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Let's discover



With Alliance Française Chandigarh

Two major events

Printemps de Bourges

The Printemps de Bourges (PDB), also known simply as Printemps in everyday language, is a music festival in France, founded from 6 to 10 April 1977 in Bourges, in the department of Cher.



Since its inception, the festival has promoted the artistic values of creation, discovery and emergence, and has based its mission on the notions of transmission, responsibility and access to culture for all. Artistic and Cultural Education projects for the very young are carried out. Le Printemps de Bourges heralds artistic renewal and the arrival of fine weather by opening the festival season.

The artistic identity of Le Printemps embraces a wide range of musical aesthetics and is based on a balance between established artists emerging talent and original creations, between the French and the international scene.

As a major cultural event in the Centre Val de Loire region and the Berruyère, the festival aims to appeal to all audiences and to build strong roots in the region by developing a number of cultural, economic and social initiatives during the festival and throughout the year: artistic and cultural education, accessibility, energy management, selective sorting, prevention, local employment etc.

For its 47th edition, the Printemps de Bourges festival is unveiling its colourful line-up, kicking off hostilities from 18 to 23 April 2024.



Two major events



Nuit Européenne des musées

European Museum Night is an exceptional, simultaneous and usually free evening opening of European museums to encourage new visitors, particularly families, young people and the most disadvantaged, to go to museums. It has been held every year since 2005.

On this occasion, the museums offer a new way of discovering their collections and temporary exhibitions.

NUIT EUROPÉENNE DES MUSÉES



© DR – A l'occasion de la Nuit européenne des musées, le Château de Champs-sur-Marne, près de Paris, ouvre ses portes aux visiteurs proposant plusieurs animations. Visitors are invited from an early age to take a fresh look at their cultural institutions, and will be treated to original tours, guided tours, openair events, live performances, music, culinary arts, screenings and other unusual festivities.

Conceived in a festive and convivial spirit, this European Museum Night, which begins at sunset and ends at around 1am, is an opportunity to share and raise awareness among a wider public of the rich cultural heritage contained in the collections of our museums, and to win over new visitors.



🛛 Mucem Lisa Ricciotti, architectes : Rudy Ricciotti et Roland Carta 🧁 Mucem - Passerelle : FSJ, éclairage : Yann Kersale, Marseille

Spring Walks

Les Calanques de Marseille

A remarkable natural site, the Parc national des Calanques - located between Marseille and Cassis - is full of exceptional places. Walking the paths is the best way to discover the many facets of this national park. Numerous signposted paths are available for visitors looking for a hike. Whatever the level of difficulty chosen, each route offers fabulous scenery between the sea and the mountains.

The most accessible From Luminy to the Sugiton viewpoint

If you're less sporty, the Luminy walk is perfect for you. Simply unmissable, this hike takes you through wooded areas and gravel tracks before reaching the lookout.

Distance and duration of walk: 2.3 kilometres from Luminy / between 30 and 40 minutes





The most sporty Crossing the Calanques on the GR 98-51

If you're used to intense hikes, the trek from Marseille to Cassis through the Calanques National Park will satisfy you hands down. Bivouacking is prohibited in the Calanques National Park, so you'll need to leave the Park for the night and find accommodation in the 8th or 9th arrondissement of Marseille.

Distance and duration of the walk: 35 kilometres from La Madrague / approx. 3 days

The best view The summit of Marseilleveyre from the Pastré countryside

If you're looking for an exhilarating hike, the route from the Pastré countryside to the summit of Marseilleveyre is the perfect choice. The walk starts from the Pointe Rouge in Marseille's southern suburbs. You can take the 19 bus or the shuttle bus (in season) to the entrance to the municipal park.

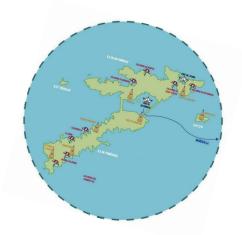
Distance and duration of the walk: 7.8 kilometres from Campagne Pastré / approx. 4 hours.





