

# French courses



in Nice French Riviera



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# Why choose alpha.b ?

More than 25 years of  
experience !

Alpha.b a family-run school founded in 1993.

We welcome each year more than 2500 students from all over the world (Germany, Switzerland, Austria, United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, Russia, Japan, China, Australia, United-States, Ireland, Sweden...).

Situated in the heart of Nice, 2 minutes from the main shopping street and 10 minutes from the beach, alpha.b has chosen two lovely mansions from the beginning of the «Belle Époque» century, entirely renovated and with free WI-FI in both buildings.

Alpha.b is the only French language school in Nice approved by three of the most important national and international organizations for quality French language courses: Label qualité FLE, IALC and Eaquals.

All services alpha.b offers are inspected regularly: our French language courses and teachers, support of our students, hosting and premises. Label qualité FLE, IALC and Eaquals ensure high quality French language courses in a serious and well organised structure.





«This is the second time I have followed courses at alpha.b. This time I decided to book the 30+ course. The idea of lessons only with other adults is great ! I like the school! The teachers are very kind and patient. Classes are dynamic and there are many opportunities to talk. The school organizes various activities after classes for students and Nice is a very beautiful city. I recommend the school and I will definitely come back.»

*José Antonio, 38, Spain*



**Small class size of 5 to 8 students**

(10 maximum)



**International Labels**

Label Qualité FLE, IALC, Eaquels, Bildungsurlaub, CSN



**Independent family-run school**

Under French/German management



Air-conditioning classes, **in the center of Nice, with a private garden**



Same administration and teaching staff for many years.



**All our teachers have a University degree**

8 professors are members of the DELF examination jury



Own accommodation service



*Emilie, 19, Belgium*

«When I came to alpha.b for 7 weeks in July and August last summer, I discovered another way of learning French. The teachers passion for teaching was inspiring. I returned for 2 weeks in April to prepare for my exams. Will I return again? Of course !»

# French courses

## Our teaching method

### **Communicative approach**

Only by working together, student and French teacher, can one successfully learn French. For us, learning French comes via the notions of:

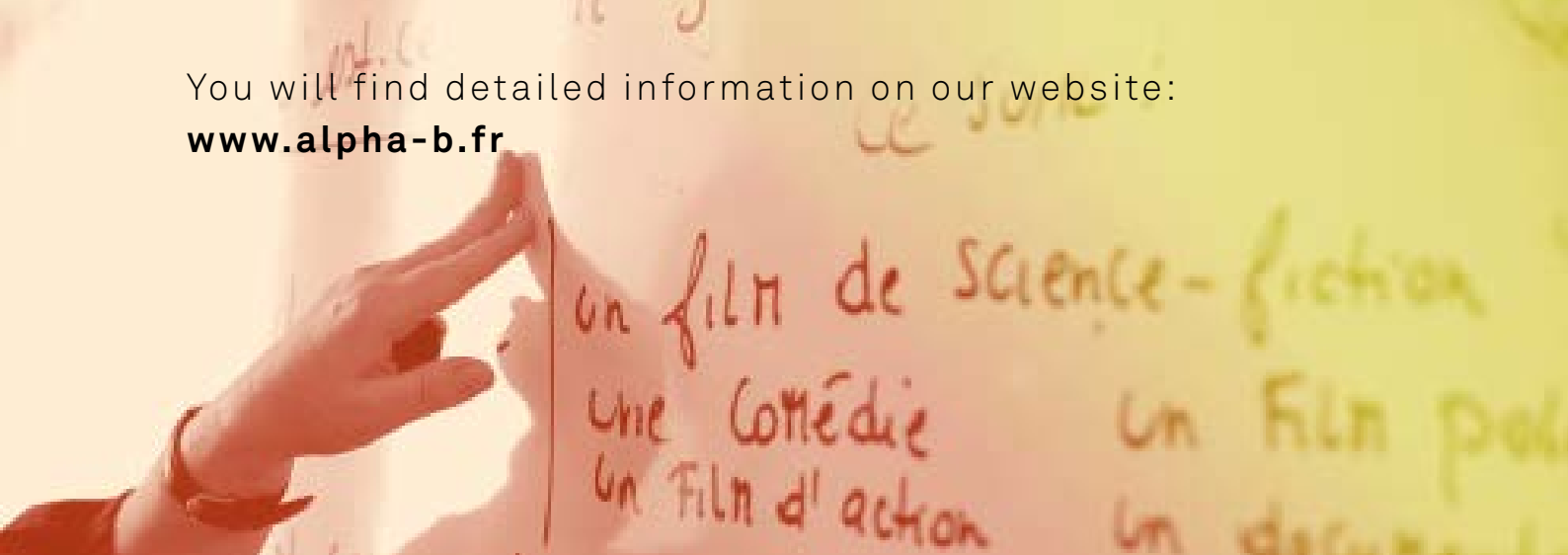
- Confidence
- Open-mindedness
- Communication

