



# Language courses for kids & teens

Learning English, French and Dutch in a fun and creative way!

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*We have welcomed home our very enthusiastic and relaxed son Michiel after his language holiday in Langley.*

*First of all, I would like to thank Roeland for their commitment and enthusiasm in organizing the language camp in England so well.*

*The pictures of the warm (musical) welcome and the welcome card showed that the staff was really looking forward to it.*

*The food was good (and sufficient) 😊, the excursions were very nice, the surprise visit of the Queen was a hit, the church visit pleasantly spiritual, the offer of (English) sports was varied and professionally handled. There was plenty of opportunity to shower and relax on the beautiful grounds. All positive points.*

*Moreover, Michiel was very charmed that he was given the opportunity to play the violin and he felt very much appreciated.*

*Michiel is already talking about returning with some of his friends next year. This is the best compliment!*

*Nathalie, mum Michiel*

## What is Roeland vzw ?

Roeland vzw is a nationally recognised youth organisation that organises French, English and Dutch language projects for children and young people aged between 7 and 21.

Our method: playful, creative language immersion.

### Mission



Roeland's aim is to stimulate the development of children and young people by helping them to master languages and instilling a love of languages in them.

### Vision



Speaking foreign languages helps children to understand the world better and the world to understand them better.

## What does Roeland vzw Do ? (Annual Figures)



3.000+

participants on our French, English and Dutch language camps



11.000+

city trips for young people to Luik, Namen, Rijsel and Ghent



Cultural projects in French and English



1.000+

volunteers



2

training weekends for new volunteers



14

training sessions for our volunteers



100+

Dutch for non-Dutch-speaking newcomers/young people who speak another language at home



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Roeland celebrates its 50th anniversary

## “Celebrating Christmas in the middle of summer and a visit from The Queen: everything is possible at a Roeland camp”

WAKE UP! A bunch of sleepy kids looks around in a daze while Christmas music blasts from the speakers. Not an unusual scene, except for the fact that it happens in the middle of August. The students make their way to the breakfast area while chattering cheerfully but when they enter, they fall silent for a moment. A dazzling Christmas tree is shining, Christmas music is playing and a cosy fire is being projected on the wall.

### A visit from The Queen

This is a classic at a Roeland camp. Every day revolves around a theme and we put in our best effort to make it happen. The staging of a little play is the icing on the cake and it really kicks off theme day. One of the activity leaders gets wheeled in on a cart. He is wearing a dress and a bathing cap. The children anxiously await what will happen next. None other than 'The Queen' starts giving a speech.

I think that's one of the best things about volunteering at Roeland. Every day is a new adventure, and the staff members have what seems to be boundless creativity. In just one week, we cloned a dinosaur, then brought it to life; we dressed up as dragons and superheroes, my hair got dyed in red, we painted another activity leader from head to toe, first in green and later in orange. We built a campfire and sang songs, dressed up our head of logistics as a mermaid (he was very happy with that, by the way) and we even solved the murder of Spiderman.

### Friends for life

In just one week we made friends for life. Soon we will reunite, to have game evenings and dinners. We still send messages now and then, saying we miss each other and to be careful when toasting a slice of bread (there may have been a little smoke detector accident). We have had incredible evenings accompanied by a nice fifth meal, and as a group we became ever so close.

### Skilful speakers

In just one week we have seen students evolve from shy to skilful speakers. According to the Roeland principles, they are only allowed to speak English. They learn in a playful way and are being diligently adjusted, and that's when the magic happens. The children pick up a lot of words and grammar without realizing it during the lessons and activities. They must use the English language to work together to escape from mazes, try to steal an egg from a dragon or to solve an escape game. In addition to the lessons and activities, they also engage in science labs and all kinds of experiments (many eggs were sacrificed in the process).  
In just one week we had the time of our lives.

Evelien Dierckx  
Head of didactics  
Boost your English

## Roeland camp types

### Discovery – Non-Immersion

At these camps, you are allowed to speak in your mother tongue some of the time). The camp coaches will use the target language (e.g. French during a French camp) throughout the camp, thereby helping you to learn as many new words and sentences as possible. In order to make sure that everyone can follow along easily, each day features a 'bilingual moment', when the activities will be explained in both the target language and your mother tongue. During the language workshops, you will be divided into small groups according to your level. The focus on language continues throughout the other activities as well, however. This ensures that you are able to express yourself much better in the target language by the end of the week!

### Roeland Classic - Immersion

The Roeland Classic sticks closely to Roeland's well-known formula for success. Participants are fully immersed in the target language, and are expected to speak only the target language throughout. The team are all either native speakers or speak the target language (almost) perfectly. They will do everything in their power to help you to express yourself in the target language. There is no shame in making mistakes, it is part of the process – we just want you to try your best! For the language workshops, you will be divided into small groups according to your level. By the end of camp, you will even be dreaming in your target language! These camps are perfect for anyone who wants to have lots of fun whilst also making huge progress.

