



CHÂTEAU BEAUMONT

School Trips to France



Expertly crafted to suit both Primary and Secondary age groups

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DISCOVER A WHOLE NEW WORLD OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

- Visit unforgettable places that will inspire students' language learning
- Encourage the use of French vocabulary
- There is no better way to reinforce classroom learning than to surround pupils with the culture and daily rhythms of French life
- Château Beaumont is perfectly sized to ensure that every child matters

WHY CHÂTEAU BEAUMONT?

Expertise, listening and support

Our Sales and Admin teams will ensure that you are fully supported from your initial enquiry to your return to school and will happily answer any questions or queries you may have. We'll guide you every step of the way and make sure your trip is smooth and exactly what you expected.

You're safe in our hands

We hold the LOTC Quality Badge, which is your guarantee that we manage safety for every school visit effectively.

A beneficial outcome

Our staff enthuse and encourage pupils, so they return to the classroom with more confidence and a greater knowledge and understanding of the French language.





"Experience the culture of Normandy life, perfect opportunities for language and conversational practise"

OUR COURSES

POPULAR ITINERARY MONDAY-FRIDAY



Travel -settle in-
evening meal -
Treasure Hunt

Monday

Tuesday

Fougeres Castle-
Zipwire,
Climbing,
Archery- Scrap
Heap Challenge

St Hilaire Market-
Le Mont-St-
Michel-French
Quiz & Fancy
dress

Wednesday

Thursday

Lactopole Dairy
Museum-Fencing,
Initiative,Nightline
-Talent show

Travel Home or
include a Disney
Day

Friday



French Adventure:

Monday-Friday

An ideal choice for students being introduced to France and its culture for the first time and also for those wishing to further their language skills.

A fabulous mix of local excursions and onsite activities, usually a choice of 4 excursions and 6 activities will make up your itinerary, however we are extremely flexible and should you wish to include extra excursions instead, this is no problem.

Accompanied by an allocated Group Leader who will bring the excursions to life through their knowledge and experience of the local area.

Our onsite activities and evening entertainments allow pupils to let off steam and also bond as a group.

Friday-Monday

This is an ideal choice for schools who are looking for a snappier stay on a budget, a French Adventure over a weekend.



French Apprentice:

Monday-Friday / Friday-Monday

For schools interested in our French Apprentice programme we also offer a number of further activities with greater emphasis on French learning.

Diary session: Students will write a diary about an excursion & discuss the events of the day speaking & writing French.

Role play sessions: Students will take part in role play sessions speaking French using everyday situations typically a restaurant, taking orders, serving food and paying bills.

Interview sessions: Students will take part in being interviewed for employment answering questions relating to the requirements of the job in question using French vocabulary.

French Initiative: Working as a team, on several onsite team building activities & problem solving, but only using French vocabulary.

French Nightline: Students are blindfolded and must work as a team to navigate their way from A to B and speaking in French only.



Château-Paris-Disney:

