



HUNTERS HILL – LE VÉSINET FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE

EXCHANGE YOUR FAMILY FOR A VERY NICE FRENCH ONE

What to take to France

The following suggestions may help.

Essentials to take on board

Ticket - departure tax will have been paid & stamped on the ticket.
Passport - make sure it is up to date
Buy a Phonecard over there for calling home or locally (available at the airport)
Credit or Cash Debit Card
Student Id card
Australian money for flight/stopovers
Euros for arrival
Money belt
Toiletries (no scissors/sharp objects in cabin luggage!)
Observe 100ml rules according to airline regulations
Special medications
Warm jacket for arrival
Playing cards/compact games
Wear comfortable clothing during the flight to which you can add layers, as it gets colder, especially at night.
Books/magazines

In your luggage

The weight limit is 20kg.
France is STRICT about this and excess luggage is very expensive.

Clothing

The houses, schools, shops etc are centrally heated, so have warm outer clothing that can be removed when you come home. You will probably find the houses quite hot. It will be very cold outside.

There is *no* school uniform, so you will need several changes of clothes for during the week.

Good parka or coat for outside, going to school etc
Shoes - joggers, or knock about shoes, good shoes for special outings
Slippers or soft indoor shoes. Shoes are usually taken off before entering the house and wearing socks or barefeet is not acceptable.

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Jeans
Tracksuit
Jumper
Thermal layers
T-shirts/light shirts for indoors
Gloves
Scarf
Hat
Socks, tights, underwear

Hiking shoes, comfortable shoes & a good pair (heels for girls, if desired)
Take clothes you like and want to wear. It's a long way to carry things you won't use and make sure you have room to bring things back!

An outfit for going out.

There will be a welcome reception, a cocktail party and a farewell function and your family will usually dress up for Christmas and New Year's Eve celebrations as well as any special dinners out with family or friends.

Photos of your house, neighbourhood, family, pets, school, friends
Postcards, Books about Australia (available in French at FNAC stores)
Australian music
Australian food recipes - Pavlova, lamingtons
Vegemite for you, if necessary.

Find out where you are going for the school holidays and take the appropriate gear.
If you are going skiing, enquire first about borrowing ski gear as it is very bulky to travel with.

Pocket money ~ \$100/week or more, at discretion of parents.

Note Keep a copy of all your travel documents in your luggage,
and another set at home in case the originals get lost.

Mobile phone (check international roam is set up)
Camera & charger
MP3 player & charger
Portable musical Instruments
French phrase book, dictionary
Overnight bag/Pack for weekend trips
Power adapters for Australian appliances - there are some very compact multipurpose ones that adapt to different world standard power points



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Brief outline of the program in Le Vésinet

2 weeks - School attendance with your correspondent plus some excursions organised by the committee.

Mid-December weekend - *Noël de Jumelages*.

This is a fête with numerous stalls for all Le Vésinet's twin cities to sell their wares.

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Gifts to take

Gifts to give on arrival for the parents and children - refer to “Suggestions” below;
Gifts for Christmas & New Year - find out who will be there, ie. parents, children, grand-parents, aunts, uncles, cousins - refer to “Suggestions” below;
Gifts to sell on the Noël de Jumelages stand - the Committee will provide these but you will be asked to spend some time on the stall.

Suggestions

Wine
Sketches of Sydney
Tea towels
Coasters
Flags
Mugs
Wallabies team paraphernalia
Pens/pencils with logos
Australian animals - paintings, drawings, postcards
Oven gloves
Cling on koalas
Teaspoons
Fridge magnets
Tie pins
Scarves, purses, wallets
Small koalas & kangaroos
Boomerangs
Yellow signs (koalas next 200 m etc)
T-shirts with surfing, animals, aboriginal, beach, red centre motifs
Calendars of Sydney/Australia
Macadamia nuts (not choc-coated)
Badges