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GUADELOUPE: French Caribbean Adventure

Take your language skills to the next level on this French island, known as the "Pearl of the French Caribbean."

OVERVIEW

Explore this French overseas territory that sits pristinely in the Caribbean and is home to diverse communities of European, Asian, African and indigenous descent; explore Creole history and learn about the Caribbean's role in the slave trade. The atmosphere is heartfelt and colorful, with a French passion for cuisine and a Caribbean reverence for the surrounding natural environment. You'll become a more confident French speaker – the official language here – through language courses and interaction with locals.

14-DAY PROGRAM

July 12 - July 23, 2022

Tuition: \$4,499
Service Hours: 22
Language Hours: 25
Max Group Size: 36
Age Range: 14-18
Student-to-Staff Ratio: 8-to-1
Airport: PTP

HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Improve your French through language classes and local immersion
- ★ Serve Guadeloupe's local communities through a municipality-run beautification and ecosystem stewardship-project
- ★ Be immersed in the sounds of the Caribbean as you participate in a traditional drumming and dance workshop
- ★ Snorkel in deep blue water off the island's coast
- ★ Explore the island's agro-tourism through a visit to a Kassaverie and a banana plantation

SPOTLIGHT ON COMMUNITY SERVICE

Put your French skills to the test as you support the local community through meaningful service. You'll work in conjunction with community leaders to make city beautification projects a reality – building benches, installing recycling bins, carrying out beach clean-ups in the city's many outdoor spaces. Build cross-cultural relationships with local children and teens at a nearby camp where you'll facilitate language exchange games and activities. Through this work you'll be sure to improve your French and get to know your new home.

Daily Breakdown

Actual schedule of activities will vary by program session. The information detailed here is typical for what you can expect to experience; however, service work and activities vary depending upon the needs of our local community partners, various celebrations and customs, as well as the weather and specific needs of the student group.

Days 1-10

DAY PRIOR

Arrive in Miami, where you'll be greeted by our airport coordinator and accompanied to the hotel for the night. Have dinner and get to know your fellow participants before heading to bed.

DAY 1: WELCOME TO GUADELOUPE!

We'll leave bright and early for the Miami airport where the airport coordinator will see you through security before your flight to Pointe-à-Pitre International Airport (PTP), the largest airport of the six located in the Guadeloupe archipelago. GLA staff will be waiting to greet you! We'll drive an hour to Home Base in Goyave, where we'll get settled into our new home. In the evening, we'll engage in icebreaker games to get to know each other better!

DAY 2: ORIENTATION & EXPLORE GOYAVE

We'll begin the day with orientation, and then dive right into French immersion. Take a language placement quiz that helps sort our group into the right level French classes. Your teacher will be an experienced language instructor who will not only help you with speaking and writing, but also teach you about French and Guadeloupean culture. After class, explore Goyave to help you get familiar with your new home, including a stop at a beautiful beach. At night, meet your mentor group, which will provide a more intimate space to reflect on your experience and engage in leadership activities.

DAY 3: COVID TESTS, SERVICE, LA CARBET WATERFALLS, AND FRENCH CLASS

Today we'll take a routine COVID-19 antigen test as a group before departing for the town of Petit-Bourg, where we will meet with city officials to learn more about our service project. Engage in projects to maintain and beautify the local town; past projects have included painting, building sidewalks, installing recycle bins and carrying out beach clean-ups. After lunch, we'll adventure to *La Carbet*, a series of three waterfalls in the Guadeloupean jungle. Hike up and swim in the incredible natural pools of the falls. We'll end with French class to discuss what we learned from today's activities.



DAY 4: SERVICE, CASSAVA AND SOUVENIR SHOPPING

We'll spend the morning working on our community beautification project in Petit-Bourg. After lunch, we'll visit a local restaurant where we'll try our hand at preparing a traditional dish made of cassava root. It's a sweet, round cake that is usually garnished with grated coconut. Yum! In the afternoon, visit the nearby Destreland Commercial Center where you'll receive a different insight into daily life in Guadeloupe. Pick up any essentials you may need for the remainder of the trip and a souvenir or two! After dinner, engage your peers in a lively structured debate about a current social issue in Guadeloupe and explore the dynamism of present solutions and stakeholders.

