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# SFYI



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## Summer Programs

France

Spain

South Africa

2011

# Our Mission

SFYI International School instills in students a better understanding of themselves in the context of a global community through multi-cultural immersion opportunities.



## About SFYI International School

SFYI International School (SFYI) is a study abroad program for adolescents and young adults interested in other cultures, the arts, adventure travel and language immersion. Our summer travels and lessons span from Spain and France to the far reaches of South Africa.

During the academic year, SFYI offers both semester and year-long academic programs for students in high school, in a GAP year, or through the first year of undergraduate studies. Our goal is to provide both culturally enriching and academically challenging experiences to a broad range of students.

### Summer Study Abroad

We offer several tailor-made programs for individuals and identified groups, as well as our traditional five-week French and Spanish language courses and cultural immersion programs. We also offer a four-week community-service based environmental and cultural studies program in South Africa for students ages 16 to 20.

SFYI designs unique experiences that combine language instruction, travel, outdoor adventure and cultural activities.

### Program Staff

Qualified, bilingual, certified teachers and professional staff will provide on-site supervision and direction. SFYI Founder and Director, Dr. Nicole Fons, will oversee nearly every aspect of each summer program. Selected scheduled tours and excursions may also include a professional guide or leader.

### Location

The French and Spanish language program will be based in the SFYI facilities in Villesèque des Corbières, a quaint village in the Languedoc-Roussillon region of France. Picturesque seaside villages, beautiful beaches, the proximity of the rugged peaks of the Pyrénées and easy access to cosmopolitan Barcelona make Villesèque an ideal location for a truly unique summer cultural experience.

The South Africa program encompasses over four weeks of travel and lessons in cultural diversity, environmental studies and community service. The program includes safaris in Kruger National Park and Hluhluwe Umfolozi Game Reserve.



### **Accommodations**

French and Spanish language students will be accommodated on campus in our 300-year old townhouse, which once served as the village's original school, a British international school and a residence for local families.

In Villesèque students will share a room with one to three students in inviting, comfortable, dorm-style rooms. All linens, pillows, blankets, towels, etc. are provided, as well as free on-site laundry facilities. Access to high-speed Internet is also available at the school.

Students participating in the South African session will reside in staff-supervised hotels, bungalows and apartments, sharing accommodations with one to three students.

### **Academics**

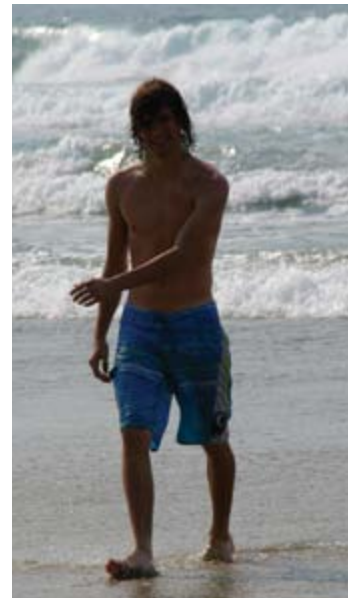
SFYI's academic curriculum is designed to be hands-on and interactive. Premised on our family-style approach and a maximum staff-to-student ratio of 1:8, students become active participants, thus creating a fun and exceptional environment for learning.

Travel plays a significant role in all aspects of our summer programs. Through our dynamic, travel-based curriculum, students are engaged in the study of people, customs, architecture, cuisine and the arts of the specific region.

Artistry and culture influence much of our students' experiences during our summer program, while the geography offers boundless potential for unique outdoor activities. From canyoning in Spain to joining a safari in Africa, students will have the good fortune to participate in exciting opportunities which are often not offered in most educational settings.

### **Admissions**

Admissions are based on careful consideration of every student. Because each session has a limited number of spaces students are encouraged to submit their application as early as possible. Programs fill quickly and applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis.



