

LE FRANÇAIS AUTREMENT



FRENCH COURSES IN NICE - FRENCH RIVIERA

ALPHA-B.FR

«LE FRANÇAIS AUTREMENT»,

BECAUSE:

alpha.b is a **family-run school founded in 1993**.

The school is 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, a private garden with a lounge 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.



OUR GUARANTEE OF QUALITY

The FLE quality label recognises French language schools that offer high quality courses and services. Language schools recognized by Label Qualité FLE are inspected every four years. The inspection is based on five criteria: French teachers, teaching and training courses, welcome and support, premises/safety/equipment and management.



Eaquals, founded in 1991, is the leading professional association for language education around the world. To become an accredited member, language schools have to pass strict and regular inspection.

alpha.b passed its last inspection in March 2022, with excellent results.



IALC is an international association, founded in 1983. It is a global network of accredited language schools offering high-quality language programs.

Only individual and independent language schools can be a member of IALC. IALC guarantees a high level of professionalism and services.

During the IALC regular inspections, alpha.b is assessed on all areas of our services.



THE ALPHA.B TEAM

THE SCHOOL MANAGER



alpha.b was founded under the impulse of Anja & Pascal that the French school alpha.b began its activity. Over the years, they have maintained the school's independence and encouraged its development, maintaining a **high quality of courses and a good atmosphere** among the members of staff.

We welcome more than 2,500 students each year from all over the world (Germany, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, Central Europe, Russia, Japan, China, Australia, USA...).

THE ADMINISTRATIONS TEAM



The added value of our team is being **multicultural and multilingual**, where a good mood and each personality plays its part in the family and friendly atmosphere that reigns in our language school.

At alpha b, **every student is unique and their well-being is our priority!** We take care of everything from A to Z: bookings, advisement, accommodations, activities, student welfare.

We look forward to meet you and to chat with you of course in French, but also in English, German, Swiss German, Spanish, or Italian.

THE TEACHING TEAM



All our teachers of French are **university graduates**. They speak several languages and many of them have achieved a university diploma in a second field, giving them a wide range of skills.



- Small class size of 5 to 8 students 10 maximum
- International Labels Label Qualité FLE, IALC, Eaquels
- 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
- Several professors are members of the DELF examination jury
- Own accommodation service

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

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. Our classes are constructed according to the results of the written and oral French test that you pass 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.

COURSE GOALS

To help you develop written and oral competences that will allow you to communicate with French people in various real-life situations.

To allow you to create or deepen linguistic competences : grammar, vocabulary, phonetic, intercultural

- A teaching method: communicative and task based approach as defined in the CECR.
- Varied and interactives activities: teamwork to write speeches, role play, debates in French, simulations, going around the table, recordings, real-life situations, videos, games
- Motivating documents: regularly updated original documents (newspapers, stories, song lyrics, TV programmes, French radio, exercises
- A teaching method that included new technologies
- An engaging approach to French grammar developed in alpha.book (given on arrival), this online tool also allows you to work on phonetic with our audio files.
- A pedagogic supervision: every Friday, a test on the knowledge aquired during the week is done
- Certificate : is given to you on your last day of class to attest the level of the course you followed.

OUR FRENCH COURSES

CONTINUOUS FRENCH COURSE

- 20 lessons (15 hours) per week
- Small groups of maximum 10 students per class
- Timetable : from Monday to Friday from 08:45 to 12:00 or from 15:30 to 18:45
- 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

- 28 lessons (21 hours) per week
- Small groups of maximum 10 students per class
- Timetable : from Monday to Friday from 8:45 to 12:00 or from 15:30 to 18:45 & 3 afternoons from 13:15 to 15:15.
- Duration : 1 to 52 weeks

Very intense programme: morning lessons similar to the Continuous French course & 8 lessons during three afternoons devoted to the practical application of your knowledge and oral skills.

COMBINED FRENCH COURSE & INDIVIDUAL LESSONS

- 24 to 28 lessons per week
- Small groups of maximum 10 students per class in the morning & 1:1 lessons in the afternoon or only 1:1 lessons
- Timetable : from Monday to Friday from 8:45 to 12:00 or from 15:30 to 18:45 & / or 2 to 4 afternoons
- Duration : 1 to 52 weeks

This course combines the subjects of the Continuous French Course with those of an Individual Course.

20 lessons/week of group tuition and (or only) 4 or 8 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 ...

EXAM PREPARATION COURSES

A-LEVEL

Intensive course with **28 lessons** per week:

- specific exam preparation in the afternoon
- Small groups of maximum 10 students
- Timetable : from Monday to Friday from 8:45 to 12:00 & 3 afternoons from 13:15 to 15:15
- Duration : 1 to 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.

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.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE

Intensive course with **26 lessons** per week:

- specific exam preparation in the afternoon
- Small groups of maximum 10 students & max. 8 students in the afternoon
- Timetable : from Monday to Friday from 8:45 to 12:00 & 2 or 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. 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: in mini groups with a maximum of 8 students, are reserved for oral and written exam preparation.