Our classes are constructed according to the results of the written and oral French test that you sat during your first morning in our school. This French language test, as well as the teaching programme, is constructed in accordance with the levels of the European Framework for Languages.

Our communicative methods allow an immediate and solid application of your knowledge of the French language:



You will find detailed information on our website:  
**[www.alpha-b.fr](http://www.alpha-b.fr)**



Teamwork to write speeches, role play, debates in French, simulations, going around the table, recordings, real-life situations, videos, games...

A engaging approach to French grammar developed in our alpha.book and regularly updated original documents (newspapers, stories, song lyrics, TV programmes, French radio, exercises...)

The language institute alpha.b is following the evolution of technology for 25 years, to offer its students the best tools to learn the French language.

The infatuation for technologie must be used in a positive way, like a vector for the motivation of the teachers and the students. The way alpha.b is using these new technologies pursues this goal.


Every Friday, a test about the subjects learnt during the week is organised. If a student has some difficulties, additional exercices are given.


Our teachers (graduates and French native speakers) are:


- responsible for the harmony and the dynamic of the group
- Professionals with educational objectives
- Able to motivate and encourage you

#### 4 skills:

Written production 

Oral production 

Written comprehension 

Oral comprehension 

## Continuous French Course



20 lessons (15 hours) per week

● Small groups of **max 10** students

● **Timetable :**

Monday to Friday from 9h to 12h20 or from 16h15 to 19h30

● **Duration :** 1 to 52 weeks

At all levels, this French course offers you:

development of grammatical skills, improvement of vocabulary, oral expression, comprehension, reading and practise of written language.

## Intensive French Course practical application of knowledge



30 lessons (22,5 hours) per week

● Small groups of **max 10** students

● **Timetable :**

Monday to Friday from 9h to 12h20 or from 16h15 to 19h30

& 3 afternoons from 13.15 - 16.00

● **Duration :** 1 to 52 weeks

Very intense programme: morning lessons similar to the Continuous French course  
+ 10 lessons during three afternoons devoted to the practical application of your knowledge.

## **Combination French Course** individual lessons

20 lessons + 5 (+10, +15, +20) individual lessons per week

This course combines the subjects of the “Continuous French Course” with those of an “Individual Course”. 20 lessons/week of group tuition and 5, 10, 15 or 20 lessons/week of individual tuition, tailored to suit your needs and wishes: General French, Commercial French, Law, Tourism, Hotel Trade, Translation and Interpreting (from English, Italian, Spanish or German into French ), Exam Preparation ...



## **Individual French course**

2 to 5 lessons per day – in the afternoons

The program of the course depends on your professional, academic or personal requirements. Different programs “à la carte” on request.



# DELTA & DALF

## Preparation course

The **C1 DALF** corresponds to the level of the Cadre Européen Commun de Référence (experienced user of the language), attests easy and spontaneous communication as well as a high level of proficiency in the French language, in particular on specific subjects chosen by the candidate himself. The tests take place at the Université de Nice in May.

