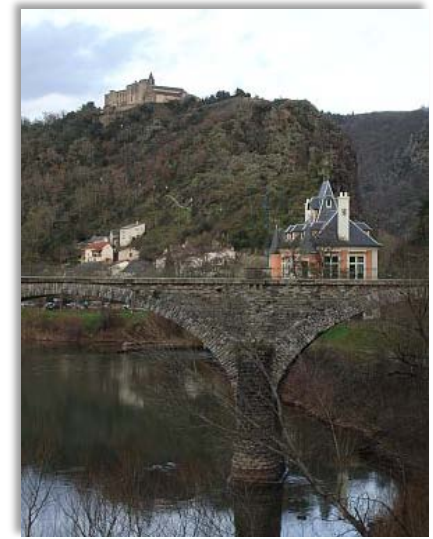


# ALUMNI & FRIENDS TOUR:

## *Southwest France*

May 19-27, 2012  \$2,999 all inclusive

Join alumni and friends of Saint Francis University on this once-in-a-lifetime tour of southwest France. From your base in the monastery of Ambialet, where the University operates its study abroad program, you will have an opportunity to see, taste, feel and exclaim at the wonders of the region – castles, chateaux, ruins, quaint medieval hilltop villages, stunning views, and awe-inspiring cathedrals. Did we mention they also have wine here? And cheese? And food such as you’ve never tasted?



*Saint Francis University's site, above, perched on the hilltop overlooking the Tarn Valley in Ambialet, France.*



*Live in history with modern conveniences – private showers; fully functional kitchen and dining areas; onsite laundry facility; internet access.*

The program will be led by the Executive Director of International Programs at Saint Francis – Tim Perkins – who has overseen both the restoration of the monastery at Ambialet and the development of Saint Francis’s first semester-long study abroad program. He will be joined by local experts who teach in the program. The itinerary will guide you through a wide variety of sites in the region, balancing the schedule to maximize your time without feeling like you’re in boot camp. The emphasis will be on FUN -- fun exploring, fun eating, fun bantering with new friends.

All meals will be provided. Housing will be in the monastery – in rooms that are newly redone. The monastery is not a hotel (there is no concierge or bellman), but there is internet access in every room, hot water in the showers, and the building is a peaceful oasis with spectacular views and total calm.

### ----- ITINERARY -----

**Saturday, May 19:** Depart U.S.

**Sunday, May 20:** Arrive Toulouse. Bus to Ambialet -- where there is running water and friendly folk to greet you. R&R – Ambialet; intro; light lunch; walking tour; welcome dinner; early to bed!

**Monday, May 21:** Morning to Gaillac area for visit to Chateau Mauriac and then lunch at Chateau de Salettes (a Michelin-starred restaurant); late afternoon to Cordes sur Ciel for vistas, shopping and aperitif. Home to Ambialet for dinner and sleep.

**Tuesday, May 22:** Morning departure for Conques -- a romantic and thoroughly charming village hidden in the hills of the Aveyron that was a major stop for Pilgrims on their way to St. Jacques de Compostella.

**Wednesday, May 23:** Albi – morning Mass at Notre Dame de la Dreche; tours of Sainte Cecile Cathedral and the Toulouse Lautrec Museum. Lunch in town; afternoon to browse, shop, wander, and get to know a modest-sized town (50,000).

**Thursday, May 24:** Off to the largest walled medieval city in France – Carcassonne. Enjoy the shops and atmosphere. Home for dinner.

**Friday, May 25:** Lunch and afternoon in Toulouse, the major city of Southwest France. Tour of St. Sernin Cathedral, plus several other historic sites of this historic and charming city.

**Saturday, May 26:** Energy willing, we’re off early to Roquefort-sur-Soulzon for a tour and cheese tasting; to Millau for a quick, awe-inspiring peek at the highest suspension bridge in the world and late lunch; A farewell dinner in Ambialet.

**Sunday, May 27:** Fly back to USA.

### ----- ALUMNI TOUR REGISTRATION FORM -----

Name (as it appears on your passport): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport # \_\_\_\_\_

Date Passport Issued: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Passport Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Registration and \$500 deposit, per person, is due by March 15.

\* Final payment, \$2,499 per person, is due by April 12.

Method of Payment:     Check     Visa     Master Card

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mail registration with payment to:*  
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