

French Immersion Courses in Salignac

- Frequently Asked Questions -

How do I organise my travel to France?

It is the participant's responsibility to book and pay for their travel to France. Please see the information sheet below on airline routes to France. The French train timetable websites are: www.voyage-sncf.com or www.tgv-europe.com and you can book train tickets through this website. In advance of the course, we will put you in contact with any other participants who are travelling on the same flight or train so that you can arrange to travel together.

We will organise collection for you from Sarlat, Souillac or Brive train stations to the Maison Familiale. Alternatively we can organise Airport collections at Bergerac, Limoges and Brive Airports for large groups of people travelling together.

- if you are flying into Bergerac or Bordeaux you will arrive into Sarlat station.
- if you are flying into Paris or Toulouse you will arrive into Souillac station.
- if you are flying into Limoges you will arrive into Brive station.

Travel arrangements should only be made once you have been notified by the British Council that you have been awarded funding for the course of your choice.

Transfers to Salignac by taxi

LFEE will organise for a taxi to pick you up at your arrival station. This will be at your own expense. The costs are **approximately** as follows:

- Souillac station 15 euros one way / 30 euros return
- Sarlat station 15 euros one way / 30 euros return
- Brive station 20 euros one way / 40 euros return

We will confirm the exact cost of transfers nearer the date.

How do I pay for my course fee?

The total fee payable to LFEE is 1,400 euros (includes tuition fee and full board accommodation). We will send you an invoice for your Course + subsistence Fee before the course commences. The invoice should be paid upon receipt of the first part of your grant, whether it is prior to, during or after the course. A receipt will be issued upon payment.

How do I reclaim my expenses through the British Council?

Please remember to send back your Grant Agreement to the British Council with your nominated bank details as soon as possible. Upon receipt, they will organise the transfer of 80% of your grant payment into the nominated account (1,600 euros if you're asking for €2,000).

The remaining 20% of the grant will be transferred after the course once you've completed and sent back a hard copy of your national agency's Evaluation Questionnaire. This document should be completed on-line, printed, signed and returned to your national agency along with your receipts within 28 days of returning from the course.

It is the participant's responsibility to arrange and pay for their own travel insurance.

What preparation work do I need to do in advance of the course?

Our courses have not been designed for complete beginners. At least a basic knowledge of French is required for the Primary courses. 2 years of French at school a long time ago is fine and will make a difference!

We will give participants some time to exchange ideas of good practice. You might therefore want to bring some ideas and resources to share with colleagues on paper, USB key or whatever format you see suitable.

What accommodation and facilities are available at the Maison Familiale?

- Basic accommodation is provided in individual bedrooms with one double or 2 single beds with an en-suite shower room. Towels and bed linen are provided by the Maison. **Please bring a beach towel if you wish to use the swimming pool.**
- You have access to a private swimming pool (free) and access to municipal tennis courts (potential fee payable).
- Internet access is freely available at the Centre.
- Family rooms are also available at the Centre should your family wish to stay whilst you are on the course. The cost of your family's accommodation is at your own expense. Please contact us should you wish further information and cost on this.

Can I stay an extra night at the Maison Familiale?

If you would like to stay at the centre de Séjour the night before the course starts and/or the night after the course finishes, we can arrange this for you direct with the Centre. The cost of any extra nights will be at your own expense. Please contact us for price information.

What else should I bring with me?

You should bring comfortable shoes with you as some walking is involved in the cultural tours.

A digital camera would also be useful.

TRAVEL INFORMATION TO SALIGNAC, DORDOGNE

Bordeaux Airport

Airlines : Flybe (via Southampton)
KLM (via Amsterdam)
British Airways (via London Gatwick)
Easyjet (via London Luton)

On arrival at Bordeaux Airport, take the shuttle bus which runs every 30 minutes from the airport terminal direct to the train station (the journey takes approximately 30 minutes). At the train station, take the train to Sarlat. The journey takes approximately 2 hours 45 minutes. Tickets can be booked in advance.

Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport

Airlines : Easyjet (direct from Belfast International to Paris CdG)
British Airways
Air France

Take the train from Paris Austerlitz direct to Souillac train station (journey time approximately 4.5 hours). There is also a train from Paris Austerlitz to Brive la Gaillarde which takes approximately 4 hours and we can collect you from Brive station.

Limoges Airport

Airlines : Flybe (via Southampton)
Ryanair (via London Stansted)

Take a taxi from the Airport to the train station (Limoges Benedictins) and take the train to Souillac or Brive.

Toulouse Airport

Airlines : Jet2
British Airways (via London Gatwick)

Take taxi/bus from airport to Toulouse Matabiau train station and take the train to Souillac. The journey takes approximately 3 hours.

Bergerac Airport

Airlines : Flybe (via Southampton, Leeds Bradford or Exeter. Direct from Edinburgh)
Ryanair (via London Stansted)

Take taxi/bus from airport to Bergerac train station and take the train to Sarlat. The journey takes approximately 90 minutes.

Useful travel websites :

French Train timetables : www.voyages-scnf.com, www.tgv-europe.com
Flybe : www.flybe.com
KLM : www.klm.co.uk
British Airways : www.ba.com
Jet2 : www.jet2.com
Easyjet : www.easyjet.com

AREA MAPS

