

Attending School in Germany

Age Group	12 – 17 years of age 16 – 17 years of age
Period	03 August 2020 – 01 August 2021
Duration	1 – 4 weeks
Language	German (minimum CEFR Level: A2)
Course	Attending regular school in Germany (additional One-to-One tuition optional)
Accommodation	Homestay
Variations	+ School Immersion Classic (16 – 17 years of age) + School Immersion Premium (12 – 17 years of age) + School Immersion Language + (12 – 17 years of age)
Benefits	+ A taste of school in Germany + Total immersion in the German language + Available in many regions throughout Germany + One-to-One German language course optional

ASTUR Regions	Short-term High School Destinations
Berlin	Berlin
Black Forest & Lake Constance	Freiburg, Überlingen
East Germany	Erfurt
Middle Rhine & Hesse	Fulda, Wiesbaden
North Germany	Hannover, Lüneburg
North Rhine & Ruhr	Bonn, Mönchengladbach, Bad Neuenahr
Northern Bavaria	Erlangen
Southern Bavaria	Bad Tölz, Freising, Chiemsee

The ASTUR 'Short-term High School' programme is the ideal solution for any student who has ever wanted to get a taste of school in Germany. The students attend a regular German school and take part in regular lessons. Often students take part in a 'School Immersion' programme before deciding to spend a full year at a school in Germany.

ASTUR offers 3 variations of the 'Short-term High School' programme:

Classic (16 – 17 years old)

You attend a German school in the morning. In the afternoon you may spend your time any way you see fit. The Classic programme is aimed at all independent young adults, interested in freely exploring their area of residence and surroundings in the afternoon.

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Premium (12 – 17 years old)

The comprehensive package for young students: You attend a German school in the morning. In the afternoon you will be looked after by a supervisor – either by a member of your host family or local supervisors. Please note that your supervisor will not do your homework for you.

Language + (12 – 17 years old)

This course merges the strengths of our 'Short Stay High School' and 'One-to-One' programmes into one intensive product. You attend school in the morning. In the afternoon you have individual lessons – 15 units per week – with a language teacher.

Services

Arrival

- + Arrival and departure on Sunday
- + Early or late arrival / departure on request (additional fee)
- + Self-arranged arrival at course centre
- + Transfer from / to nearest local train station
- + Transfer from / to nearest airport optional (additional fee)

Accommodation

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

Attending School

- + Placement in a school in Germany with regular classes
- + The appropriate grade is chosen based on the student's age, previous academic performance and German language skills

Free Time and Supervision "Classic"

- + No supervision during the afternoon
- + Tickets for local public transport
- + 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
- + Afternoon activities with the host family or a local guide
- + Tickets for local public transport
- + Entrance fees for 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

Free Time and Supervision "Language +"

- + One day trip per week every Saturday with the host family or a local guide
- + One-to-One lessons in German in the afternoon
- + Tickets for local public transport
- + Entrance fees for 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

Language Course ("Language +" programme only)

- + Tailor-made German language course (A2 – C2) comprising 3 lessons of 45 minutes each, taking place in the afternoon for 5 days per week (15 lessons in total) with qualified native speaking teachers
- + Placement test at the beginning of the course
- + One-to-one lessons
- + Educational material (textbook, workbook, folder, pen)
- + ASTUR certificate with an individual grade in accordance with CEFR at the end of the course
- + Tip: Booking the "Language +" programme may ensure a head start when preparing for a Short-term High School programme. Language + courses may later on be supplemented with "Classic" or "Premium" programmes.