Spring Walks

Les Îles du Frioul



The Frioul Islands are a French archipelago located around 2.7 km off the coast of the Endoume district of Marseille. The archipelago is made up of four main islands covering a total area of 200 hectares. Les Îles is one of the 111 districts of Marseille that make up the 7th arrondissement.

With a military past, the archipelago is now a Natura 2000 protected area. In terms of flora, all the endemic species of the Provençal coastline can be found here, as well as a number of rare and protected species that are unique to the islands of Marseille.

The archipelago has around 175 inhabitants (2015 figures), grouped together in a few flats in the heart of the central island, where the boat docks, the only means of transport departing from Marseille's Vieux Port. There are no shops apart from a small grocery shop and a few restaurants open in summer for tourists. Bivouacking is forbidden and there is no hotel accommodation. The inhabitants are mainly fishermen, sailors and other locals.



Before arriving at the Iles du Frioul, the shuttle offers a stop at the Château d'if. The Château d'If is a French fortress built on the orders of King François I between 1527 and 1529 on the islet of If in the Frioul archipelago. It was mainly used as a prison during its 400 years of official use. Made famous by Alexandre Dumas' novel Le Comte de Monte-Cristo, it is one of the most visited sites in Marseille (almost 100,000 visitors a year). It was listed as a historic monument on 7 July 1926.

The fauna is limited, mainly represented by avifauna, seabirds (mainly gulls) and others, most of which are rare and protected. Small lizards live in the joints of the walls and ramparts.



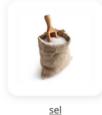
Spring Recipe



La salade de Riz



For 4 people



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poivron rouge



poivre



3 cuillères à soupe de <u>vinaigre</u>

4 tomates



5 cuillères à soupe d' <u>huile</u>



250 g de riz



150 g

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150 g

de maïs



2 cuillères à soupe de nuoc mam



Step 1: Cook the rice.

Step 2 : Dice the tomatoes and peppers.

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poivron vert

Step 3 : Drain the tuna and corn.

Step 4 : Once the rice is cooked, cool it in cold water.

Step 5 : Pour all the ingredients into a salad bowl: rice, tomatoes, peppers, tuna and corn.





Step 6 : Add the vinaigrette: 5 tablespoons oil, 3 tablespoons vinegar, 2 tablespoons nuoc man or mustard.

Step 7 : Add salt and pepper to taste.

You can remove the tuna for a vegetarian recipe, or replace it with hard-boiled eggs. You can also add cucumbers, carrots, avocado or any other vegetables you fancy!

French Expressions



Expressions sur le printemps

Une hirondelle ne fait pas le printemps

Est une métaphore qui explique qu'il ne faut pas se fier aux apparences et qu'il n'est pas raisonnable de tirer des conclusions générales d'un seul fait isolé.

Avoir la main verte

Il s'agit d'une version d'une expression courante : « avoir la main », qui désigne quelqu'un qui est doué dans un domaine particulier. L'adjectif "vert" désigne ici les plantes; être doué en jardinage.

En avril ne te découvre pas d'un fil ; En mai fais ce qu'il te plaît

Très populaire, cette expression est une manière de prévenir qu'il ne faut pas se découvrir car le temps peut être farceur.

Ras des pâquerettes

Signifie physiquement très bas, la pâquerette étant une petite fleur qui pousse très prés du sol. Cette métaphore désigne quelque chose de très bas ou quelqu'un de peu profond dans sa réfléxion



What is Classes Internationales ? It's Your gateway to France!

At their official meeting in July 2023, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron decided to create a new program starting in September 2024. It is designed to welcome India's brightest high-school graduates, whether or not they speak French.

