



THE MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL

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02 November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Modern Foreign Language trip to Loire Valley, France. Thursday 26 – Tuesday 31 October 2023

We are delighted to be able to offer your child an exciting opportunity to visit The Loire Valley, France in October 2023.

The trip will involve 6 days of sightseeing and activities in the beautifully renowned region of France which is highly sought after by tourists from all over the world. This will be a great opportunity for our students to go and try their French language skills and be challenged to develop their own pronunciation and communication!

Our package is booked with Connect Studies, a very experienced travel company based in Winchester which has been planning school trips for over fifteen years.

The provisional itinerary is:

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| Thursday 26 | Depart from school by executive coach to the Loire Valley via Shuttle crossing. Arrive at our accommodation near Doué La Fontaine . The accommodation includes a secure swimming pool for our use. Evening meal. |
| Friday 27 | Breakfast followed by a visit to the Zoo at Doué La Fontaine which is set in the rock. After lunch we will visit the troglodyte town of Rochemenier , where the group will look around a ' cave farm '. There will then be a workshop at a windmill where the group will have a go at making bread and speaking French! Evening meal at the windmill restaurant tasting traditional 'fouées'. |
| Saturday 28 | Continental style breakfast followed by a visit to Puy du Fou . We will spend the day at the popular park which details periods of French history in a dramatic and entertaining way. Return to the hotel. Evening meal. |
| Sunday 29 | Visit a local market where we complete a work study under the guidance of the Tour Director. After lunch, we will travel to Saumur stopping first at the Cadre Noir for a tour of the world famous riding school and a snail farm . This will be followed by a visit to the Chateau de Brézé and the underground fortress. |
| Monday 30 | After a continental style breakfast, we will depart for Futuroscope . The group will spend the day at this popular park. |
| Tuesday 31 | Departure for returning to the United Kingdom. There may be an opportunity for the students to look around a small chocolate factory before stopping at the Cité Europe for some last minute shopping. Shuttle crossing and picnic lunch. Evening arrival at school. |

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Please bear in mind that some of the activities may change due to opening times, bookings availability or weather conditions. More detailed timings and route information, and final itinerary will be provided in future correspondence.

The cost of the trip is £615.00 and includes:

- Executive coach. DVD and toilet facilities on board.
- Shuttle crossings
- Accommodation in specified centre
- All meals
- All entrance fees
- Executive coach travel during the tour
- One experienced tour director
- Trip Hoodie/bag (to be decided)

Please be aware that this cost is based on a minimum group of 35 pupils and that there may be an increase of up to 10% if we do not secure all places. There are 45 places available on this trip.

Teachers accompanying residential visits carry an enormous responsibility for the students in their care. We therefore reserve the right to refuse a place to any student whose behaviour in school has been or becomes a problem.

You can apply for a place by completing the registration form below and paying a **£100.00 deposit** via our online payment system (if your child is unsuccessful in gaining a place, the deposit will be refunded). The registration form and deposit must be completed by **15 November 2022**. If your child is successful in gaining a place on this residential visit, we will inform you by email. We will set up the schedule of payments on Scopay and when you sign into your Scopay account you will be able to activate alerts when payments are due. The payment plan will require £100.00 on **3 February 2023**, £100.00 on **3 March 2023**, £105.00 on **3 April 2023**, £105.00 on **3 May 2023**, with the final payment of £105.00 due by **3 June 2023**. You will find a link to the registration form below.

Click here: [Loire Valley Trip October 2023 Registration Form](#)

Should the trip not run due to insufficient interest, you will, of course receive a full refund. Having secured a place, should you wish to cancel your child's place, the school will try to fill the place from any waiting list. If this is not possible, the deposit will be lost and further cancellation charges made by the travel company will be incurred. These will vary according to the notice given. You may, of course, make a claim on the insurance if your cancellation comes within the terms of the policy.

If you have any further enquiries do not hesitate to contact me via info@mountbatten.hants.sch.uk. May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the MFL department.

Yours sincerely

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