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## **EDITORIAL**

Located in the historic center of Annecy, a city of undeniable charm, our French language school, IFALPES, offers an ideal setting for learning French.

Just a 10-minute walk from Lake Annecy in the French Alps, in the center of Annecy, our school is surrounded by breathtaking mountain scenery.

Since 1992, IFALPES has welcomed over 700 international students from 5 continents every year, offering an unforgettable multicultural learning experience. Over 95% of our students say they are very satisfied with their language stay with us, with many even extending their stay or returning to continue their progress in French.

At IFALPES, we are committed to helping every student achieve their language goals. Our school fosters a warm and friendly atmosphere, both during lessons and during breaks and activities. Exchange and openness are at the heart of our school, offering students from all over the world the opportunity to get to know each other and exchange ideas in French on a daily basis. This mix of cultures and nationalities makes IFALPES a unique place to practice and make rapid progress in French.

Our teachers, all native speakers, qualified and experienced, are passionate about teaching French. Their diverse backgrounds and interests bring a unique dynamic to our courses. Our professional team is present throughout the international students' stay, guaranteeing a quality learning experience, complete immersion in the French language and culture, and lasting friendships with other students.

Away from the classroom, IFALPES offers complete accommodation solutions for a warm, immersive stay. Our program of varied cultural activities enables students to practice their French while living a rich and authentic experience at the heart of French culture. What's more, our school is a recognized TCF examination center.

Annecy, located in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region, is the ideal place to learn French, discover French culture and enjoy outdoor activities... With its famous lake, old town and canals, the little Venice of the Alps offers the perfect environment for learning and relaxing.



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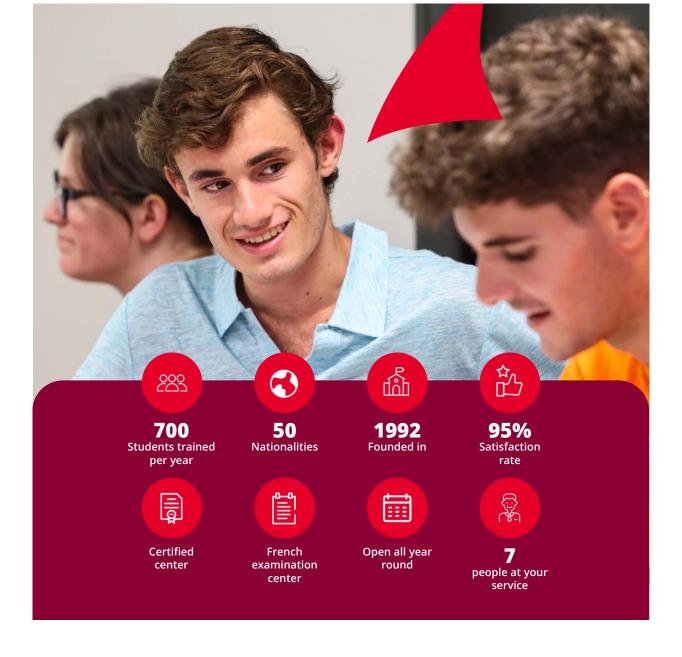
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## A KLF NETWORK SCHOOL

# IFALPES Annecy is a French as a foreign language school in the KLF (Keep Learning French) network

Joining a KLF school means you'll benefit from quality teaching and an immersive experience in French culture.

At KLF, our schools have been in existence for over 20 years on average, and welcome over 6,450 international students of 100 different nationalities every year. Studying at a KLF school is a unique opportunity to be immersed in a multicultural student community.

Located in the heart of the city centre, our schools offer a warm atmosphere, as shown by the excellent reviews left by our students. Our teams do their utmost to make our students' stay unforgettable, while ensuring the quality of their French language learning.



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# THE COMMITMENTS OF THE KLF GROUP:

- Excellence in teaching and learning, with accredited schools recognized for their quality.
- The rich experience of immersion in French culture in our French courses outside the classroom during cultural activities or thanks to our accommodation solutions carefully selected to ensure comfort and quality.
- The well-being of our students, fostered by a friendly, international atmosphere, caring support from our teams and a pleasant, stimulating and accessible working environment.

Our schools are open all year round and welcome students of all levels, from absolute beginners to C1.

We offer a wide selection of French courses based on an innovative methodology. Our teaching approach is recognized by France Éducation Internationale thanks to the Qualité FLE label, which ensures that our students make rapid progress in line with their objectives.

