



## THE FRENCH TRAVELER STAGE D'IMMERSION NANTES & LA BRETAGNE 2026

*[Blue italics indicate the AP themes which our course is incorporating.]*

*\*= additional cost*

### *lundi 13 juillet*

***Bienvenue à Nantes! Apéritif d'accueil*** in our new surroundings and welcome dinner in one of Nantes's inviting restaurants in town. **DÎNER**

### *mardi 14 juillet*

***La ville [l'esthétique: le patrimoine]***

We'll start today's activities a bit later to help ease the jet lag. We'll start the day with a morning visit of the town with our guide to learn about our new surroundings. After lunch together, we'll learn about the intriguing history of Nantes, where you'll discover the many facets of this important city. **DÉJEUNER**

### *mercredi 15 juillet*

***Seminaire: Histoire de la Bretagne.*** Brittany has a long and sometimes tortured history. We'll learn about this unique part of France this morning, and then discover the incredible role which the port of St-Nazaire has played throughout Brittany's history, particularly that of the Second World War. Afternoon in St-Nazaire. **DÉJEUNER**

### *jeudi 16 juillet\**

***Enseignement des langues à travers l'art [l'éducation et l'enseignement]***

With our teacher's expertise in teaching French as a Second Language, we'll discover the many ways in which students can increase their vocabularies and their understanding of France through its vast network of stunning art. Visit this afternoon to the impressive Musée Château de Nantes, the birthplace of Anne de Bretagne. **REPAS LIBRES**

### *Vendredi 17 juillet\**

***Journée libre ou visite à Angers [l'esthétique: le patrimoine]***

Take the day for yourself or join us for an outing to one of the area's cultural sites. Historic capital of the stronghold Anjou, birthplace of the dynasty of the Plantagenets, Angers was one of the intellectual centers of Europe in the 15th century under the reign of the Good King René. We'll have a visit around town, then you'll be free to roam as you like. Don't miss the breathtaking *tapisserie* of the Apocalypse, a medieval work of art that has survived the ages and is listed by the United Nations as a cultural artifact. **REPAS LIBRES**

### *Samedi 18 juillet*

***Morning at leisure*** or join us at a ***cooking class [l'esthétique: le patrimoine]***

This afternoon's seminar ***Travaillons notre français!*** will help us work out a few kinks of our own language mistakes. For those teachers interested, we'll hold our *braderie d'idées* after the seminar. **REPAS LIBRES**

### ***Dimanche 19 juillet\****

#### ***Journée libre ou visite de Vannes [l'esthétique: le patrimoine].***

One of the most charming and most popular tourist destinations of Brittany is Vannes, fortified city dating back to the 10th c. It claims one of the most beautiful ports in all of Brittany, boasts of its well-maintained fortifications, hosts an annual medieval festival and has become *incontournable* on the itinerary to discovering Brittany. After a *visite guidée* together you'll be free to *flâner à votre guise*.

REPAS LIBRES

### ***Lundi 20 juillet***

#### ***L'immigration à travers les âges en France [la famille et la communauté]***

France has always been a *terre d'accueil*, so immigration from various parts of France to this region as well as peoples from other parts of the world have always been welcomed. We'll take an afternoon stroll through town to le quartier de Chantenay, to witness first-hand the evolution of this area from working class to Jardin Extraordinaire. This evening, for those who have opted for it, you'll join a French family *chez eux* for an evening meal, a rare treat for a visitor.

DINER EN

FAMILLE

### ***Mardi 21 juillet***

#### ***Journée libre ou journée dans les vignes [le pluriculturalisme]***

Join us for a delightful outing to the outskirts of Nantes where Muscadet wine is produced and small villages beckon. Clisson, a town of famous artists and writers such as Alexandre Dumas and Flaubert, even George Sand, attracts the Nantais, who love to spend their weekends here, not far from the beckoning vines and rolling countryside.

DEJEUNER & DÉGUSTATION DE VIN

### ***Mercredi 22 juillet***

#### ***Journée libre, entièrement [l'esthétique: le patrimoine]***

Spend your final day in Nantes buying those last-minute purchases you've been intending to make or visiting the museums or bookstores we didn't have time to see. We'll say goodbye to our seminar leader this evening at our final dinner.

DÎNER DE CLÔTURE

### ***Jeudi 23 juillet***

***Departure*** if you must, is always bittersweet, and we encourage you to stay longer in France if you can. Brittany, both north and south, is replete with lovely towns and villages, special foods, beautiful landscapes, and intriguing cultural customs. Rent a car or take the train and enjoy a few more days in the area.

#### ***Jeudi 23 juillet: Two-day extension to Carnac, Pont-Aven, and Quimper***

If you're not ready to leave the area yet, then come along with us for a final exploration of the wonderful cities in the Finistère, Pont-Aven and Quimper. En route, we'll stop off for a visit at the breathtaking *menhirs* in Carnac, those ancient stones aligned in a magical form from centuries ago, still unexplained today although many theories abound. We'll continue on to the refreshingly beautiful town of Pont-Aven, discovered by the American impressionists (! Yes, American) at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and a haven of poetry, art, music and beauty ever since. We'll spend two nights here, visiting Quimper on our second day, having our final dinner together in Pont Aven.

DÎNER