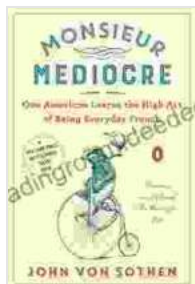


# One American Learns The High Art Of Being Everyday French



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I've been living in France for almost two years now, and I've learned a lot about the French way of life. I've learned that the French are very proud of their culture and their language, and that they have a very different way of looking at the world than Americans. I've also learned that being French is not just about speaking the language; it's about embracing a whole new way of life.

One of the biggest differences between the French and the Americans is their attitude towards food. In France, food is not just something to eat; it's a way of life. The French take great pride in their cuisine, and they love to spend time preparing and eating meals. They also have a very different way of thinking about food than Americans. For example, the French don't

believe in snacking between meals. They believe that eating should be a leisurely experience, and that it should be enjoyed slowly and savored.

Another big difference between the French and the Americans is their attitude towards time. In France, time is not as important as it is in America. The French don't believe in rushing around, and they take their time to do things. They also don't believe in being on time for appointments. It's perfectly acceptable to be late for a meeting or a dinner party in France. The French believe that being on time is more important than being punctual.

The French also have a very different way of communicating than Americans. The French are very direct and honest, and they don't always mince words. They also believe in speaking their minds, even if it means saying something that might be hurtful. The French don't believe in sugarcoating things, and they appreciate honesty above all else.

Of course, there are also many similarities between the French and the Americans. Both cultures value family and friends, and both cultures believe in hard work and education. However, there are also some fundamental differences between the two cultures. These differences can be challenging for Americans who are trying to adapt to the French way of life. However, if you're willing to embrace the French culture and learn to live like a local, you'll find that France is a wonderful place to live.

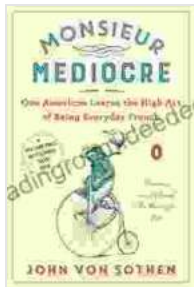
Here are a few tips for Americans who are trying to adapt to the French way of life:

- Learn to speak French. This is the most important thing you can do if you want to fit in in France. The French are very proud of their

language, and they appreciate it when foreigners make an effort to learn it.

- Embrace the French culture. This means learning about French history, art, music, and literature. It also means understanding the French way of thinking and doing things.
- Be patient. It takes time to adapt to a new culture. Don't get discouraged if you don't feel like you're fitting in right away. Just keep learning and practicing, and eventually you'll get there.

If you're willing to put in the effort, you can learn to live like a local in France. And once you do, you'll discover that France is a beautiful and welcoming country with a rich and vibrant culture.



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