■ **Diplôme approfondi de langue française** (level C1/C2)

■ Combination course **20+15** lessons per week

■ **20 group lessons** (cf Continuous French page 6) & **15 individual lessons**

■ **Timetable :**

Monday to Friday from 9h to 12h20 or from 16h15 to 19h30  
+ 5 afternoons

■ **Duration :** 3 weeks

Preparation for DALF takes 3 weeks as part of the combined course “20 + 15”, where 15 individual lessons per week are taught by a specialist teacher. These courses cover the 4 tested skills (oral and written comprehension, oral and written expression).

Description of the exams are available on request or by on the CIEP website:

[www.ciep.fr](http://www.ciep.fr)



At the moment **the D.E.L.F.** is the only diploma of French as a foreign language which is officially recognised by the French Ministry of Education.

It has been accepted by more than 150 countries and is widely recognised by administrations and firms.

The D.E.L.F. offers 4 diplomas which can be taken independently from each other and it is aligned with the levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

- D.E.L.F A1 certifies your first knowledge, Level A1 « Breakthrough »
- D.E.L.F A2 certifies an elementary knowledge, Level A2 « Waystage »
- D.E.L.F B1 certifies an intermediate knowledge, Level B1 « Threshold »
- D.E.L.F B2 certifies an advanced knowledge, Level B2 « Vantage »

■ **Diplôme d'études de langue française** (Level A1-B2)

■ Combination course **20+6** lessons per week

■ **20 group lessons** (cf Continuous French page 6) & **6 individual lessons**

■ **Timetable :**

Monday to Friday from 9h to 12h20 or from 16h15 to 19h30 + 2 afternoons

■ **Duration :** 4 weeks



# French course for teachers



This training is aimed at French teachers (FLE-FLS-DNL) teaching the French language in “the four corners of the world”.

Its aim is to **perfect and / or update** their linguistic, cultural, social and economic knowledge of France today. The training methodology favours the exchange of participants and the development of pedagogical approaches adapted to their audience.

We will discuss the following themes :

- Current techniques and methods of learning and their evolution
- Pedagogy and group dynamics
- Tools, games and creations for the class
- Progression, evaluation and control of knowledge
- Specific aspects if learning the French language

## **Erasmus +**

The French course for teachers is eligible for european teachers as part of the Erasmus+ programme.

Our PIC code is: 927695973

Lessons for French teachers (level C1/C2)