Classes Internationales give you access to the best French higher education establishments to study ... in French.In Classes Internationales, you spend between a semester and an academic year at a school that prepares you for admission to a university, engineering or management school to continue your studies in French. You'll be welcomed by a complete team, alongside other international students, Indians and people of all nationalities, to support your progress in learning French. You'll also receive immersive training in French culture, as well as methodological courses and reinforcement in subjects that will be useful to you in your higher studies.

French higher education is recognized for its excellence: it trains students for long studies and research, but also for a successful professional career: its diplomas are recognized worldwide.

The French Embassy in India, which initiated this program, will provide the best students with a scholarship at the end of the classes internationales, to help them start their university career in France.

Over 200 programs are now available to you. Until now, these programs have never been accessible to non-French-speaking international students.

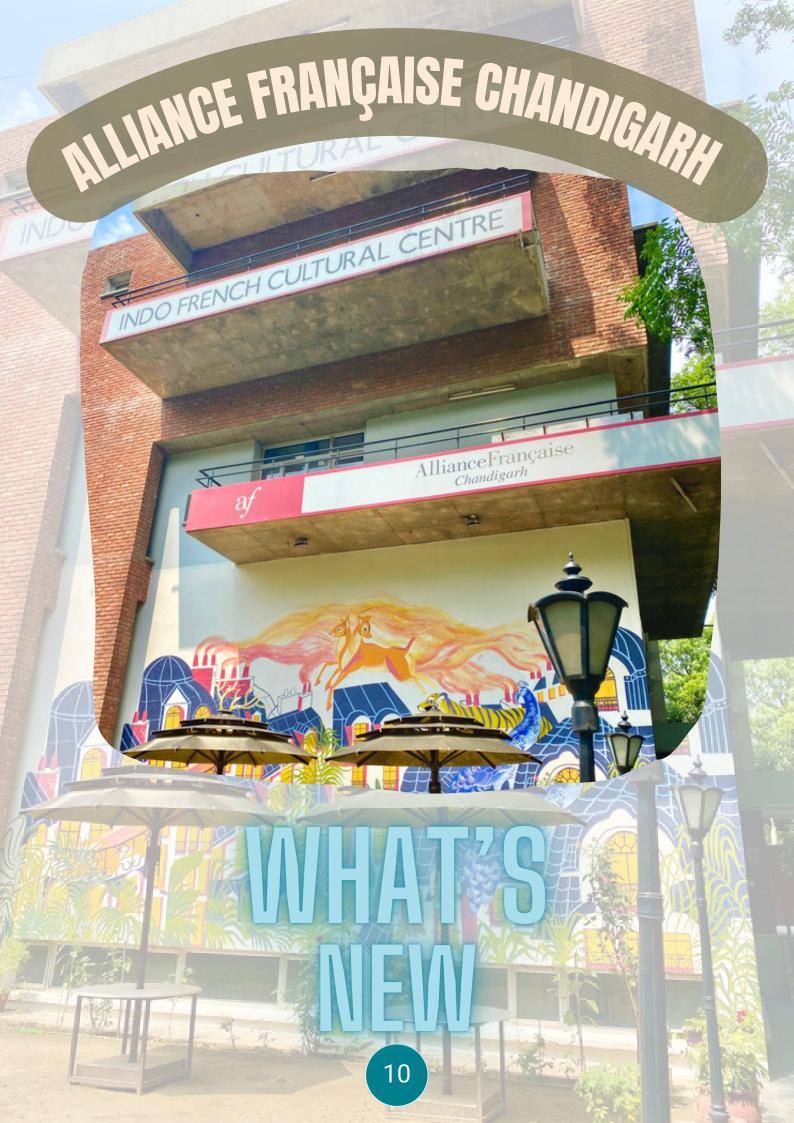
The deadline for individuals at the complete beginner level (A0) is <u>April 7, 2024</u>, while those at the A2 proficiency level have until June 30, 2024, to apply.