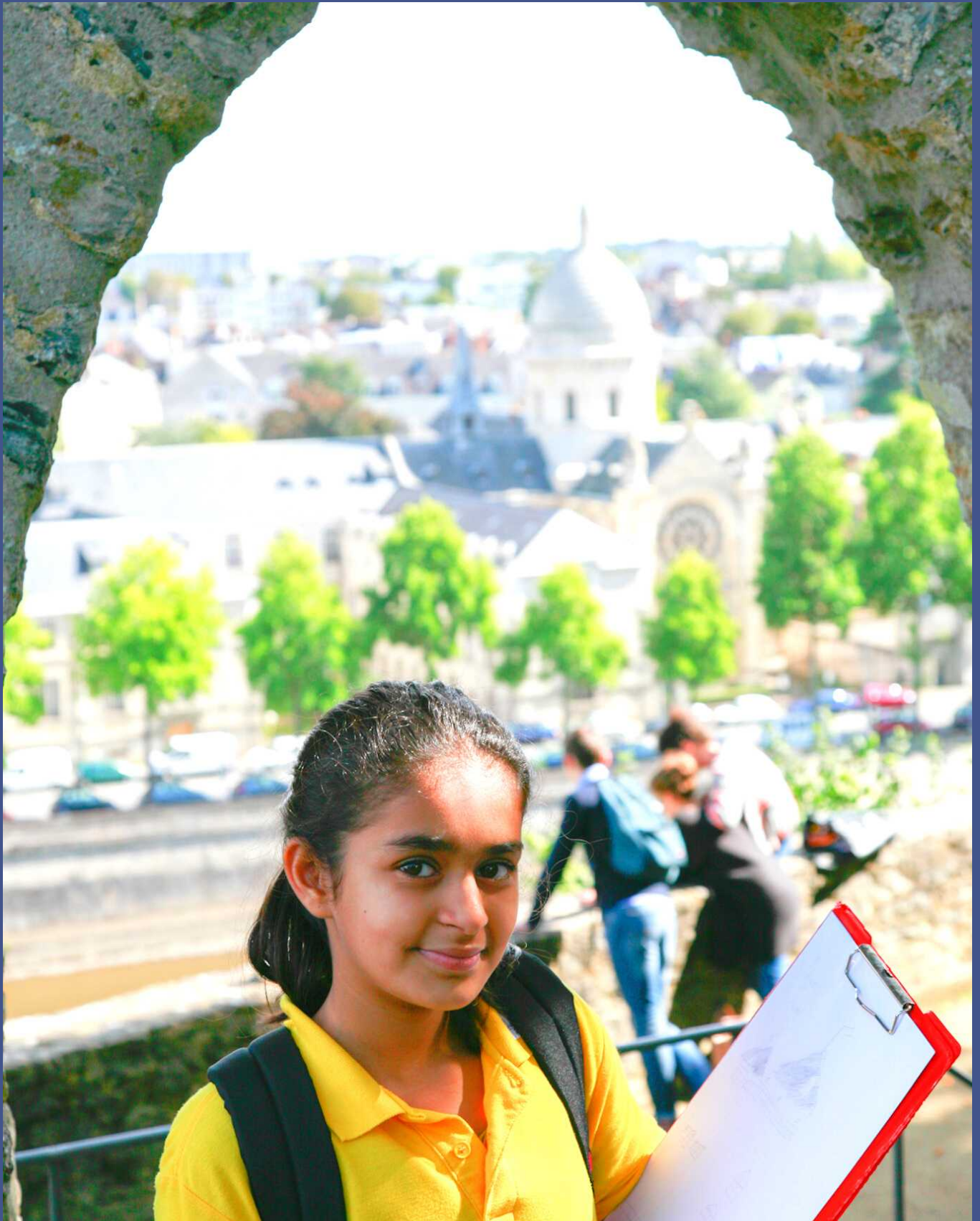
Friday-Tuesday

Why not add a visit to Disneyland - Paris with an overnight stay in the Paris region and enjoy a trip to the Capital City as a finale to your visit to Château Beaumont.



Tailor your package:

Our knowledgeable Sales & Admin teams will assist you to create an itinerary that meets the learning requirements of your pupils.



"Explore the colourful history of
Normandy and France"

EXPLORE THE COLOURFUL HISTORY OF NORMANDY AND FRANCE



► Laval Market

The pretty, medieval town of Laval holds a market every Tuesday and Saturday with friendly stall holders, offering an excellent opportunity to practise French, pick up a souvenir, or buy a delicious fresh crêpe.

Slightly further away is the picturesque town of St Hilaire, with a bigger market on a Wednesday morning, or Dinard, where there's both an indoor and outdoor market each day.

► Le Mont St Michel

Described as the 8th wonder of the world and a UNESCO World Heritage site. The sheer magnificence of the Mont from a distance is not let down by the intriguing alleys that lead up to the Abbey itself. A short tour by your Group Leader will give a brief history of the Mont and suggest some of its secrets.





"Sample our local cuisine and maybe get a souvenir"

SOME OF OUR POPULAR OPTIONS INCLUDE:

▶ **Refuge de l'Arche**

Not a zoo, but a sanctuary for injured and abandoned animals. This is a very popular choice for schools, as it's a great way for your students to learn more animal vocabulary in an interactive setting. This is also a fun opportunity to see many different species of animals.

La Cité du Lait Lactopôle

- ▶ **Site of the original 'President' dairy.** You can see where gallons of milk were channelled on a tour in English or French, followed by a workshop, where you can try your hand at coagulating, draining and moulding. All participants are awarded a special certificate and can try a Camembert themed snack.

Brittany American War Cemetery

- ▶ **Covering 28 acres of rolling farm country,** this site provides the resting place for 4,409 American soldiers, most of whom lost their lives in the Normandy and Brittany campaigns of 1944.



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▶ **Saint Malo**

Birthplace of Jacques Cartier, The Walled City of the Sea was also home to its fair share of pirates and as well as its fascinating history, there's much to enjoy: the shops, crêperies, fab glacier, views from Saint Malo's Walls and of course the beach.

▶ **La Ferme Marine de Cancale**

Not far from St Malo, you can choose either a visit to the museum or a longer stay that incorporates a tour of the oyster beds and the chance to try an oyster.