Small groups of max. 10 teachers

**26 lessons** per week

**Timetable :**

Monday to Friday 9.00 – 12.20 + 3 afternoons 13h15 - 14h45

Morning course guaranteed

**Duration :** 2 weeks



# A-Level preparation Course

Afternoon lessons for **A-Level preparation** only

Small groups of **max. 10** students

Intensive course with **30 lessons** per week

**Timetable :**

Monday to Friday from 9h to 12h20

& 3 afternoons from 13h15 to 16h

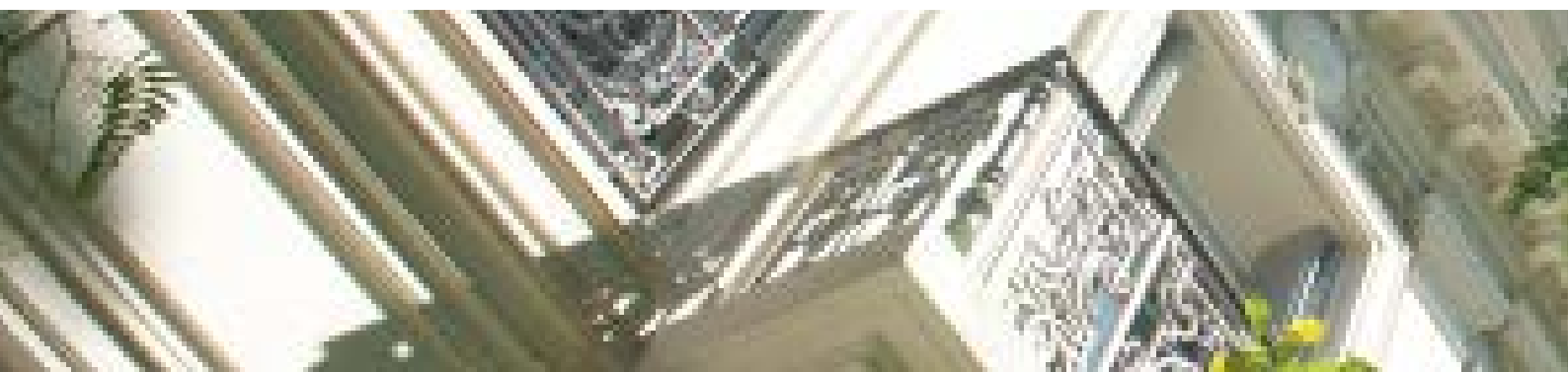
**Duration :** 1 or 2 weeks

This course is designed for high school students who want to improve their knowledge of French in preparation for the exam which marks the end of their school education : Baccalauréat, A level & AS level, Matura, Abitur.

**Group course in the morning :** Morning lessons are devoted to grammatical and functional objectives according to the program of the French Continuous Course.

**Closed group in the afternoon :** Afternoon lessons are reserved for summary techniques and text analysis. This is also part of the next day's work to be corrected and analysed by the teacher.

It is possible to take a mock exam on the last day.



# Irish Leaving Certificate Preparation Course

Afternoon lessons for **Leaving Certificate preparation only**

Small groups of **max. 10 students** during the morning  
& **max. 5 students** during the afternoon lessons

**26 lessons** per week

**Timetable :**

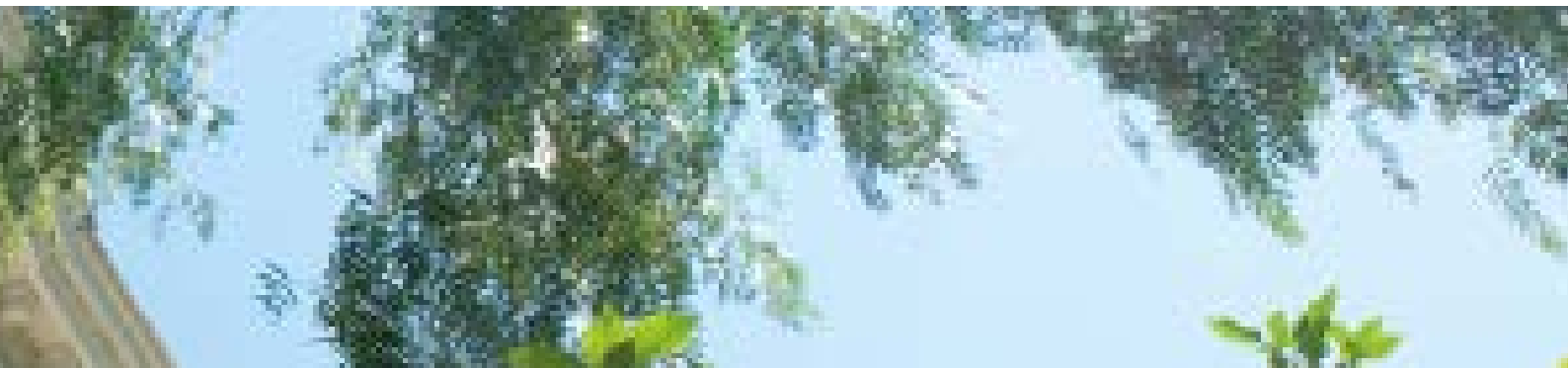
Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.20 & 3 afternoons

**Duration :** 1 to 4 weeks

This course is designed for high school students who want to improve their knowledge of French with a view to the Leaving Certificate examination in Ireland.