For Details: Visit the near Campus France Desk: Alliance Francaise De Chandigarh

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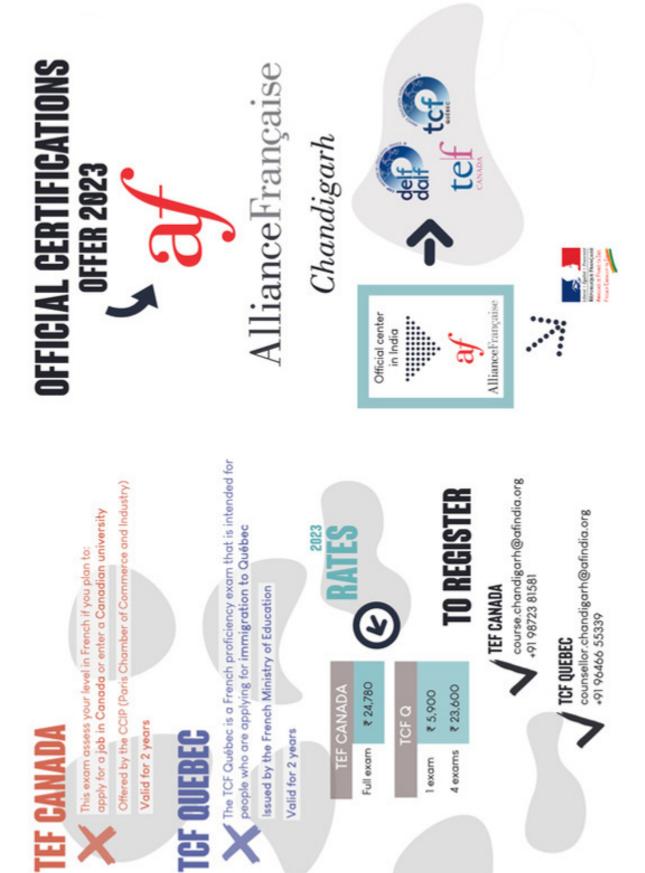
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Chit-Chat

Meet Sophie, Responsable of Alliance Française Leh



I am Sophie, I have been in charge of the Alliance Française de Chandigarh branch in Leh only since November 2022, but I have been settled in Ladakh for 20 years. Originally, I come from a very small village named Chichilianne, in the Vercors, located 60 km south of Grenoble. I first came to Ladakh for a project focusing on Tibetan paintings and history when I was a student at an art school in Chambéry. However, I fell in love with Ladakh itself. After this initial trip, I started working in France during the winter to return to Ladakh for the summer.

How did you start working at AF-Leh?

I worked in tourism, including agencies and guest houses, for about 10 years. Then, COVID hit, Ladakh schools closed for 2 years, and tourism suffered as well. For many years, I had desired to change my professional path; I was tired of the tourism industry. So, when AF Chandigarh proposed reopening the AF of Leh, I saw it as a sign to change my career. And here I am, now in my second and a half year.

Can you describe AF Leh ?



The AF branch in Leh was established in 2011 to address the difficulty Ladakhi people faced in accessing French language education, particularly as French tourism peaked.

Initially, we had 8 to 12 regular students attending classes five days a week for two hours each day. Typically, AF Leh operates with one person in charge, who also serves as the teacher, with most teachers coming from France and residing at the AF for a year.



During our peak, we had students progressing up to the B1 level. However, our current student numbers have slightly decreased due to Ladakhis now traveling in winter, which was previously dedicated to French learning, and fewer French tourists who do not speak English.





Presently, I am the sole teacher at Alliance Française, managing the structure, with Madame Nilza Angmo, who has been with AF since its inception, serving as my invaluable assistant. She oversees the premises, kindly prepares meals for us, assists in class, handles administrative tasks, and brings warmth to the AF community.



Leh is the highest AF in the world! What does that mean?

Actually, I think the La Paz full-fledged AF in Bolivia might be situated at a higher altitude than our AF Branch in Leh, as we are at 3500m while La Paz is at 3600m.

