

KO3 Trip to France

For this year's trip to France we stayed in Mimizan near Bordeaux. Everyone agrees that it was another eventful and emotion-charged week. Here are some pupils' comments from Years 8 and 9:

'The French trip to Mimizan was exceptionally exciting - I had never thought I would have so much fun climbing trees and walking around the main streets of Bordeaux. The French people were always very kind and friendly and they smiled as we walked past them, which improved my mood from the start. The day I liked best was probably the day spent in Bordeaux because I got to look around the beautiful place, do the French quiz around the town and, of course, we had some time for shopping! I also really liked the day when we were able to do all sorts of different activities, including mountain-biking, surfing and canoeing, on a rota basis. It was fun all day long and I wish it had never ended'.

'The French trip was fantastic. I can't really decide which part of it was the best because most of it was really good'.

'Seven days, lots of wonderful activities: it would be impossible to choose one favorite thing. Looking like monkeys as we jumped from one tree to another, feeling that terrific sensation as we rose in the air at 'La Dune du Pyla', being surprised by the magnificence of Bordeaux, or being thrown out of the sea by a huge wave. I would, without a doubt, repeat it all again'.

'My two favorite activities of the trip were paragliding and surfing. Paragliding was amazing, it is an experience that maybe I'm never going to have again. I felt as if I was floating in the air. When I looked

down, I saw all my friends as small as ants. I will never forget that day! Surfing was also really fun because they actually gave us proper surf boards'.

'The French trip was one of the best trips I've ever been on. Paragliding gave me such an adrenaline rush. I also liked the trip because I made a lot of new friends'.

'This year's French trip was great: there were lots of activities to do and no time to be bored. The accommodation centre was good with a swimming pool, football, tennis, biking and many other activities to choose from and the food was delicious. The activities during the day were great and the paragliding was one of the greatest experiences I have had. The beaches in France were soft and the water was warm and crystal clear. It was really fun staying with friends. On top of that the teachers on the trips were so cool because you could talk to them like an adult and they were not teachers any more because they knew when to have fun and set you clear limits'.

'The week definitely flew by; it was the fastest week of the year so far! The activities were fantastic the teachers were great and an amazing, adventure filled week was had by all'.

'My favourite part of the trip was paragliding on the sand dunes. At first I was really scared and didn't want to do it but then, one by one, everyone came back telling me how amazing it was. It was then my go, my instructor put a rucksack\seat on my back and secured me onto the parachute, then the next thing I knew, we were in the air! It was such an amazing feeling: the rush of pure excitement going through my body. It was a once

in a lifetime opportunity and it was brilliant! On Thursday evening we had to pack our bags as it was sadly our last night in France. France was the best trip I have ever been on: it was fun, scary and overall just a lovely trip. I would also like to say a BIG thank you to the teachers for making the trip to France the best ever!'

'When I started at EIC I heard all about this trip from my friends. They all seemed so excited and I was too! I had never been on a school trip out of Andalucia let alone Spain! The way there was long but worth it. Not just that, but a thousand times better than I had ever imagined! The coach was filled with a hopeful, happy atmosphere. We couldn't wait! I think the most fun I had there was when we went paragliding over the dunes and saw the beautiful seaside. It was also great talking to people in French and learning a little more in such an easy way. Overall it was great fun. I even got to know the teachers better too! I'll never forget the amazing time I had'.

'Bordeaux on Wednesday was very eventful. We started the day with a tour around the town and then had a quiz where we were asking random people in the street to help us. We also met some girls that day who we still keep in touch with. Then came shopping! Everyone was off to different shops buying clothes, gifts for the family, chocolate, food! Leaving was a sad goodbye as none of us wanted to leave. France certainly gave us all new experiences and I can't wait for next year's trip'.

'Overall the food was amazing, the activities exceptional and the accommodation great. I would just like to say thank you to all the teachers, muchas gracias to the coach drivers and merci to all the people that made the trip so much fun'.

