



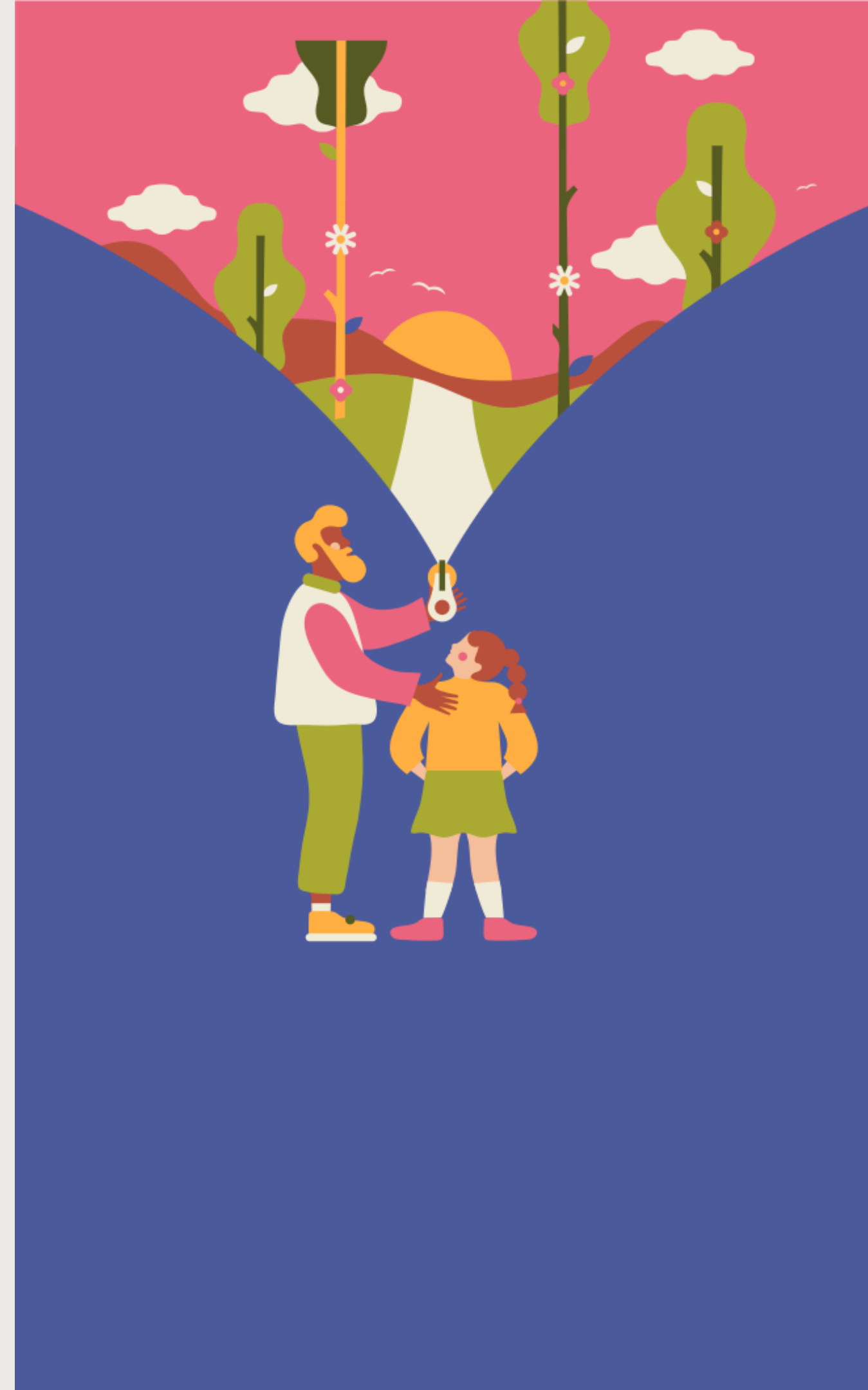
AVANTI *Quest*

Year 7 trip to France | 30th June – 4th July 2025

What Is This Trip About?

your child will engage in a variety of activities designed to inspire, challenge, and bring our students closer together as a community. The itinerary includes:

- Kayaking adventures to explore the local waterways,
- Nature walks through picturesque landscapes,
- Creative workshops such as mosaic-making, cooking, and learning French,
- Visits to local markets and charming towns, where students can immerse themselves in French culture and language,
- Evening spiritual insight workshops and kirtan sessions, providing a reflective and uplifting end to each day.



