

Dear Host family,

My name is Camille, I live in south of France on the French Riviera 🌞. I am fifteen and I am in high school in a class which is the equivalent of the 10th Grade in your country. Well, my favorite color is blue, and my favorite animals are the raccoon and the seal. 🦝

I live with my mom, my dad, and my brother. My mom, Mélanie, is a physiotherapist and yoga teacher. My dad, Tristan, works as a product manager for an international company. My brother, Louis, is a year younger than me. Funny thing, people often ask us if we are twins 😊. Louis travelled to San Diego last summer, in a host family with Oui-Connect. He was so happy about his experience that I'm really excited to do it this year. It's my turn!

I also have a dog at home. Wunjo is an Australian Shepherd. He is six months old when I write this letter (so in January). He is really cool and full of energy, but he also steals a lot of things. It makes me laugh but mum and dad are upset about it 🐾. Fortunately, Wunjo go to dog training once a week.

I live in Antibes which is a city next to the Mediterranean Sea 🚤, between Cannes and Monaco, not so far from Italy. I live there since I was a baby. I'm born in Antibes. According to me, this is the most beautiful town in France. The particularity of this city is, in winter, we can see the snow-capped mountains from the beaches. 🏔️ In December, we can admire the most beautiful sunsets and sunrises of the year. 🌅 I'm in a suburb of Antibes, not downtown where the old city is. The old city of Antibes is beautiful, we can see some monuments, all made of stones. We can also find some theaters, secret passages, museums and some of the biggest yachts of the planet. I really like the atmosphere here all the year long. 🌟 One of the most known of my town is called the Nomade, a statue of a man made of white letters.

Juan les Pins is also a neighborhood in my city that I really like, with the beach, pine trees and squirrels.

But the thing I love the most here is the beaches with their white sand. I love to swim in the sea, play volley and have diner with friends on the beach.

My high school is in Valbonne, which is a city next to my town. Beautiful city as well. It takes me 20 minutes by car to go there, around an hour by bus. Usually, my dad drive me to the school in the morning and I come back by bus. I love my high school, there is a lot of vegetation 🌿, everyone is very friendly, my teachers are cool, and all the lessons are very interesting. Last year, I was in a private school with only 35 students, with alternative way to study. This year, I'm back to public school with 1200 students. I was a little bit afraid at first because I didn't know anybody. Everything went well. I met new people and made new friends. I'm playing volleyball every Tuesday at lunch time. The subjects I prefer to study are English, Spanish and History because we are discovering new lifestyles, cultures, and mindsets.

I have two groups of friends, one from high school and the other from scout. I met my friends from high school this year and we had a lot of fun. We are seven crazy girls who absolutely don't care about the judgment of others. I love them because we are laughing all day long, which makes me always happy. I've passed the new year eve with them, and we had a lot of fun. We read some jokes till late at night. 😄

I met my friends from scout three years ago. The scouts are children and teenagers who are learning how-to live-in community, to respect each-others and other people, showing solidarity and a lot more. I've been a scout since I'm 10 years old. All year long, once a month, during weekend, we have a camp 🏕️. In the summer, we have a camp for two weeks in Europe. Last summer, I went to England with my group, on the Brownsea Island where Baden Powell organized the first scout camp of history. It's one of my best memories in scout. First time we moved to a foreign country with lot of adventures. 18 hours of bus, setting up the camp at midnight, walking under the rain... and discover Brownsea Island, foxes and peacocks close to us, and be happy when sun came back. We met English

scouts and share great time. With my friends we love to meet new people, go on adventures together and laughing (Yes, I love laughing lol 😄).

During my free time, I do a lot of things. After school I go to piano lessons and dance. I love music 🎵, reason why I started piano lessons this year. I like a lot of artists, here are a few: Arctic Monkeys, Lana del Rey, Chase Atlantic, Taylor Swift, Maneskin, Coldplay and so on. I really like listening to the music. I practice two types of dances, ragga and hip hop. I go to scout on the weekend, of course. I read a lot 📖, with 32 books in 2023. I also do yoga, meditation, women's circles on Friday evening, at least once a month. On Saturday mornings, I often go to dog training with Wunjo and dad. I like to cook as well. Cakes 🍰, cookies 🍪, pancakes 🥞 and also pasta with salmon and pasta with Bolognese.

With my family, we are traveling to discover new places ✈️. We went to Sumatra (Indonesia), Singapore, USA (New-York, Cap Code, Boston), Canada (Quebec), England, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Switzerland and also Monaco. In Quebec (Montreal), I saw racoons 🦝 for the first time and I immediately loved them ❤️. They are so cute!

In Summer 2019, we went for three weeks to Sumatra (Indonesia). We stayed three days entirely in the jungle to see orangutans 🦧, Thomas's Leaf monkeys (so cute!) 🐵 and other wild animals as well. When we woke-up in the morning, some varanus 🦎 were near our tents. So amazing! And at evening/night, the sound of the jungle is so special! To come back from the jungle trip, we had to use a buoy to go down the river to the village. It was so fun! We visited a school as well. It was one of my favorite trips. I love wild animals and adventure. Back from Sumatra, we had a stop in Singapore. We spent 3 days there. After three weeks in Sumatra, taking our rest in this beautiful city was incredible. We had a drink on top of the Marina Bay Sand and visited many parks. I liked the local atmosphere with nature inserted into building architecture (example, trees planted in the 10th floor of a building).

We also went to different places next to the Atlantic Ocean such as Nazare in Portugal, in England (Cornwalls) and also in France like Hossegor, St-Jean de Luz, the island of Noirmoutier and in Bretagne.

With my family we are surfing, or at least we try 🏄. I started surfing last summer when I was in England so you can guess that I'm not really good at it, but this is SO cool. 🌊

Every winter, we go skiing for 1 week in the French Alps, with 3 other families, 8 kids and 8 parents. It's always a great week.

I don't really know the job I want to do in the future, but I would like to do a business school or study political science at university. I would like to work in something international to travel all around the world, discover new cultures and new people.

I want to go to the USA in a host family to discover American culture and a different lifestyle. It will help me as well to improve my English. I am already at a good level and my goal is to become bilingual. Eventually, I would like to meet teenagers and of course, have fun 😊.

I'm looking forward to meeting you.

Sincerely yours,
Camille.