DAY 5: ENGLISH CAMP

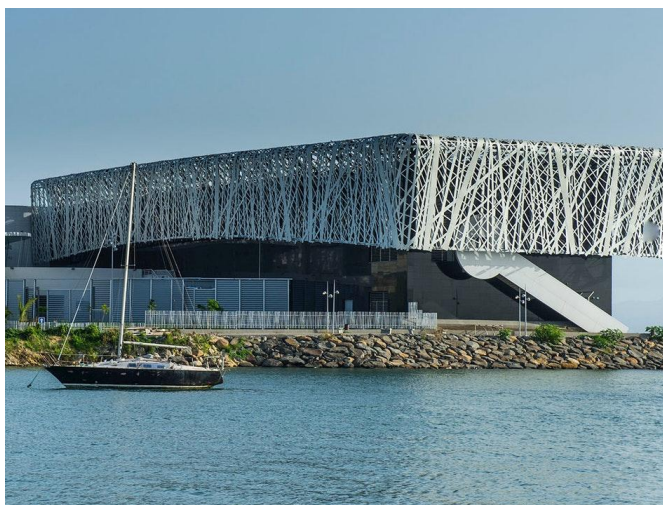
Today our service will be at a summer camp for local youth, where you'll play games and perhaps even teach some English to children from local communities! Afterwards, join your new Guadeloupean peers on the beach for more fun and games. This will be a great opportunity to practice your French with locals and learn more about what it's like to live in Guadeloupe.

DAY 6: COOKING WORKSHOP

Today we'll attend a cooking workshop, where we'll learn how to make local creole delicacies & and then enjoy the meal we prepare for lunch. Guadeloupe is home to many unique foods and meals, so be prepared to try something new! In the afternoon we'll practice new French vocabulary through a range of communication games. After dinner, gather with your mentor group for a leadership activity.

DAY 7: SERVICE AND FRENCH CLASS

We'll return to Petit-Bourg in the morning to continue our work with the municipality. After a hearty lunch, we'll settle in for an afternoon of French class.



DAY 8: DIVE INTO THE ISLAND'S HISTORY

After community service and some intensive language classes in the morning, we'll head out to Memorial ACTe, a contemporary museum offering historical exhibits on the Caribbean slave trade & indigenous people. Gain a deeper understanding of the untold difficulties and struggles of bondage on the Guadeloupe Islands.

DAY 9: GUADELOUPE ZOO

Today, we'll engage in morning French classes before driving the "La Route de la Traversée de la Guadeloupe" which is the only road that goes through the thick jungle of the National Park of Guadeloupe and covers the majority of the island of Basse Terre. We'll stop to take a short walk to a waterfall before arriving at the Guadeloupe Zoo nestled in the jungle and one of only 15% of zoos in Europe to have obtained a title for their respect for animal welfare. Bring a swimsuit to swim in the nearby natural river pool afterwards!

DAY 10: AQUATIC EXPLORATION

We'll spend all day on the beach of Malendure, snorkeling in the Cousteau Reserve. This place was named after the famed French biologist Jacques Cousteau, who championed the protection of this biodiverse site; it is regarded as having some of Guadeloupe's best snorkeling. You'll see tons of brightly-colored fish and coral, and have time to relax on the black sand beach of Malendure.



DAY 11: GWO-KA WORKSHOP & FAREWELL DINNER

Today, students will have their last French class. After lunch, we'll take a Gwo Ka dance workshop. Gwo Ka is a French Creole term for "big drum," and this dance form is a combination of singing, dancing and drumming. The style is central to Guadeloupean culture. Watch a local performance and learn some new moves! In the evening, we'll have a farewell dinner celebration as we prepare for departure the next morning.

DAY 12: *AU REVOIR*, GUADELOUPE!

Head to the airport today with some impressive French skills and memories that will last a lifetime. Staff will assist with check in and see you off for your journey back to Miami, where an airport coordinator will await your arrival and transfer you to the hotel where your group will stay for the night. The following day, your airport coordinator will accompany you to the Miami airport, assist with checking in, and see you off on your journey home!

NOTICE ON PROGRAM UPDATES

Every year brings new and exciting opportunities for experiences we can offer students on our programs. While this program is being planned for 2022, some activities or details may change between now and the program start date. Please note that references from past participants and previously published information may not accurately reflect every aspect of this program. Refer to the sample itinerary above or to the GLA website for the most up-to-date version of program activities, and please note that further updates may be made between now and the program start date.

