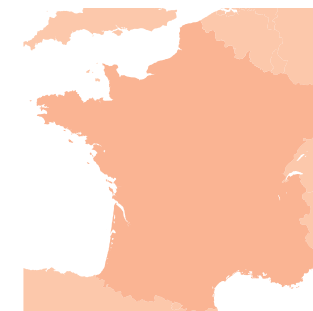




France

Just a short hop across the channel, France is an ideal country for a first sports tour, whether you chose the northern regions around Paris and Lille or the Mediterranean resorts in the south you will be captivated by the diverse landscape and culture.



SPORT IN FRANCE

Soccer and Rugby are the primary sports played throughout France. Rugby is predominantly played in the South and South West of the country, most notably Toulouse and Biarritz.

The 'Stade de France' was built for the 1998 FIFA World Cup. This venue was host to France's greatest sporting triumph to date – the 3-0 victory over Brazil in the World Cup Final. This breathtaking stadium gives teams the chance to follow in the footsteps of their idols by exploring the changing rooms, pitch and presidential stand.

Basketball is another sport played to international standards across the country

Hockey is limited in France but mainly played in Paris and its surrounding areas.

Not usually associated with Cricket, France has a number of thriving clubs based in the Brittany and Normandy regions.



Northern France

A Gaelic adventure close to home

With easy access via ferry or Eurotunnel, Northern France is a great, economical destination for a short tour. With either Paris or Lille as a tour base, you can't go wrong! Both offer some great excursion opportunities - Disneyland Paris, the Eiffel Tower, a river trip along the Seine and the Bellewaerde Amusement Park are just a few examples. There is also ample opportunity to sample some famous French cuisine during your stay and maybe stop off at a Hypermarket on your return journey for some last-minute shopping. We recommend a stay in one of the excellent sports complexes which offer fantastic accommodation and on-site training facilities.



Southern France

Sunshine and glamour!

With its warmer climate and accessibility from many regional airports in the UK, Southern France is another destination that is becoming increasingly popular with schools and clubs wanting to travel that little bit further! Rugby and soccer are played widely in this region - we are able to organise tours around the fashionable coastal resort of Biarritz and the city of Toulouse in the south west region or the scenic Cote d'Azur resorts of Frejus and St Raphael.

THINGS TO SEE & DO

- *Stade de France Tour*
- *Disneyland Paris*
- *Bellewaerde Theme Park*
- *City Tour - Paris*
- *Aqua Boulevard*
- *Riviera Tour*
- *Day trip to Monaco*
- *Mini golf*
- *Gorges de Verdon*

EXAMPLE ITINERARY 1

Day 1 - Morning departure by coach to ferry or Eurotunnel terminal.

Day 2 - 1st Fixture vs. local opposition. Afternoon swimming session.

Day 3 - Full day excursion to Disneyland Paris

Day 4 - Morning bowling session. 2nd Fixture vs. local opposition.

Day 5 - Check out of your accommodation. Transfer to ferry or Eurotunnel terminal for your return journey.

EXAMPLE ITINERARY 2

Day 1 - Scheduled flight to Nice or Toulon. Coach transfer to your hotel in Frejus.

Day 2 - Morning training session. 1st Fixture vs local opposition.

Day 3 - Full day at Aquatica, the Cote d'Azur's largest water park!

Day 4 - Half day trip to Cannes and Nice. 2nd Fixture vs local opposition.

Day 5 - Check out of your hotel. Transfer to airport. Scheduled flight to the UK.