### Experience Camps - Immersion

A language is only truly learnt by experiencing it. This is the approach we take on our Experience Camps. There is less of a focus on language workshops. Instead, the target language is learned by speaking and hearing it all the time. Led by our group leaders, you will be holding debates, exploring a city, learning a new (adventurous) sport or letting your creative side go wild – all in the target language. Although there are fewer (or no) language workshops on these camps, our group leaders will focus on helping you to improve your skills and express yourself better in the target language.

## Registration

Registration opens on Saturday 7 January 2023 at 9am on our website [www.roeland.be](http://www.roeland.be).

Tip: save time by creating your child's profile beforehand. Then you only have to add the camp you wish to apply for on 7 January.

## Price

- Included: accommodation, meals (except for non-residential camps), lesson materials, excursions, civil liability insurance, accident insurance.
- Not included: bus transport and personal expenses (at the tuck shop and on excursions).
- For more information about insurance please see our website.
- There may be changes to the programme (activities, excursions etc.).

## Transport by coach

Because some parents prefer to bring and pick up their child themselves, we have decided to exclude transport by coach from the camp price. You can book your preferred method of transport, both for the outbound and the return journey, when registering.

## General Conditions

For general conditions and our cancellation policy see [www.roeland.be](http://www.roeland.be).

## Registration Discounts

### 1. Book before 1 February 2023.

Book before 1 February 2022 for the chance to win back the cost of the camp. For more information see [www.roeland.be/en/competition/](http://www.roeland.be/en/competition/).

### 2. Employer Reduction

Does your employer (BNP Paribas Fortis, Benefits at Work, VDK, ING, SSDGPI and others) have a partnership with us? If so, you are eligible for a staff discount. Contact your employer for more details.

Would your employer like to become one of our partners? Please contact [info@roeland.be](mailto:info@roeland.be).

### 3. Study Allowance Discount

Students who receive a secondary school study allowance during the school year are eligible for a discount worth 20% of the sum of their study allowance. If this applies to you, please send a copy of proof of your study allowance by email ([info@roeland.be](mailto:info@roeland.be)).

\*Please note: our discounts may not be combined. Before registering, please check to see which discount is most beneficial for you.



## Registration Refunds

### 1. From your employer or health insurance

Some employers or health insurance companies will refund part of the registration cost after you have registered. Are you eligible for a refund? After camp, download the *'Tussenkomst werkgever/ziekenfonds'* document onto your profile.

### 2. Via a tax certificate

You can download the tax certificate for children under the age of 14. You will receive an email when this is available.

## 5 reasons for choosing Roeland

### A wide variety of camps

Language vacations inland or abroad, from one week to up to 12 days, complete immersion camps or camps where you can still speak your native language, daytime camps, boarding camps, ... we are convinced we have something to your heart's content. In this brochure and on our website, you will find a wide variety of language vacations. Every choice is the right one, because fun is always guaranteed. And while you are busy having a good time you learn a new language. How cool is that?!

### Learning in an everyday setting

Ask for seconds during lunch, talk about your hobby, buy a present on a field trip, understanding the rules of a challenging game, negotiating your way through casino night, enjoying a play ... you will hear and speak the language on a regular day basis. The absolute best way to learn and use a lot of new words and expressions!

### Professional environment

You will meet awesome volunteers who stand for fun language labs, workshops, games en field trips. All the teachers are at least 18. They frequently consult with Roeland, to invent cool new activities, to update their didactic methods, ... The teachers are native or near-native speakers, so their Dutch, French or English is impeccable. They encourage you with enthusiasm to speak the target language. We provide 1 teacher for every 5 participants, to make sure everyone gets to speak the chosen language as much as possible. A personal approach that stands for the unique experience of a Roeland camp.

### Lots of activities

Mountain biking in French? Staging a play in English? A day trip to Disneyland Paris? Canoeing in the Champagne region? Our camps connect with your life and interests. You will speak Dutch, French or English while you are having fun with new friends. Check out our wide variety of vacations in this brochure or on our website. You will definitely find something to your liking!

### An 'A' for 'Ambience'

Everyone participates in the group activities, but your voice counts as well. And if something worries you, there is always someone on our team ready to listen. Our volunteers are always there to help you out.

## “The more languages you master, the more friends you will make”

**Aline (age 9) and Thomas (age 11) went to a Roeland Junior English camp in the summer of 2021. It was their first visit, but because of their dad they had known about Roeland all their lives. “Aline took her first steps at camp, and Thomas was still a baby when I brought him along”, says proud dad and Roeland volunteer Gilles Van Der Planken.**

Gilles has been a volunteer at Roeland for 16 years, mainly at the Dutch camps for teenagers. At first, Gilles teamed up with a babysitter who would take care of his children while he taught, but nowadays Aline and Thomas are old enough to participate themselves.

### How did you experience your first camp?

Aline: “Technically, I was still a little bit too young to be allowed to participate in a Junior English camp. But my older brother went, and because I already accompanied Daddy to his camps for so many years, I was allowed to come as well. I really liked it, but it wasn’t always clear to me what the teachers were saying.”

