

## Mini-Group German lessons in Germany

Age Group	14 – 17 years of age, 16 – 20 years of age
Accommodation	Homestay
Language	German (A0 – C2)
Course	Individual language course in mini-groups with max. 5 students per group: 10 lessons per week 15 lessons per week 20 lessons per week 25 lessons per week
Duration	From 1 week
Variations	+ Mini-Group Classic (16 – 20 years old) + Mini-Group Premium (14 – 17 years old)
Benefits	+ Customised model of language acquisition + The most effective way of learning, through intensive care + Total immersion in the German language + Available in many regions throughout Germany

ASTUR Regions	Destinations Mini-Group in Germany
Berlin	Berlin-Friedrichshain,
Black Forest and Lake Constance	Freiburg, Überlingen
East Germany	Dresden, Erfurt
Middle Rhine & Hesse	Fulda, Wiesbaden, Mainz
North Germany	Hannover, Lüneburg
North Rhine & Ruhr	Bonn, Köln, Mönchengladbach
Northern Bavaria	Erlangen
Southern Bavaria	Bad Tölz, Freising, Wolfratshausen

The Mini-Group programme is perfect for small groups of at least 3 language students between 14 and 20 years of age who are seeking to considerably improve their language abilities within a short space of time. In 10 to 25 language periods per week, lessons are individually tailored in close consultation with the students. To this end we ascertain the learning objectives of each individual student prior to arrival allowing the language teacher to design the lessons accordingly.

ASTUR offers two different versions of the Mini-Group programme:

## Classic (16 – 20 years old)

You learn German with your language teacher and in the afternoon are able to use your free time as you so desire. The classic programme is aimed at all independent young adults, interested in exploring their course location and surroundings independently in the afternoon.

## Premium (14 – 17 years old)

The comprehensive package for young students. You learn German with your language teacher and are fundamentally supervised in the afternoon and on weekends – by both your host family and for certain activities by local supervisors.

## Services

### Arrival

- + Arrival and departure is on Sunday (between 10.00 AM – 07:30 PM)
- + Early or late arrival / departure on request (additional fee)
- + Self-arranged arrival at course center
- + Transfer from / to nearest local train station
- + Transfer from / to nearest airport optional (additional fee)

### Accommodation

- + From 8 days / 7 nights, additional weeks (7 days / 7 nights)
- + Private accommodation with a host family in a single room
- + Full board with breakfast, lunch/packed lunch, dinner

### Language Course

- + Tailor-made language course German (A0 – C2) with 2, 3, 4 or 5 lessons every morning for 5 days (in total 10, 15, 20 or 25 lessons of 45 minutes a week) with qualified native speaker teachers
- + Placement test at the beginning of the course
- + Mini group lessons
- + 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 “Classic”

- + No supervision during afternoon
- + Evening programme with host family in order to experience German culture, e.g. cooking together, board games, trip to a restaurant
- + 24/7 Emergency Hotline

### Free Time and Supervision “Premium”

- + One day trip per week every Saturday with the host family or a local guide
- + Four afternoon activities with the host family or a local guide

- + Supervision in the afternoons through host families or local guides
- + Public transport travel cards for the course center
- + Entrance fees within supervised activities
- + Evening programme with host family in order to experience German culture, e.g. cooking together, board games, trip to a restaurant
- + 24/7 Emergency Hotline

## Additional Services

- + Extensive information material before the beginning of the trip
- + ASTUR student ID card with emergency contacts
- + Extra nights without tuition (accommodation and full board only in variation "Classic" or accommodation, full board and supervision only in variation "Premium" respectively) optional

## Not included in the price

- + Costs for travelling to / from Germany
- + Costs for visa application – if necessary
- + Documents for visa application – if necessary – optional (additional fee)
- + Travel Insurance (Third Party, Medical, Accident) optional (additional fee)

## Prices per person

Mini-Group Classic						
Lessons per week	3 participants		4 participants		5 participants	
	One week	Add. week	One week	Add. week	One week	Add. week
10	960 EUR	935 EUR	880 EUR	855 EUR	830 EUR	805 EUR
15	1,030 EUR	1,005 EUR	930 EUR	905 EUR	870 EUR	845 EUR
20	1,110 EUR	1,085 EUR	990 EUR	965 EUR	910 EUR	885 EUR
25	1,180 EUR	1,155 EUR	1,040 EUR	1,015 EUR	960 EUR	935 EUR
Add. night	45 EUR					

Mini-Group Premium						
Lessons per week	3 participants		4 participants		5 participants	
	One week	Add. week	One week	Add. week	One week	Add. week
10	1,220 EUR	1,195 EUR	1,110 EUR	1,085 EUR	1,040 EUR	1,015 EUR
15	1,290 EUR	1,265 EUR	1,160 EUR	1,135 EUR	1,080 EUR	1,055 EUR
20	1,350 EUR	1,325 EUR	1,210 EUR	1,185 EUR	1,120 EUR	1,095 EUR
25	1,420 EUR	1,395 EUR	1,260 EUR	1,235 EUR	1,160 EUR	1,135 EUR
Add. night	85 EUR					

Additional prices	Surcharge
Berlin supplement for host family accommodation in the capital city (per week)	20 EUR
Full day trip Sunday („Premium“ only; 2 weeks stay min.)	95 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
Invitation / booking confirmation for visa (plus postage)	30 EUR

Transfers (always one-way)	Surcharge
Transfer from / to airport nearest to respective destination	50 EUR
UM service fee (when UM booked with the airline)	40 EUR
Early or late arrival / departure (before 10.00 AM, after 07.30 PM)	75 EUR
Additional lunch with an early arrival or late departure	10 EUR

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

ASTUR offers the Mini-Group programme for groups of minimum 3 persons. For 6 or more participants, 2 x 3 participants must be booked as the maximum number of 5 per class should not be exceeded.