DELTA & DALF COURSES

Our teachers will help you succeed in your exams. According to the exam you are preparing, your teacher will help you develop written and oral competences that will allow you to communicate with French people in an exam setting.

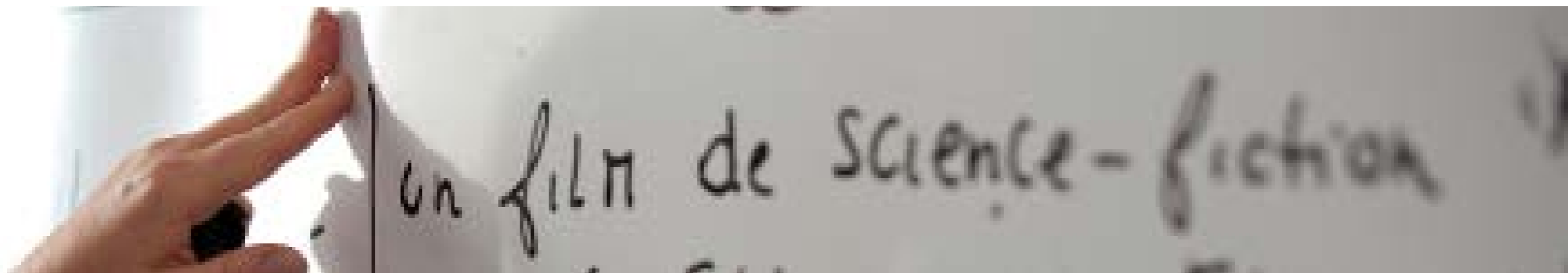
Your teacher will teach you the necessary linguistic competences and the strategies you will need to pass the DELTA or DALF exam.

- Combination course **20+6 lessons** per week
- 20 group lessons & 6 individual lessons
- Timetable : Monday to Friday from 8:45 to 12:00 or from 15:30 to 18:45 + 2 or 3 afternoons
- Duration : 4 weeks

At the moment the **DELTA** 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.

The C1 **DALF** corresponds to the level of the Cadre Européen Commun de Référence (experienced user of the language). Preparation for DALF takes 4 weeks as part of the combined course "20 + 6", where 6 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).



COURSES FOR ADULTS

30+ COURSE

30+ students only

- From the end of May to mid-September
- Small groups of maximum 8 students
- 20 or 28 lessons per week
- Timetable : from Monday to Friday from 8:45 to 12:00 and from 13:15 to 15:15
- Duration: 1 to 4 weeks

- 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.



CLUB 50

50+ students only

- 3 sessions per year : May, August & October
- Small groups of maximum 10 students
- 15 lessons per week & activity program: 7 afternoons - 2 evenings - 1 Saturday
- Timetable: from Monday to Friday from 9:30 to 12:00 & activity program
- 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 etc.

FRENCH FOR TEACHERS

Lessons for French teachers (level C1/C2)

- Small groups of max. 10 teachers
- 26 lessons per week
- Timetable : From Monday to Friday from 8:45 to 12:00 & 2 afternoons 13:15 to 15:30
- Duration: 2 weeks

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 of learning the French language



FAMILY (KIDS) COURSE

Parents & Kids from 9 to 15 years old

- Small groups of max. 6 children
- 20 lessons per week
- Timetable: Monday to Friday from 8:45 to 12:00 Duration : 1 to 4 weeks
- Dates : All summer (July-August)

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.

ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Meet new friends and share unforgettable moments with students from all over the world and French people as well. That will definitely be one of your best memories of your stay at alpha.b. This is why we often organise evening activities to speak French but also to create a strong bond between our students.

On your first day, you will have the opportunity to meet all the students from the school thanks to our Welcome Party. During the summer, enjoy our evening at the restaurant, tapas night or summer beach parties !

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, discover Nice and the French Riviera 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 you can discover Nice and the French Riviera.



MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

VISIT OF NICE
(FREE)

WELCOME PARTY
(FREE)

VISIT OF
VILLE FRANCHE &
FREE TIME AT THE
BEACH
(15 EUROS)

SEGWAY
(20 EUROS)

WATERSPORT
(AB 10 EUROS)

CHEESE AND
WINE TASTING

(20 EUROS)

ESCAPE GAME
(20 EUROS)

FRIDAY

VISIT OF ANTIBES
&
PICASSO MUSEUM
(20 EUROS)

BOWLING
(10 EUROS)

SATURDAY

VISIT OF CANNES
&
ILES DE LERINS
(35 EUROS)

MATHILDE

our activity leader who offers you each week a new activity program so you can discover the French Riviera with humour and in French.



sample program

ACCOMMODATION

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

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

All our accommodation is carefully selected according to strict criteria of the Label Qualité Fle, IALC and Eequals.

WITH A HOST FAMILY

This is the ideal arrangement for discovering “French life” and quickly improving your French outside language courses and activities.