▶ **The Robert Tatin Museum**

Robert Tatin has created some extraordinarily compelling creatures, buildings and figures, sculpted from concrete, around the Tatin Estate.

▶ **Sainte Suzanne**

This fabulous petite cité de caractere abounds in history. Staff from the Château there will set up a Treasure Hunt for school groups if requested. The views are also quite stunning.



► **Chocolate Factory**

Learn about the discovery of chocolate and how it's created by expert chocolatiers, before sampling the delicious produce for yourself. This is a great excursion for souvenir shopping.

► **Cider Museum**

Conducted solely in French, your Group Leader will guide students through a tour of our local Cider Museum, looking at techniques and machinery used through the ages for cultivating apples and producing cider. There's even a chance to sniff some calvados and sample the produce. Apple juice for the students, of course!

► **The Goat Cheese Farm**

Deep in the Normandy countryside, this is an excellent chance to discover where and how some of the cheese that is sold in the market is produced. Learn about the process of cheese making, meet the goats and of course there are samples to try.

► **Jublains**

Explore some of the best preserved Roman remains in France, including theatre, baths and especially the fortifications.





► Bayeux

The famous city is of course home to the Bayeux Tapestry (which can be visited upon reservation) but there is also a beautiful cathedral and the largest war cemetery in Normandy.

► Arromanches

A seaside town, complete with beaches giving a clear view of the remains of the Mulberry Harbours. This is also the perfect destination for an introduction to World War II with the choice of two museums: Musée du Débarquement or the popular 360-Degree Cinema.

► Paris- Disney

Returning via Calais there is the option to add a trip to Disney, Parc Asterix or even Paris en route. Better still, add another night's stay in a Paris hotel and visit a theme park and then Paris the next day.





➤ Archery

Our outdoor range provides a fabulous opportunity to learn a new skill whilst in a beautiful, wooded setting, developing dexterity, control and hopefully accuracy! A great opportunity to learn some additional vocabulary for older students.

➤ Climbing

Learning the basic skills and techniques on our climbing wall, helping students to develop coordination and stamina. A valuable opportunity for older students to learn extra vocabulary.

➤ Fencing

Where better to learn the ancient art than in a real French Château? The ideal activity for developing strength, skill and balance and for an extra bonus, it's so much fun to take Sir on with a sword! The perfect activity for French vocabulary. 'En garde!'



ON-SITE ACTIVITIES

► Nightline

Wearing blacked out goggles, students must work as a team to navigate their way through a purpose built obstacle course. This is a brilliant way for students to bond and develop their team work skills. Undoubtedly the best activity to practise French vocabulary! Using directions, commands and so much more...

► Team Games

Some healthy competition encourages team building. Basketball, rounders and football are among the games, but your instructor will ensure everyone is involved and having fun.

For those interested in our French Apprentice Programme we can also offer a number of activities with further emphasis on French learning and practise.



ON-SITE ACTIVITIES



▶ Zipwire

A firm favourite with all of our returning guests. The thrill of personal achievement can be a very powerful memory, especially for those who have conquered their fear of heights to complete the zipwire run.

▶ Swimming

Choose between: organised games, competition or just splashing around in our very own outdoor swimming pool. This is a very popular choice during the summer months and a great way to cool off.

▶ Initiative Exercises

A great series of exercises for encouraging students to use and develop their initiative, leadership and team work skills. Students will take part in a variety of problem solving challenges, designed to test their ability to listen, communicate and collaborate.





"Challenge & adventure! Pick up some new skills and try a different challenge while having fun"



"Develop team work and communication skills whilst also encouraging new friendships"

SUPPORTIVE STAFF



Our staff are comprehensively trained to take responsibility for the safety of all visitors in their care, making everyone's stay at the Château safe, fun and educational. Our rigorous recruitment process ensures that our staff are selected for their enthusiasm and aptitude to work with children and young people. Thorough background and DBS checks are carried out on every member of staff. All of our staff undergo in-house training to the highest level and hold NGB qualifications where applicable.

National Governing Body certificates where applicable:

Archery: Archery GB Instructor Award
Climbing: Site specific award in climbing instruction. Our instructors are trained and assessed by an instructor and independent member of the Mountain Leader Training Board.
Fencing: BFA British Fencing Association Leaders Award.



SUPPORTIVE STAFF



Swimming: NPLQ

National Pool Lifeguard Qualification

Zipwire: Site specific award in

Zipwire instruction. Our instructors are trained, assessed and monitored by an instructor and independent member of the Mountain Leader Training Board.

Initiative, Nightline Team Games:

For these activities we operate our own in-house training course.