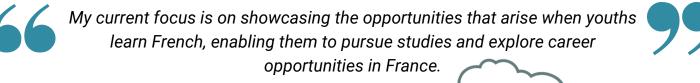
The challenges of being at AF Leh include the climate and living conditions. We lack running water, so we have to trek down the hill every day to fill water jerricans and carry them back up with our heavy loads. Additionally, we frequently experience power cuts. In winter, we have to heat the classrooms with a local stove and often face shortages of vegetables and groceries. This uniqueness adds excitement to our AF experience.

AF Leh is in a wild mountain range, and that their pastoral traditions can be similar to our Alps pastoral area. Of course here it is more harsh.





Previously, most of the students were tourism workers such as guides and travel agency managers. However, since 2022, I have had a diverse range of students. This includes two students passionate about French bakery, Tibetan students, a few tourism workers, many youths interested in language learning as a hobby or pastime, and teenagers aspiring to study abroad.



What kind of events do you organise?



We primarily organize cooking workshops, as there is great interest among the community in French cuisine. However, French movies have yet to find a large audience here.



What do you remember most?

My young students are eager to explore the world and embrace different ways of thinking. We enjoy many good times together in class. All of our students are amazing, and we have a lot of fun. Today, I observed one of my students making jokes solely in French, which indicates to me that she has reached a good level. It's a small success for me.

Anything else you'd like to share with us?

The AF Branch in Leh has relocated three times. We are currently situated in the historic quarter of Leh, in the old town. The municipality has initiated a renovation project for this area, renewing some old houses while preserving the original architecture and using local materials. Fortunately, the branch rents one of these homes, allowing us to settle in this beautiful, antique building. French tourists also enjoy visiting us, appreciating the architecture and engaging in small conversations. They particularly enjoy the breathtaking view from our rooftop.



Additionally, our AF serves as a meeting point for both French and Ladakhi people.





Let's meet on the rooftop, the new French café !

Did you know that the French love to spend time on terraces?

At the Alliance Française of Chandigarh, we wanted to recreate this unique atmosphere of **Parisian cafés** on our rooftop terrace.

In a peaceful setting, with a panoramic view, come and enjoy a coffee, an orange juice with a delicious pastry. You can also explore our Frenchinspired sandwich and seasonal plate options, made with 100% quality ingredients sourced from the best local artisans. In France, the quality of products is at the heart of culinary excellence. No compromises here!



Cultural inclusivity : learning a language also means discovering a Culture

Previous Events (January - March) & Upcoming Events

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Cultural Activities Previous events recial events our Student for L'Éphiphanie 6 January - Art Gallery AFC Lohri 12 January- Parking AFC La Chandeleur

2 Feburary - Cafeteria AFC



Previous events





Pronunciation and reading workshop with Margot 12 January & 21 February

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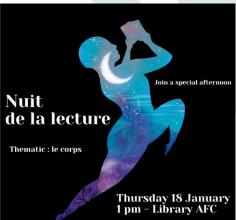
Painting Workshop with Wafa Khoury

24 January - Gallery AFC









La Nuit de la Lecture with Margot

18 January - Library AFC

Previous events







An Evening of Indian Classical Music by Dr. Mahendra Sharma (Tabla) & Manik Kohli (Guitar). 3 February - Gallery AFC







HERE & THERE' by Avirbhav Verma 4 March - Cafeteria AFC

Previous events



2 Exhibitions

Art Connect 2.0 by Chandigarh University

14 - 17 February Library AFC





Her Essence by Monisha Tripathy

4 - 9 March Library AFC



13 February - Library AFC & Punjab University



What a pleasure it was to welcome the French authors, Pierre Bordage, Yamouna David and Carina Ronzenfeld for a day of sharing, under the banner of science fiction. Thank you to our students, the French Department at Punjab University and their students and teachers for all their hard work and motivation!

