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WELCOME TO SPRACHCAFFE

You are obviously committed not just to having a holiday, but at the same time, also learning a new language or improving your skills in a language you already know. This is why we would like to send you our warmest congratulations! It is great when people want to make the world a bit smaller for themselves.

"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language that goes to his heart." Nelson Mandela

It pleases us even more that you have chosen Sprachcaffe for your *language trip*. Lively teaching methods, a relaxed and stress-free atmosphere, learning through interaction and chatting (which helps you bond with others) - we have become experts with our 35 year experience in language teaching and with our 30 destinations worldwide.

In the enclosed documents you will find everything you need to know for your trip. **Please do not travel without this information sheet.**

We wish you a great holiday and lots of success

Your Sprachcaffe Team



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Arrival / Meeting points

To Nice by plane: Your destination airport is the Aéroport de Nice Côte D'Azur. Please be at the airport in time: 90-120 minutes before departure. Please note that almost all regular flights are now non-smoking. When packing your bags you should remember that you are not allowed to take more than 20 kg with you (see information on your ticket).

Sprachcaffe wishes you a pleasant flight!

If the address on your voucher is the school address please make your way as follows: from Nice International Airport - Côte D'Azur (which is about 7 km from the city-centre) take bus 98 towards "Cathédrale – Vieille ville". From there, it is only a five-minute walk. The bus costs about 4,-€.

A taxi costs about 40,-€.

To Nice by train: The destination station is Nice-Ville. From here take the tramway towards "Cathédrale – Vieille ville"..

To Nice / Côte D'Azur by car: Some of you might have chosen to drive to Nice by car to be a little more independent and to get to know the beautiful coast roads of the Côte D'Azur. There are two possible routes by car: via Italy or through France. The most scenic route "Napoléon", which takes you through the Southern Alps "Region Haute Provence" via Digne and Castellane to Nice is recommended to people who want to take some time to get to know the most beautiful areas of France. Otherwise, it is faster to drive via Milan and Genoa along the Italian coast. We recommend you use the motorway even though it will be more costly. Please remember that you have to pay to use the motorway! In Nice it is important to remember not to leave any valuable items or documents in your car as thieves are faster than you think!

Meeting points: For host family accommodation please go to your family straight away. Naturally, you should talk to your host family in advance to confirm your arrival time. **If you have booked an apartment please go to the school between 3:00pm and 8:00pm to pick up your address and key.**

For organisational reasons we kindly ask you to inform us of your arrival dates at least one week before departure. Arrival is usually between 3:00pm and 8:00pm on the Sunday before the course starts, if not otherwise confirmed by us. If you do arrive at another time, you will need reconfirmation from our Frankfurt office.

If you have a booked a transfer with us you might be picked up by you family. Please note that in this case you might use public transportation to get to the family's house.

Important! We kindly ask you to understand that Sprachcaffe cannot be held responsible for the first overnight stay if arrival dates or delays are not communicated in time!

If you have chosen to stay with a host family we kindly ask you to inform them well in advance of your arrival times.

If you have any further questions regarding your arrival, please do not hesitate to contact the Sprachcaffe team at any time!

In case of an emergency please contact one of the following numbers:

Emergency mobile phone1: ONLY FOR host family: **0033 (0) 6 19 86 49 01: Laurent Delouche**

Emergency mobile phone2: ONLY FOR apartment + hotel: **0033 (0) 6 17 96 75 79: Marc Giannini**

Accommodation

It is our aim to provide the best service possible. However, if you have any issue during your stay please talk directly to Marc or Laurent.

Your accommodation address will be found on your voucher. In case of an apartment booking your first contact address is always the school. Please go there on arrival.

Apartments

If you have booked an apartment please go to the school between 3:00pm and 8:00pm to pick up your address and key.

Very important information

- Generally a welcome can be arranged between 3:00pm and 8:00pm.
- If you plan to arrive before 3:00pm you will have to wait until the school opens at 3:00pm.
- An arrival after 8:00pm or Saturday is not possible except if you book a transfer service. Without the transfer you would need to organize the accommodation for the first night yourself).
- Please note that if we are not informed about your arrival time far enough in advance, we can not guarantee accommodation on the first nights and a smooth check-in.

Having chosen an apartment you will get to experience a special kind of “shared living” for the duration of your holiday. You share the apartment, kitchen and bathroom with other course participants who normally come from different countries. You can cook delicious meals in a cosy atmosphere and exchange experiences in the fully equipped kitchen.

