

# Travel to France: Spring 2019!

*Join the student exchange trip to Thonon-les-Bains,  
our lovely sister city on the shores of Lake Geneva.*

Among the Mercer Island Sister City Association's many activities is a very active exchange program with students in its "jumelle" city, Thonon-les-Bains, France. Thonon, a town of 32,000, is a short drive from Geneva, next to Evian (source of the famed spring water) on Lake Geneva, and is a stone's throw from the breathtaking Alps. With its sparkling waterfront, proximity to mountains and healthy lifestyle, Thonon-les-Bains is a perfect "twin" for Mercer Island.

MISCA, in cooperation with MIHS, has organized a trip to Thonon during spring break, 2019 for high school students to stay with host students and learn about our sister city, its history, culture, everyday life, and visit Thonon area attractions. A sample itinerary from 2017 is outlined on the back of this page. In October 2019 the French students travel to MI, where they spend about a week with the same students they hosted in Thonon. MI students are carefully matched to hosts with similar interests.



- This trip will take place during spring break: April 5-15, 2019.
- Any high school student in **grades 9-11** may apply; Sorry, **no seniors**, as students must welcome their French hosts on MI in October 2019.
- Host families cover the cost of students' meals while students are in their homes; students' families are **responsible for their airfare, program fees and spending money for incidentals**. Cost estimates are provided below.
- Participants' families must become **two-year members of the MISCA**.
- Participants' families commit to assist with **MISCA events** when French students visit Mercer Island.

**Application forms, student interest statement & your small photo  
are due to be received by Friday, November 30 to your French teacher  
or by mail to Linda Todd, 5080 West Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA 98040**

**For more information, call:**

**Linda Todd: 206-232-4570 or Beth Brennan: 206-232-7650**



## *Cost Estimates for 2019*

Mercer Island students are responsible for:

- their airline ticket purchase. Flight information will be provided.
- a \$750 program fee, payable to MI Sister City Association.
- \$60 for MISCA 2 year family membership.