



**Presenting an artistic depiction of collaboration between Udayachal High School, India and Lycée Saint Vincent, France on the occasion of India Day**

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# “To Travel Is to Take a Journey Into Yourself” — Danny Kaye

Udayachal High School organised two trips for the students – an educational trip to Paris, France (a 10 day trip in the month of April, 2016) and an Exchange program with Lycée Saint Vincent, Senlis , France (in the month of May, 2016)

France is a popular destination for zealous tourists, Francophiles, and cosmopolitans. Paris, the capital of France, is the forefront in fashion and arts. Many people venture here to visit Parisian landmarks, buy elegant clothing, and enjoy fine dining and other delicacies that the city offers. Visitors yearn to discover for themselves the treasures of France, and what the French refer to as “joie de vivre,” which is the joy of living.

We delved deep into the French lifestyle this past summer as we immersed deep into the rich culture of France. Throughout our stay, we had many memorable encounters and experiences that enabled us to embrace the diversity and marvel of this beautiful city. We learned to acclimatise ourselves to French culture. Living amongst the French denizens was an enriching experience. We interacted with them and learned their mannerisms and ‘mode de vie’ – way of life.

The opportunity to be an integral part of the French classrooms was very exciting. We enhanced our language skills and tried using it in our daily conversations.

Being hosted by the French families was a unique and heart touching experience. Meeting the family, speaking with them, having dinner together and knowing more about them – got us so close to a culture so different from ours.

We had action packed days – attending school, visiting museums, perfume making workshop, knowing about French artists, writer, literature and lots more....

We visited Eiffel Tower, Montmartre, Palais de Versailles, Louvre. So much to learn from each visit!!!

An Exchange is an experience, never to be forgotten. It shaped part of our character and changed our view on life.

Student exchange is the opportunity to do and see things you could never dream of - gain a second family, new friends and become a local in another culture. A journey of self-discovery and personal growth filled with unforgettable memories. We have gained rich experiences, confidence and self-dependency in this year than ever and never regretted anything!

Looking forward to hosting our young friends from France this December!!!

