

GCC French Language Tour 2026

5th year French Students



Séjour Lingutistique à Paris du 12 au 16 janvier



WHY A FRENCH LANGUAGE TOUR TO PARIS?



- Total French Immersion – equivalent to many weeks of learning French in school.
- Exposure to one of the world's most historic and cultural cities.
- Cultural engagement – airport, transport, restaurant, shopping, school, & tourist attractions.
- Positive Life Experiences – lifetime memories.
- The Big Picture Later:

Career Opportunities with French - in media, journalism, education, diplomacy, international businesses organisations, NGOs and the cultural sector.

Examples: UCC graduates work in international food companies and at organisations e.g. Google, Facebook and TransferWise. Also translation companies, Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade, EU Institutions and the UN etc.

BENEFITS OF LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

- Learners develop their knowledge and skills in ways that add value to their everyday experiences in the classroom.
- Outdoor learning can impact positively on young people's attitudes, beliefs and self-perceptions & grow in independence, confidence, self-esteem, personal effectiveness, & coping strategies.

**Tour
basics**

Tour duration

- 12^h - 16th of January (Mon to Fri)
- 5 days and 4 nights

Transport

- Bus to and from Dublin
- Flight to CDG - Air Lingus
- Coach in Paris for our stay
- Flight back to Dublin from CDG – Air Lingus

Accommodation

- Hotel Reseda Paris Porte de Bagnolet

Meal arrangements

- Breakfast & Dinner (except travel on Friday)
- Students buy their own lunch

TRAVEL ADVICE

12th of January 04:00 am assembly at G.C.C. Please be on time!

- **Valid Passport (Residency Card/Visa) & EHIC card.**
- Checked 10kg luggage
Dimensions: 55 cm x 40 cm x 24 cm including handles, pockets and wheels)
- **ONE** Hand luggage – Small handbag/laptop bag or duty free bag.
Dimensions: 25 cm x 33 cm x 20 cm no liquids, sharp objects etc
- **LABEL** all luggage (Name & Contact details)
Please check Aer Lingus's Website for details.

What is there to see and do?

- Language Classes– Improve French
- Guided tour of “Stade de France” Olympic Stadium
- Visit the iconic “La Tour Eiffel”
- Main Tourist Sites– Les Champs Elysées, L’Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame
- Sortie Pédagogique – Montmartre – Covered Passages the classroom – Walking in Paris lessons)
- Day in Disneyland
- Night-time Shopping in “Val d’Europe”



Accommodation: 3 Star Hotel (€85 per night)
Hotel Reseda Paris Porte de Bagnolet
2 Av. du Général de Gaulle, Paris, France , 93170 Bagnolet

Hotel Reseda:

- Bed and Breakfast at 7:00 am
- Rooms accommodate 2 or 3 students
- Security deposit: €15 per person, payment method: (Security card)

Student Rooms:

Non-smoking, Air conditioning, WiFi, Private bathroom, Towels, Flatscreen TV, Satellite channels, Telephone, Housekeeping & Heating

Hotel Amenities:

WiFi in public areas
Air conditioning in public areas
Parking
Lift
Accessible facilities
TV lounge
Vending Machine
Breakfast Room
Concierge
Luggage storage
Wake-up service etc.

Location:

Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport: 26km
City centre - Paris: 5km (crow flies)

3-minute walk from Gallieni metro station, this simple, modern hotel is 2.6 km from Cimetière du Père-Lachaise, home to the graves of Oscar Wilde and Jim Morrison.

LANGUAGE CLASSES WITH ACCORD

- Focus on speaking and listening competencies.
- Language Lessons (**2 Days x 3 hours**)
- Accord Language School is **centrally located** – 10 minutes walk to the Eiffel Tower.
- In a relaxed environment pupils will take part in speaking and listening sessions with native speakers greatly enhancing their learning experience.
- Accord **was awarded** the prestigious French Foreign Language Quality Label, this fabulous language school operates the play and learn method of teaching French and sessions can even take place on the streets of Paris. Sessions are tailored to the abilities and requirements of students.
- Class sizes of **14-15 students** maximum.