# France & Spain

## Five Week Program

June 16 - July 20, 2011

## Discover France and Spain

From the Mediterranean Sea to the Spanish Pyrénées

- French or Spanish Language Lessons
- Art and Cultural Immersion
- Exciting Discovery Travel

Two of the largest countries in Europe, France and Spain have long been a choice destination for adventurous travelers. From the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the medieval city of Carcassonne to the art nouveau architecture and design of cosmopolitan Barcelona, one will find these countries vibrantly alive with culture, commerce and sports. SFYI International School centers itself on sharing cultural experiences with our students, such as festivals, art exhibits and sports competitions.

Students will arrive into the Mediterranean sunbelt in the south of France, where studies will begin with French or Spanish language lessons, art and French history and culture classes. Sharing a remarkable coastline, this region of southern France and northeastern Spain embraces a rich Catalan history. Catalonia is almost universally recognized as one of the most economically dynamic regions of Spain.

Artists and writers have long been captivated by the natural beauty and mild Mediterranean climate. Gaudi, Dali, Matisse and Picasso were greatly inspired by the luminous light and brilliant colors of this seductive region. Matisse was first attracted to the colors of Collioure in the early 1900's, while Catalanian-born son, Salvador Dali, made his mark several decades later in the white-washed seaside village of Cadaqués on the Costa Brava.

This summer program is ideal for students interested in combining a unique French and Spanish experience, rich in history, culture and adventure.





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### **World Languages: French Studies or Spanish Studies**

**French 1, 2, Advanced** The five-week summer French program includes classroom study, regional tours and cultural activities. In the classroom, the focus is on French customs and traditions and practical language skill development.

\*0.5 Credits granted through SFYI International School

**Spanish 1, 2, Advanced** Much like the summer French program, the Spanish program provides students with the opportunity to study the language and culture of Spain's Catalan region. Most students engaged in this program are concurrently enrolled in the summer French, for a well-rounded French/Spanish Catalonia experience. Highlights include trips to Barcelona, Figueres and Cadaqués.

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### **Art: Art History/Studio**

The curriculum exceeds suggested standards for arts education in that students study art history and art appreciation in context and combine their travel-based coursework with on-site studio time. Specific integrated curriculum includes travel to significant museums in France and Spain.

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### **Social Studies: French History and Culture**

The rich history of the Languedoc region forms the backdrop on our new course offering as we explore the history of France from early human settlement through the country's role on the European and global stage. Classroom lectures and discussions will be supplemented by a tremendous variety of field trips integrating ethnic, religious, linguistic, political and artistic influences on the modern French state.

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### **Travel includes:**

- Exploring the South of France and Northern Spain
- Visiting culturally significant towns and cities in the French and Spanish Catalonia—Collioure, Carcassonne, Barcelona, Cadaqués, Figueras, Ceret, Narbonne and Montpellier

- Coeducational five-week summer abroad program for students ages 15-19
- Students will spend five weeks in France and Northern Spain
- Fully supervised by professional, qualified staff, including Director Dr. Nicole Fons
- Opportunity to earn academic credit in World Languages, Social Studies and Art
- Participation in a canyoning expedition with certified guides
- Students will be based in SFYI's beautiful 18th century townhouse in Villesèque des Corbières
- Regional field trips, guided museum tours, cultural events, rock climbing, mountain biking, beach activities and much more

<b>Location:</b>	Villesèque des Corbières
<b>Program Fees:</b>	Includes all tuition, enrollment fees, room and board, local travel; all airfare excluded
<b>Ages:</b>	15 to 19 years of age
<b>Enrollment:</b>	Maximum enrollment 18 students
<b>Admissions</b>	
<b>Deadline:</b>	Rolling admissions



# South Africa

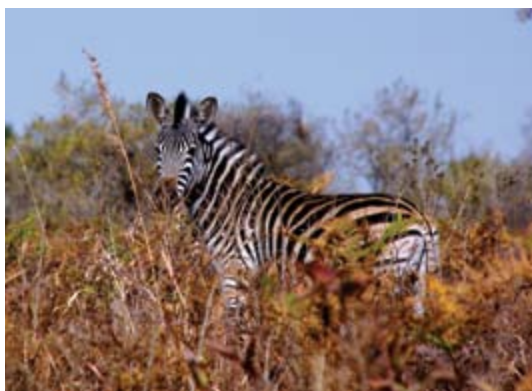
## Four Week Program

July 20 - August 19, 2011



*"South Africa is amazing. Regardless of how much you think you are prepared for this trip, you will be challenged intellectually and emotionally. Everything you do is culturally enriching and fun. The only problem is that you don't want to leave! SFYI is amazing and the staff has made this experience really special."*