Morning lessons are devoted to grammatical and functional objectives according to the program of the French Continuous Course.

Afternoon lessons in mini groups with a maximum of 5 students, are reserved for oral and written exam preparation.



# 30+ Course



**30 + students only from the end of May to mid-September**

Mini groups of **max. 8** students

Intensive course with **30 lessons** per week

**Timetable:**

Monday to Friday from 9h to 12h20 + 13h45 to 15h15 (morning class guaranteed)

It is possible to only book morning 30+course.

**Duration:** 1 to 4 weeks

30+ French is a course which has been designed for our adult clients who are looking for an intensive program of French classes, but in an environment with people in a similar age group.

Our 30+ course is a very complete programme, it will offer you: development of grammatical skills, improvement of vocabulary, oral expression, comprehension, reading and practise of written language.

The afternoons are devoted to the practical application of your knowledge, an approach to cultural, social, political and economic life in France.

With our 30+ course, you will have the guarantee to study with people your own age and not with students or teenager during the summer time.

# 50+ Course



■ **50+** students only - 3 sessions per year : May, August & October

■ Small groups of **max. 10** students

■ **15 lessons** per week **& activity programme**

■ **Timetable :**

Monday to Friday from 9.30 to 12.15 (morning class guaranteed)  
+ activities on 7 afternoons - 2 evenings - 1 whole day

■ **Duration :** 2 weeks

## **Lessons**

Morning lessons are devoted to topics of cultural activities offered in the afternoon. Development with the help of plays, debates and documents by using different resources like newspapers, video, etc .

Highly practical approach to the language while developing communication and comprehension.

This course leads every participant to a highest possible independence when using and understanding French language.

## **Activities**

All the activities are guided and explained in French by our guide. Examples : visit of Nice, visit of a Museum, regional food tasting, Wine tasting, visit of Antibes and the Picasso Museum, visit of Cannes and the Lérins Islands, visit of Villa Kerylos or Villa Rothschild, Theater night, visit of Villefranche-sur-mer and Cocteau Chapel, goodbye lunch with your teachers.



# Family & Kids Course



This program is aimed at **children under the age of 16** who wish to discover the French language or improve their French in small, international groups.

Our young students, between 9 and 15 years old, follow a course with a maximum of **6 participants**.

This French course for children offers a communicative and practical approach to the language through little excursions, games and themed outings.

Easily flexible according to the different levels of participants, this program was created to interest your children in the French language and to allow them to learn whilst having fun with their teachers. The teaching is specifically tailored to children.

While your children are taking the Kids Course, the parents can choose between the Continuous French or 30+ French. We guarantee that the parents will have the same schedule as their children from 9 to 12.20. During the afternoon, the whole family can participate in our school activities.

■ **Parents & Kids** from 9 to 15 years old

■ Small groups of **max. 6** children

■ **20 lessons** per week

■ **Timetable:**

Monday to Friday from 9h to 12h20 (morning classes are guaranteed, same timetable as the parents)

■ **Duration :** 1 to 4 weeks

■ **Date :** All summer (July-August)



# Accommodation

Our French school has its own in-house accommodation service and offers you various options for accommodation during your language stay on the French Riviera.

We are here to help you find the right accommodation option according to your wishes, expectations and budget.

All our accommodation is carefully selected according to strict criteria and la Charte d'hébergement du Label Qualité Fle, IALC et Eaquels. We perform regular assessment visits and all of our students receive a satisfaction form to fill out at the end of their stay



## Host family

Single- or double room

Half board

If you are looking for an “immersion” experience, our “host-family” with half-board arrangement will be the best choice.

## French host

Single or double room

Selfcatering

If you wish to be more independent whilst still having contact with a French family, our “French-host” arrangement will be the best choice.

## Student Residence «France Riviera»

Single studios - Selfcatering

If you wish to be more independent but live in a student environment near the beach, 30 minutes away from the school.

## Student Residence «Ségurane»

Single studios - Selfcatering

Ideal if you are looking for a more independent accommodation, near the old-town during summer time.