ACCORD LANGUAGE SCHOOL



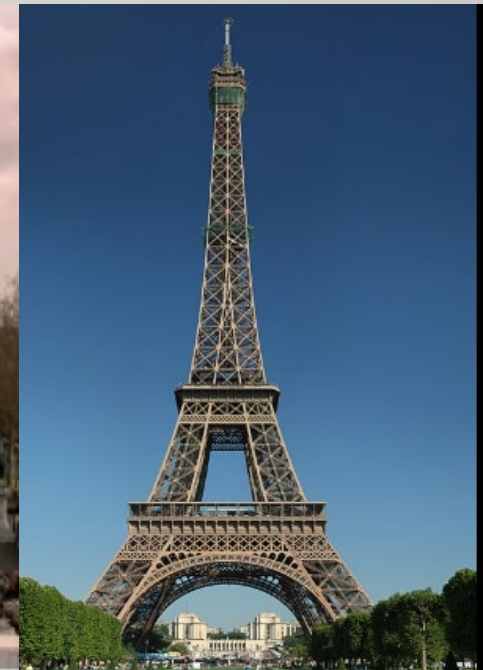
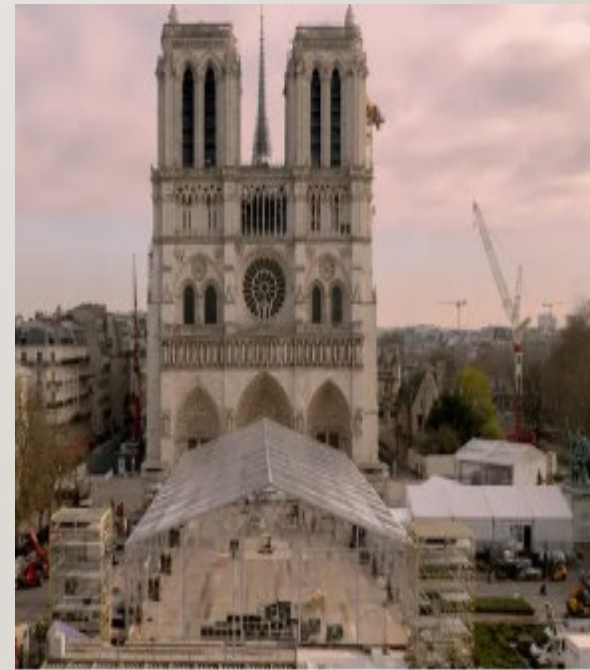
ACCORD LANGUAGE SCHOOL

- Over 35 years of experience – “boutique school”
- Passionate teaching staff and methods
- Focus on oracy with no books
- Offer Intensive French courses that prepare you for French exams.
- Flexible French language courses – intensive or semi-intensive.
- Immersive learning environment with no hidden fees.
- Immerse yourself in an international atmosphere of many nationalities
- ACCORD has selected aparthotels and host families for longer stays.



lundi, 12 janvier 2026

- **Group Assembles** at G.C.C. @ **04.00 am**
- **Check in at 6:50 am. Eat at airport.**
- Flight Aer Lingus EI524 departs Dublin @ 9:50. Bring a packed lunch from flight.
- Arrive **Paris CDG @ 12:35** (French time)
- Eiffel Tower, Champs-de-Mars, & Notre Dame
- **Le Bossu Restaurant** & back to the **Hotel to Check in.**



mardi, 13 janvier 2026

- Language classes with Accord language school – 9am to 12pm
- Lunch in Paris near Accord.
- Les Invalides – Military Museum [Durée 1h30]
It is one of the 5 most visited museums in France, with over 1.4 million visitors yearly. A remarkable site full of history, the Hôtel des Invalides was founded by Louis XIV to house veterans and wounded soldiers.
- Visit l'Arc de Triomphe & Les Champs d'Elysées
- Dinner at – Monte Carlo Self Service Restaurant



mercredi, 14 janvier 2026

- Une journée de divertissement au parc Disneyland ou au parc Walt Disney Studios
- Lunch in Disney – Paid Restaurant Voucher.
- Shopping au centre commercial - Val D'Europe à Marne-la-Vallée
Dinner paid by student



jeudi, 15 janvier 2026

-Accord Language School – 3 Hours

-Lunch near Accord

+ Lessons outside the classroom with a Sortie Pédagogique – Passages Couverts Parisiens around Montmartre

Walking in Paris lessons with a French Accord teacher of the Closed Passages (hidden walkways) around Montmartre, close to the Sacré Coeur

-Dinner at Cadet de Gascogne



vendredi, 16 janvier 2025

- 10:30 am - Chocolate Museum - Musée Gourmand du Chocolat
- Visite guidée - les coulisses du Stade de France
- Travel back to CDG Airport – Aer Lingus Flight Number EI529
- Eat Dinner at the Airport
- Flight Departs at 21:20 and arrives in Dublin at 22:05 local time.
- Brief Stop at Junction 14.
- Arrive back in Cork at approx. 1:30 am– 2:00.



