

## iSummer Language Holidays Bayonne

**Welcome to International Projects!** We wish you a pleasant, exciting, and fun-filled stay in our Junior Summer Camp. These travel documents will help you to get a general overview of your upcoming trip.

### Parental Consent Form

**For all students aged under 18 years old.**

Please fill out the form as soon as possible, at least 7 days prior to arrival.

We are gathering this information in order to look after your child in the best way so they can enjoy the most positive experience on their holiday with us. Please answer all questions as fully as possible.

After filling out the form, please **PRINT, SIGN AND GIVE** to your child the printed form as some parts of it might be necessary for example at the border while entering the UK.

This form should take 5 to 10 minutes to fill out. Please use the link below and QR code to fill out the parental consent form:



<https://forms.office.com/e/KWYnMKLPi3>

## Independent Arrival

If you decided to travel independently to Bayonne, please let us know your exact time of arrival and departure at least two weeks before your trip starts. Generally, you should arrive in Bayonne between 2:30 pm and 6 pm.

If you have booked a transfer with us, there will be a Meet and Greet Service provided by the taxi company directly at the station exit in Biarritz—or at your arrival gate at the airport. The driver will hold a sign with your name.

## Other transfers

Alternatively, we can also arrange other transfers for you:

- from/to Biarritz airport, train or bus station
- from/to San Sebastian Airport/ Train Station
- from/to Bordeaux Airport

In this case we usually cooperate with taxi companies. You will recognise them your name in the taxi company's banner. Please let us know at least three weeks in advance your exact time of arrival, so that we will be able to book this service for you.

In case of flight delays or changes please advise us directly calling our emergency number (on the pin board)

On the *day of departure*, we kindly ask you to leave your room and check out in the morning before 09:00 am. Please make sure to talk to our team in Bayonne about your departure details. In case you have booked a transfer via IP, your IP team will inform you about the departure time and organisation.

## Luggage and Immigration Regulations

One piece of check-in luggage is allowed per passenger. Usually 20kg but please check with your airline directly about the individual allowance. Additionally, you can bring one piece of hand luggage, e.g. a backpack or a handbag (depending on the airline 7-10kg). To follow you will find a list of things which could be useful when preparing your suitcase:

- ✓ Trousers, T-shirts, pullovers, etc.
- ✓ Rainjacket / small umbrella
- ✓ Comfortable walking shoes /closed shoes
- ✓ Swimsuit and beach towel
- ✓ Sun cream / hat
- ✓ Toiletries bag with items for your personal hygiene

Things that **MUST** be in your hand luggage:

- ✓ your passport (either a child ID with a photograph, your ID or Passport)
- ✓ your visa\* (if needed)
- ✓ your health insurance card
- ✓ your voucher and all important telephone numbers
- ✓ Printed Parental consent form signed
- ✓ The below emergency contact card
- ✓ important medication (if needed)
- ✓ THIS DOCUMENT!
- ✓ Please print and keep safely in your wallet or phone case the below card with the school details and emergency phone number:

**Note:** Make sure that you have all identification and ready, as you might have to identify yourself at the passport control promptly

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## Dietary Requirements

If you have any special dietary requirements, e.g. vegetarian, please inform us **at least 14 days prior to your arrival** or we might not be able to cater for your request. We can not offer some special diets, so please consult us before booking with us. It is usual in France to offer tap water during mealtimes.

## Homestay Accommodation

Homestay accommodation gives you the opportunity to completely immerse yourself into the French language from the very start of your trip. You will stay with our carefully chosen hosts in twin or triple (under request) rooms, which you share either with a friend or with another student we have assigned to you. The bathroom and household facilities are shared with the family. Our hosts are not always traditional families with children but can also be single with or without children, older people and young families with or without children.

Your host family will provide you with bed linen and towels for indoor use. However, we ask you to please bring your own beach towel. You are able to use the washing machine in the house, please ask your host family how to use it. Please make sure to keep your room clean and tidy.

In your homestay you will receive breakfast in the mornings and will be given a packed lunch for the day. In the evenings there will be a warm meal which you will have ideally together with your host family. Please note that usually only tap water will be provided with meals.

