Rotary

District 1680 · France

Youth Exchange · District profile

Alsace & Franche-Comté, eastern France · for YEOs and DYECs · 2026-27

65	20	17	2-3	10
Rotary clubs, 6 départements	inbound students this year, from 9 countries	host clubs this year	host families per student, visited before arrival	languages on our website

WHERE YOUR STUDENTS WILL LIVE

Strasbourg, seat of the European Parliament, and the Alsace and Franche-Comté regions: Germany and Switzerland by train, the Vosges and Jura mountains, vineyards, Christmas markets and Europe's best-known food culture. Students attend a French *lycée* (public or private) from early September to early July.

Strasbourg · **Colmar** · **Mulhouse** · **Besançon** · **Belfort** · **Dole · Jura**

WHAT EACH STUDENT GETS

- **Two to three host families**, selected and visited by the host club before arrival.
- **A counselor** in the host club, outside the host family, who meets the student every month.
- A club youth officer, a **zone correspondent** and the district team: DYEC, youth protection officer, volunteer psychologist, ROTEX alumni.
- **70 € pocket money per month** from the host club, school enrolment handled by the club.
- A **24/7 district contact** and a crisis plan; parents are always informed.

DISTRICT PROGRAMME

Late August	Welcome & integration weekend at Lake Malsaucy (Belfort), with the ROTEX
November	Weekend in Strasbourg, Europe's capital, before the Christmas market
March	Snow weekend in the Jura mountains, with next year's outbounds
May	Europa-Park weekend (Rust, Germany)
Spring	Eurotour across Europe (optional, with other French districts)
June	District conference: inbounds and outbounds together

SAFETY FIRST

- District certified by Rotary International; same rules worldwide (no drinking, drugs, driving, dating).
- All volunteers and host families trained and vetted; youth protection officer in the team.
- Rotary-standard insurance required; emergency fund held by the district.

PRACTICAL

Age	15 to 18 at arrival
Length	10 to 11 months, late August to early July
Language	French; basics welcome, fluency not required
School	French lycée, placed in Seconde or Première
Exchanges	Arranged through the Centre Rotarien pour la Jeunesse (CRJ), the French multidistrict, usually as reciprocal exchanges
Short term	Family-to-family exchanges, 2 to 6 weeks in summer, ages 15-19

THIS YEAR'S INBOUND COUNTRIES

Mexico · **Taiwan** · **Brazil** · **Colombia** · **USA** · **Italy** · **Indonesia** · **Japan** · **Argentina**

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