Thomas: “The first days it was difficult for me as well, but halfway through camp it went much better and I understood the larger part of the conversations. And if something wasn’t clear, the teachers explained it repeatedly and patiently, even with a lot of gesturing if necessary.”

### What did you learn at camp?

Thomas: “I learned the numbers, how to read the clock, the days of the week, ...”

Have you also played games?

Thomas: “We played football with an oversized ball, we played tag, a game called ‘switching chairs’, miniature golf...”

Aline: “... And we spent a lot of time at the playground. I really liked the location. There was plenty of room to romp around and build a camp.”

### What is the difference between a language lesson at school and a language workshop at camp?

Aline: “For me at my age, it was not that different. In the classroom we also did a lot of singalongs and storytelling.

Thomas: “At school I have to take a test every week, but at camp I learn in a playful manner.”

### Why do you think it is so important for your children to speak multiple languages, Gilles?

Gilles: “In my opinion, if you just speak one language you probably won’t achieve your full potential in life. The more languages you master, the more friends you will make around the world.”

“The strength of Roeland is defined by the commitment of the teachers. They take the children step by step through a new language by means of immersion, a ‘language bath’ so to speak. It’s a method our teachers use to help the children develop their linguistic skills with the vocabulary they already possess.

Can you tell your English has improved?

Aline: "Yes! Before the camp I only knew a few words. Now I can already speak in sentences."

Are you going to become a teacher like your dad when you grow up?

Aline: "I don't know yet. I am too young to decide on that right now."

## “Being immersed in a foreign language is an amazing experience”

**“Bilingualism is a huge asset. Especially if you live in Brussels, like I do”, Maëlle Pierlot says. In 2021 she went to the Dutch camp ‘City and adventure’, in Ghent.**

Maëlle: “My parents encouraged me to sign up for a language camp. Roeland vzw has a partnership with HR Rail, the social service of the railroad companies NMBS and Infrabel, where my dad works. We perused the catalog together. I was immediately interested in going.”

### Did you learn a lot at the language camp?

“At the camp, the teachers always encourage you to speak in the foreign language, even if it is still new to you. Fortunately for me, I already had a basic knowledge of the Dutch language. And if a word slipped my mind, I could always resort to describing it.”

“Despite my passable knowledge of the Dutch language, I have picked up many new words and grammatical constructions. I use what I learned at camp when I talk to my Dutch-speaking friends. Even the students who were not yet very proficient in Dutch made a lot of progress during the camp.”

### What are your best memories of that language vacation?

“I especially loved the kayak trip and the outings to the city center of Ghent. Since I was appointed to the older age group, we were allowed to have a say in the activities we could do. We also organized a casino evening by ourselves. That was great fun, too.”

### What is the difference between the language lessons at school and the language workshops at a Roeland camp?

“Language lessons at school are a tad too slow for me because we often repeat the same things. Being immersed in a foreign language for thirteen days is a completely different approach. You learn a lot fast, consciously and subconsciously.”

“I really like the Dutch language. To be able to use it in a big Flemish city was a very uplifting experience.”

## Picking up a language in a creative fashion: that is how we do it at the camp!

The motto of Roeland is “Creatively learning languages”. But what does that mean? And how is this adage being put into practice? We ask Pauline De Baets, Vice General Coordinator, and Tom Vandeveld, Head of Didactics. Together they set out the didactic course at Roeland.

**Immersion: effective use of communication in the target language.**

**When you have Roeland in mind, you think about immersion. Why this method?**

Pauline: “Our immersive angle proved its effectiveness, for more than 52 years now. In comparison to a normal week at school, we involve our students actively by submerging them in the language of their choice for the duration of the camp.

Tom: “The exercises are linked to specific situations, so that our students can use their newfound knowledge straight away. A language workshop about vegetables and fruits is usually followed by a visit to a grocery store, where the participants pick and buy whatever ingredients they need for dinner preparation.”

Pauline: “Or, at the start of the day, they learn the necessary vocabulary to join and play a big game later that day. I can assure you: there is no lack of motivation there!”

**Can such an approach be too intimidating sometimes?**

Pauline: “We do everything we can to keep the threshold for speaking in a new language as low as possible. We provide a logic trajectory, starting with ‘initiation’ camps, all the way up to ‘experience’ camps. At Junior camp (age 9-12) and at some of our Teen camps (age 12–14) the children are allowed to speak to one another in their own language. We organise the rest of our camps (for children above 12) in accordance with the immersion method.

Tom: “Our teachers are often native speakers, so our youngsters have practically no other option than to speak the language they signed up for. And that is what it’s all about: making mistakes is very much allowed, you just must keep trying! The teachers use only the target language and do whatever they can to help our students find the right words. After a language camp our participants often think or dream in French or in English. This can only mean one thing: mission accomplished!”

Pauline: “The focus of our specific language workshops evolves together with age groups and language level, to bigger overarching projects. Our +15 group in Chémilly cooks, lives, and discusses topics in a charming vacation house; the +16 camp from ‘Langley on Stage’ rehearses a beautiful stage play for the local people, and the +14 students take to the water at Osmington Bay.”