By the way, it always leaves a good impression to bring a small gift for your host from your home country.

Tip: Something personal from you and your family (e.g. photos), sweets or a souvenir from your home town or the region you come from.

Apart from that, nothing impresses your hosts more than saying “S’il vous plaît” and “Merci” and asking for permission for small things and being very polite - for example, “Puis-je m’asseoir, s’il vous plaît”.

The way to school in the mornings and back to your homestay in the evenings is always unaccompanied for students older than 13. Your host may live in another part of the city than the campus. Therefore, you may have to use public transportation between your homestay and IP activities (costs for public transportation are included in the price). Depending on where your homestay is located, your travel time can take up to 60 minutes. It might not be possible to

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join all the IP activities until the end because of the timetables of the public transportation, especially in the evenings. Please talk to your host family about when you will return to the house. If you are not able to adhere to the agreed times, please inform your host family and our team.

The stay in a host family is designed for more independent and responsible children, who want to gain an insight into the French daily life and who are ready to accept the rules of the host family.

If a change of host family is necessary we will make the appropriate changes as soon as possible. In emergency situations students will be changed immediately. In other cases, this change may take up to three days.

## Accommodation in the Maison Diocésaine Bayonne

The Maison Diocésaine in Bayonne is located not far from the main train/ bus stations from Biarritz and Bayonne. In the entrance area of the residence, you will find a reception area with a public lounge where you can also buy drinks. From there, you can get to the garden where you can sit together with your friends from all around the world and chat.

Apart from our language students there are also other guests in the house with who we share the common facilities. There is free wifi in some areas.

You are accommodated in single, twin or **triple rooms** containing simple wardrobes, tables and chairs. The rooms are lockable. Some rooms have got shower inside other share the shower in the corridors. Toilets are to share in the corridors. The bed linen is changed weekly and the rooms are cleaned regularly. Please keep the room tidy so that the cleaners are able to clean the room. Towels for the beach have to be brought by you. It is possible to do your laundry in a close supermarket if necessary.

The stop for public transport is only 5 minutes walk away. It takes approximately 20 minutes to the town centre and 40 minutes to the beaches of Biarritz/Anglet by bus.

Breakfast and dinner are provided in the cafeteria of the residence.

The French breakfast, traditionally not very rich, consists of bread, butter, jam, juice, milk, (hot) chocolate, coffee or tea. You will get a packed lunch from us after your lessons. Dinner always consists of a warm meal and a typical French desert. At the end of your meal, you have to clean your tray. For hygienic reasons it is not allowed to keep food in the rooms.

In your room you will find a small safe to lock your money and other valuables. The key will be provided by our team at your arrival. A safe is not available, but you will get a key to lock your room. International Projects is not liable in case of theft or loss of money or valuables.

**Please be aware that a residence is not a hotel.** Please keep in mind that you cannot expect hotel service and standard there. After 10 pm peace and quiet is expected in and around the rooms.

**Deposit:** On your arrival in Bayonne we kindly ask you to leave a deposit (in cash) of 50 € for potential damages such as very dirty room, for not using bed sheets, and a general bad state of the room when for example towels and sheets have to be thrown away or lost keys. In case damages are caused by you or you lose your key, the costs will be deducted from the deposit. A lost key e.g. costs 10 €.

## Placement Test

We do ask every student to do a placement test as soon as possible, at least 7 days prior to arrival. This test is **ESSENTIAL** for your placement in the right **English or French class**, thus giving you the best possible chance of success in your English or French language learning. The online test is designed to be convenient and flexible, allowing you to complete it at a time that suits you best. It ensures you're positioned in a class that matches your abilities from your first day on.

Upon your arrival and commencement of lessons, our dedicated teachers will conduct **comprehensive observations** during your first day of classes. Specifically focusing on **speaking skills**, these observations will provide valuable insights into your real-time language abilities and interaction in a classroom setting. The **speaking component** score obtained from the classroom observations will be combined with the results of your **online placement test**. This comprehensive approach ensures a **holistic evaluation** of your language skills. Based on this combined assessment, you will be placed in an **even more suitable English or French language level** that aligns perfectly with your proficiency from your second day onward.