POSSIBLE CHANGES TO PROGRAM ACTIVITIES DUE TO COVID-19

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, please note that program activities may change in order to accommodate COVID-19 regulations. In particular, service projects and other activities that typically involve close contact or engagement with members of the local community may be curbed, altered or skipped depending on staff evaluations on the ground and/or at the discretion of our Executive Director and Director of Program Operations & Risk Management. Every effort will be made to provide an exceptional experience on-location, at whatever level of community interaction is deemed safe at the time.

TRAVELING TO GUADELOUPE

GLA HOME BASE | Home Base is located in Goyave at a cozy hotel. Students will share rooms with roommates and have access to shared bathrooms. Meals will be served in a common area and typically consist of meats, rice, vegetables and fruit prepared Creole style.

FOOD | Guadeloupean food is a mix of French dishes with African, Asian and Caribbean influences that create what you might call *Creole* cuisine. Staples include spices, local fish, vegetables and tomato-based sauces. Home Base chefs will prepare many Guadeloupean options for you to sample, and are equipped to accommodate vegetarian and gluten-free diets.

CLIMATE | Guadeloupe has a tropical, hot and humid climate all year. Expect some brief, tropical rain storms between sunny days. These are no detriment to travel in Guadeloupe, as they can be cooling and refreshing!

LEADERSHIP

Global Leadership Adventures started as an educational institute, so we continue to think and act like educators—not tour operators—as we deliver life-changing programs. We intentionally weave a leadership curriculum into the daily experience on our programs. Through group discussion, meaningful service, workshops, speakers and excursions, staff guide students to reflect on program events through the lens of leadership, and celebrate outstanding examples of leaders they encounter in the local community. Lending this context to the experience creates opportunities for students to dig deep into their vision, purpose and knowledge of themselves and the world.

ABOUT GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ADVENTURES

Global Leadership Adventures was founded in 2003 by Fred Swaniker, a native of Ghana, TED Fellow and educational entrepreneur whose work has been praised by Barack Obama. Born as a global extension of the revolutionary African Leadership Academy, Global Leadership Adventures now operates programs centered around leadership, sustainable community service projects, and meaningful travel across Africa, Asia, Europe or the Americas. Through life-changing adventures, we strive to inspire the next generation to realize their potential to transform the world and their role in it.

GLA HAS BEEN FEATURED IN:

The New York Times

 **USA TODAY**

 **NBC NEWS**

The Boston Globe

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Our Expectations

Be present

Our mission at GLA is “to inspire the next generation to realize their potential to transform the world and their role in it.” To that end, we expect GLA students to maintain high standards of personal behavior and to be open-minded. The culture may be different, sometimes shockingly so. GLA will challenge students as they are expected to work hard and be present physically and mentally for all activities. We also ask students to take a step back from regular use of technology - particularly their smartphones - so as to maximize their engagement with the program and their fellow participants. Students may get hot, dirty and bug-bitten along the way, but their contribution can transform the community. The goal is for each student to return home having had a life-changing experience.

No tolerance

GLA has a no-tolerance policy towards drugs, alcohol, tobacco and disruptive behavior. Those who violate or are suspected of violating this policy will be immediately dismissed from the program at the sole discretion of GLA staff.

Community-Led experiences

GLA makes every effort to offer thoughtfully crafted programs for teens and young adults. Detailed planning and exhaustive communications with partners are indispensable parts of our program development process. However, occasionally service and activities are adjusted from session to session, due to weather, changing needs of our local community partners and/or various cultural celebrations and customs. We expect participants to be open-minded and flexible, willing to embrace the experience when plans change. GLA makes every effort to communicate adjustments to students and families with advance notice. We expect you to be open-minded and flexible.

Mentorship

GLA is not a therapy program. Our staff are highly skilled, professional, caring and fun, but they are not licensed therapists. GLA programs can be physically and emotionally demanding, and applicants should be in good physical and mental health.

We're Here to Help

Contact Us

Want to learn more about Global Leadership Adventures and our available programs? Our Admissions Team has expertise and insights into our slate of program offerings, and we're happy to answer any questions you might have. We have collectively visited or staffed many of our GLA programs around the world, and we have advice to share on everything from getting your travel documents together to what a typical day on a program is like. Call us at 1-858-771-0645 any time during office hours for assistance.

Enroll Now

We encourage you to enroll on your 1st choice program as early as you can! In fact, our most popular programs fill early every year, and many students end up putting off the quick and easy application process only to end up on the waiting list. The best way to ensure that you save your spot is to place your deposit and apply early. You can easily enroll online at www.experiencegla.com/enroll.