## Learning in a playful manner.

Tom: “And now it’s about time we show the ace up our sleeve: a playful approach. Our students go about the language amusingly, but these fun and games are supported by a well thought out and scientifically sound method. Expanding someone’s vocabulary can just as well be achieved by letting teams engage in vocabulary-enriching games like ‘Time’s Up!’. A little spark of competition kindles motivation, and you can rest assured: our students leave the camps with an expanded vocabulary. For example: we design escape rooms where spelling and grammar are the keys to get out, our participants write and fine-tune dedicated songs, they solve a Cluedo mystery from a multilingual angle, and so on...

Pauline: “...and stories are not just being told: our students turn these tales into small stage plays for which they write the script, design the costumes, and create the set pieces.

## You’re obviously aiming high. How do the teachers deal with this kind of expectation?

Tom: “Believe it or not, but they are the ones urging us to do so. A lot of our volunteers are professional language teachers. In the course of a year, we organise multiple training workshops for our teachers, all moments of opportunity to brainstorm and look at our teaching objectives from a fresh angle. It’s a perfect way to pick up all kinds of inspiration, for our camps but also for their professional occupation.

## Optimised for our students.

Pauline: “We also prefer a high student-teacher ratio. For every five students we provide one teacher. That is why we firmly believe in Roeland’s uniqueness. The teachers mingle with the students and engage in conversation. It’s a proven way to forge a bond of trust between the students and the teachers, and a perfect environment for honing newfound language skills.

Tom: “The teachers get to know the youngsters well with a relaxed vibe as a result, so the students feel more at ease to speak freely. Our language workshops consist of a small number of participants to guarantee a personal approach, tailored to the students’ needs. The teachers interact with the children based on their knowledge of the target language, their talents, and preferences. For example: we organise camps where the youngsters take turns having a say about how the day will look like. That sounds great, doesn’t it?

## Groeten uit Gent

Nice to meet you! There is no better environment to take your first steps towards speaking Dutch than the beautiful city of Ghent. Through playing games, singing songs and taking part in all kinds of fun activities, you will soon learn how to introduce yourself to your new friends, how to ask for directions or what your favourite animal is called, all in Dutch!

07/08 – 12/08 °2011-2014 Groeten uit Gent € 445

## Heerlijk genieten in Gent

From steering your kayak through the enchanting canals of the old town to dancing to street music during one of the largest folk festivals in the world, there is never a dull moment in hip Ghent. Learn Dutch from the locals and discover the irresistible charms of Ghent.

17 - 29/07 °2005-2010 Heerlijk genieten in Gent € 895

## Zalig Salland

*Return to nature in the north of the Netherlands*

We'll be getting back to basics in unspoilt Salland, where picturesque cities such as Deventer are tucked away amongst the heaths. Helping each other on the high rope course, baking pizza together and singing by the campfire are sure to create a close-knit group feeling. Learning Dutch is organically incorporated into the many activities and excursions, such as the trip to the stunningly beautiful Giethoorn and the many attractions of Hellendoorn adventure park.

07 - 16/08 °2008-2011 Wonderful Salland € 725



## Op avontuur in Nederland!

### *Adrenaline from Almelo to Amsterdam*

Do you want to heighten both your heart rate and your level of Dutch? Then this is the camp for you! At the end of the day, you will enjoy hanging out and chatting on the private beach or by the campfire, discussing your adventures on the high rope course, laser tag at the camp location or the trips you have made to Hellendoorn amusement park and the great city of Amsterdam.

07 - 16/08 °2005-2008 Op avontuur in Nederland € 755

## Mini & Junior French in Ghent

*Bonjour ! Comment ça va ?* Would you like to learn your first words of French? Then these camps are ideal for you! Don't expect boring French lessons, though. Instead, we offer fun games, songs, plays, creative workshops and stories. There is something exciting scheduled every day!

February	20/02 – 24/02	°2011-2014	Ghent	Junior	No overnight stay	€ 225
Summer	3/07 - 7/07	°2011-2013	Oostakker	Junior	No overnight stay	€ 250
Summer	3/07 - 8/07	°2011-2013	Oostakker	Junior	With overnight stay	€ 445
Summer	3/07 - 7/07	°2014-2017	Oostakker	Mini	No overnight stay	€ 250
Summer	14/08 - 18/08	°2012-2014	Oostakker	Junior	No overnight stay	€ 225
Summer	14/08 - 18/08	°2015-2016	Oostakker	Mini	No overnight stay	€ 225
Autumn	30/10 - 1/11	°2012-2015	Ghent	Junior	No overnight stay	€ 145
Christmas	3/01 – 5/01/24	°2012-2015	Ghent	Junior	No overnight stay	€ 145

## Vrolijk Pasen aan zee

How do you fancy a dip in the North Sea? Or would you prefer to be immersed in the French language? We are offering you the chance to combine the two! Come and enjoy Ostend - fun on the beach with cool games and activities in the dunes. Create unforgettable memories while learning French through stories, plays, songs etc. Lots of fun guaranteed!