If you forget or choose not to complete the test beforehand, don't worry – you'll join a **mixed-level testing group** on your first day, with the opportunity to take

the test during your initial lesson and spend the day in this group for the teacher to conduct comprehensive observations focusing on speaking skills. Based on this combined assessment, you will be placed in a **suitable English or French language level** that aligns perfectly with your proficiency from your second day onward.

Please do it only once, on your own, in a quiet space. It should not take you more than 30 minutes to complete it. Before you start, make sure your headphones/earphones/speakers are working as you will have to listen to a few recordings in the last part of the test.

Please use the link or QR code on the right to access the placement test:

Placement test for English Course	Placement test for French Course
 	  

Level Test French: <https://forms.office.com/e/ghyHG8FdKR>

Level Test English: <https://internationalprojects.start.page/>

## Language Courses

- ✓ On the first day of school, your first lesson starts at 9 am.
- ✓ Our courses encompass listening and reading comprehension, grammar, and conversation. Dynamic instruction from (usually) more than one teacher a day with varying methods ensures a well-rounded learning journey. Topics rooted in local culture and everyday life enrich your learning, complemented by intercultural insights gained from collaborating with students worldwide.

- ✓ If you feel that you are in a level that is too easy or too difficult, please talk to your teacher or supervisor.
- ✓ Your teachers are dedicated professionals and carefully chosen to provide a positive and stimulating learning environment. You will be provided with teaching materials such as a workbook, notebook (only for English Course), folder, paper, pen, and copies.
- ✓ At the conclusion of your journey, you'll receive a certificate that reflects your learning triumphs. This tangible testament to your dedication and progress stands as a reminder of your accomplishments.
- ✓ According to prior agreement with your teacher, you are allowed to bring your Laptop/Tablet to the lessons and use them for the internet-based exercises. International Projects is not liable for damage or loss of your electronic equipment.
- ✓ Please keep in mind that as the 14th of July is a public holiday in France, classes will not take place and will not be replaced.

### General English or French Course (15 x 45 minutes / week)

- ✓ Classes are normally held Monday to Friday from 9:00 to 11:45.
- ✓ Each of the morning sessions is aimed at specific language aspects: grammar mastery, vocabulary, reading and listening comprehension, and interactive speaking practice. With a focus on enhancing your speaking and listening skills, we're dedicated to nurturing confident communication and breaking inhibitions.

### Intensive English or French Course (20 x 45 minutes / week)

- ✓ This supplement integrates the General Course (Monday to Friday, 09:00-11:45, including breaks) with an extra daily session (11:45 - 12:30), devoted to project-based learning, group dynamics, writing finesse, and public speaking prowess.

## Your IP Supervisors

Are young people who enjoy working and traveling with kids and teens and have undergone extensive training with IP. They put together the activity programme and are always available for questions and advice.

If there is something you are not satisfied with, please feel free to talk to your supervisor in order to resolve the reason for your discomfort.

During daily assemblies the upcoming activities will be explained. Our *Temps de parler* – Time to Talk (TDP-TTT) also takes place on a daily basis and provides a forum for you to ask questions and clarify problems with your supervisor in a small group.

## Activity Programme

The activity programme consists of sports, workshops and games in the afternoon. In the evening movie and game nights, IP's got Talent shows, theme parties and much more will be organised for you. You'll have mandatory activities on Saturday evening, all day Sunday (morning, afternoon, and evening), and Wednesday afternoon. The majority of the activity programme in the afternoon will take place on the facilities indoor and outdoor from the residence, the beach of Anglet, close to the surfing school or the town centre. While the activity programme in the evening will mainly take place in the residence and city centre. We also offer some visits to: the Chocolate Museum in Bayonne; the Bayonne Street Art; the Tower of Love in Anglet; the battleship Hermione; the Aquarium (some of these visits may have an additional cost from 3€ to 20€). There will always be a free activity to choose from at the same time.

Apart from that, you can relax in the residence patio, and **IP Ocean Lounge** with snacks, drinks and music, while meeting up with new friends. We are newly introducing an activity app for your smart phone. You find all the activities offered and chose with your friends what you like to do.