Our host families are carefully selected and they particularly enjoy meeting foreign students, helping them learn more about French culture and helping them discover French cuisine in a familial and friendly atmosphere.



If you have a special diet: vegetarian, vegan, gluten or lactose free (or any other allergies) and you wish to stay with a host family, no worry. We have selected families that will prepare this type of meals.

Single or double room

You can choose a single or double room, either with someone of the same age and of a different nationality.

Half-board

Breakfast and dinner is included with your host family. Dinner is the ideal time to share a meal with your family and speak in French. A packed lunch can be added on request.

Complete immersion

The host-family option is the best way to be completely immersed in the French language and to integrate into a French family.

Transport at arrival included

Your host family comes and picks you up on your arrival at the airport or at Nice railway station.



WITH A FRENCH HOST

Living with a French host is the ideal arrangement if you wish to be independent whilst still having contact with a French person.

The idea is to live communally with the host. Our French hosts are generally people living alone or in a couple.

Single or double room

If you are coming alone, we will reserve you a single room. If you are coming with someone, you also have the opportunity of booking a room for two people.

Meals not included

Meals are not included in this arrangement, but you have free access to the host's kitchen to prepare your meals.

IN A RESIDENCE

It is the ideal accommodation for students looking for independent lodgings.

Single studio Studio for 1 person & option for 2 a double studio at Adagio.

Without meals: meals are not included in this formula.

IN A HOTEL

1 or 2 people

Single or double rooms

Breakfast service included

Near the school

It is 2 minutes from the school and 10 minutes from the old town and beaches.

WHY CHOOSE NICE

Nice is the most famous city on the French Riviera, perfectly situated between Cannes and Monaco, it is the 5th largest city in France. Served by the 2nd largest international airport in France after Paris, there are more than 100 direct flights to other large European cities.

La Baie des Anges and its azure sea really makes this city in the south of France, where you can swim from April until October, one of the most beautiful beaches in the world.

During your French language stay at alpha.b, our teachers and guides will help you discover all the secrets of Nice and of “La vie à la française”.



more than 300 sunny days a year



microclimate



situated between the sea and the mountains



Direct flights from various cities in Europe and overseas: London, Zurich, Bâle, Berlin, Munich, Dublin, Vienna, Helsinki, New-York, Dubai, Pekin)

It is really easy to move around the city in Nice.

You can use the tramway, the bus, rent a bike or just walk.

Nice is very central and it's really easy to go to the cities nearby (Monaco, Antibes, Cannes) by train or by bus at a very cheap price.

Prices for the public transportation:

- 1 way ticket by tramway or bus: 1,70€
- 10 tickets pass: 17€
- Pass 7 days: 20€
- Monthly pass: between 22,50€ and 45€

Nice Airport is the 2nd largest international airport in France.

It is located at the end of the Baie des Anges, 25 minutes from the city center by tramway.

Nice has been elected 3rd most beautiful airport landing.

Nice has a direct tramway line: airport-city center, just 2 minutes from the school.



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
- 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 passport by email at 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.

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, Stripe 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).

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

For your French language stay in Nice, the alpha.b school offers you personalised and adapted support.

Our disability policy:

- Training accessible to people with disabilities: motor online training, mental, cognitive, sensory or disabling illness
- Accommodation in a host family, hotel or residence accessible to people with disabilities. Validation of accommodation by a member of staff for disability accessibility.
- Creation of an individual pathway plan for each student with a disability.

- Our language institute is accessible by public transport (tramway line 1 or 2) to Jean Médecin stop.
- The building 2 rue d'Angleterre is not accessible to people with reduced mobility (file under study).

Our disability advisors :

- Anja Denysiuk, co-director and Emeline Fayet are trained disability advisors at the school. They are available from Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4pm and by email: anja@alpha-b.fr or office@alpha-b.fr. They can advise you in French, English and German.
- All our permanent teachers have received training in 2021 to adapt their French lessons to all types of disabilities.
- Adapt your stay to your needs: At alpha.b we strive to do everything possible to assist you during your stay.

Before your stay:

- You will receive a questionnaire in order to know your needs for a specific adaptation whether it is for your French course, your accommodation, your activities or your arrival in Nice.
- According to your answers, we will establish a personalised programme which will be communicated to you before your arrival.

During your stay :

- One of our disability advisors will welcome you on the first day to validate the personalised programme with you.
- The whole team remains at your disposal throughout your stay.

After your stay :

- You will receive a questionnaire to evaluate the support you received and the possible improvements in our services.

MINOR STUDENTS

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.

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.

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: 8.15 am to 4.30 pm from Monday to Friday.

The hours of student lessons are generally:

- Monday to Friday 8:45 am - 12:00 pm for the Continuous Course

- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 1:15 pm to 3:15 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 case 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 10 days before the beginning of your stay or if you do not attend. If a hotel or a residence was booked, 100% of the accommodation fees will be retained.
- 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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