Homestay and High School in Germany

HOMESTAY EXPERIENCE
Within this program, students are completely immersed in the language and do not have opportunities to speak their own mother tongue. This allows for a quick improvement in their German language skills. Students get the unique opportunity to discover a new way of life and a new culture first hand, not like a tourist! The homestay program is the most affordable language travel! This program is ideally suited to mature and independent students, eager to meet new people from abroad and with enough language proficiency to communicate with host family members. Because family integration can be challenging, the pure homestay program isn’t always recommended for a first trip abroad. Prior experience with being away from home is important. Students are not able to choose a specific location as the primary goal is to match a student with a host family in terms of interests, hobbies, etc. The pure homestay program is a true cultural exchange.

International students are placed in a local volunteer host family and a public school across Germany. Students must be ready to live in small villages and in the countryside. The carefully chosen host family opens its home to a student not as a guest, but as a new family member. This program allows students to experience the everyday life of German families and teenagers.

SCHOOL SYSTEM
International students go to school with their host siblings or children in the neighborhood. They attend regular classes with their classmates and participate in all school activities. This is a cultural program, not an academic program. Students should not expect to receive any grade transcript.

Secondary education in Germany includes four types of schools: the “Gymnasium” prepares students university studies; the “Realschule” offers a more scientific emphasis for intermediate students; the “Hauptschule” prepares pupils for vocational education, and the “Gesamtschule” or comprehensive school combines the three approaches. Most students attend the local “Gymnasium” or “Realschule”. With classes ranging from year 5 to year 13, the “Gymnasium” is the most advanced school type in Germany; most international students attend year 10 or 11. Classes usually begin between early August and mid-September and finish between the end of June and the end of July, depending on the region.

Location: All over the country
Boarding: Full board
Accommodation: Host Family
Length: 2 weeks / 4 weeks / 6 weeks / 8 weeks
Type: Homestay and school integration

Students will have the opportunity to live in a German host family and go to a local High School for a duration of 2 to 8 weeks.
In order to look for the best student match, German host families are carefully selected based on availability and the student’s interests. Students have a better understanding of the German culture and its educational system.

Application deadline: 3 months before arrival. Students coming in July and August may not be able to attend school at all or full time because of school summer holidays. This applies to other school holidays in Germany (e.g. Autumn, Winter, and Easter holidays). Accurate dates on request (varies based on the school of each state).

Requirements: Students must be interviewed in their home country before being accepted on the program. A good academic profile and an intermediate level of German (2 years of German studies) are required.

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German course in Wiesbaden with activities Homestay

DESCRIPTION

This program combines the everyday experience of living with a local German family, sharing their daily activities and discovering their way of life, with an intensive language course in mornings and a complete program of activities and excursions in afternoons. This program is suitable for teenagers needing a more structured program than the pure homestay experience. The program is international, welcoming students from all over the world.

LOCATION

Wiesbaden is a historical city located 40 km west of Frankfurt. It has become very famous over the years thanks to the numerous spas and wellness centers all across town. Every year, this magical city welcomes international travelers from all over the world who want to relax and take a break from the big busy cities.

In the charming old city, you can visit many interesting locations, like the Palace Square, the Market Church, the State Theater, the Kurhaus and Casino or the Roman Gate.

Wiesbaden is very well connected by many highways from Frankfurt, Cologne or Mainz. The nearest airport is Frankfurt Airport.

LANGUAGE COURSE

The language course will take place in a language school located close to the city centre and offering all modern facilities. Students attend 20 German lessons per week (each lesson lasts 45 minutes) on weekday mornings, in groups of maximum 12 students (4 German levels: lower intermediate, intermediate, upper intermediate, advanced). Students who compose a group will be of different nationalities and mother tongues. Students will use public transportation independently to reach the language school.

ACTIVITIES

The program includes one full day excursion and daily afternoon activities.

Full day excursion (on Saturday): Koblenz including a visit to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress and Deutsches Eck.

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Location : Wiesbaden
Boarding : Full board
Accommodation : Host Family
Length : 2 weeks
Type : German courses and activities-homestay

For teenagers looking for a structured program of classes and activities.
Multinational: students come from different countries and speak a variety of mother tongues.
Touristic: students are fully chaperoned to safely discover the main sightseeing of the area.

Requirements : One year German language study is required.

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German course with activities in Augsburg Homestay

DESCRIPTION

The camp takes place in Augsburg, Bavaria, a region that offers a countryside well known for its castles and cities. This camp combines German language courses and a program of activities and visits.

Students are hosted by a German host family.

LOCATION

Augsburg is one of the biggest cities in Bavaria, in the South of Germany, as well as a historical town. It is located close to Munich, Bavaria’s capital city. Augsburg is a very dynamic town with all needed facilities for leisure and vacation.

LANGUAGE COURSES

The course is organized in a school in the city center, equipped with all necessary modern study facilities. Students will attend 20 lessons a week (each lesson lasts 45 minutes) lead by qualified German teachers.

Lessons will take place from Monday to Friday, in a group of a maximum of 15 participants. Multinational classes, from beginner level. Course material, entry test and a certificate are provided.

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### Included
- International Student Health/Emergency Repatriation Insurance
- Host family placement on a full board basis
- Host school placement (except during German holidays)
- Airport pick-up and transfer to/from the host family
- Support, assistance and 24 hour emergency phone number during the whole program
- Administration fees

### Not Included
- International airfare
- Travel insurance (luggage lost, flight delay etc.)
- Visa, passport and medical exam fees
- Extra activities organized by the family, the school or others
- Lunch in school canteen, school books, stationary and school trips, local transportation
- Extra language courses
- Personal expenses and pocket money
- Medical, Liability and Emergency Repatriation Insurance

## German course in Wiesbaden with activities Homestay

### Included
- International Student Health/Emergency Repatriation Insurance
- Host family accommodation with full board
- Language courses on weekday mornings
- Activities and visits/excursions on weekday afternoons and weekends (including entry tickets)
- Ticket for public transportation
- Airport pick-up and transfer to/from the closest airport/train station to the host family
- Support, assistance and 24 hour emergency phone number during the whole program.
- Administration fees

### Not Included
- International airfare
- Travel insurance (flight delay, etc.)
- Visa, passport and medical exam fees
- Extra activities organized by the family or others
- Personal expenses and pocket money

## German course with activities in Augsburg Homestay

### Included
- International Student Health/Emergency Repatriation Insurance
- Homestay accommodation with full board
- Language courses on weekday mornings
- Activities and visits/excursions on weekday afternoons and weekends (including entry tickets)
- Ticket for public transportation
- Airport pick-up and transfer to/from the closest airport/train station to the host family
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