

Trip to France

The journey

We had a 19 hour drive on the coach, but it went quickly because we watched DVDs, listened to music and slept.

Sophie Reilly

We travelled by coach, which I thought was going to be a nightmare, but in fact it was a pleasant experience!

Georgia Meacham

The accommodation centre

We went to the south of France in the Pyrenees. We stayed in a activity centre only 15 km away from Lourdes. The scenery was amazing with the river and mountains in the background.

Alexander Francis

I think that this year's trip to France was very exciting. The best part was the scenery as there were beautiful views of the Pyrenees.

Philip Blau

The place where we stayed was really nice: there were big rooms on two floors with a bathroom for every 5 or 6 people.

Alicia Dean

Rafting

It was an amazing start to the trip. Everyone was woken up by the chill of 9°C water. The unbelievable strength of the current made us work hard to push our paddles through the water. It was so much fun!

Alexandra Burchett

The rafting was amazing, especially the rapids. Our instructor hit rocks on purpose so we spun around, it was so funny!

Lucy Gardner

Although the French trip was fantastic overall, my favourite part was the rafting. I had done this only once before in Scotland and as such did not know the full extent of what was about to come. It was hard work at times but thoroughly enjoyable, although falling into fast flowing water that was 9°C was a bit of a shock.

Jack McLaren-Stewart

The Betharram Caves "Les Grottes de Bétharram"

"Bring a jacket or a jumper," the teachers had said (or really demanded); well, they were certainly right! The freezing atmosphere did not hit me at first, but it gradually did! The caves were so beautiful and we learnt the difference between stalagmites and stalactites.

Alexandra Burchett

Shopping in Pau

We went shopping in the city centre. The shops were really good, but it felt strange shopping in France.

Alexandra Burchett

The day I enjoyed the most is when we went to go shopping in Pau because we got to use our French a lot. Also when we were shopping it was interesting to meet French people and to shop in French stores.

Imogen Wardell

Rock climbing

In my opinion it was the best activity. Although scary, it was thrilling and worth it. Many people were scared and reluctant to do it but afterwards felt happy that they had completed it.

Harrison Barnes

There were big heights which were very scary; if I had not gone with the school I would have never have thought of doing these activities and I was very proud of myself.

Thomas Hargreaves

French quiz in Argelès-Gazost

When we were doing the town quiz we asked a woman where a bakery was but she burst out laughing as it was right behind us!

Lucy Gardner

I loved speaking French to the people in the town and I was happy as my team won the quiz.

Fern Thomson

The activity that stood out for me was the town quiz. We were in groups of six or seven with only a map and the French citizens to guide us through

the questions. It was quite hard work as we had never visited the town before and we had to use the vocabulary we had learnt this year.

Georgia Meacham

Overall impression

What a fantastic trip! Every adrenaline filled activity was amazing. My personal favourite was the rapid rafting. The trip was also such an experience because I have a huge fear of heights and I was able to conquer that fear by being dangled a few hundred feet in the air whilst rock climbing.

Sean McConville

The trip to France was wonderful. We did many activities, some of which I had never done before. It was an exciting and delightful experience and I am looking forward to the next French trip.

Kristen Perry

Overall it was a great trip and I enjoyed every part of it, including the 18 hour coach journey.

Alicia Dean

The French trip was amazing. We conquered so many of our fears. The Pyrenees were beautiful and the scenery was unbelievable. The shopping trip was really interesting, seeing the French shops and communicating with the local people was a great achievement. I also used my French when we did the quiz around the town. I had a wonderful time and I can't wait to visit France again in the future.

Rhyanna Owen

Certain activities were great tests of physical strength and endurance and a French quiz tested our knowledge of French as well as our map skills. Overall the French trip was a great success and a highly enjoyable experience. I left France having picked up a wider range of vocabulary and a broader knowledge of the French culture as well as their ways of living.

Rory Williamson

