Intensive course: French and Horse-Riding Dressage or Jumping

23 kms from Paris

The best way to master a foreign language like French is to take intensive and focused lessons to get familiar with its fundamentals and to re-use skills as often as possible in a motivating context. If you are passionate about horses, you know that the tradition and the language used in Dressage are French, for historical reasons. This is why Qilin and its partner the Cercle Hippique du Pin have designed this course which includes one and a half hours per day of French studies in the morning with experienced teachers and 2 hours of horseback riding in the afternoon.

French and horse-riding course, typical day

9.00-9.30	9.30-11.00	11.00-12.30	12.30-14.00	14.00-16.00	16.00 – eve.
Preparatory exercises to get ready for the lesson itself so that it is really intensive teaching	French language lesson	Routine life in the horse- riding club : (horse care, lesson observation, videos about horseriding, *etc.*)	Lunch on site with the club team	Horse care and horse riding lesson (dressage or jumping according to the student choice and level)	Routine life in the horse riding club: (horse care, lesson observation, videos about horse riding, *etc.*)

In addition to the classes themselves, taking part in the horse-riding centre routine boosts fluency in French since you talk with different people about different topics. Meals eaten on site (lunches) with teachers and the care team are additional opportunities to discuss horse history, equestrian news at large and other topics as well.
The Dressage lessons are given by an Instructor who stands up for « équitation légère » values. This type of equitation respects the horse's physical and mental integrity and refuses to subject it to any mercantile or artificial law. These principles, inspired by Nuno Oliveira (Portuguese horseman 1925-1989) are transmitted and explained during this course.
The Jumping lessons are given by a teacher who respects horses while searching for performance. This teaching is proposed if the student's horse-riding level is good enough. The level is evaluated before the course but a short video is required in the booking process.

This course is the opportunity to put your knowledge of French into practice while improving your equestrian skills. It is useful and interesting to communicate in French as a foreign language when you are in a different context from the classroom, i.e. in real life.

The horse-riding centre

The Cercle Hippique du Pin is located in a village of 3 000 inhabitants, 25 kms from Paris, called Le Pin. It is distinguished by its high teaching standards and the way students are welcomed, it is small and its atmosphere is warm. We pay special attention to students' needs and profile and their projects.

French teaching

It is delivered by experienced teachers, focused on the student's needs and profile. The student is definitely put at the center of this pedagogy. This method of teaching is adapted to the written tests and questionnaires filled in by the student when s/he books. An oral test is also arranged by Skype prior to the beginning of the course. The group size is maximum 3 people, equivalent levels. A written and oral test is done before the beginning of the course.

Accommodation:

Homestay or short term rented studios like AirB&B are located a maximum of 15 kilometers from the riding centre. If homestay, an individual room is guaranteed and the bathroom is shared most of the time. Breakfast and dinner are eaten with hostesses, which is a good opportunity to keep on speaking French in a different context.

Course dates: please contact Qilin (arrival on Sunday, departure on Saturday) Price: 1285€*
Booking deadline: one week before arrival
Minimum required level in French: A2 (oral and written tests done before the course)
Minimum required level in equitation: trotter enlevé (a totally beginner student can be welcomed under certain conditions. The riding level is evaluated at the beginning of the course but a short video is requested at the registration)

***The price includes:**

- 5 French lessons (1,5 hours each) and 5 horseriding lessons (2 hours each, including horse care)
- full board if homestay is chosen; lunches only if studio rental
- homestay accommodation or short term studio rental
- transport between accommodation and stables
- airport transfers to and from Charles De Gaulle airport

***The price excludes**

- the flight or train ticket (to and from your country)
- potential visa costs are not included in this price.
- spending money

Optional:

- a day at EuroDisney. This day is arranged between Monday and Friday in order to avoid the usual big crowds at the park. French and horseriding lessons are rescheduled on Saturday.
Extra cost: 155€ (including the extra night and the additional meals. Departure on Sunday if this option is chosen)
- a day in Paris (by public transportation, sightseeing to be defined according to the student's wishes)
Extra cost: 130€ (including the extra night and the additional meals if this option is chosen)
- French exams DELF and DALF and horse riding national exams (please ask)

Our guarantees:

- individualized and personalized advice and teaching (both for French language and horse riding)
- horse equipment loan when necessary (saddle, bridle, care equipment, lunge whip, etc.) but bring your personal equipment (trousers, boots and chaps, hammer, stick);
- experienced teachers, focused teaching according to the student's needs and profile;
- total pedagogical handling with pre and post assessments;

- calm environment during the day time.
- the Cercle Hippique du Pin is a member of the National Equitation Federation.

Insurances:
Personal and repatriation insurances to home country are compulsory. In case of an accident, medical fees delivered in France are paid for by agreements between European countries. For any non European person, sport and repatriation insurances are compulsory.

Additional information:
This course can be arranged for closed small groups of 4 people. Please ask for details.

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