Any instructor taking these activities will have been fully trained and assessed by a member of the senior management team.

Staff are First Aid trained and well versed in our accident and incident procedures. Every staff member wears a clearly recognisable uniform when on duty and on-site as well as a photo ID badge.



ACCOMMODATION

After an action packed day, students need a comfortable place to lay their head for the night. Clean and warm, all of the dormitories have ensuite toilet and shower facilities, ample storage for clothing and lockable doors. Teacher rooms are located between student dormitories, allowing close supervision, and provide: ensuite toilet and shower, tea and coffee making facilities and ample storage.

Fully Catered

We provide breakfast, which includes croissants, cereal and pain au chocolat. On-site lunch buffets include baguettes, salads and jacket potatoes.

Packed lunches are prepared to take out on excursions.

A three course evening meal, full of French flavour, but designed with young people in mind, to keep everyone going and full of energy.

We cater for all dietary requirements and sample menus are available upon request.



ACCOMMODATION



Free Time

Free time allows access to the following on site facilities:

Teachers Retreat, strictly off limits for students, with a refrigerator, Sky TV, free WiFi, an open fire, tea and coffee making facilities and complimentary drinks.

Students' Common Room, with table football, TV and a selection of games.

Outdoor Basketball Court.

Games Field for football, rounders, cricket or even just playing tag.

Classroom Facilities.

Evening Tuck Shop selling t-shirts, caps, souvenirs, sweets, postcards, stamps and much more...





"Thank-you for the incredible experiences that you gave me and my school at Château Beaumont. We made so many memories"

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Coaches

We vet all of our coach operators to ensure a high standard of executive coach, with an efficient, helpful, courteous driver, who will remain with you for the duration of your trip. Our coaches are normally 49-seaters, although we can accommodate bigger groups on a larger single or double-decker coach.

All coaches are fitted with seat belts, air conditioning, toilet and DVD player. All drivers comply strictly with EU regulations relating to driving hours.