Our qualified and experienced teachers provide personalized guidance and support for students throughout their learning journey.

Joining a KLF school gives you the chance to benefit from a harmonized national offering and common standards across all our centres.





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## **WELCOME TO ANNECY**

Annecy is a jewel nestled in the heart of the Alps, offering a harmonious blend of nature, culture, sport and gastronomy, making it an ideal destination for those wishing to learn French while enjoying a serene atmosphere.

#### ANNECY: A JEWEL IN THE HEART OF THE ALPS

Annecy is a charming, peaceful town in the heart of the French Alps, nicknamed the «Little Venice of the Alps» because of the canals that wind through its narrow streets. Its old town, canals and historic monuments such as the Palais de l'Isle, the château and the Basilique de la Visitation attract visitors from all over the world every year. Annecy invites you to daydream and take a romantic stroll...

#### A NATURAL AND REFRESHING DESTINATION

Situated between the lake and the mountains, Annecy is a destination of natural excellence. Twice voted France's leading town for its quality of life, it offers an exceptional natural environment. Its lake and beaches, accessible by bike or bus, are perfect for cooling off after French lessons. In summer, the water reaches an average temperature of 23°C!



## A VAST AREA FOR SPORT, PLEASURE AND RELAXATION

If you love sport, Annecy is the place for you! Between the lake and the mountains, the choice is immense. There's something for every taste and age: hiking, paragliding, sailing, water-skiing, cycling and, of course, winter sports. France's best-known ski resorts are nearby.

#### A REGION RICH IN CULTURE AND TRADITION

The city has a lively cultural life with its theatres, cinemas and concert halls, as well as major events throughout the year, such as the Venetian Carnival and the International Animation Film Festival. The Fête du Lac, a spectacular sound and light show, sets the lake alight every first Saturday in August. Numerous cultural and sporting events enrich local life.

#### A GOURMET CITY

Annecy is a town renowned for its gastronomy. Its bars, restaurants and cafés invite you to savour the French art of living, particularly with local cheese dishes such as Raclette, Tartiflette and Fondue. The city offers a variety of restaurants to suit all budgets and palates.





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Over 30 years' experience in teaching



A strong commitment to quality: FLE Quality Label without interruption since



A wide choice of general and specific French courses for all levels and all projects



Dynamic teaching methods and regular pedagogical follow-up



Official examination centre: TCF-certified courses



A warm and friendly atmosphere for an immersive experience in France



A professional, friendly and multilingual



A wide choice of accommodation in families, flats or residences for a complete



A varied monthly programme of activities for a unique intercultural experience



The possibility of combining your stay with another school in the KLF group



A dynamic, festive city with a rich heritage for a complete immersion in French life and culture





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## **OUR FRENCH COURSES**

As with all KLF schools, IFALPES Annecy allows you to design your French course at your own pace and according to your objectives, your needs and your desires!



#### Our bespoke courses

Take advantage of the flexibility of our bespoke language stays.

Standard, intensive or super-intensive, all our programs start every Monday with grouped classes tailored to each level.

## Our certification courses

An intensive 3-month French course for longlasting results, a life experience in French linguistics, cultural immersion and a French test to certify your final level.

Our diploma courses
An intensive French course over 24 or 36 weeks
to reach a level level of B2 or C1 in French. An

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to reach a level level of B2 or C1 in French. An experience in French life, French linguistics and cultural immersion for 6 months to a year resulting in a DELF / DALF French diploma – which is valid for life.

#### These programmes are common to all KLF schools.

- \* They consist of courses in small groups of different levels in international classes.
- \* 1 lesson = 45 minutes
- \* Morning and/or afternoon lessons
- \* Maximum of 14 students per class: 12 on average.
- \* Complete beginners: entry is on fixed dates (contact us)
- \* French workshops enable you to approach the language from reinforced communicative aspects.