10 - 15/04	# 6	°2011-2014	Vrolijk Pasen aan zee	€ 545
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## Greetings from Flône

*Bonjour! Comment ça va?* Would you like to learn your first words of French and immerse yourself in the French language? Play, run wild and have fun in French, all in the abbey and woods of Flône.  
*Amusement garanti !*

10 - 15/07	°2012-2014	Greetings from Flône – Le monde fantastique	€ 445
17 - 22/07	°2012-2014	Greetings from Flône - S’amuser en français	€ 445
24-29/07	°2011-2013	Greetings from Flône – Passion sport	€ 535
31/07 - 5/08	°2011-2013	Greetings from Flône – Nature et aventure	€ 445
7/08- 12/08	°2012-2014	Greetings from Flône - Voyage autour du monde	€ 445
14/08-19/08	°2011-2013	Greetings from Flône - S’amuser en français	€ 445

## Par delà les dunes

How about a dip in the North Sea? Or would you prefer to be immersed in the French language? How about combining the two? Come and breathe in the wonderful sea air, discover the beautiful city of Ostend, have fun on the beach and create unforgettable memories with your new friends – all whilst learning French!

3 - 8/04	° 2005 -2009	Par delà les dunes	€ 565
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## Inspir’action

Are you ready for a week full of linguistic and artistic challenges? Immerse yourself completely in the French language and the world of art, discover your artistic side and enjoy all kinds of fun activities and games. An exciting, lively and inspiring camp guaranteed!

10 - 15/04	° 2008 -2010	Inspir’action	€ 545
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## “A l’aise” en français

The summer holidays are finally here! And what better way to kick them off than having fun in French in charming Stenay? Discover the beauty of France whilst improving your French at your own pace. What could be more fun than to enjoy relaxing activities in lovely Stenay? The schedule is packed with games, language workshops, sports, fun outings and creative workshops, all, as we say in French, “à l’aise”.

3 - 11/07	°2009-2011	“A l’aise” en français	€ 750
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## Booste ton français

Are you sporty and creative? You will find that there is always something fun to do at this camp. In the mornings, you can take part in a variety of sports. In the evenings, you can showcase your creative side during different creative workshops in small groups, such as theatre, dance, crafts or multimedia. Who knows, at this camp you might discover a hidden talent!

31/07- 12/08	°2009-2011	Booste ton français	€ 855
14/08 - 25/08	°2009-2011	Booste ton français	€ 805

## Une semaine fantastique

Sports, nature, workshops and an excursion: this camp features all the best Roeland has to offer in just a single week. You will discover new sports and go on all kinds of adventures in the forest, at the adventure park, on the Lesse or in the caves of Han.

10 - 15/07	°2009-2011	Une semaine fantastique	€ 455
17 - 22/07	°2009-2011	Une semaine fantastique	€ 455
24 - 29/07	°2009-2011	Une semaine fantastique	€ 455

## Premiers pas en français

If you are over 12 years old, but don't feel quite ready for a full-immersion French camp yet, this might just be the camp for you. While it offers language labs, fun activities, sports and excursions just like any classic Roeland camp, you are still allowed to talk in your native language on occasion, though we will encourage you to speak as much French as possible, of course!

7 - 12/08	°2009-2011	Premiers pas en français	€ 525
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## A la découverte du Sud belge

Enjoy the beautiful surroundings and the warm microclimate during this absolutely brilliant camp in the very south of Belgium. A mixture of sports, language workshops, activities and relaxation await, and if you choose the horseback riding option, you will also get to visit the riding stables four times.

10 - 22/07	°2008-2010	A la découverte du Sud belge - Horse riding	€ 960
10 - 22/07	°2008-2010	A la découverte du Sud belge - Multi-activity	€ 875

## Ciném'Artiste

Are you really keen on art or are you simply looking to learn more about it? Do you like to let your imagination run wild? Would you like to try your hand at being a director or are you more of a born actor? How about trying it all in French? If that appeals to you, then this could be your dream camp!

24 - 29/07	°2007-2009	Ciném'Artiste	€ 465
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## Survie et aventure

Do you simply love exploring? Have you always wondered if you would survive out in the wild? Our camp coaches will take you on a journey of discovery in the world of survival techniques. Can you make your own campfire? Can you find your way without a smartphone? Can you build a shelter? Let's find out together!

31/07 - 12/08	°2008-2010	Survie et aventure	€ 875
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## La vie du bon côté

If you like the sound of an unforgettable camp offering lots of games, sports, exciting activities and excursions, then you've come to the right place! Make friends for life and create memories you will never forget.

14/08 - 22/08	°2008-2010	La vie du bon côté	€ 735
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## Artisport à Marche

Sports, art and adventure all packed into one week! That may sound intense, but it is at least as inspiring and exciting. Add fun "big games" and relaxing moments and this camp is guaranteed to be a dynamic experience, with relaxation and sports going hand in hand. It's the ideal formula to learn French whilst having fun and making new friends. Sounds fun, doesn't it?