Your language holiday also **includes two half-day excursions and one full-day** excursion per fortnight. You will be informed about the trip destinations in Bayonne.

### Surf Course (5 x 90 minutes)

Biarritz is ideal for surfing (wave riding). If you want to get a feeling for riding the waves, then be sure to join the surfing course at our partner school. The surfing

course includes five lessons (1.5 hours each) in the afternoons and lasts one week. All necessary equipment will be provided.

If you stay more than one week, and you have not booked surf for the entire stay, the team will inform you on your arrival in which week(s) you will join the surf course, according to availability. The times for surfing lessons can vary depending on the weather, tide, and the size of the waves. Therefore classes could be occasionally theory (paddling /safeguarding lessons at the beach) or exceptionally cancelled if the conditions don't allow the previous options. Please be aware that it is not possible to join the activity programme or scheduled excursions.

## Pocket Money

Experience shows that our young guests spend around 80 to 120 Euro per week. We recommend taking a cash card with you. Cash machines for normal cash cards are located all over France. Your bank will be able to inform you about the best option for your trip to France. Cards usually are only valid to take cash out, not to pay with them.

In case you want to take money in cash with you, you should take enough pocket money for your stay. A money transfer to France can be expensive.

In cases of theft, loss, or damage to money and/or valuable items, IP is not liable.

## Social Media

IP International Projects would like you to follow us on Facebook and Instagram so you can get some more insight into our centres and information about our Summer Language Holidays. Feel free to link us in to your posts and to mention our hashtags #IPsummer and #learnmorethanalanguage in your posts. We will re-post the best ones on our timelines and stories.

As your privacy is important to us, we want to ensure that only students or parents who have given us their express permission are featured on our social media. We undertake to protect the privacy rights of the participant when using images and to not use photographs or other images which may harm the reputation and/or violate the privacy of the participant. Parents/guardians and the participant can withdraw their permission at any time, either in writing or by email, stating their booking or customer number.

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IP International Projects is not responsible for content posted by students on social networks even if they are using the above hashtags or linking to us.

Our social media accounts can be found under the following QR code:



**We would like to wish you a wonderful language holiday, lots of fun and everything that makes a great, unique and memorable holiday!**

**Your IP International Projects Team!**

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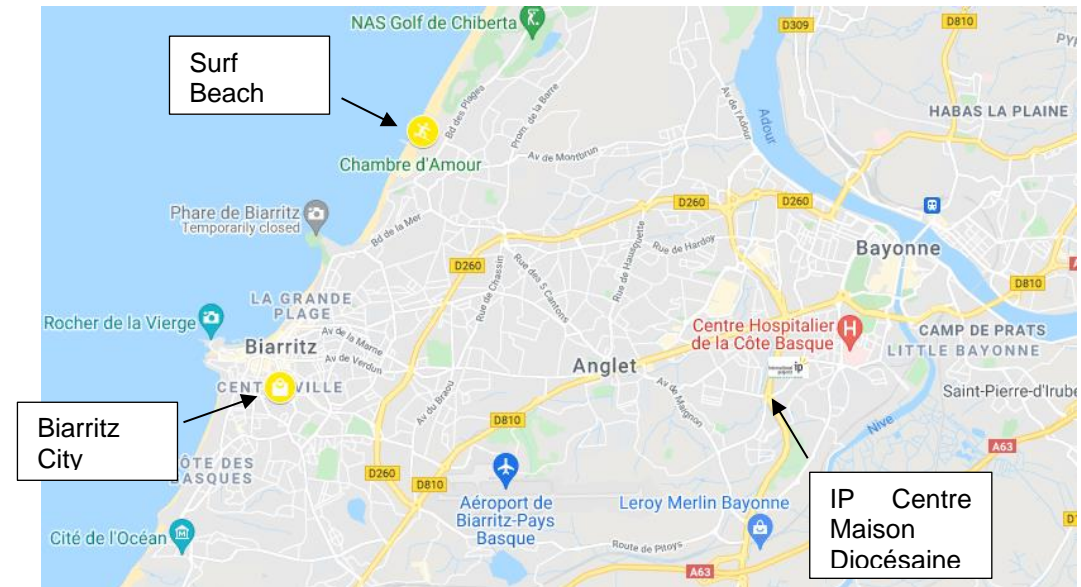
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## Your Course Destination Bayonne



## IP Rules & Regulations for Bayonne

To follow you will find our rules and regulations to ensure our students behave responsibly and safely during their summer course in our centres.

