

French bank holidays 2019	
Easter Monday	Monday 22 April
Fere du Travail	Wed 1 May
Victoire 1945	Wed 8 May
Ascension	Thursday 30 May
Lundi de Penecote	Monday 10 June
Fete nationale	Sunday 14 July
Assomption	Thursday 15 August
Toussaint	Friday 1 November
Armistice 1918	Monday 11 November
Christmas Day	Wednesday 25 December

French bank holidays differ to those in the UK. Contrary to the UK when a bank holiday falls on the weekend, it is not pushed forward to the Monday. However, when a bank holiday falls on a Tuesday or a Thursday, French workers often like to take the Monday or Friday off and in doing so create a 4 day weekend. This practice is known as the art 'faire le pont' or 'making a bridge'. When the bank holiday falls on a Wednesday and if a worker takes off either Monday and Tuesday or Thursday and Friday, this is known as 'faire le viaduc' or 'doing a viaduct'.

French school holidays 2019		
Winter Holidays	Break Up	Back to school
Zone A Poitiers	Friday 15 February	Monday 4 March
Zone B Tours	Friday 8 February	Monday 25 February
Spring Holidays	Break Up	Back to school
Zone A Poitiers	Friday 12 April	Monday 29 April
Zone B Tours	Friday 5 April	Tuesday 23 April

In France, some school holidays are staggered over several weeks. The departement of the Vienne is in zone A and the department of Indre et Loire is in zone B. It is essential to bear this mind when planning holidays.

Summer Holidays	Break Up	Back to school
Zone A Poitiers & Zone B Tours	Friday 5 July	Monday 2 September

Autumn Holidays	Break Up	Back to school
Zone A Poitiers & Zone B Tours	Friday 18 October	Monday 4 November

Christmas Holidays	Break Up	Back to school
Zone A Poitiers & Zone B Tours	Friday 20 December	Monday 6 January