

**One of your great pleasures is French food and you love French wines. Below are a few examples of ways to learn more – without greater expense.**

● **L'addition, s'il vous plaît, Monsieur....**

*You are in a French city and wish to truly enjoy the cuisine.*

Do you understand the differences between *un bistro, un café, un tabac, un routier, un restaurant, une auberge* and *une brasserie*? What do you expect to find at each of these establishments?

If you wish to have a cocktail before your meal, what do you do?

How do you make an advance reservation for four people?

How do you order the kind of coffee you prefer? When do you order it?

How do you order water with your meal? How can you save a bit of money by simply ordering tap water?

How should you ask for a wine recommendation?

What is *le pousse-café*?

How do you ask for your bill and how do you know if the service is included?

● **C'est pour offrir...**

*You have made some French friends and they invite you to dine with them at home. You wish to show them how much you appreciate the gesture. But which of the things below would you do or not do?*

- You see a bunch of beautiful chrysanthemums in the local market; on impulse, you buy a dozen and present them to your friends.

- You arrive exactly on time and offer to help with the cooking.

- You don't cut the lettuce with your knife; you use the knife to fold the lettuce leaves on to your fork.

- You are eager to see your French friends' apartment. Should you ask for a tour of it, or will they be proud to show you?

- When the cheese is passed, you do not take more than one slice of each cheese.

- There are other guests. So you are careful to ask everyone's name and find out what each person does and if he or she is married.

- You don't bite into the bread, but you tear off pieces.

- Your hostess has laid a lovely table with a beautiful cloth. You are careful to keep your hands politely under the table.

- The wine is delicious, so you compliment your host and help yourself to a second glass with which to toast the meal.

- You are careful to express your full appreciation – but how?