

Language Camp in Wiesbaden

Age Group	14 – 17 years of age
Period	12 July 2020 – 25 July 2020
Duration	2 weeks (14 days / 13 nights)
Languages	German (A0 – B2) English (A0 – B2; closed groups only),
Course	Intensive language course with 20 lessons a week
Accommodation	Homestay
Benefits	+ Tradition and modern lifestyle + Excellent accessibility

The wealthy city of Wiesbaden lies right at the heart of the Rhein Main Area and is only a few kilometres away from the city of Frankfurt and Frankfurt airport. The town is famous for having thermal springs that were used by the Romans.

The hot springs of Wiesbaden have always attracted many visitors, including the poet and novelist Johann Wolfgang von Goethe or the classical composer Richard Wagner. This led to the establishment of another recreational activity – gambling. The casino of Wiesbaden has become a popular venue for the high society, rivalling those in Baden-Baden or Monaco.

With 300,000 inhabitants, Wiesbaden attracts visitors with a variety of attractions and activities. Today's local recreational area at the state-owned Schierstein harbour provides excellent facilities for watersports. Another attraction is the Nerobergbahn; this cable car travels directly to the top of Neroberg at 245 meters, where there are interesting historical buildings to visit. Wiesbaden is definitely worth a visit!

Services

Arrival

- + Arrival is on Sunday (14:00 – 17:00), departure is on Saturday (08:00 – 11:00)
- + Self-arranged arrival by car to / from Wiesbaden
- + Self-arranged arrival to Frankfurt International Airport (FRA); Transfer to / from Wiesbaden optional
- + Self-arranged arrival to Frankfurt main station; Transfer to / from Wiesbaden optional
- + Self-arranged arrival to Wiesbaden main station

Accommodation

- + 14 days / 13 nights
- + Private accommodation with 2 to 4 guests with a host family, sharing 2-bed rooms with other students; accommodation as only guest of one native language optional
- + Full board with breakfast, lunch/packed lunch, dinner

Language Course

- + Intensive language course German (A0 – B2) or English (A0 – B2; closed groups only) each with 4 lessons in the morning every day for 5 days (in total 20 lessons a week at 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 on Saturday e.g. to Koblenz including a visit to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress and Deutsches Eck
- + Daily ASTUR activity and sport programme in the afternoon, e.g. sightseeing in the area, workshops, sport (all entrance fees incl.)
- + Daily evening programme with host family in order to experience German culture, e.g. cooking together, board games, typical family activities
- + Public transport travel cards for daily activities
- + Free time programme in groups with German and English-speaking supervisors
- + Camp languages German; English (for closed groups only)
- + Staff to student ratio 1 : 15 (for every 15 students 1 supervisor)
- + 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

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
- + 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	Two Weeks	Day Camp
12 July 2020 – 25 July 2020	1,225 EUR	820 EUR

Additional services	Surcharge
Accommodation as only guest of the same native language in host family	100 EUR
Day trip on Saturday for day campers	45 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)	78 EUR
Invitation / booking confirmation for visa (plus postage)	30 EUR

Transfers (always one-way)	Surcharge
from / to Frankfurt International Airport (FRA)***	50 EUR
from / to Frankfurt main station***	75 EUR
from / to Wiesbaden main station	included
Early arrival (before 12 noon) or late departure (after 01.00 PM)	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 stay)***	770 EUR

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

** Taxi can be shared for 1 – 3 students travelling together (with the same flight or train)

*** 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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Changes to the previous year – not for publication!

- + Surcharge for gluten-free diet
- + Specials are no longer offered

What awaits you at camp Wiesbaden

Arrival and Accommodation

Arrival day to the language camp in Wiesbaden is to take place on a Sunday, departure day on a Saturday. Your parents will either bring you to the meeting point by car, or you arrive by plane at Frankfurt International Airport (FRA), or by train at Frankfurt ICE main station. If you arrive or depart by plane or train, we recommend that you sign up for a transfer to/from the meeting point in Wiesbaden as early as possible upon booking. You will then be picked up and won't need to worry about anything. If you arrive by train in Wiesbaden main station, then the host family will pick you up there.

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 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 also 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.

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 German 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, 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 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.

The highlight of the week is the day trip on Saturday. You will go to a town, such as Koblenz, where you will have a tour of the most important sights including a visit to Ehrenbreitstein Fortress and Deutsches Eck, where river Moselle flows into the imposing river Rhine.

The free time programme is organised and led by our German speaking supervisors. There will always be a ratio of fifteen students 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 you check in at the 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.

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.

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 special 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.