

France Trip - 28th June - 2nd July

WELCOME



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1. TRAVEL OPERATOR

Welcome to Europe for Schools.

At Europe for Schools we specialize in organising school trips and educational study tours to Europe.

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In the last 30 years we've arranged over 1000 tours for schools & universities

2. WHEN/ WHERE/ WHO/
HOW MUCH?

WHEN?

Wednesday 28th June - Sunday 2nd July

WHERE?

Just outside the Loire Valley, France.

Staying close to Poitiers, at Futuroscope.

Attractions: Futuroscope Park, Puy du Fou, Vallée des Singes



WHO?

Students of French & students of History. 45 places available.

These are to be issued on a first come first served basis.

HOW MUCH?

(On basis of 45 students travelling) £375 per person.

WHAT DOES THE PRICE INCLUDE?

DOES INCLUDE:



- ✓ Travel (including Dover - Calais) ferry crossing
- ✓ 4x nights B&B accommodation at Futuroscope hotel
- ✓ 3x evening meals at the hotel (exc Friday 30th)
- ✓ Entrance to ALL excursions
- ✓ Vouchers for evening meal at Puy du Fou (Friday 30th)
- ✓ Group Insurance
- ✓ International Passenger Protection

DOES NOT INCLUDE:



- ✗ Lunch (students will need some £ for this)
- ✗ Spending money

We will review spending money suggestions later on in the presentation.



3. PROPOSED ITINERARY

<u>Wednesday 28th</u> <u>June</u>	<u>Thursday 29th</u> <u>June</u>	<u>Friday 30th</u> <u>June</u>	<u>Saturday 1st</u> <u>July</u>	<u>Sunday 2nd</u> <u>July</u>
<u>02:00</u> - Drop off & load coach	<u>09:00</u> Breakfast at Hotel	<u>07:30</u> Breakfast	<u>08:30</u> Breakfast	<u>08:00</u> Breakfast
<u>02:15</u> - Depart for Dover	<u>10:00</u> Start day at Futuroscope	<u>08:00</u> Depart for Puy du Fou	<u>09:00</u> Visit a local market	<u>09:00</u> Depart for Calais
<u>06:30</u> - Check in at Dover ferry		<u>10:00</u> Arrive Puy du Fou		
<u>08:30</u> - Depart Dover	<u>18:45</u> Evening meal at Hotel		<u>13:00</u> Visit Vallée des Singes	<u>17:00</u> Check in at ferry terminal
<u>11:00</u> (FR time) Arrive Calais	<u>21:00</u> Night show at park	<u>17:30</u> Evening meal	<u>19:00</u> Evening meal at hotel	<u>18:00</u> Depart Calais
<u>19:00</u> Arrive at Hotel	<u>22:45</u> Return to hotel	<u>19:00</u> Depart		<u>18:30</u> (UK time) Depart Dover
<u>20:00</u> Evening meal		<u>21:00</u> Arrive back at hotel		<u>23:00</u> Arrive back at school

4. SAFE BEHAVIOUR AND EXPECTATIONS

1. Prior to trip

- All parents/ guardians and students must comply, and sign the schools' 'Safe Behaviour and Expectations' form. This will be circulated shortly, upon confirmation of place on the trip.
- The school reserves the right to review elements of a students' **attendance and behaviour** at any time prior to the trip and remove a student from the trip, if it considers necessary and appropriate. **Refundable deposit only.**





2. Throughout the trip

- Students are ambassadors, representing John Ferneley College, their community and indeed the UK. As such we will expect students to wear appropriate clothing (no hot pants, cropped tops etc.) and conduct themselves politely and responsibly at all times.
- If any child disregards behaviour or safe expectations on a school trip, in the most extreme circumstance, parents could be contacted and asked to take their child home - this is at the parent/ guardian's own expense.
- Teachers will reserve the right to search a student and their belongings should we feel there is a genuine need to do so for students' safety and well-being.

