famous monuments, museums and neighborhoods while studying their origins and significance. From Thursday afternoon through the weekend, students are free to relax or travel. The program offers six Lehigh Humanities credits, though students can opt to take up to eight credits if they wish.

What are the program requirements? Do I need to speak French?

The program is open to all students, regardless of major. No French language or European History background is required -- all activities and teaching are in English. Most students who have participated over the past decade knew little or no French before coming on the program. Students get Lehigh credit that counts toward their degrees like any other course taken on campus.

What are some of the highlights of the program?

Students will climb the steps of Notre Dame Cathedral to the very top in order to inspect its famous bells up close. They will dine atop the Eiffel Tower and feel the chill of the Catacombs deep underground. Students will explore the Palace of Versailles, from the secret passage in the King's bedchamber to the pretend-farm Marie-Antoinette had built for her amusement. They will scale the heights of the Sacré Coeur and Arc de Triomphe to see stunning vistas of the city. In small break-out groups, they will report on monuments and memorials and compete in scavenger hunts, exploring the iconic Luxembourg Gardens and the first modern cemetery, Père Lachaise. Students can celebrate Bastille Day starting with a grandiose military parade followed by evening fireworks and all-night outdoor rave parties around the city. Perhaps this year we will dine at Europe's oldest restaurant, take in a show in the Grands Boulevards Theater district, or catch the arrival of the Tour de France bike race on the Champs-Élysées. Students will visit what may be the world's greatest museum, the Louvre, and some of its best specialized ones like the Cluny Museum of the Middle Ages, Museum of the Army, Musée d'Orsay of 19th century art, the Pompidou Center, and cap off the month of activities with a dinner cruise along the Seine river. Most of all, students will get to know real neighborhoods, the life-blood of the city in the small streets and great boulevards of the Latin Quarter, the Right Bank, the Marais, Belleville and Montmartre; each of which has its own vibe and feel. Students will understand how the layers of the city were formed over time from the Middle Ages to the present day.

What costs are covered by the program?

Program costs cover six tuition credits of Lehigh coursework, housing, all visits and excursions, an unlimited travel pass within Paris, supplementary insurance for international travel, and a number of meals. The program fee does not include the cost of air travel.

Where do students live?

Students share double rooms at the Canadian House of the Cité Universitaire de Paris, a large sprawling green campus for thousands of foreign students located at the southern end of the city. Each room has its own shower and bathroom and is equipped with wifi. Students have access to large collective kitchens down the hall from their room if they would like to prepare some of their own meals, as well as a computer room, library, and TV room. The residence is cost-effective and practical--across the street from it is the RER express rail station, which brings us to the Latin Quarter at the heart of town in under ten minutes. We have easy access to both Paris international airports and its six major high-speed rail stations. We are just across from the Parc Montsouris, one of the most noted classic Parisian parks, and close to restaurants, supermarkets, pharmacies and other specialty stores in the surrounding neighborhood.

What do students do in their free time?

Most students travel out of town on at least one or two weekends during the program. If not, they may use their unlimited travel passes to explore the city: its cafés, markets, restaurants, parks and clubs, or simply relax and hang out on the Cité Universitaire campus. Swimming, running, tennis, basketball and other sports are accessible nearby. Paris boasts a full list of free and ticketed concerts, including the Paris Jazz Festival and a free concert series in the Parc Montsouris across from our residence. Students have also attended professional sporting events such as international track and field competitions, not to mention catching World Cup matches or Tour de France TV coverage in cafés around town. Of course there are huge numbers of theatrical and dance performances of all price ranges available. Paris is also a city with exceptional number of movie theaters and film festivals, with a high proportion of foreign films shown in their original language (eg English). The world-renowned Paris flea market is just