

## Atme Winter Wonderland!

Soak up the festive spirit with a trip to one of Europe's finest Christmas markets – a popular tour with our school groups.

In the heart of winter, the entire city of Lille sparkles and glows with Christmas magic to welcome you to its winter wonderland. Be dazzled by hundreds of twinkling lights as Christmas carols fill the air and the 50-metre high Big Wheel turns majestically, providing a fantastic view over the whole city and the artificial snow-covered village which fills the entire Grand Place square.



Itinerary

# DAY **01**

Morning Atternoon

Evening

Depart school and cross the channel from Dover to Calais

Arrive in Lille in time to buy lunch and explore the **Christmas Markets** 

Check into the Holiday Inn Lille Ouest Englos

Ideally situated in a peaceful setting, this is a perfect destination to discover the remarkably restored Lille old town with its medieval streets.

Evening meal followed by a visit to the Christmas markets

Brightly coloured market stalls; the glow of fairy lights and candles; the smell of waffles dipped in chocolate and freshlybaked biscuits, create a special advent atmosphere.

Christmas markets are an affordable, great way for students of Language & Culture to practice their skills.



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## DAY 02

Morning

#### Check out of hotel after breakfast

Guided tour of Lille (2 hours)

Stroll around the streets of Europe's Capital of Culture and the squares to discover the heritage, the history and "art of living" of the town through its main sites and monuments: the Palais Rihour, the Main Square, the old stock exchange, the Opera House, the Chamber of Commerce and the Notre-Dame de la Treille cathedral.

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Evening

Visit the Christmas markets in Place Rihour and Lille Old Town

With around 80 stalls, this is the biggest Christmas market in Northern France. Place Rihour comes alive with festively adorned stalls covered in lights and colour with a ferris wheel that cannot be missed. A true winter wonderland selling local produce and regional specialities. You can also find arts and crafts from Russia, Canada and Poland.

Travel to Calais for return short sea crossing & travel back to school



Accommodation

### HOLIDAY INN LILLE OUEST ENGLOS

Impasse Bertha, Englos, 59320, France

#### HOTEL INFORMATION

Ideally situated in a peaceful setting this is a perfect destination to discover the remarkably restored, Lille old town with its medieval streets. The flamboyant architecture and daring colours of its facades enchant the eye. The Citadelle Park and the zoo are a popular attraction. The Palais des Beaux-Arts of Lille, one of the first museums in France, houses in an imposing 19th-century collection of European paintings.

#### LOCATION

Englos, 10km from the centre of Lille and close to the motorway between Lille and Dunkerque

#### **FEATURES**

Private parking, swimming pool and on-site health and fitness centre

#### BEDROOMS

En-suite rooms with TV and free WIFI

Accommodation

### **IBIS BUDGET LILLE CENTRE**

10, Rue de Courtrai, 59000, Lille, France

#### HOTEL INFORMATION

The ibis budget Lille Centre, is a 5-minute walk from the downtown area, the Opera and the Beffroi, and a 10-minute walk from the TGV stations Lille Flandres and Lille Europe and the Grand-Place. It is a 15-minute walk to Museum of the Gunners, Old Stock Exchange and Lille Grand Square. Rihour Square and Palace of Fine Arts are also within 1 mi (2 km).

This fully renovated hotel offers rooms for 1 to 3 people. It is close to the restaurants and shops of Vieux Lille.

#### LOCATION

Located in the heart of Vieux Lille

#### **FEATURES**

24-hour reception and free WIFI

#### BEDROOMS

All rooms have en-suite facilities and air conditioning



## CLICK HERE to book now

\* Package price shown is based on coach travel with a minimum of 40 full paying passengers plus 4 staff free of charge departing from selected geographical areas in November and is subject to availability.

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