Azizah: from Indonesia to Paris!

Azizah Syiami Mutik is an ILCF student from Indonesia. Read more about her experience moving to France and learning French.

I come from a small town on the Island of Sumatra, called Metro. I am 26 years old and I worked as an English Instructor at a hospitality management school back in Indonesia, I also worked as Project Coordinator for SOLS 24/7 Malaysia, an NGO that focuses on providing skills to those who are financially vulnerable. I majored in International Relations, specializing in security studies.

What is your current level in French, and what level would do you aim to have?

I currently have a B2 level and aim to have a C1 level.

Why did you want to come to France?

It was more of a gradual decision, seeing how I progress professionally and personally, since I decided to explore the NGO field.

Why did you choose this program and why would you recommend this program to others?

Because the program offers many options, in addition to French language, such as Business French, France in Europe & the World, Art History, etc. I find these classes help to put into practice everything we have learned.

What has been your favorite part of the program so far?

The way the courses are tailored for each student, helps to reach the objective and prepare me personally, to live/work/study in France.

What other plans do you have during your time in Paris?

I am happy to give tours of Paris sharing a bit of history, such as how the Eiffel Tower was never meant to stay after the exhibition, or the time that Vincent van Gogh spent in Montmartre living with his brother Theo for two years before moving to

Auvray-sur-Oise. I also like travelling throughout France and Europe.

What are your goals upon completing the program?

My goal is to pass the DELF/DALF exam and then register for a master program.

Any advice for others who are looking to study in Paris?

It’s important to familiarize oneself with the education system in France, and discuss with Campus France in your home country to try to help draw up a study plan for you. Try to learn some French in advance, and be realistic with your expectations of the city, the study, and the amount of work you’ll have to put into learning the language and the culture. I am a strong believer of hard work and determination, so equip yourself with as much information as you can possibly get, ask questions and come join us in ICP!

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