

EASY LANGUAGES

About us

For more than 20 years Easy Languages has been organising **language exchanges** and **school programmes** in countries across the globe. We offer our students programmes tailored to their needs, personality and budget.

History

In 1985, after 2 years at the International School of Interpreters in Mons and one year as a French language assistant in Vienna (Austria), followed by a summer as a tourist guide in Brussels for groups of American students, Alain Bertholet, the company's founder, completed his studies in management at FUCAM (Mons Catholic University, equivalent to Paris's HEC).

Thanks to frequent trips to the UK as well as meeting and discussing the idea of language exchanges with a large group of English, Dutch and German teachers, Alain began to develop an interest in language study abroad. The idea quickly gained momentum – language instructors were interested in the innovative way Alain was approaching language learning. His peers were also inspired by the idea. The enthusiasm, motivation, and innovation Alain showed while developing the first trips abroad – as well as their spectacular results in terms of language proficiency - ensured the immediate success and popularity of EasyLanguages amongst students and young professionals, who were realising the importance of a second and even third language.

Easy Languages was officially founded in 1992, and the project has not stopped growing and is now the **leader on the Belgian market**. Easy Languages now also has an office in Paris, to accommodate the growing French market. Following these initiatives, and thorough inspections, Easy Languages has become the first non-French language exchange organisation to be accredited by **L'Office** (The national guarantee office for language exchanges and

placements), an association which has the support of the French Ministry of National Education.

Over the next few years Easy Languages continued to expand, breaking into language markets outside of Europe.

Our Philosophy

Whatever the country or the length, all of our programmes have one thing in common: Well-known and **trusted** partner organisations, offering guarantees for accommodation, courses and all-around excellence in arranging top-notch language stays.

We also believe that an effective language exchange should be **affordable**, so we systematically search for the best programmes and partner schools offering the best **quality to price** ratio. There are no nasty surprises in the small print: no administrative fees or hidden extras. At Easy Languages, what you see is what you get.

Our Language Programmes

Our **short stay exchanges or holiday programmes** combine language learning with the opportunity to discover new cultures, sports and activities. The lessons are taken seriously, with focus mainly placed on oral communication, but the schools generally also offer sports activities and excursions. Younger students are supervised to an extent appropriate to their age.

Our **school programmes** offer full time, officially recognised courses, be it a stay of several months or up to 2 years, which give participants **student status** and enable parents to keep their child benefits. These courses also offer enough free time for students to take part in various cultural activities and trips organised by the school and explore their surroundings themselves.