What do we expect

Respectful Relationships – as per normal school rules apply.

Mobile Phones – Collected at night. Turn off & disengage with social media.

Students stay in their own rooms. No waking in social areas in pyjamas!

Willingness to **connect positively** with all aspects of the trip.

- **Benefit fully** from the language lessons.
- **Engage and learn** from the cultural visits/tours.
- **Use French** at every opportunity
- **School rules** apply

Zero Tolerance - Alcohol, tobacco, vapes and/or substances are **strictly forbidden**

Phone Numbers – Teacher School Phone

What to bring

- Your Passport
- Your Irish Residency Card / Visa if applicable
- European Health Card (Family Health Insurance details, if applicable) <http://www.hse.ie>
- Suitable warm clothes (e.g. waterproof warm coat, scarf, gloves, hat & walking shoes, even spare shoes)
- Spending money – approx. €200 (Needed for lunches and food for travelling days)

WHAT ARE OUR KEY LEARNING INTENTIONS?

LEAVING CERT ORAL DOCUMENT & WRITTEN

- Describe the **main differences between Paris and Cork.**
- Examine **preconceptions vs reality** of Parisian life
- Record personal **impressions of visits and experiences we have on tour.**
- **Compare life in France** with that of Ireland.

How?

- Take **Photographic/Video Record** of Key Moments/Experiences (Great for the LC Document)
- Keep a **diary entry** (Journal Intime en Français bien sûr)
- Collect leaflets, tourist brochures, newspapers or magazines for reference

DISNEYLAND



LANGUAGE SCHOOL



JOURNAL DE BORD - WINNERS



SACRÉ-COEUR, PARIS



STADE DE FRANCE (DRESSING ROOMS)



STADE DE FRANCE – GROUP PICTURE



STADE DE FRANCE – DRESSING ROOMS



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STADE DE FRANCE – DRESSING ROOMS



LA TOUR EIFFEL



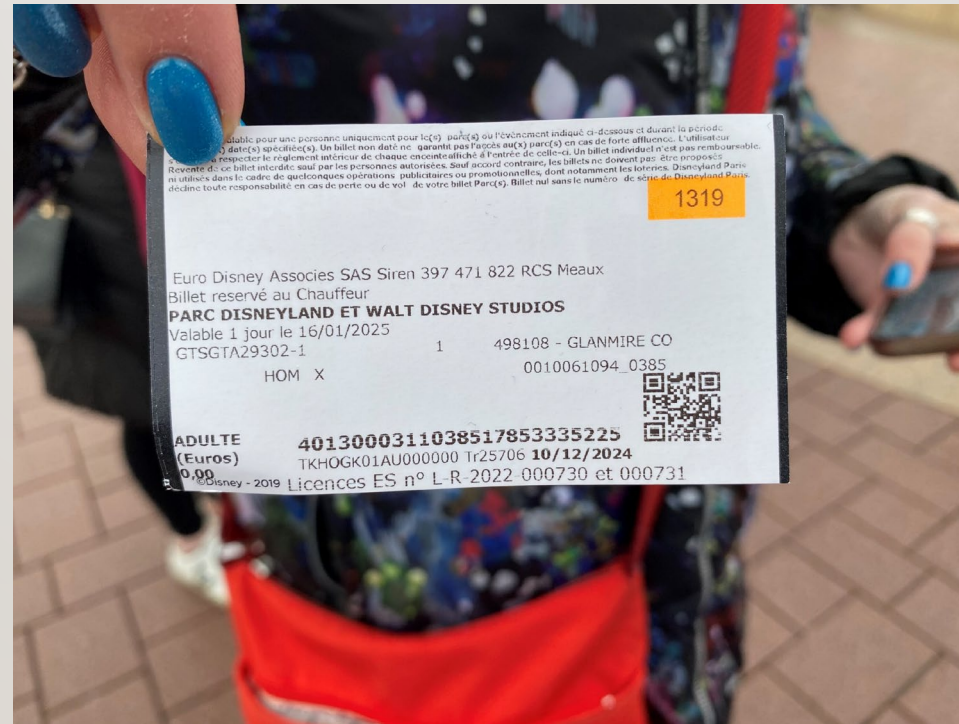
VIEW FROM THE EIFFEL TOWER



EATING OUT IN PARIS



DISNEY TICKETS



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Any questions?