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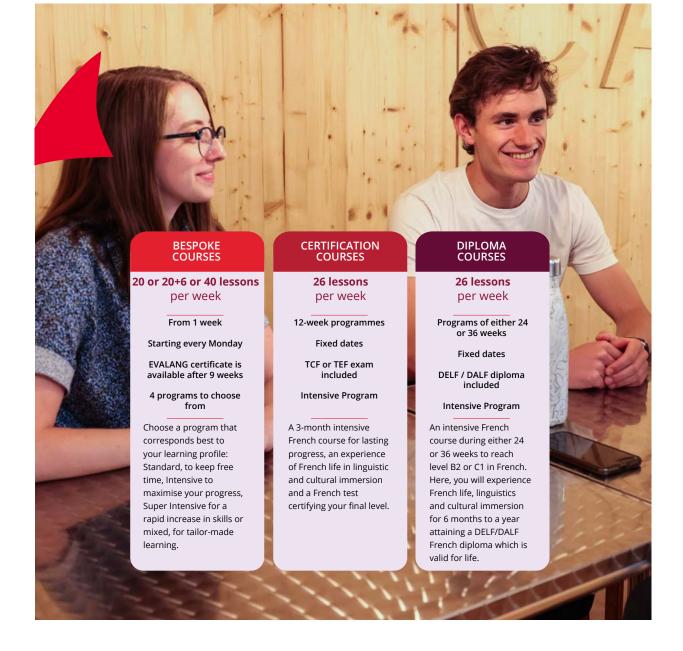
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## OTHER OPTIONS



#### **PRIVATE LESSONS**

With our private lessons, you have the guarantee of achieving your specific objectives. Whether your goal is to prepare for an exam, work on a specific notion, or train for an event; in our private lessons, you benefit from a tailor-made program. Your programme will be crafted by you and your teacher. This ensures a better fit for your schedule. Private lessons can be organised online.



#### THEMATIC COURSES FOR FRENCH TEACHERS

Evolve your teaching resources, refresh your knowledge of French culture, discuss your educational practices, try new learning methods and so much more... Our themed courses designed for FLE teachers have all these advantages on offer for you.



#### **TEACHING FOR GERMAN WORKERS** (BILDUNGSURLAUB)

KLF schools offer specific programs accredited for the Bildungaurslaud, for several German states. Please contact us for more information.



#### **JUNIOR CAMP**

All our schools offer a summer program for teenagers (13-16 years old). This all-inclusive stay with French lessons also includes an activity program and host family accommodation. Available for a minimum of 1 week, contact us to obtain our brochure regarding this program.



#### LANGUAGE HOLIDAYS FOR GROUPS (SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY/PROFESSIONAL)

Benefit from experiencing our French as a foreign language schools by organising language school trips. Empower your students by enabling them to benefit from cultural discovery as well as rapid linguistic progression. This is achievable due to our French courses associated with cultural, leisure and sporting activities. KLF group schools welcome school groups all year round. Depending on the demographic of those participating, our schools offer accommodation options with host families, student residences, youth hostels, etc.







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The ideal solution if you're interested in exchanging ideas and discovering French life. You'll enjoy a real immersion experience and have the opportunity to practice your French during meals with the family. The families are carefully selected by our team. Each family is visited and has signed a charter of welcome and trust. Each student has his or her own room.



#### STUDENT RESIDENCE

This is an economical solution that allows you to be independent and benefit from all the necessary amenities (terrace, laundry room, study room, breakfast room, etc.). In a student residence, you meet other students from all over the world and therefore have a strong intercultural experience. Our residences are located less than 20 minutes from the school.







#### PRIVATE FLAT

Our private flats are ideal if you want to be completely independent, with a pleasant living space and a higher level of comfort.



#### **HOTEL RESIDENCE**

This accommodation option is perfect if you're coming with family or friends and want to stay in the same place. The studios or tworoom suites on offer are all located in the city centre, close to the school, and are equipped with a kitchenette and bathroom. You will benefit from traditional hotel service, 24/7 reception and cleaning service depending on the length of your stay, 24/7 reception and cleaning service depending on the length of your stay.





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## **ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT**

# Annecy and the surrounding area offer a variety of activities all year round.

At Ifalpes, we make your immersion unforgettable with our weekly programme tailored to suit all profiles. Whether you're interested in gastronomy, the arts, sports or culture, our team organises activities to suit all tastes and budgets, allowing you to practise the French language in a fun way while meeting new people.





### **Sports and Leisure activities**



#### SKIING AND SNOWBOARDING

The Alps are home to four ski resorts that can be reached in 45 minutes to 1 hour from Annecy station (Le Semnoz, La Clusaz, Le Grand Bornand, Manigod). You can bring your own equipment or hire it locally. The ski season generally runs from December to



#### PADDLE / KAYAK / SAILING SPORTS

In summer, paddle, kayak and sailing sports such as windsurfing and catamaran sailing are very popular around the lake. You can hire equipment for half a day, an hour or a day.