10 - 15/07	°2007-2009	Artisport à Marche	€ 465
17 - 22/07	°2007-2009	Artisport à Marche	€ 465

## 100% sports et adrénaline

Kayaking (weather permitting), climbing on real rock or the climbing wall at the centre where you are staying, an adventurous hike in the woods, a city game, you name it. This camp offers plenty of sports and adventure!

14 - 25/08	°2007-2009	100% sports et adrénaline	€ 835
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## Créa et sports

Join us for a holiday in the Lorraine region. You'll have lots of fun thanks to the creative workshops, sports, games and cultural excursions on offer. The camp centre is located just outside the city, surrounded by nature. Its setting creates a cosy atmosphere where you will immediately feel at home.

14 – 22/8	°2005-2008	Créa et sports	€ 760
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## Vivre Ensemble

Enjoy life to the fullest in the wonderful Burgundy region of France! You will be staying in a beautiful gîte. Because the group is quite small, there are lots of opportunities for you to provide your own input. Whether you are enjoying yourself on the sports field, taking a refreshing dip in the river or getting creative in the kitchen, it's sure to be great fun!

3-15/07	°2005-2008	Vivre ensemble	€ 925
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## Paris Magique

A camp experience unlike any other! Immerse yourself in the atmosphere of Paris with historical city visits, museums, music and graffiti and meet some real Parisians. You will also be visiting Disneyland with your friends. This camp will simply fly by, and before you know it, you will be singing *Paris, c'est fini...*

2 - 8/07	°2005-2008	Paris + Disneyland	€ 955
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## France itinérante

Are you between 18 and 23 years old and would you like to improve your French while having fun? If you are too old for a regular Roeland camp, don't worry: we have the ideal solution for you!

Discover a region of France in a small group and in an active way. We will combine culture, fun and fine cuisine in 'la douce France'. You will have plenty of opportunities to practise and improve your French during this five-day course, while getting to know amazing people and discovering beautiful France along the way.

28/08 - 1/09	# 5	° 2000 - 2005	France itinérante	€ 515
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## JUNIOR English Easter

*Hi! How are you?* If you are completely new to the English language, this camp will be perfect for you! Fun language workshops, games, creative workshops and a super-cool excursion to Bellewaerde.

3 - 8/04	°2011-2014	Junior Engels Easter	€ 545
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## English for Teens Easter

If you are looking for a fun English immersion course during the Easter holidays, this camp could be perfect for you. The programme includes cool creative workshops, great themed activities, sporty fun and games surrounded by greenery and a day out in Bellewaerde!

3 - 8/04	°2006-2009	English for Teens Easter	€ 545
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## JUNIOR English Summer

Having fun, playing sports, arts and crafts, a scavenger hunt in the forest – this camp promises 100% fun. And you'll be learning English whilst having fun, too – how cool is that?

10 - 14/07	°2011-2014	Junior English Summer	Non-residential	€ 250
10 - 15/07	°2011-2014	Junior English Summer	Residential	€ 445
7 - 11/08	°2011-2014	Junior English Summer	Non-residential	€ 250
7 - 12/08	°2011-2014	Junior English Summer	Residential	€ 445

## English for Teens

If you already speak a bit of English, but you don't feel ready to go to a camp in England, this camp could be perfect for you. A language immersion camp with cool language workshops, original activities and excursions, all in English!

3 - 7/07	°2009 - 2011	English for Teens	Non -residential	€ 235
14 - 18/08	°2009 - 2011	English for Teens	Non -residential	€ 235

## English at de Westhoek

If you're looking for complete language immersion, but would like a short camp, then you've come to the right place. Cool language workshops, original themed activities, time for some sports and a chance to let your creative side shine!

3- 8/07	°2007-2010	English at de Westhoek		€ 545
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## Cool creations!

Short but sweet: a one-week English immersion course. Discover your creative side at this prime location, close to Brussels but still surrounded by greenery. Immerse yourself in a variety of creative possibilities: music, theatre, dance, puppetry, writing texts, working on theatre sets etc. All with the help of camp coaches from the art world!

14-19/08	°2007-2010	Cool creations!		€ 545
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## Intercultural Fun

If you like the sound of getting to know young people from all over the world and speaking English together, then Intercultural Fun is the camp for you! At this camp, you will learn English in a real English private school with great facilities, extensive sports fields and breathtaking views of the English landscape.

17 - 29/07	°2007-2010	Intercultural Fun		€ 995
31/07 - 12/08	°2005-2008	Intercultural Fun		€ 995

## Boost your English in Sutton!

Do you feel brave enough to go to camp in England, but preferably in a small group with other people of your age? Then this intensive language immersion camp in a typically British atmosphere is perfect for you. You will be alternating language workshops with some sports and cool recreational activities.

31/07 - 12/08 °2009-2010 Boost your English € 995

## British Fun

Get to know the British way of life at a real private school in beautiful Kent. The perfect combination of crazy themed days, sports, workshops, excursions and relaxation!