*- South Africa Program Participant*



## Discover South Africa

### Kruger National Park to Cape Town

- Environmental & Cultural Studies
- Community Service Projects
- Safaris & Exciting Discovery Travel

From cosmopolitan Cape Town to isolated Zulu villages, South Africa offers something for nearly everyone. The Republic of South Africa, bordered by the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, and the African nations of Zimbabwe and Namibia, to name a few, is a vibrant nation full of indigenous cultures, customs and diversity. This year our students will work hand-in-hand with Zulu high school students to plant a garden in order to help the tribe raise money by selling their organic produce to local restaurants.

From Njesuthi, South Africa's tallest peak, towering 11,000 feet above sea level, to the nation's 1,500 miles of windswept, beautiful coastline, this African nation is one of the most biodiverse places on Earth. Yet, its favorable, temperate climate is remarkably similar to that of the Mediterranean, especially in the extreme southwest. With a median climate comparable to that of the greatest wine producing regions worldwide, it is no surprise that South African vineyards have become known for exceptional wine production.

South Africa's ecosystem has been labeled as megadiverse, where more than 20,000 different plants, or about 10% of all the known species on Earth, call this nation home. Not only known for its amazing flora, South Africa is haven to an incredible array of fauna as well. A significant extent of the bushveld habitat exists in the northeast region, including Kruger National Park. Numerous unique mammals are found in these regions including lions, leopards, white rhinos, blue wildebeest, kudus, impalas, hyenas, hippopotamuses and giraffes.

Travel within this incredible country provides students a unique and distinct view of South Africa's extraordinary nature and remarkable culture and customs. South Africa recognizes eleven official and eight non-official languages! Its economy is the largest in Africa, thus earning it recognition as being the most socially, economically and infrastructurally developed nation on the continent.





### Travel includes:

- Johannesburg
- Cape Town
- Transkei Wild Coast (Jeffrey's Bay, East London, Natal, etc.)
- Kruger National Park
- Hluhluwe Umfolozi Game Reserve

- Spend over four weeks exploring South Africa's world-renowned biodiversity
- Study the culture, ethnic diversity, multicultural issues, languages and beliefs of Southern Africa
- Enjoy surfing, hiking and canyoning on the wild coast of the Indian Ocean
- Embark upon two amazing safaris: Kruger National Park and the Hluhluwe Umfolozi Game Reserve
- Participate in two week-long community service projects: helping in an orphanage and working in Ntabazamanina High School, a local Zulu tribe high school

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#### Science: Southern African Environmental Science

This site-specific course enables students to explore a variety of ecological topics during a month long expedition through this nation. Safaris, dialogue with tribal spokesmen regarding environmental issues and hands-on workshops with university-level researchers and professors in Kruger National Park are all aspects of this course.

\*0.5 Science credits offered through SFYI International School

#### Social Studies: Southern African Cultural Studies

This course provides students with a hands-on comparison study of the communities within South Africa and against a regional and global backdrop. Instruction will focus on helping students focus on developing a basic understanding of how communities have worked both together and against one another in the creation of the emerging 21st Century South African state. Community service is an integral part of this course.

\*0.5 Social Studies credit offered through SFYI International School

<b>Location:</b>	Johannesburg to Cape Town
<b>Program Fees:</b>	Includes all tuition, enrollment fees, room and board, local ground travel; all airfare excluded
<b>Ages:</b>	16 to 20 years of age
<b>Enrollment:</b>	Maximum enrollment 14 students
<b>Admissions</b>	
<b>Deadline:</b>	Rolling admissions





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