This “flat-sharing” is part of our concept for communicative learning and gives you the possibility of organising excursions, theatre and cinema visit with other course participants at the same time. If you have booked a double room as single, we will find the “right person” for you to share the room with.

Please note that all apartments are only available for course participants and not for friends or relatives.

For extra-stays, which are not free, you need to have our confirmation. Therefore, we kindly ask you to contact us well in advance. Please note that the apartments are not hotels.

All course participants have to take care of the cleaning themselves. Sprachcaffe only organises the basic cleaning.

We recommend that you and your fellow-lodgers make a plan so that the work can be shared evenly. Rubbish and empty bottles will have to be thrown away regularly.

We want all our course participants to feel at home and hope that all of you will treat the apartments, rooms and facilities accordingly. Your fellow-lodgers would surely appreciate a clean lounge, kitchen and bathroom. We therefore believe that the minimum you should do is to wash up the daily breakfast and meal dishes. You may want to invite your new friends from school to dinner or to a little party. In this case, you should, however, talk to your fellow-lodgers first. You should respect the privacy of your fellow-lodgers and avoid unnecessary noise, especially late in the evening or at night.

Our apartments are not always near the school. However, all apartments can be reached in a short time due to the excellent public transport service.

On the day of departure, we kindly ask you to **leave the rooms before 12:00pm. Do not forget to leave your keys in your bedroom on your last day.** Bed sheets are provided, you should, however, bring your own towels. If you want to change the sheets during your stay you need to take the dirty sheets to the school and will then be given clean ones. The school organizes basic cleaning in the apartments once a week.

Host family

Living together with a French host family means living their lifestyle! You will be able to practise what you have learned during the course and you will shed your fear while communicating with the family. The host family will certainly appreciate a little present, but by this we mean a **little** present.

The French host families are very open-minded, helpful and welcoming to their guests. Our host families are not always families in the traditional sense. They can also be active single people or elderly couples who will have a lot of time to spend with their guests.

In general, the families will introduce you to their habits on the day of your arrival, such as the handing over of the key, times for meals and use of the washing machine.

You should also be prepared to get to know this new culture. Normally, you share the bathroom with other members of the family.

Of course, living together naturally means sticking to some rules. Please make sure that you always leave your room and bathroom clean and tidy and that you do not damage the furniture. Please take the family into consideration and avoid unnecessary noise, especially late in the evening and at night. We appreciate your understanding when asking you not to use the host family's telephone to call your family at home. Please inform your host family beforehand if you will not be home for a meal, if you plan to go on a trip for a few days or if you are not staying at home overnight. Otherwise, your family will be worried unnecessarily! In general, families do not mind if you invite new friends from the course back. However, you should talk to your host family about it first if you plan to bring home some friends!

Bed sheets are available, but you should bring your own towels.

Hotel

Accommodation in a hotel is the most comfortable and independent way of staying in Nice, and where you will be able to enjoy the service of a mid-standard hotel. You are more independent and you will have some quiet time to study or relax. Naturally, all rooms have their own bathroom, and bed sheets and towels are provided. The hotels are generally close to the school. Please find the detailed address on the enclosed voucher.

The school - IEA - Sprachcaffe de Nice

On the first day, we expect you to be at **school by 8:00 a.m.** **If you have already done the online language test, you can come at 9:00 a.m.** The language courses start with an allocation test in order to determine the language level of each course participant which is the basis for each class grouping. The lessons start immediately after the grouping of the classes. In **July and August** the language test will be taken on **Sundays between 2:00pm and 7:00pm**. Should you arrive later than 7:00pm you will take it on Monday at 8:00am. Again, if you have already done it, you can come to school at 9:00 a.m. on Monday.

The address of the school is:

IEA - Sprachcaffe de Nice

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4, Rue Foncet
F - 06000 Nice
Phone: 0033 (0) 493 55 40 95
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Emergency mobile phone1 **ONLY FOR FAMILIES: 0033 6 19 86 49 01**: Laurent Delouche (left picture)
Emergency mobile phone2 **ONLY FOR APARTMENTS: 0033 6 17 96 75 79**: Marc Giannini (right picture)

School office hours: Monday to Friday 08:30am until 04:00pm.

The school has got five classrooms. There is also a library. There is a free WIFI access for the laptops..You take tramway towards "Cathedrale-Vieille-Ville" stop.

Opening hours: 08:30 - 16:00, from Monday to Friday, except public holidays and the Christmas break.

Languages spoken by the staff at the school: French, English, Italian and German

Drinks: Our school has a vending machine for hot and cold drinks.

Internet room: There is a free WIFI access for the laptops. Wireless internet access can be used free of charge by students with their own laptop.