Procedures and programme itinerary may be subject to change!

Prices valid for travel dates between 01.01.2019 – 31.12.2019.

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

Additional group leaders of the agency can be booked for 395 EUR/week. The Berlin supplement of 20 EUR/week may apply.

In cases of early or late arrivals / departures, ASTUR will charge an additional fee. It applies for arrivals/departures before 10.00 AM or after 07.30 PM.

## What to expect in the Mini-Group programme

### Arrival and Accommodation

The arrival and departure day for the Mini-Group programme is always on Sunday. You will get to know your host family before tuition starts on Monday. You make your travel arrangements yourself: either your parents bring you to the host family by car, or you arrive by plane or by train at your destination. Should you travel by train, please note that your host families will pick you up at the train station nearest to their home.

Your host family is happy to welcome you almost any time. However, times of arrival and departure should be reasonable. If, due to your flight for example, you should arrive or depart very early (before 10.00 AM) / very late (after 07.30 PM), we have to charge an additional fee.

Should you travel by plane, we recommend that you book our transfer service to/from the host family as early as possible. That way you will be picked up on time and won't have to worry about anything. Please note that your host family will pick you up at the airport which is closest to their home. We cannot guarantee pick-up, if you arrive at a different airport than the one closest to your host family's home town. In such cases, we have to charge an additional transfer fee.

Example: If your host family lives in Erlangen, the nearest airport will be Nuremberg (NUE).

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.

### 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. In the Mini-Group programme you will be accommodated in a 2-bed room.

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 or you will have lunch with the 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 whether you are a vegetarian, a vegan or have any other dietary requirement. We will try to accommodate your preferences and cater for individual needs wherever possible.

### Language Course

Your German language course will always take place in the morning with 2, 3, 4 or 5 lessons a day for 5 days, depending on your booking. At the beginning of the course you will take a placement test, which the teacher will use to help him with preparation for the lessons.

Together with the "learning intentions" questionnaire, the grading test forms the basis on which lessons are uniquely tailored. With Mini-Group lessons the teacher is exclusively there for you and your group. Even if there are different starting levels within your group, your teacher will address your every need individually and differently.

Learning to use the language actively is the primary aim of the lessons. Our teachers create their own motivating, cultural and original lesson plans. They can be about a whole range of topics that

are taken from "real life" in the form of discussions, role plays, interviews and other active elements. You will simply be able to speak and you should seize this opportunity as speaking the language will aid your learning success and motivate you to take further steps with the language in the future. Your vocabulary and knowledge of grammar will also automatically expand and improve – not just through rote learning, but also 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. They also have experience in communicating their language to students from other countries.

We teach from levels A0 (beginner without previous knowledge) to C2 (Proficiency) 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.

## Free Time and Supervision

### Mini-Group „Classic“

In the "Classic" programme you choose how to spend your afternoons and what activities you do with your classmates.

You will spend the evenings with the host family. They will integrate you in their everyday life. You might cook together with the family or play a typical board game.

### Mini-Group „Premium“

In this programme you receive fulltime supervision from a German-speaking supervisor. Together with your Teamer, and according to your interests and what your location has to offer, you will be accompanied to and given you more information on whatever you decide to do. The Teamer is always open for conversation, regardless whether you feel unwell, have a simple question or just want to speak to someone.

You will spend the evenings with the host family. They will integrate you in their everyday life. You might cook together with the family or play a typical board game.

For a minimum stay of 2 weeks an additional guided full day trip on Sunday can be booked.

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

If your home country is not a member of the Schengen Area, you have to apply for a Visa before you travel to Germany to begin your programme. Students which cannot provide a valid visa to ASTUR before travelling to Germany cannot attend our programme. Kindly be informed that you are responsible yourself for your visa application and any renewal, which might have to be taken care of during your stay in Germany.

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

In the family you can get access to Wi-Fi, but ultimately this is the responsibility of your host family.

Please note, that your regular health insurance generally will not cover you for 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.

In the case that your travel arrangements deviate from the standard arrival and departure on Sundays, for example, if you will arrive a day earlier or depart a day later, then you can extend your stay with your host family on a daily basis. Depending on which trip you chose you will avail of one of the following offers: For "Classic" trips, full-board accommodation is provided. And for "Premium" trips, full-board accommodation with free time supervision is provided.

## Further information

The Mini-Group programme is designed for small groups of at least 3 participants who register for the programme together. In the case that more than 5 participants want to book the programme; for example, if 6 participants register, then 2 classes of 3 students will be formed.