Ultimately we want students to have a **fun** and **rewarding experience**. Students will be trusted to comply with behavioural expectations in return for some **independence**. We want to **empower** students to think for themselves and **encourage** them to do some **exploring** of the attractions with their friends and ultimately **learn** through having fun.



5. A CLOSER LOOK AT THE ATTRACTIONS

Day 1. - FUTUROSCOPE

Futuroscope is a well-known educational theme park in Europe with an emphasis on science, multimedia and modern technology.

Here students will get the opportunity to experience a variety of rides, simulators and visual shows that cover a range of topics, including **astronomy and astrophysics** on the recently added roller coaster, "Destination Mars" (voted "*Best new roller coaster*" by the *European Star Awards 2020*); **meteorology and the living world** on "Tornado Chasers" (which won the *Park Excellence Awards "Outstanding Achievement"* accolade in 2022); and **cybernetics and robotics** on the "Dances with Robots" ride.



FUTUROSCOPE – A PARK DEDICATED TO FUTURISTIC ATTRACTIONS IN THE FIELD OF TECHNOLOGY, FILM & MULTIMEDIA



Day 2 – PUY DU FOU

Welcome to the largest historical and educational theme park in the world! There are no rides at this park. Instead, students will witness the park bring different eras of history to life, from the Romans to the early twentieth century, in a variety of breathtaking, epic shows.

With more than 2,500 actors and 1,500 animals involved in the productions, a medieval reconstructed city, a full-sized Gallo-Roman Colosseum, enormous castles at every turn and ballet-dancing horses performing on a stage that boasts the world's largest theatre stage curtain, Puy du Fou really is a park unlike any other in the world!



PUY DU FOU – THE BEST THEME PARK IN THE WORLD?



Day 3 - Nous allons visiter un marché! (We're going to visit a market!)



- ❖ French markets are a feast for the senses!
- ❖ Fresh produce is as fresh and as local as could be.
- ❖ Discover countless counters of classic French produce: charcuterie, baguettes, compotes, farm-produced cheese.
- ❖ A wonderful opportunity to grab a delicious lunch & mix with the local people.

LA VALLÉE DES SINGES – “THE VALLEY OF THE MONKEYS”



- Spend a morning at a local market near Poitiers: after a busy two days at two theme parks, this will be a much quieter morning for the students and an opportunity for them to immerse themselves in the modern French culture. Markets are an integral part of the traditional French lifestyle and a wonderful opportunity to deepen one's appreciation of French cuisine! This is where students can really put their language-speaking skills to the test whilst taking in the sights and smells of locally sourced French produce and wares.
- An afternoon at the Vallée des Singes (the "valley of the monkeys"): an ecological wildlife park, dedicated to **450 different types of primates**. With neither a cage nor fence in sight in the park, students will be able to more-closely observe, learn about and deepen their understanding of gorillas, chimpanzees and bonobos, amongst many others, in a picturesque 22 hectare setting. The park is dedicated to the welfare and preservation of its incredible primates and students will have the chance to make some incredible memories in a truly unique setting.

6. SUPERVISION & SAFEGUARDING

STAFFING

- **Trip Leader:** Mrs Huskisson Ettrick
- There will be 4 members of staff in total; including 1 Senior Leader Teacher & 1 (minimum) First-Aid trained member of staff.

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

- Staff will have a school mobile phone for the duration of the trip. This will store all emergency contacts for students.

INDEPENDENCE/ SUPERVISION

- All trips are risk assessed with appropriate provisions in place.
- 1 member of staff allocated to 10 students for duration of trip.
- We will insist that students remain in groups of 3 (minimum) **at all times**.
- We will insist that students will need to regroup at specified times throughout the day for registration.

SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS

- Boys and girls will be kept separate!
- Students will be sleeping in 4 or 5 - bed rooms with private bathroom facilities.



7. THE IMPORTANT STUFF!

DOCUMENTATION - Students will need to have...

➤ A valid Passport*



- Must have at least 3 months remaining before the expiry date.
- Students with a non-UK/ EU passport can travel to France without a visa. However names of these students will need to be communicated to the school in advance of departure.