These rules have to be adhered to by all students and can't be invalidated.

- **Respecting other students:** Our aim is to bring together international young people from all over the world in our course centres, who want to learn a foreign language and gain intercultural experiences.
- **Therefore** discriminating, racist or sexist behaviour will not be tolerated.
- **Mandatory Presence:** The lessons, the daily assemblies/ TDP, as well as the meals have to be attended by all IP students.
- **Leaving the Campus:** All students, over the age of 13, are allowed to leave the campus in groups of a minimum of two until dinner. All students must inform the staff team, when they want to leave the campus. After dinner, they are allowed to leave the campus in groups of minimum two after informing our staff, until 11pm. Our supervisors reserve the right to limit these times when necessary. Students staying in host families have to return to their host family for dinner. After dinner they can either stay in their hostfamily or return to the campus for the evening programme. If they want to leave the hostfamily on their own until 10:30pm, the IP team should be informed as well as the hostfamily. During our excursions, students older than 13 may leave in groups of two.
- **Curfew/Night Check:** All students have to be in their rooms at 11pm. Staff members will conduct a night check at 11pm to ensure that all students are in their rooms. Homestay students must return to their hosts by 10.30pm.
- **Noise:** From 10:00pm onwards all activities have to be kept in low volume. Please respect the need for quiet of fellow students and residents living nearby.

- **Privacy:** The privacy of fellow students and staff must be respected. Do not enter designated areas or rooms of fellow students without permission.
- **Rooms:** Rooms can only be shared by students of the same sex.
- **Damages/loss of keys:** IP will have to be reimbursed for all damages or loss of keys. In some cases the damages may be covered by insurance.
- **Theft:** Please take care of your belongings at all times as we do not take responsibility for lost or stolen items. We report all thefts to the police.
- **Fire safety:** Fire doors cannot be blocked or left open. Setting off of fire extinguishers will be dealt with as an act of vandalism. There is a 300 euros penalty charge for setting off the fire alarm unnecessarily.
- **Alcohol:** It is not allowed to consume alcohol of any kind.
- **Smoking:** Smoking is not allowed in our IP Centres.
- **Drugs:** Consumption or dealing of drugs is strictly prohibited.
- **Amusement arcades:** It is not allowed to visit amusement arcades.
- **Weapons:** Carrying weapons of any kind (flick knives, tear gas, etc.) is forbidden. Apart from that, we do not offer or support any activities which include violence (Paint Ball, Laser quest or violent computer games).
- **Amusement Arcades:** Language students under the age of 18 are not allowed to visit amusement arcades in France unless accompanied by a staff member.
- **Tattoos/Piercings:** Students under the age of 18 are not allowed to get tattoos or piercings during their stay.
- **Swimming:** Please note, that swimming is not an IP organised activity, and therefore IP – International Projects is not liable. However, it is principally allowed on supervised beaches/pools only when a lifeguard is present, unless otherwise determined in writing by parents/guardians.



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- **Mobiles:** The use of mobile telephones during lessons and assemblies is not allowed. If disregarded, staff may collect the mobile phone. IP is not liable for the loss or damage of mobile phones
- **Notebooks/Tablets/Phablets:** Provided that our teachers give their permission, the use of these electronics during selected lessons is permitted
- **Social Media:** Students are not allowed to post pictures and/or videos of other participants which may harm their reputation and/or violate their privacy. Please post responsibly.
- **E-Safety:** Accessing, viewing or sharing inappropriate materials online or via social media is strictly forbidden.

Disrespecting our rules and regulations may have legal consequences and may result in a student being asked to leave the course. IP will not cover any additional costs that may arise from a student's suspension.

Should you have any complaints or want to report abusive behaviour, please feel free to talk to any member of staff or email: [info@internationalprojects.com](mailto:info@internationalprojects.com)  
For more information on our complaints procedure and our policy on abusive behaviour please see:

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