#### VIA FERRATA

If you like adventure, try Via Ferrata, an activity that's part climbing, part hiking, offering breathtaking scenery in complete safety.



## WAKE BOARDING / WAKE SURFING / WATER

This is another very popular water sports activity on the lake in summer. There are hire companies all around the lake, providing a boat, driver and equipment.



#### BIKING

Annecy and the surrounding area is a popular destination for cyclists, with mountain passes and country roads offering superb routes for road cyclists. Downhill mountain biking is also very popular. You can hire a bike in Annecy, then catch a bus that will take you to the top of the Semnoz mountain in 45 minutes for a thrilling descent.

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## **Cultural and Gastronomic** activities



#### **GUIDED TOUR OF ANNECY**

On your arrival in Ifalpes, we offer you a practical guided tour of the town, showing you practical points of interest such as the train station and tourist office, as well as iconic places such as the old town and the lakeside promenade.



#### **TASTING OF LOCAL PRODUCTS**

Discover the culinary specialities of Annecy and Haute-Savoie, including cheeses, wines and traditional dishes, at our regular tastings of regional products.



#### **CHÂTEAU AND PALAIS DE L'ISLE MUSEUM**

Two of the town's historic monuments that are a must-see and that we suggest you discover as part of an activity. Dating back to the 12th century, these historic buildings house two fascinating museums.



#### ANIMATION FILM MUSEUM

Annecy is a must for animation professionals, with its International Animation Film Festival held every year in June. The museum traces the history of this art form from its beginnings to the present day.



#### MONT BLANC

Just an hour's drive away is the town of Chamonix, famous for Mont Blanc and its Alpine glaciers. You can take the cable car up to the Aiguille du Midi, at 3,777 metres, for breathtaking panoramic views.







#### A VISIT TO LYON

An hour and a half's drive away, Lyon is France's third largest city and is renowned for its gastronomy. Lyon's bouchons offer traditional dishes at affordable prices. Lyon is also a rich historical and cultural city, with many museums and sites to discover.



#### **VISIT GENEVA**

Situated 40 km from Annecy and accessible by bus and train, Geneva is one of Switzerland's main cities, famous the world over for its museums and historic centre.



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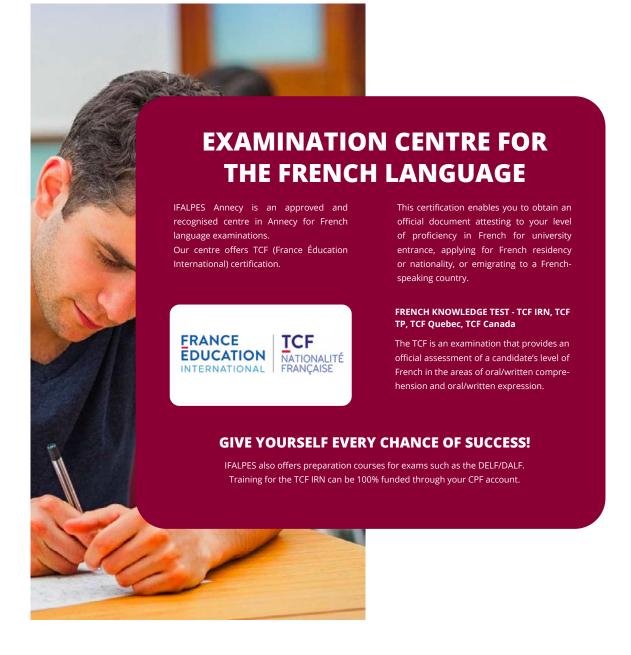
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## **EASY ACCESS**

BY TRAIN

The station is located in the heart of the town, close to the school. It is served by the TGV. Take the opportunity to discover Lyon, Paris, Switzerland or the Mediterranean coast of France.

**BY PLANE** 

Annecy is served by two international airports: Geneva airport and Lyon airport. IFALPES also offers transfer services and can book a taxi shuttle for you if necessary to reach the school or the airport.

**BY BUS** 

Line opposite the school (Mandallaz stop) The main bus routes are also just 2 minutes from the school, opposite the station.

BY BIKE

VélOnecy, hire terminals 2 minutes from the school



## **CONTACT IFALPES**

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