Additional Services

- + Extensive information material before the beginning of the programme
- + ASTUR student ID card with emergency contacts
- + Extension of stay optional, includes accommodation and full board when booking the variation "Classic" or accommodation, full board and afternoon supervision when booking the variation "Premium"

Not included in the price

- + Costs for travelling to / from Germany
- + Costs for school material such as books for example
- + Costs for school trips
- + Lunch at school cafeteria
- + Allowance (approx. 50 EUR/week)
- + Costs for visa application – if necessary
- + Documents for visa application – if necessary (offered by ASTUR for an additional fee)
- + Travel Insurance (Third Party, Medical, Accident, offered by ASTUR for an additional fee)

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Prices

Short-term High School Classic		Short-term High School Premium		Short-term High School Language +	
One week	Add. week	One week	Add. week	One week	Add. week
825 EUR	800 EUR	1,200 EUR	1,175 EUR	1,810 EUR	1,785 EUR
Add. night 45 EUR		Add. night 85 EUR		Add. night 85 EUR	

Additional prices	Surcharge
Berlin surcharge for host family accommodation in the capital city (per week)	20 EUR
Early or late arrival / departure (before 10.00 AM, after 07.30 PM)	75 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

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

Airport Transfers (optional)

Transfers (always one-way)	Airport	Surcharge
Lüneburg	Hamburg Airport (HAM)	90 EUR
Hannover	Hannover Airport (HAJ)	60 EUR
Bonn	Köln/Bonn Airport (CGN)	60 EUR
Erlangen	Nürnberg Airport (NUE)	50 EUR
Überlingen	Friedrichshafen Airport (FDH)	60 EUR
Erfurt	Erfurt Airport (ERF)	50 EUR
Freiburg	Euroairport Basel/Mullhouse/Freiburg (BSL/MLH/EAP)	90 EUR
Fulda	Frankfurt Airport (FRA)	110 EUR
Mönchengladbach	Düsseldorf Airport (DUS)	60 EUR
Chiemsee	München Airport (MUC)	90 EUR
Freising	München Airport (MUC)	50 EUR
Bad Tölz	München Airport (MUC)	90 EUR
Berlin 9	Berlin Schönefeld Airport (SXF)	60 EUR
Berlin 3	Berlin Tegel Airport (TXL)	60 EUR

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Bad Neuenahr	Köln/Bonn Airport (CGN)	90 EUR
UM-service fee (when booked with the airline)		40 EUR

Procedures and programme itinerary may be subject to change!

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Changes to the previous year – not for publication!

- + The “Language +” variation of our School Immersion programme can be combined with other variations. See an example below:

A student aged 15 would like to book a Short-term High School programme in Germany for 3 weeks. To intensify his or her start, he or she would like to add the Language + variation during the first week and the Premium variation during the following two weeks:

$$1 \times 1,810 \text{ EUR} + 2 \times 1,175 \text{ EUR} = 4,160 \text{ EUR}$$

- + 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 you can expect from Short-term High School

Registration

When you send your registration form to ASTUR, a registration fee of 300 EUR becomes due and payable. Naturally, we treat this registration fee as a down payment for the total program costs. Please plan ahead, so that there is enough time for the paper work. We can register you as a student only after having received your registration form and all necessary documents.

Important: 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 that might have to be taken care of during your stay in Germany.

After having received your full registration, we will send you a booking confirmation and start the placement process. Of course, we will keep you up to date about all steps along the way.

Arrival and Accommodation

Arrivals and departures for the Short-term High School programme are fixed to take place on Sundays, so you can get to know your host family before your classes start 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 will not 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 hometown. 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

During a homestay programme, our international guests get first-hand experience of life in a German household with its every day culture and typical way of living. School Immersion students will always be accommodated in a single 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. In the evening, the family will prepare a hot meal. We recommend that you let your host family know, if there is anything you just love to, or really don't like to eat. Another advantage of host family accommodation is effortlessly getting to know the German cuisine. If you have lunch in the school cafeteria, you have to arrange your meals there on your own.

In order for your host family to prepare adequately for you as their guest, please indicate in your application whether you are a vegetarian, a vegan or have any dietary incompatibilities. We will consider your requirements and make the necessary arrangements individually.

Attending school in Germany

ASTUR will place you in a school and you will take part in regular lessons, following the same timetable as your German fellow students. This means that you are assigned to a class according to your age, previous school results and your German language skills. Naturally, you will have to do your homework during your time at school in Germany.