14 - 25/08 ° 2006-2009 British Fun € 965

## English Summer Vibes

How about learning English in a beautiful British private school surrounded by greenery whilst soaking up some British culture? Enjoy fun themed days, creative workshops, challenging language workshops, an afternoon in Norwich and a day trip to the cute coastal town of Southwold. You will stay in a typical British school on a vast campus with lots of sports fields.

17/7 - 27/7 °2005-2008 English Summer Vibes € 955

## On Stage!

Do you love theatre? Are you really creative? Then On Stage is the perfect camp for you! You won't find language labs at this camp. Instead, there are various drama workshops (such as text theatre, improvisation, dance, visual work or music) led by drama teachers. At the end of the camp, you will be performing your creation to the Summer Vibes camp group. You will stay in a typical British school on a vast campus surrounded by nature and with lots of sports fields.

17/7 - 27/7 °2003-2007 On Stage! € 955



## Wonderful Wales

Are you active and sporty? Would you like to learn English in an adventurous setting? Then this camp is definitely the one for you! The camp offers relatively small groups, lots of interaction with British native speakers as you take part in exciting activities, and a prime location: you will be traveling to the impressive Gower Peninsula in South Wales. This is an 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty' where you will find beautiful nature with forests, sandy beaches, limestone cliffs and deep blue sea. Ideal for adventurous water-lovers!

19/8 - 25/8 °2005-2008 Wonderful Wales € 995

## Action and Adventure

Pure adventure, all in English – who is up to the challenge? At this seaside centre in Dorset, you'll try one sporting activity after another, guided by qualified British native speakers. Water sports, a zip wire, abseiling, archery, climbing: a perfect week-long immersion course for anyone who is bursting with energy!

8/7 - 15/8 °2006-2009 Action and Adventure € 995

## A volunteer's testimony: "Taalzomer has left me with a feeling of thankfulness"

***"I don't know what you guys did yesterday, but my daughters were very excited and happy when they got home. A sincere thank you!", or: "I wish to thank you for what you are doing here. Brighton is picking up new words really fast and he really wants to be there!".*** These are some of the parent's reactions we received after just one week of Taalzomer, this year. And therefore, we love to volunteer.

I am Jana, 29 years, and I work as a volunteer at vzw Roeland Taalzomer. About 6 or 7 years ago I had the opportunity to join an NT2 camp during the Easter holidays for a day, via someone I knew. I developed a real taste for it from the start. At first, I was an activity leader but, soon I became Head of Project Taalzomer. And I still am, for several years now.

### Lifelike Twister

At Taalzomer, we try to show children of different origins who have only recently arrived in Belgium an unforgettable 3 weeks of summer while we teach them how to speak Dutch. This is not done in a traditional way, but we teach through activities, creative assignments, ... We play lifelike twister to practice the colors and body parts, we go to the market for a food-and-drinks theme, we organize a fashion show to learn about clothing, ...

### Harry Malter

Every Wednesday we take the children on a field trip. The first week we usually go to Harry Malter, which is always a success! In the morning the children walk around in groups among the animals and in the afternoon, they enjoy themselves at the playground. The unfavourable weather conditions last summer didn't stop them from having a great time!

### Show moment

At the end of each week, we show the parents what the children have learned, so we organize a show moment for them. These can be very moving; it is fantastic to see how fast the children make progress and to hear the pride in their voice when they say things in Dutch.

Thankfulness is the predominant feeling that stays with me after Taalzomer, both from the participants and the parents. We notice that the children are very happy to join and that we reluctantly part ways after 3 weeks of Taalzomer. The appreciation from the parents kindles a warm feeling that stays with us for a long time.

### Volunteers wanted

Would you also like to work as a volunteer at Taalzomer? [Create your Roeland profile here.](#) We will contact you as soon as possible.

Jana  
Head of Project Taalzomer

## “A summer without Roeland would not feel like a real summer”

If memory serves me right, I started going to Roeland language camps when I was 8 years old. Now - 20 years later - I'm still going. I can't imagine a summer without Roeland, really.

### Another language

Signing up for a Roeland language camp means expressing yourself in a language that is not (yet) your own. At French camps or English ones alike, no one was supposed to speak Dutch.

From my first French camp as a junior, I remember being extremely nervous because I feared my knowledge of the French language would be insufficient to survive a language vacation in style. But the enthusiasm of the animators and teachers lifts you gently out of your comfort zone, to let you learn as much as possible. Afterwards, I realized I had picked up an amazing number of new words and sentences from that camp, which gave me a head start in school the following year.

### Sports and games

What makes a Roeland camp especially cool is that in addition to the lessons, sports and games are at the very center of the activities. Up to 2 hours of sports are a part of the daily program. That's how I went wall climbing for the first time in Marche. At the English language camps, I also learned how to play cricket. Weather permitting, water games are also a part of the deal. Even if your clothes get a little dirty and wet, it's a great way to have a lot of fun.

