



Travel to France

MI Sister City: Thonon-les-Bains

MIHS Spring Break 2025

Student Exchange Program Details

- ✓ High school students grades 9-11 in Fall 2024
- ✓ Application packet accepted now thru Friday, November 15, 2024
- ✓ Packet includes application form and student interest statement
- ✓ Cost: \$1200 program fee plus airline ticket
- ✓ Family must be willing to host their French student for 10 days in late October, 2025
- ✓ MISCA active Family membership for two years

About Thonon-les-Bains

In 2025, we celebrate 25 years of our sister city relationship with Thonon-les-Bains. Thonon, a town of 37,000, 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.

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Join the 2025 student exchange trip to Thonon-les-Bains, France Mercer Island's 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.

MISCA, in cooperation with the Thonon Sister City Association and MIHS, is planning an exchange trip to Thonon during spring break, 2025, 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. In late October, 2025, the Thonon students travel to MI, where they spend about a week with the students that they hosted in Thonon. MI students are carefully matched to hosts with similar interests.

- The exchange is during MIHS spring break: April 11-20, 2025. Any high school student in grades 9-11 (Fall 2024) may apply; sorry, no seniors, as students must welcome their French hosts on MI in October, 2025.
- Applications with small headshot and student interest statement are due by Friday, November 15, delivered to your MIHS French teacher. Early applications are encouraged.
- Host families cover the cost of meals and family activities while students are in their homes; students' families are responsible for their own airfare, travel insurance, program fees and spending money for incidentals. See cost estimates below.
 - Participants' families must become active two-year members of the MISCA. \$40/year.
 - Participants' families commit to assist with MISCA events when French students visit Mercer Island and are strongly encouraged to be involved in other MISCA activities.
 - Participants pay a program fee of \$1200 to MISCA.
 - Mercer Island students are responsible for their airline tickets and insurance, and should plan approximately \$350 for personal souvenirs and discretionary expenditures.

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