

EDUCATIONAL STAYS FOR JUNIORS 2020 BOULOGNE-SUR-MER LANGUES ET CULTURES

STATUS AND MISSION OF OUR ASSOCIATION

Boulogne-sur-Mer Langues et Cultures (BMLC) is a non-profit association developed by two public universities in the Hauts-de-France region, the city of Boulogne-sur-Mer and local and regional institutions.

Teaching French or English is the primary mission of BMLC, but we also want our students to discover the region, the culture and traditions of the country. We do this by putting our students in touch with the local residents, welcoming them and providing entertainment. The municipality of Boulogne-sur-Mer is also involved in welcoming and orienting our guests to the city.

The universities associated with the development of Boulogne-sur-Mer Langues et Cultures are the Université du Littoral Côte d'Opale and the Université d'Artois.

The educational project has been developed according to the linguistic and cultural objectives defined in the mission of BMLC:

- The desire to combine learning, cultural activities and entertainment in the same stay.
- A welcome for all ages from 12 years old onward, individually or in accompanied groups.
- A fun atmosphere where quality language training is provided along with a wide range of social and cultural activities.
- A mindset that encourages solidarity, fraternity, liberty and a sense of responsibility
- Fostering cultural and intercultural openness by welcoming young people of all nationalities.
- A set of activities mixing culture, discoveries and exchanges.

GENERAL AND SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

Boulogne-sur-Mer Langues et Cultures offers quality stays for participants of all nationalities and ages wishing to improve their practice and knowledge of the French language and culture. At the same time, holiday stays with the option of improving their English language skills are offered to French teenagers.

BMLC organizes the entire stay: the intensive courses, the rich program of cultural and leisure activities, accommodation and meals from Monday to Sunday.

More generally, Boulogne-sur-Mer Langues et Cultures seeks to promote exchanges and international contacts with local citizens. BMLC is particularly attached to conviviality and friendly relations between peoples.

During the stay, the teaching team aims to:

- Introduce participants to the French language and culture through a diversified teaching method that combines a variety of teaching practices.
- Enable them to deepen their knowledge and best respond to their needs.

The activities team aims to:

- Warmly welcome the participants and their supervisors, taking the necessary time (in the case of French language and cultural stays), to listen to them express themselves in French (whether beginners or more advanced), and to answer them clearly and distinctly in very correct French.
- Propose cultural activities, always in French and with French youths.
- Propose a program of educational activities in English to French teenagers on holiday with BMLC.
- Establish privileged moments of exchange during meals, outings and evenings.
- Help each and every participant in their own discovery of the city, the region, France and in their daily practice of the French language.

This assumes that everyone:

- Makes this a time of fun, where the students can relax and build new relationships.
- Makes this stay a time of learning and discovery for all.
- Ensures moral and physical security, bearing in mind that the distance and length of stay will create a separation from the family environment.
- Works in a safe, warm, reassuring and team-spirit holiday atmosphere.

OPERATING PROCEDURES

The cultural and linguistic holidays will take place during 5 weeks from Sunday 5th July to Saturday 8th August 2020.

Classes, meals and activities will take place on the site of the University of the Littoral Côte d'Opale, rue Saint Louis in Boulogne-sur-Mer.

Participants will be accommodated at the student residence of the Mariette high school in Boulogne-sur-Mer.

The management team is composed of Pascale Vernieuwe, Director of BMLC, Annie Trégouët, Head of Pedagogy, and the Head of the activities team.

Participants are overseen by the teaching team for 15 to 25 hours per week. The French as a foreign language course programme may be different for groups with a special request, while the English programme consists of 15 hours of instruction.

Outside of class hours, a programme of cultural and leisure activities is offered to students; minor participants are supervised 24 hours a day by a team of qualified activity leaders.

For the duration of the stay, meals, maintenance and security of the premises are provided by staff recruited for this purpose.

The presentation of the pedagogical project and the explanations on the organization of the stay are made by the administrative, teaching and activities staff.

The teaching and activities teams work in close collaboration in order to carry out a pedagogical project associating language and culture.

The animation team meets over one day in June to prepare for the stay. During the stay, three weekly meetings take place, during which the programme of activities is collectively draw up.

The teaching team has a preparation meeting over two days in May and June. During the stay, two weekly meetings take place: their aim is the collective elaboration of the pedagogical project.

PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

The full programme of activities offered during the stay is available on request at contact@bmlc.fr.