➤ A GHIC Card (Global Health Insurance Card)



- The GHIC replaces the EHIC
- It is free
- It permits the individual to access medical attention at a state hospital or GP practice
- It is not a substitute for medical insurance (medical insurance is included in the trip cost)

MEDICAL NEEDS & ALLERGIES

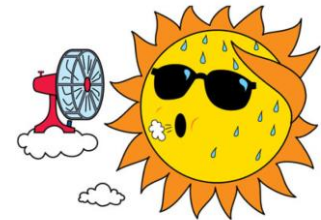
- ALL **allergies & medical needs** must be communicated to the school - trip consent form to be sent out once places have been confirmed.
- These include both prescribed &/or over the counter medications.
- All medicines will need to be declared at Customs so the school will need to produce documentation with students' names and their medication/ dosage in advance of departure.



WHAT STUDENTS WILL NEED TO BRING WITH THEM

- 1 Suitcase & 1 comfortable backpack (with zips)
- Comfortable footwear and summer clothing.
- A lightweight, waterproof jacket
- Toiletries
- A sunhat and sunscreen (SPF 50)
- Mosquito repellant
- **Mobile phone:** These will be allowed and subject to the trip rules of usage. Please be aware of data roaming charges and speak with your mobile network provider in advance - please note this is the responsibility of the parent/ guardian to arrange, should you wish.

It can get very hot in France. Temperatures reached 38°C in June 2022!



SPENDING MONEY

Students will need to take a reasonable amount of spending money on the trip.



They will need money to purchase:

- Lunch on each of the 5 days of the trip
- Additional drinks/ snacks/ ice creams
- A small souvenir or 2!

The school has links with an external provider that can give preferential exchange rates to students, parents and staff. Details to follow.

The currency in France is the Euro and the exchange rate is
€1 = £0.88* (*as of 12/02/2023*)

We would suggest that £150 worth of Euros would be adequate spending money per student.

8. NEXT STEPS

BETWEEN NOW AND WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH



If you would like to secure a place for your child on the trip please:

- ✓ Read the **letter** that will be e-mailed out to you by the end of the week. (This will include a summary of the important information about the trip.)
- ✓ Within the letter:
 - **STEP 1: Pay £50 deposit** payment to secure your place.
 - **STEP 2: Complete the parental consent form.**

- Please be reminded that there are only 45 places available.
- These will be issued on a first come first served basis. (The trip attendee list will close after the first 45 make the first deposit payment.)
- In the event that the trip is oversubscribed, we will look into having a waiting list should a place later become available.
- Should your child not receive a place on the trip, this time, please note we will have a live waiting list in place. Should a place become available, it will be offered to the order on the list. Please note, payments may be required immediately, should a spot be taken from the waiting list.

QUICKLINKS



PARENTS EVENING



SCHOOL GATEWAY

PAYMENT PLAN

Please can we remind you that full commitment to the payment plan below, must be provided. Any delay to payments could result in your child being removed from the trip entirely.

- Online payments only, via School Gateway.

Amount payable		Payment deadline
£50		Wednesday 1 st March
£50		Wednesday 5 th April
£275		Wednesday 3 rd May

PRIOR TO THE 3RD MAY

PLEASE:

- ✓ Ensure your child has a **valid passport***
- ✓ Ensure your child has a **GHIC card***
- ✓ Ensure all trip monies are **paid** in full
- ✓ Complete the **Consent form**. This will provide the school with up to date:
 - Student medical & allergy records
 - Emergency contact details of parents



** The school will need to make copies of all student passports and GHIC cards. Students will need to bring these to Student Services as soon as they can.*

FURTHER QUERIES

- Should you have any further questions about the trip please email Mrs Huskisson (Trip Leader):
shuskissonettrick@johnferneley.org

USEFUL WEBSITES

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/france/entry-requirements>

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/france>

<https://www.gov.uk/global-health-insurance-card>

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-renew-passport>

<https://www.futuroscope.com/en/>

<https://www.puydufou.com/france/en>

<https://www.la-vallee-des-singes.fr/en/>

9. QUESTIONS?