## Residence\*\* Adagio Acropolis

Single or double studios,  
Apartments - Selfcatering

## Hôtel \*\*\* ou \*\*\*\*

If you are staying in Nice for a short stay and are looking for high-quality accommodation, alpha.b has selected 2 hotels in the very heart of Nice and near to the school for you.

Find more detailed information on our website :

[www.alpha-b.fr](http://www.alpha-b.fr)



# Social programme

Our young and dynamic activities leaders offer you numerous activities during your language stay in Nice, so that you may continue to speak French after lessons, meet new people and above all benefit from “La vie à la française.”

In order to fully immerse yourself into the French culture, alpha.b offers you a complete program of activities each week so that you can discover Nice and the French Riviera.



Sample program for a week:



## MONDAY

Visit of  
Nice  
(free)

Welcome  
Party  
(free)

## TUESDAY

Visit of  
Villefranche  
and beach  
time (15€)

Salsa night  
(10€)

## WEDNESDAY

Watersports  
kayak  
paddle  
snorkeling  
diving  
(from 6€)

Wine &  
Cheese  
tasting  
(20€)

## FRIDAY

Visit of  
Antibes and  
Picasso  
Museum  
(20€)

Bowling  
(10 €)

## THURSDAY

Crêpes  
Party at  
school  
(5€)

## SATURDAY

Visit of  
Cannes  
(30€)



# Why choose Nice ?



More than 300 sunny days a year!

The French Riviera is one of the most beautiful regions in France, where you can enjoy the sun and the sea, as well as the unique culture and lively night-life.

Studying in Nice allows students to explore all the beautiful towns on the French Riviera in under 30 minutes.

Nice has an international airport with over 100 direct, non-stop flights, only 1 hour away from big European capitals

With alpha.b French school in Nice, you have the guarantee of an unforgettable experience in immersion in the French language.

Every week, our team offers you many activities so that you may continue to speak French after classes, meet new people and above all benefit from 'La vie à la Française' throughout your language stay.



# Booking Process



To book a course with alpha.b you have several options :

- online : by filling in our registration form
- by phone : with our administration team +33 4 93 16 00 36
- by email at [office@alpha-b.fr](mailto:office@alpha-b.fr)
- directly at the school by filling in our registration form on spot

With your booking, we kindly ask you to send us a copie of your passeport by email at [office@alpha-b.fr](mailto:office@alpha-b.fr)

As soon as we receive your booking, we will check the availability for the course and the accommodation requested and we will get back to you under 48 working hours.

For underage students, the parents will receive our discharge form before the booking so they can decide whether or not alpha.b is the right fit for their child.

Parents will return the form signed and completed before any final booking.

Afterward, you will receive the confirmation, the invoice, the description of your accommodation, your login for the alpha.b App as well as all the practical information needed for your stay with us in our Student Handbook.

Please note that alpha.b asks for a prepayment of 25% of the total cost to guarantee your participation with your booking (by PayPal, bank transfer or VAD).

If you booked an accommodation in a residence or in a hotel, we kindly ask you to pay 100% of the total price for the accommodation when you pay the deposit.

The total balance should be paid by the start of the course at the latest, via bank transfer, Paypal or directly on spot before 9 am (credit card, cash or traveller cheque).

If you need more information or help with your registration, do not hesitate to contact us by phone: +33 493 160 036 or by email : [office@alpha-b.fr](mailto:office@alpha-b.fr)

## Underage Students

### Educational project

alpha.b accepts minor students aged 16 and above, on the express condition that their parents or legal guardians sign the parental permission form for minor students, which is supplied to all clients and agencies.

### Quality control

A satisfaction questionnaire is handed over at the start of the course and minor students are required to return it within the first three days to make sure that their stay is progressing satisfactorily.

Another questionnaire is to be completed at the end of the stay to assess the lessons, accommodation, services and activities.