The retreat offers a rich program tailored for young minds, encouraging them to explore new ideas, develop teamwork skills, and engage in self-reflection as they prepare to transition to secondary school.



About The Venue

Lac Sauvain Site - Maison Claire Fontaine

The centre itself is a restored farmhouse complex in a beautiful rural setting, located within 2 hectares of forest land and situated just 12 miles from the historical town of Avallon in the Yonne region of Burgundy.

Just two hours south of Paris, it is an easy day's coach journey from England with arrivals always made in time for an evening meal and a leg stretch.

Activities on site including lessons are provided in dedicated rooms or outside spaces with ample space also provided for the obligatory free time games.



Bedrooms and Facilities

- All bedrooms are ensuite. Rooms will accommodate between 2 to 6 students depending on the room size.
- Some rooms will feature floor mattresses, which are the same high-quality mattresses used on the beds, just without the wooden frames!
- Facilities include a large outdoor park, badminton, football and many other outdoor games available during free time.
- A beautiful stream on-site provides a perfect spot for walks, and there are horses that students can visit.



Meals & Dining

Students will be provided with 3 nutritious, tasty meals a day to keep them energized throughout the retreat.

Maison Claire Fontaine will adhere to the same ethos as Avanti, catering to all dietary requirements. Healthy and fun meals, including desserts, are guaranteed to keep students well-fed and happy!

We also ensure a bowl of fruit is always available between meals, so there's no need for parents to pack snacks.



Health & Safety

The retreat team is fully equipped with detailed emergency response plans.

A thorough risk assessment has been conducted to ensure all safety concerns are addressed.

At least one first-aid trained school staff member will be on-site, and a 1:10 staff-to-student ratio will be maintained at all times.

Structured free time will be given, with students required to stay within designated areas for safety.



Travel

Passport & Visa Requirements:

Passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months on the date of return to UK

British passport holders do not need a visa.

If your child holds an international passport, please let the school know as soon as possible as a visa will be needed. We will arrange for this within school.

School trip lead will check in January to check they are valid.



What we need from Parents

If interested, please register by completing the initial form as found in the letter.

To secure your child's place, please make the £50 non-refundable.
A monthly payment plan for the rest of the amount is available also.

Fill in the necessary contact and medical forms when shared by schools after registration.

To support children in preparing their luggage and passports for France.
A recommended list of items to pack to will be provided nearer to the retreat

To be patient with school communications/ photographs each day and
to understand our staff's main priority is to the children's safety and wellbeing.

To ensure that students arrive at school on-time when leaving for the retreat
and that students have the means to get home on their return to school.

FAQ's

What should my child pack?

There is a kit list on this webpage – please download it.

Check the weather forecast a week ahead and pack items that you feel will be appropriate in line with the kit list. Please also ensure that students do not bring anything bigger than a medium size suitcase.

Should my child bring spending money?

We suggest bringing 50 Euros as there will be plenty of opportunity to shop. Students will be responsible for their own money and teachers will not be expected to after it on their behalf. Please ensure if you are sending your child with cash then money is converted to Euros before departure as there will be no opportunity to exchange money. Alternatively, you can send them with a debit card if you are happy to do so.

Are the children allowed to have mobile phones?

Mobile phones will be allowed for this trip. They will be able to use it on the journey and certain times during the day. The rest of the tim, mobile phones will be given to teachers to look after so it does not distract students from the retreat.

FAQ's

Do the kids get to choose who they will share a room with, or will they be allocated by the teachers?

When filling out the registration form provided to you by the school you will have a chance to let us know who your child would prefer to share a room with. The final arrangement is then made by the school trip leader to ensure a balanced mix of students and a harmonious environment, teachers will ensure that students are staying with at least one of their selected friends. We do everything we can to have friends stay with each other since it makes it more fun for everyone. We don't tell the students who they are staying with until we get to the destination. Please know your child and friends rarely spend a lot of time in the rooms, we're too busy having adventures the whole week!

Just want to reconfirm, is the deposit refundable?

The deposit is unfortunately non-refundable, unless we can get another student to replace your child and attend the trip instead.

Is the rest of the payment non-refundable, regardless of illness or other circumstances?

At Avanti, we're just the in-between facilitator for this trip. Your down payment doesn't go to us, rather it goes to the Provider. Refunds are therefore at their discretion. However, as mentioned above, if we can find another student to take your child's place, we will be able to give a refund.

THANK
YOU!