Study Room: Students can do their homework and study in classrooms after classes from 8:30 to 16:00.

It is our aim to provide the best service possible. However, if you have any issue during your stay please talk directly to Marc or Laurent.

Language test

Sprachcaffe has introduced a new online placement test. We kindly ask you to do it before you arrive at school. Doing the online exam in advance will allow you to start your lessons straight away. When you have completed the online test, please come to the school on 9 a.m. on Monday morning.

To access the online test, please go to <https://booking.sprachcaffe.com/login/>. You can log in using your name booking number (see our documents for the correct spelling).

The test can be done at any time up to 12:00pm (CET) Friday before the program begins. Thereafter the test will be switched off and you will no longer be able to access it.

Please do not use a dictionary or any other aids when doing this exam as its purpose is to assess your language ability and place you in an appropriate class. It is better not to answer questions that you do not know, as guessing will affect your score and could result in your being placed in a class that is too difficult for you.

You have 45 minutes to do the exam from the moment you enter the site. Thereafter, the test will automatically shut down. If you finish before time runs out, you can click 'submit' at the bottom of the test. The test result will be forwarded automatically to Sprachcaffe. You will find out your teacher's name and classroom number on your first day at school.

Please note that you can only access the online test once!

General information

Health care in France

If you get sick while you are in France your group leader will call a doctor for you. EU-nationals can use the insurance card from their home country, but usually the doctors need to be paid cash. In such cases you can claim most costs back from your insurance afterwards. For all students, especially non EU-nationals we highly recommend a health insurance!

Insurance

We recommend taking out health and travel insurance. If you lose pieces of luggage, or if they are damaged or valuable items are missing it is always annoying and a reimbursement without insurance is a long-winded process and not always very successful.

Clothes

It is best to take casual clothes with you. We recommend that you also pack a warm pullover, as it can occasionally get cold in the evenings. For excursions we recommend a pair of practical shoes. Something a little smarter would also be good for special occasions and for the clubs. Don't forget to pack your swimming things.

Phone

The international code for France is **0033**, plus the phone number. If you want to phone your home country, please check the international code for the country you come from. There are card telephones everywhere in the city. You can buy telephone cards in the shops and at the newspaper stands.

Money

The official currency in France is the Euro. Your bank can give you the exact exchange rate. It is usually cheaper to change money in France, but we recommend taking a little bit of pocket-money for the first weekend.

Safe

Safes are not available in Nice, so we recommend taking travelers checks. Sprachcaffe cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage.

Electricity

Alternating current 220 volts. You might need an adaptor.

Time difference

They are on Central European Time, CET, in Nice. Depending on your home country, you might have to change your watch!

Documents

Better to be safe than sorry! Please make a copy of all your important travel documents. For example: flight ticket, insurance policy and passport. In case you lose important documents you can be helped more quickly if you have such copies. Please keep the copies separate from the original documents.

Public holidays

Unfortunately classes that fall on public holidays cannot be made up. You will find information about France's Public Holidays in our brochure.

Climate

Nice has a mild climate the whole year round, in summer, at times, it is persistently hot. In winter the average temperature is between 4 and 13 degrees and in summer between 18 and 27 degrees.

Feedback

Before the everyday routine back at home sets in completely we would be very pleased if you could give us your feedback. As a participant you can tell us about your experiences. Just fill out the online form at <http://www.sprachcaffe.com/english/feedback.htm> We always welcome ideas, tips and constructive criticism!

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We wish you a wonderful stay and a successful language course!

**Your
Sprachcaffe Team**

Checklist before departure

Things you might want to think of when packing your luggage

Important travel items

- Travel guide
- Reading material
- Dictionary
- Cash, credit card
- Phone number of your credit card company, in case you have to block the card
- Vaccination card
- Inform Sprachcaffe about arrival time
- Alarm clock
- Sunglasses

First-aid kit

- Sunscreen
- Any medicine required
- Insect spray
- Medicine for stomach trouble
- Plasters
- After-sun lotion
- Tweezers

Travel documents

- Identity card
- Flight or train ticket
- Student ID
- Sprachcaffe travel documents

Sport/Hobby

- Camera
- Extra film, extra memory card
- Music / radio
- Batteries
- Sports equipment

Insurances

- Travel health insurance
- Luggage insurance
- Insurance card from your car insurance
- Phone number of your car insurance

Checklist for returning home

- Buy souvenirs for friends and relatives at home
- Exchange addresses with people in the course, teachers and host family
- Pick up course participation certificate
- Tidy and clean up the room
- Pack and check the rooms for anything left behind