### Monitoring of student attendance at lessons

All students sign an attendance form every day at the start of lessons. If a student is absent, the teachers immediately inform the office, which contacts the host family and the student. Parents and the agency are immediately informed by telephone or email.

If the absence is planned, parents are required to inform the school in writing or by telephone. The course manager is responsible for the integration of students in their class and the progress of lessons. Parents will be informed at once of any reported problem.

### Interruption of the stay

(refer to article 4 of the standard terms and conditions)

If your child is ill during their stay, they may need to be repatriated. If the stay is interrupted before time for any reason, that shall not give rise to a refund of any part of the costs of the course. While cancelling accommodation with a host family, a week of accommodation is not refundable. While cancelling accommodation in a student residence, hotels or apartment hotels, cancellation costs may apply to 100 % of the accommodation costs.

Our insurance covers: Any accident occurring when in our charge; basic personal cover is provided, particularly repatriation and medical expenses





Our insurance does not cover: Any accident occurring away from our charge, and also travel incidents, illness, hospitalisation, repatriation Schengen obligations: "Non-Schengen nationals are required to have medical cover in at least €30,000 and insurance for assistance and repatriation to their country of origin for securing a visa.

Any student coming to France for less than three months has the obligation of personally securing insurance for their healthcare costs."

Please contact your own insurance company for details.

### **Premises - Hours - Supervision**

The school premises comply with the standards applicable to category 5 public-access buildings. An emergency procedure is known to all staff and training has been provided to permanent members.

The opening hours of the Institute are: 8.30 am to 5.30 pm from Monday to Friday.

The hours of student lessons are generally:

-Monday to Friday 9 am -12.20 pm for the Continuous Course

-+ Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 1.15 pm-4 pm for the Intensive Course

-In summer, some lessons are held in the afternoon on alternate weeks.

alpha.b may not in any case be assimilated with a "language camp" or "holiday camp" for minor children.

Our institute is not a closed study centre and minors are not restricted in any way as regards their absence at any time, during or away from lessons.

Parents who select our programme must make sure that their child is sufficiently mature, independent and responsible enough to leave the institution and use public transport on their own without adult supervision on their way to school or their lodgings

### **Healthcare**

In the parental permission form for minor students, parents are required to complete a medical questionnaire and supply a 24/7 telephone number for emergencies.

Authorisation for medical treatment and hospitalisation in the event of illness or accident must be given.

We have a first-aid kit for minor injuries at the school and also during activities.

If needed, our administrative staff will arrange a medical appointment for the student

### **Accommodation**

Accommodation with a host family is strongly recommended to facilitate the linguistic immersion and supervision of students.

A return time between 8 pm and 11 pm shall be selected by parents in our parental permission form for minor students.

It is not the responsibility of the host family to educate or supervise your child. The host family cannot guarantee that your child will observe the return times allowed. However, if the child fails to observe the times, the family are required to inform the school, which in turn keeps the parents informed.

### **Collection and transfer**

The host family will pick your child up from the station or Nice airport at the appointed hour. For departure and for other accommodation modes

### **Extra-curricular activities**

Your child may sign up for and take part in optional paid-for extra-curricular activities and trips organised or offered by the school.

For water activities (diving, swimming, water sports), parents must complete the parental permission form for their child.

The adult-to-child ratio is one adult for 15 minors.

Accompanying adults will have a list of participants with the telephone numbers of minors, safety instructions and the activities in which the students may or may not engage.

## **Cancel registration**

- In the case of cancellation, changes to the course or accommodation, please inform the alpha.b reception by email: office@alpha-b.fr
- Attention, the 25% deposit will be retained if your cancellation is less than 15 days before the beginning of your stay or if you do not attend.
- In the event of early departure, any course that has already been started is due to be paid in full except in extreme cases.
- If for any reason the programs could not take place, we would only be obliged to refund the sums paid in full, without the participant being entitled to any compensation.
- Please find more information on our website under Quotation and Conditions Générales de Vente



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