



PGL Language Detectives Course at Château du Tertre & Le Pré Catelan

Bring the French language alive for your students and give them plenty of opportunities to practise their language skills in context. Students hear native French speakers in authentic surroundings and use everyday situations to develop their speaking and listening skills.

A flexible, modular course

Our Language Detectives courses comprise a range of modules, most of which take place off-site to give your group maximum exposure to authentic situations. All modules are optional so you can choose any combination to meet your learning outcomes. You can either build a tailor-made itinerary or choose one of our tried and tested packages.

Choose your level

We have three workbooks catering for Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3 or Key Stage 4 students. You'll find enclosed a sample booklet. You can, of course, choose a higher or lower level booklet depending upon your students' ability but we will need to know what level your students are working at before you arrive. In fact, the more information we have about your requirements the better.

How do the modules work?

The language modules consist of short prep sessions (lasting approximately 15 mins) in the classroom during the morning or in the evening before the visits, with a follow-up session on the coach journey. Students complete tasks and record information in their workbook which they take home with them at the end of the course.

A single module normally takes half a day to complete. Itineraries generally work best with a language module in the morning followed by an excursion in the afternoon.

How many modules do I need to pick?

Two or three modules on a weekend course and three or four modules on a Monday to Friday course works well. You may also wish to include an activity session on site; these are included free of charge. For more details about the adventure activities, please refer to the separate excursion guide included in your Provisional Booking pack.

Booking your itinerary

Included in your Provisional Booking information pack you will find an itinerary planner. Please complete and return it to us with your choice of modules and excursions. We will book your excursions, advise you of any relevant costs and work out the most suitable itinerary for your group.

Of course, at any point if you have queries or would like to talk through your ideas, please feel free to email or call your Tour Organiser.

Your PGL Language Representative

Your group will be assigned a Tour Leader for the duration of your stay. They coordinate and accompany you on all your excursions and also act as your Language Representative. They run the language sessions for you and ensure your students get the maximum benefit from their course. Our Tour Leaders are chosen for their enthusiasm, their proficiency in the language and their suitability for working with school parties; however, they are not qualified teachers and your input will be required to support and guide your students with respect to linguistic accuracy and input.





Language Detectives Course Modules Explained

Off-site modules

Préparez à manger (all levels)

Students visit a local market and buy ingredients to prepare their own cold lunch. They then return to centre to prepare their lunch. Meals are judged on presentation, value for money and nutritional value. (NB Lunch is not provided unless you are on a package where the cost will be included. Please budget €2 per student for this activity.)

Situations en ville (KS3 &4)

Visit either the local café or the tourist office to pose questions and practice speaking French.

Une interview dans la rue (an Interview in the Street) (KS3&4)

Your students visit a local town or attraction. In groups they stop French people and interview them for a few minutes, posing a range of questions suited to their ability level.

Les Enquêtes (surveys) (KS4 only)

Surveys take place in a local town, where students pose questions to local residents

Chasse au trésor (Town Trails) –

(all levels) In groups students answer questions and follow directions around a local town. Town Trails are available in both French and English.

A la ferme (KS2 only) – Students complete the fun sections of the workbook and learn the names of different animals.

Le chocolat (KS2 at Le Pré Catelan only) – Students learn the names of different types of chocolate. This module works well with a visit to the chocolate factory!

On-site modules suitable for all levels

The following modules are delivered on centre and normally take place in the evening before, or as part of, the evening entertainment session.

Une Introduction à la France

(an introduction to France) Students complete information in the workbook e.g. their own identity card.

Un bonjour de PGL! (postcard session)

Students write a postcard home using the vocabulary they have learnt or are familiar with. Interactive games include 'Who am I?', 'What am I?' Pictionary and Bingo.

Mon temps en France

(My time in France - a presentation)

A fun, interactive session giving the group a chance to show off their talents and showcase what they have learnt. Students present what they have learnt during their stay, e.g. writing a song or a blog, designing a poster or writing a newspaper article.

Mon journal

Students write up a daily journal, reviewing their excursions and activities. This session is usually led by the language teacher from the school who will be familiar with the students' ability levels. All classroom resources are available including a whiteboard and dictionaries.

Excursions suitable for all levels

Groups choose from the excursions in the Excursion Guide; however, there are some we would recommend for the opportunities they provide to hear spoken French and to speak French. These are:

Local market & town trail

Works well with the 'Préparez à manger' module. Suitable for all levels.

Boulangerie (bakery visit) Suitable for all levels. For groups staying at Le Pré Catelan we recommend the Boulangerie le Fournil.

A farm visit – Suitable for all

levels. We recommend the Goat Farm Montcavrel for groups staying at Le Pré Catelan and the dairy (Ferme de la Papinière) or the goat farm (Saint Berthevin) for groups staying at Château du Tertre.

Cider Museum – Château du Tertre KS4 groups only.

Fougères Château – Château du Tertre groups only – The 'Interview in the Street' module works well combined with a visit to the château. Suitable for all levels.