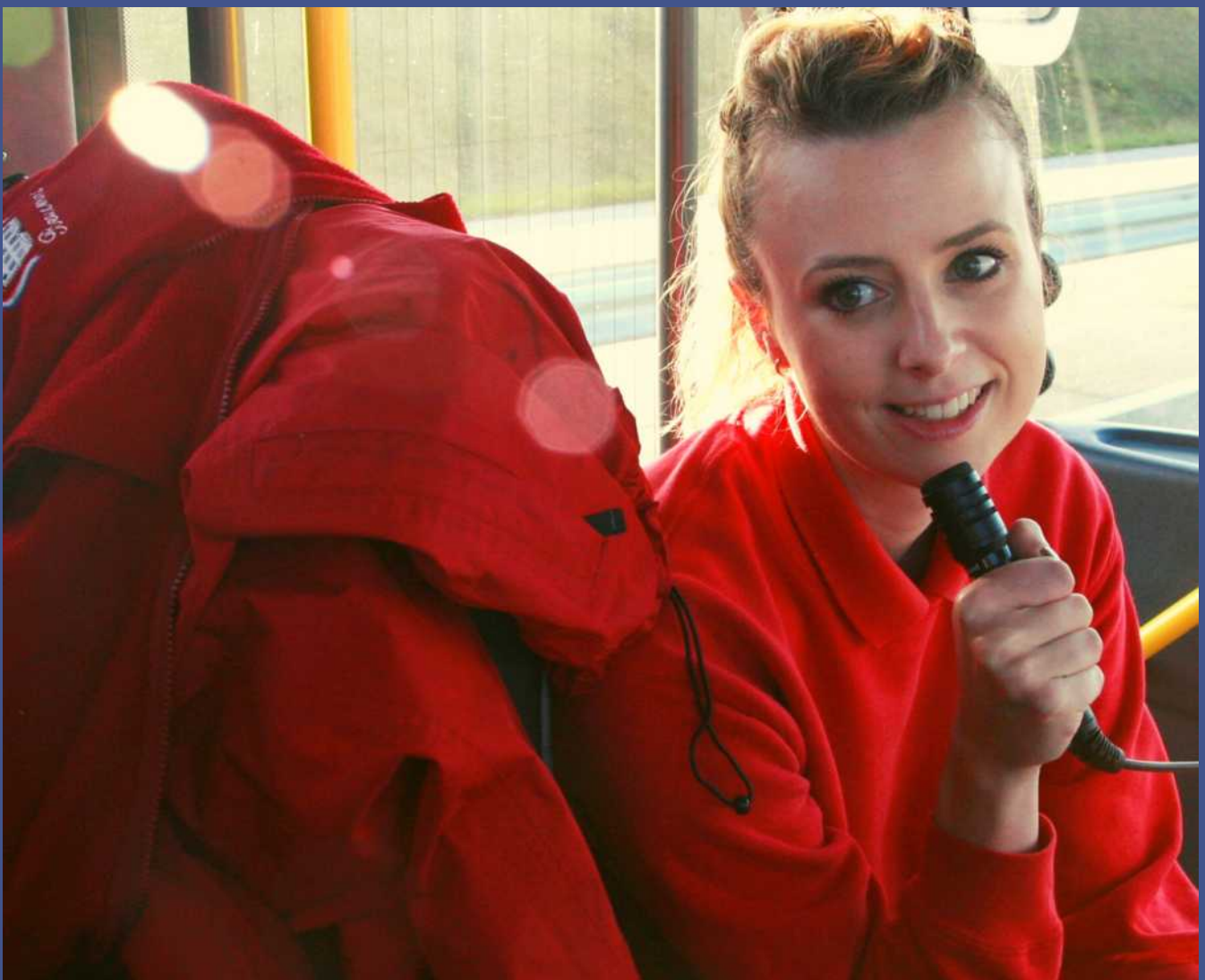
Ferries

Our standard ferry crossing is the P&O Dover to Calais route which takes approximately 1.5 hours, although the popular alternative is the Brittany Ferries Portsmouth to Caen route, which takes 6 hours but reduces coach travel time once in France.

Another option for those who prefer to avoid sea travel, via Eurotunnel it takes only 35 minutes from the Folkestone terminal to Calais.

Travel Insurance

Supplied by Fogg Travel Insurance, this service is included as part of your booking price.



BOOKING INFORMATION

How to Book

At Château Beaumont our visits run from Monday-Friday / Friday-Monday. However, if you would like to extend your stay we can certainly look into this for you, subject to availability. Just choose the type of visit you'd like and we'll take care of the rest.

Make an enquiry

Call, email or submit an enquiry form on our website and we'll provide a non-obligatory quote and discuss your requirements.

Reserve your place and promote your visit

We are happy to secure your dates for you until after you've advertised the trip to students and parents. We can also provide you with enough promotional materials, such as our Parent Guides and Sample Letters for parents, to help you gain interest.

Confirming your booking

Once you have a list of students signed up we'll send you an Information Pack and your invoices for payment. Your booking is confirmed on receipt of your first non-refundable deposit.

Final payment

Your final balance payment should be received no later than six weeks before your date of departure. Final information including travel details, itinerary and dormitory allocation will be sent to you approximately four weeks prior to your visit. Note: Where your booking is 8 weeks or less before departure, we will require the full amount to be paid immediately.

Your holiday price includes:

- All Transport from pick up to drop off
- Evening entertainment
- All meals from arrival
- All on-site activities
- All local excursions and entrance fees
- Free refreshments for teachers
- 1 free teacher place for every 8 pupils



Safety and Security

We have over 20 years valuable experience, are bonded by the TTA (Travel Trust Association), hold the LOTC Quality Badge and are members of the AAIAC (Adventure Activities Industry Advisory Committee.) Château Beaumont is also a member of the BAPA (the British Activity Providers Association) and our centre is regularly inspected to ensure that we continue to meet and indeed exceed the high standards set by these organisations.

As holders of the Quality Badge, all of our paperwork is regularly inspected, but should you require Risk Benefit Assessments they can be found at:

www.chateau-beaumont.co.uk/teachers/useful-downloads

The Château is set in private grounds, with limited and controlled access to authorised personnel only and all members of staff wear a clear and recognisable uniform when working on-site and carry an identity badge.

On the day of arrival, our guests are informed of all emergency and accident procedures by senior staff members during a Safety Instruction Walk and Talk. We will also conduct a controlled fire drill on the first evening to make sure everyone is familiar with all safety procedures.

Activity equipment used on site is tested weekly by our Activity Supervisor and checked prior to each session by our instructors. Repairs and replacement of equipment is carried out as necessary. An accurate and up-to-date record of all equipment is kept on file and available to view upon request, from senior staff members.

All dormitories are locked at night and only accessible from the outside using a key or security code. Entry codes are regularly changed. All dormitory doors and windows can easily be opened from the inside, in case of emergency.

On arrival at the Château you and your staff will meet with the Centre Manager to discuss any issues, updates and details. You will be given the Duty Supervisor's mobile number. Each evening the Duty Supervisor is responsible for patrolling the site between 9:30pm and 11.00pm to make sure all windows and doors are secure. In the event of an emergency you can contact the Duty Supervisor via their mobile number.



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