Stratego at the English language camp in Langley is still one of the coolest games that I remember playing. The whole camp was divided into four teams and almost the entire area was the playing field. As a team we had to try to capture the flags of the other players as quickly as possible.

### Day trips

Field trips are an inextricable part of each camp as well, in addition to the daily lessons, sports activities and games. It's a great way to get fully immersed in the language of your camp. On these trips you also engage in something that you would normally not do by yourself. The coolest trip I can remember was a visit to the city of Cambridge. That day we saw one of the most prestigious schools in the world: Cambridge University. We also went 'punting' (travelling on a river in a narrow, flat boat), an experience that will stay with me for a very long time to come. Thanks to Roeland I was given the opportunity to collect a lot of wonderful memories.

### Volunteer

After my last camp at the age of 18, I thought I had to part ways with Roeland. But luckily this was not the case. Three years later, friends I had met at a Roeland camp had no trouble convincing me to join up as a volunteer. So, in the summer of 2015, I went to Cottesmore for the first time.

Originally, I was planning to join as a volunteer for just one year. Now, 7 years later, I am still a volunteer at the Roeland camps, and I could not imagine a summer without it. I can honestly say the people I've met here are friends for life. When the camp weeks are behind us, we still meet up on a regular basis.

Mathieu De Groote  
Logistics employee

## Would You Like To Become A Roeland volunteer?

If you are good at languages, creative, enthusiastic and dynamic and you would like to share your passion for languages, you would make a great Roeland language coach! Fun times guaranteed!

### From age 16: 'Animator in het jeugdwerk'

Fool around, play hard and learn the tricks of the trade at the same time. Does that sound good to you? During the 6-day 'Animator in het Jeugdwerk' course, you'll learn how to get on with children and young people, make games, prepare workshops and fill in those dreaded silences. After this, you will do an internship at one of our language camps during the Easter or Summer holidays. If you are successful, you will then receive the 'Animator in het jeugdwerk' certificate.

This is for anyone who:

- Wants to be an activity leader on one of our French, English or Dutch language camps
- Wants to get the 'Animator in het Jeugdwerk' Certificate (recognised by the Flemish authorities)
- Will be at least 16 years old in the summer of 2023.

Price: 295 euros

Date: 28/10 – 02/11/2023

### From 18 years: Roeland Training Weekend (NL, FR and EN)

If you are fluent in French or English, why not join in with our French or English language vacations as a language instructor? Or would you prefer to go on a Dutch camp? We are looking for enthusiastic language instructors for our Dutch language holidays for French speakers as well as for our non-residential Dutch courses for newcomers who do not speak the language and who do not speak Dutch at home.

During our training weekends you will learn about our teaching methods and take part in workshops which will teach you how to plan interactive lessons, organize sports activities and more.

Price:

65 euros for a weekend with two overnights stays, including meals

Dates:

17-19 March 2023

Training weekends will be held in Dworp. If you are interested, you can sign up at [mijn.roeland.be](http://mijn.roeland.be).

### 7 Good Reasons to Become a Language Instructor:

1. You will gain lots of experience in the fields of youth work and language education.
2. Once you have qualified as an instructor, Roeland will offer you regular training and

workshops free of charge.

3. You will improve your French or English
4. You will be learning about pedagogy and the theory behind teaching
5. It's a great addition to your C.V.
6. You will receive a volunteer's allowance
7. You will make lots of new friends!

## Roeland For Teachers

### City Trip

#### **Luik - Namen - Rijsel - Brussels - Ghent**

A coach will lead the students on a tour through the city with some challenging tasks for them to complete in French or in Dutch.

- For young people aged 13–18
- Groups of 10 students
- Full day in the city (10am until 4pm)
- From September to June

## Roeland For Everyone

### Mediatheek Frans

If you are interested in French language and culture, come along to the Mediatheek Frans. We have a large selection of books, newspapers and compact discs and over 1000 films to browse. It is also a great place to come if you are looking for teaching material for French as a foreign language. We also regularly organise training sessions, readings and book-signings.

Address: Krijgslaan 22, 9000 Gent  
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### Publications

#### **100 x Creative Language Games (2010) | 60 Language Games for in the Class (2017)**

Games for getting to know each other, warming up, expression, concentration, theatre and group work. These two publications are ideal for anyone who wants to encourage children and young people to practise a foreign language in an active and creative way. Available in French, English and Dutch. 10 euros (plus 3 euros for postage).

Order at [www.roeland.be](http://www.roeland.be) or [info@roeland.be](mailto:info@roeland.be)

## Roeland Social Projects

Since 2008, Roeland has been organising day camps for foreign language newcomers. The target group is children and young people who have recently arrived in Ghent. The children learn Dutch in a playful way and discover the leisure possibilities on offer in Ghent. In this way, Roeland reaches approximately 150 young people of 30 different nationalities each year. In 2017, we received the "Youth Work for Everyone" prize for this project from the Province of Oost-Vlaanderen.

Since 2018, we have also been organising Playful Summer, day camps in Dutch for children with a language delay. This project runs in partnership with Brede Schools Ghent.

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