

Les étudiants de 2022

Tamara & Geoff



My husband and I spent a week with Vincent at La Petite Ecole in Provence. Vincent took great care to build a personal itinerary for us for the week which matched our differing French levels and our interests. A typical day started with some lessons in the morning, designed specifically to aid and improve our conversation ability. He then cooked us a simple but extremely tasty local dish for lunch. In the afternoons we would make an excursion to some of the many attractions in the area. Not only did we visit the glorious Gorges du Verdon but local villages, historical sites and wine producers.

The gite, built by Vincent's father, was comfortable, quiet and cool in the hot weather. It was well stocked with local and homemade delicacies providing yet more small tastes of Provence. With the help of his family and friends, Vincent gave us a real taste of life in Provence.

Most importantly, the entire week was conducted in French which gave me the much-needed boost I needed to move from adequate competency in reading and writing to manageable conversation.

The entire week was extremely enjoyable, productive and a pleasure thanks in no small part to Vincent's energy, enthusiasm and care for his students.

Tamara



Alison

I spent a week with Vincent at La Petite Ecole in July 2022. All I can say is that it was perfect. For those who enjoy the peace and solitude of country living, La Petite Maison is ideally situated - surrounded by forest on one side and rolling fields of grapes or wheat on the other.

In terms of French learning, this is not your average classroom experience. Each morning, we sat outside on the terrace and studied a theme which incorporated the local history, environment, and daily life. This included reading, watching videos and lots of discussion. The afternoons, we went out and visited those local places of interest, all the time talking in French. Meals provided by Vincent were simple yet delicious and healthy, often with vegetables from the garden. The recipe for one dish even became a dictation exercise for the next day. I didn't have a car, yet Vincent adapted his programme to give me an unforgettable experience. I would recommend La Petite Ecole to anyone passionate about improving their French while enjoying the beautiful département of Le Var.

Vincent, je te remercie infiniment !



Margaret



One can learn the French language and one can live it. I am a student of the first and an advocate of the second. Learning French needs no explanation but to live it is another experience altogether – and no experience could be better than a week at Vincent Jean’s Petite Ecole in Régusse, Provence, an hour and a half from Nice and nestled near vineyards, lavender fields and towns and villages dating from Roman Times.

Vincent tailors his one-on-one lessons to suit his student’s needs. After a morning lesson, lunch and a small siesta, Vincent, speaking French *-seulement!* becomes your expert guide as you tour the highlights of the nearby region. It is an immersion experience where you barely realise you are undertaking intense French tuition. The Petite Maison, a new comfortably fitted out pied-a-terre is your home throughout your stay as you enjoy traditional Provençal cuisine prepared by Vincent and his family. A week at the Petite Ecole was, for me, a highlight of my 2022 holidays.



Alex & Freddie

Alex: My son and I were among the initial students to enroll in La Petite Ecole. During our one-week stay in the picturesque hamlet of Villeneuve, we engaged in intensive French language study while exploring the stunning environs.

Each morning, we participated in a variety of instructional sessions aimed at enhancing our French language skills. As my son was preparing for his HSC exam, Vincent provided tailored lessons focused on reviewing essential grammar topics and bolstering his confidence. As for me, Vincent and I engaged in discussions centered around my preferred topics, with Vincent effectively linking these discussions to pertinent grammar and vocabulary points.

Our most memorable moments of the trip occurred during the afternoons. Upon requesting a serious trek through the Gorges du Verdon, Vincent led us to a breathtaking vista overlooking the canyon. Despite the arduous climb, my son was able to capture numerous photographs to share with his friends. The cozy accommodations provided by La Petite Maison were a welcome respite from our daily excursions, and Vincent's attentive care greatly contributed to our enjoyable experience.

Merci beaucoup!

