

International Language Camp in Augsburg

Age Group	12 – 17 years of age
Period	05 July 2020 – 02 August 2020
Duration	From 1 week (8 days / 7 nights)
Languages	German (A0 – B2) English (A0 – B2)
Course	Intensive language course with 20 lessons per week
Accommodation	Homestay or Residential
Benefits	+ A safe town with a relaxed Mediterranean feel + A Bavarian university town with a historical Roman past + A picturesque Renaissance city centre + A camp experience with international students

Culture and Tradition – Augsburg is an ancient town with a history spanning across 2000 years. As a major trading centre, Augsburg very quickly made a name for itself. Over the centuries the town has lived through much change, which is reflected today in its architecture and cultural heritage.

In the summer holidays, students from all over the world gather here, in Germany's second oldest town, to learn German. Here, they make their first international experiences, socialising during lessons as well as activity programmes, in a safe environment.

In the town centre you feel safe, relaxed and at ease. Numerous gardens and parks, as well as the lively pedestrian zones, make a trip to Augsburg unforgettable for travellers of all ages. The historical buildings and the many street cafes give the town a Mediterranean feel.

Services

Arrival

- + Arrival and departure take place on Sunday (arrival between 02.00 and 05.00 PM, departure between 08.00 and 11.00 AM)
- + Self-arranged arrival by car to / from youth hostel Augsburg
- + Self-arranged arrival to Munich airport (MUC); Transfer to / from youth hostel Augsburg optional
- + Self-arranged arrival to ICE train station Augsburg

Accommodation

- + From 8 days / 7 nights, additional weeks (7 days / 7 nights)
- + Private homestay accommodation with a host family. Capacities range from 2 to 4 guests per family, students share rooms with 2 or 3 beds; accommodation as only guest of the same native language optional
- or**
- Accommodation at Augsburg youth hostel, sharing a 4-bed room with students of other nationalities, shared bath rooms.
- + Full board with breakfast, lunch/packed lunch, dinner

Language course

- + Intensive language course German (A0 – B2) or English (A0 – B2) each with 4 lessons in the morning every day for 5 days (in total 20 lessons a week of 45 minutes) with qualified native speaker teachers
- + Placement test at the beginning of every week
- + Class size maximum 15 students
- + Provision of teaching material (textbook, workbook, folder, pen)
- + ASTUR certificate with an individual grade in accordance with CEFR at the end of the course

Free Time and Supervision

- + One day trip per week every Saturday, e.g. to Munich, Füssen, including the Neuschwanstein castle or Skyline Park Bad Wörishofen
- + Daily ASTUR activity and sport programme in the afternoon, e.g. sightseeing in the area, workshops, sport (all entrance fees included)
- + For homestay accommodation:
Daily evening programme with host family in order to experience German culture, e.g. cooking together, board games, typical family activities
- + For residential accommodation:
Daily evening programme with supervisors, e.g. welcome party, BBQ-party, bowling, film evening, trip to a restaurant, games evening, talent show, farewell party, daily feedback session “Time to Talk” (TTT)
- + Public transport travel cards for daily activities
- + Free time programme in international groups with German and English-speaking supervisors
- + Camp language German and English
- + Staff to student ratio 1 : 10 (for every 10 students 1 supervisor) for 12 – 14 year olds and 1 : 15 (for every 15 students 1 supervisor) for 15 – 17 year olds
- + 24/7 Emergency Hotline and around the clock care with the ASTUR team on the camp

Additional Services

- + Extensive information material before the beginning of the trip
- + ASTUR student ID card with emergency contacts
- + Free Wi-Fi in the reception of the youth hostel

Day Camp

- + Participation in the intensive language course in the morning and in all free time activities in the afternoon on Monday – Friday as described
- + Lunch and dinner
- + day trip on Saturday (optional, additional fee)

Not included in the price

- + Travel Insurance (Third Party, Medical, Accident) optional, additional fee

Prices and Dates

Course Dates	One Week		Additional Weeks		Day Camp / Week
	Homestay	Residential	Homestay	Residential	
05 July 2020 – 12 July 2020	635 EUR	770 EUR	610 EUR	745 EUR	410 EUR
12 July 2020 – 19 July 2020	635 EUR	770 EUR	610 EUR	745 EUR	410 EUR
19 July 2020 – 26 July 2020	635 EUR	770 EUR	610 EUR	745 EUR	410 EUR
26 July 2020 – 02 Aug. 2020	635 EUR	770 EUR	-	-	410 EUR