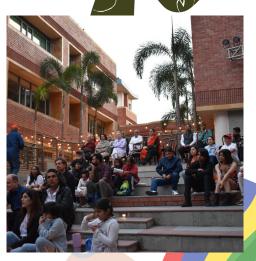
Previous events

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Patyatann - A unique Mauritus live concert

17 March - Stawberry Fields High School

Patyatann, a Mauritian musical group which was formed in 2012, is made up of five versatile musicians, Sarasvati Mallac, Anthony Bouic, Kan Chan Kin, Cledy François and Stephan Paul. The group has been invited by the French Institute in India and 6 Alliances Françaises (Gurgaon, Chandigarh, Delhi, Pune, Bangalore, Indore,) of the Indian network, and is delighted to announce its very first tour to India and Nepal, in Kathmandu ! This tour offers the band the exceptional opportunity to share their captivating music, reflecting the cultural richness and subtleties of Mauritius, with a new and varied audience.



Some works of our students

We celebrated the Francophonie week with AF students. They exhibited their art works based on Francophonie & 10 words of the Francophonie, played french board games, participated in the International exam 'La Plume d'OR' & enjoyed watching a french film 'La petite bande'.



Library : Upcoming Events!



Library : Culturethèque

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Upcomings events

APRIL

17 Heroes - Theatre Play at Tagore Theatre
19 Piano concert by famous pianist Marouan Benabdallah in the AFC Art Gallery



Stay Tuned.

MAY

Film Screening and exhibitions will be announced !

My agenda – 2024

cinema ******

> Apart from the Apart from the mentioned events, there will be many events

JUNE

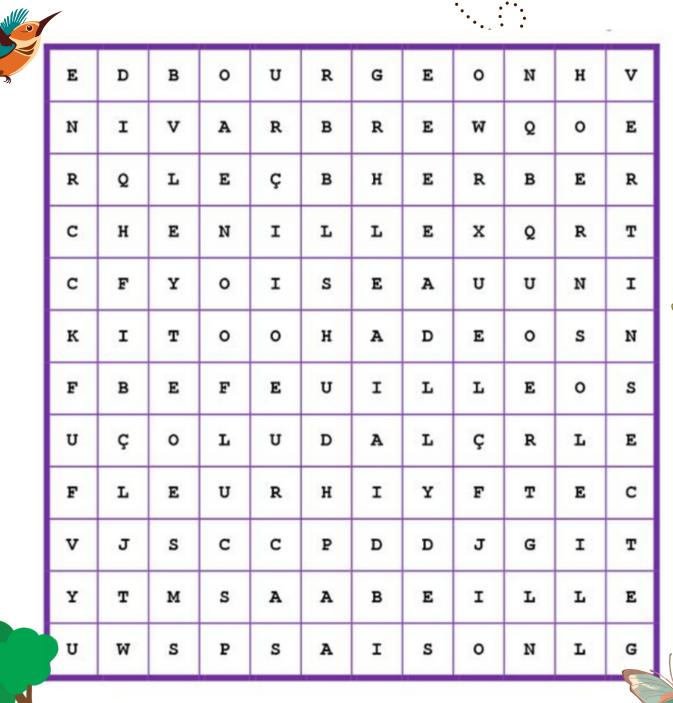
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World Music Day - with DJ Greg



Grille de mots mêlés







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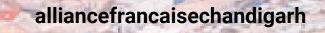




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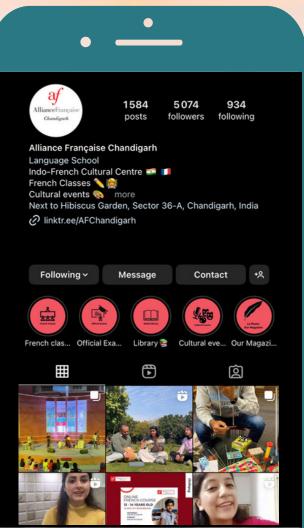
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