There are two possibilities for you to get to school every day. Either go to school with your host brother or host sister, or your host family shows you the way before school starts and walks with you on your first day, after which you will manage on your own. On your first day, you have to register at the school office. Afterwards, the teachers will help you settle in and meet your new classmates. Depending on the *Bundesland* and the type of your school, it may be necessary to fill out certain forms. However, don't worry, you can take these forms to your host family and ask them to help you fill them out.

When taking part in the Short-term High School programme, the school will allocate a class to you, which suits your age. In this class, you will take part in regular school lessons. As a Short-term High School student, you don't have to sit class tests or exams. This means, officially you do not have to sit any tests. However, in case that you do want to take part in school exams, you can ask your teachers about it. Please note that at the end of your stay you will not receive any grades or official report from the school.

Free Time and Supervision

Variation "Classic"

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

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.

Variation "Premium"

In this programme you receive fulltime supervision from a German-speaking supervisor (Teamer). Your Teamer will agree with you on which activities to do and accompany you there. He will give you all the information you need and take into consideration your interests and the opportunities offered by the location. Your Teamer is always happy to talk with you, no matter if you have something on your mind, have a question or just want to chat.

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.

Variation "Language +"

In the "Language +" programme you attend further language lessons in the afternoon. You can find details about this in the section "Language course".

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.

All variations provide a 24-hour emergency hotline every day. Please contact us whenever a serious incident occurs and we will react immediately.

Language Course (applies only for the “Language +” programme)

Your German language course with 15 lessons per week takes place in the afternoons after school from Monday to Friday. At the beginning of the course you will take a placement test which will give your teacher insight in the level of your language proficiency.

Furthermore, you will set your own goals for your language course, writing them down in a questionnaire. Together with the results from your placement test this document will serve the teacher as the foundation for the following lessons. After all, your One-to-One teacher is only there for you! This means that lessons are completely different from what you are used to from your school at home. You are your teacher’s only student. He will allow for a break whenever you may need one. Moreover, break times will always extend your lesson, meaning that after having attended 15 lessons, over 15 hours may have gone by, depending on how many breaks you needed.

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 are encouraged to just talk and not be afraid of your mistakes. Seize this 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 expand and improve automatically – not 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. They also have experience in imparting their language to students from foreign countries.

We teach in accordance to your level of knowledge. 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.

Tip: It is always possible to book our “Language +” programme for additional preparation. It may be beneficial, for example, to supplement the first two weeks of your stay with the “Language +” variation before you continue with the regular “Classic” or “Premium” programme. That way you will have taken the ideal first step towards learning the German language.

Good to know

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.

Your host family can give you access to their Wi-Fi. However, ultimately it is their decision to grant or deny you access.

It is most likely that your regular health insurance will not cover all treatment costs incurred in Germany. We, therefore, generally recommend purchasing foreign health insurance as well as accident and liability insurance. ASTUR offers a complete pack, including all necessary insurances, at a small fee for your convenience.

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, the visa application process will require you to show proof of existing insurances for the duration of your stay. It’s best to discuss those issues with your agency or with us directly. We’re always happy to help.

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In the case that your travel arrangements deviate from the standard arrival and departure on Sundays, such as arriving earlier or departing later for example, then you can extend your stay with your host family on a daily basis. Depending on which variation you chose, one of the following offers will apply: For "Classic" and "Professional" variations, full-board accommodation is provided. For "Premium" variations, full-board accommodation with free time supervision is provided.

Further information

Please note that, for our Short-term High School programme, a good understanding of the German language is required. We recommend that you have attained a minimum level of A2 in German according to CEFR standards.

The School Immersion programme is not available during German school holidays. Owing to the fact that the responsibility for educational matters in Germany rests with the individual Federal States (*Bundesländer*), dates of school holidays vary geographically. Therefore, you should always get in contact with us for advice before booking your School Immersion programme.