Additional prices	Surcharge
Accommodation as only guest of one native language in a family (per week)	50 EUR
Day trip on Saturday for Day campers	45 EUR
Deposit for residential accommodation (will be returned at the end of the stay)	50 EUR
Travel Insurance: Third Party, Medical, Accident for EU citizens* (per day)	1.10 EUR
Travel Insurance: Third Party, Medical, Accident for non-EU citizens* (per day)	2.00 EUR
Gluten-free diet (per week)	42 EUR
Invitation / booking confirmation for visa (plus postage)	30 EUR

Transfers (always one-way)	Surcharge
from / to Munich airport (MUC)**	120 EUR
from / to Augsburg ICE main station	included
UM service fee (when UM booked with the airline)	40 EUR
Early arrival (before 12.00 noon) or late departure (after 13:00)	75 EUR
Additional lunch with an early arrival or late departure	15 EUR

Additional information for closed groups	price
Accommodation in host family (per leader, per week)***	385 EUR
Accommodation in residence (per leader, per week)***	445 EUR

* EU = European Union + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland

** Up to 3 students can share a taxi, when arriving at the same time (e.g. with the same flight). Costs will be shared between students who take the same taxi.

*** The price per leader includes accommodation, full board and the participation in the excursion- and activity programme. For further information see "ASTUR Group Leader Policy"

Minimum number of participants per date and language course: 12 students

Procedures and programme itinerary may be subject to change!

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- + Surcharge for glutenfree diet
- + Specials are no longer offered

What awaits you at camp Augsburg

Arrival and Accommodation

Arrivals and departures to/from the language camp in Augsburg are to take place on Sundays. Your parents will either bring you to the meeting point in Augsburg by car, or you arrive by plane in Munich, or by train at Augsburg ICE main station. If you arrive or depart by plane or train, we recommend that you sign up for a transfer to/from Augsburg as early as possible upon booking. You will then be picked up and won't need to worry about anything.

If, due to your age, you have booked a UM service (UM = Unaccompanied Minor) with your airline, you also have to book our UM service accordingly – in addition to our general transfer service. This is necessary as handling unaccompanied minors at the airport is more complicated and time-consuming.

Please organise your arrival and departure in a way that you can check in between 02.00 and 05.00 PM and check out between 08.00 and 11.00 AM. On arrival and departure day lunch is not included. If you arrive early/depart late and need extra lunch, you can book this for an additional fee. For arrivals and transfers outside the allotted times we also have to charge an extra fee.

Private Accommodation with a host family

In a homestay, our international guests get first-hand experience of life in a German household with its every day culture and typical way of living. Depending on family household capacities, two to four students will live with one family. Depending on everyone's time of stay, it may occur that students of the same nationality are accommodated at the same host family. If it is important to you that you are the only guest of your native language at your host family, you can book this sort of accommodation for an additional fee.

In a homestay you will receive full board. You will begin the day with a typical breakfast in the morning. For the afternoon you will be given a packed lunch by your host family, and in the evening the family will cook a hot meal. The host family will find out from you what you like and don't like to eat, and as a bonus, you will also get to know about German cuisine.

Residential accommodation in the youth hostel

In the youth hostel, you will stay in a modern 4-bed room with other international students. Shared bathrooms are located in the hall.

Please be aware that on arrival at the youth hostel a deposit of 50 euros per student has to be paid. This will be returned to you when you leave the camp, provided that you left everything in order, e.g. you have not lost the room key.

As we offer full board to our students, you will begin the day with a good breakfast in the morning. You can choose what you would like to eat from a buffet. After lessons all students will have lunch together, before beginning their afternoon activities. Whether you eat lunch in the youth hostel or receive packed lunch will depend on what subsequent programmes are planned. There will always be a hot meal for dinner and you can fill your plate with food from the buffet.

Whether you book homestay or residence accommodation, please let us know in your application if you are a vegetarian, a vegan or have any other dietary requirements. We will accommodate your preferences and cater for individual needs wherever possible.

Language Course

Your intensive language course will always take place in the morning with 4 lessons a day for 5 days per week. At the beginning of every week each student will take a language placement test, which the teachers will use to help them with preparation for the lessons. Even though we will separate the groups by level when possible, sometimes, depending on the booking situation, different levels will be taught in the same class together. However, this will have no great effect on your ability to learn, as at home after all you also have different levels in your class at school. Our teachers are experienced in preparing the best lesson material appropriate for each individual student. There is also always a maximum of 15 students in our classes, so lessons are manageable and give you the opportunity to actively participate in class a lot more than you can at school.

Learning to use the language actively is the main aim of the lessons. Our teachers create their own motivating, cultural and original lesson plans. They can be about whole range of topics that are taken from “real life” in the form of discussions, role plays, interviews and other active elements. You are encouraged to just talk and not be afraid of your mistakes. Seize the opportunity as speaking the language freely will boost your learning success and motivate you to continue mastering the language in the future. Your vocabulary and knowledge of grammar will also automatically expand and improve – not automatically just through ineffective memorising, but rather through speaking and listening.

Our teachers are native speakers. That means that they do not only speak the language fluently, but they have an ingrained understanding of their native culture. Moreover, they have experience in communicating their language to students from other countries.

We teach from levels A0 (beginner without previous knowledge) up to B2 (Upper Intermediate) in accordance with the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). We have different lesson material for every level, and the certificate that you receive at the end of your stay will indicate at what level and for how many hours you were taught.

Please note that, at your camp with lessons in English or French, all methods of teaching, lesson structures and content follow the same ASTUR standards for every language which is being taught.

Free Time and Supervision

It is our policy to always offer a range of activities and programmes to our students. Every afternoon you will have a varied programme of activities. Together with all the other international students, you will have fun exploring the sights of the town or participating in sports activities.

Living with a host family means, you will spend your evenings with them. The host families will be concerned for your own interests and welfare and integrate you in their everyday life. You might cook together with the family or play a typical board game.

If you stay at the youth hostel, there are of course evening activities after dinner, ranging from Welcome or Farewell parties to film nights, arts and crafts or other activities. Just like the rest of the day, these activities offer is a great opportunity to practise your foreign language skills.

Every day ends with our daily feedback session “Time to Talk” (TTT) before our students go to bed. Here, you can share with your teamer, what you have especially liked or did not like so much during the day. You have time to ask questions and hear about what is scheduled for the following day.

In addition, on one evening every week, all students will have dinner at a typical German restaurant together.

The highlight of the week, and a lovely finale for everyone, who will be leaving the following Sunday, is the day trip on Saturday. You will see interesting cities and sights, such as to Munich, Ammersee, or Füssen. You will take guided tours of your destination and visit exciting museums. Included in the trip to Füssen is a visit and guided tour around Neuschwanstein Castle. Other highlights of the day trips are Lake Constance or Skyline Park in Bad Wörishofen.

The free time programme is organised and led by our German speaking supervisors. There will always be a ratio of ten students (12 – 14 year olds) or fifteen students (15 – 17 year olds) to at least one supervisor. Our supervisors will know ‘their’ students, just as you will get to know your supervisors. They are always there for you to talk to, whether you feel unwell, have a question, or just simply want to have a chat. Naturally, our supervisors speak English, too. So, whenever there might be a problem, you will be able to talk about it and be heard.

Furthermore, we have a 24-hour emergency hotline every day which we will react to immediately should there be a bigger problem.

Good to know

Before the beginning of your stay you will receive a detailed information pack from us about the camp, everything you need to know about arrival, what you should pack and the activity programme.

As soon as your check-in on camp, you will receive your ID card with all the important contact numbers, so that you can reach your supervisors by telephone if you need to.

Free Wi-Fi can be accessed in the reception area at the youth hostel. Homestay students may get access to the host family’s Wi-Fi. However, it ultimately is family’s decision to give you access.

Please note, that your regular health insurance generally will not cover all treatment costs incurred in Germany. We, therefore, generally recommend purchasing foreign health insurance as well as accident and liability insurance. You can purchase these insurances without hassle through us as a complete pack for the duration of your stay.

If you do not book your insurance through ASTUR, we will need to see proof of your existing insurance before your arrival.

If you need a visa to enter Germany you will be required to show proof that you have purchased a respective insurance in order to apply for the visa. It’s best to talk to your agency or with us directly. We’re always happy to help.

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Day Camp

If you come from the area, are on holiday with your parents nearby, or you can stay with relatives and don't require accommodation, you can take part in our day camp programme. You will arrive punctually for language lessons in the morning from Monday to Friday and take part in the afternoon activity programme.

As a day camper you can also book our specials and the day trip on Saturday. However, we need to know this as early as possible upon booking so that we can plan for exact numbers.

Nationality Mix

Last year we welcomed students from 8 different countries at our International Language Camp in Augsburg. Students arrived from France, Spain, Russia, Poland, Germany, Romania, the USA and China.