

EASY LANGUAGES

German in Heidelberg

Programme Summary:

- Ages 16+
- Minimum 1 week stay
- Quaint university town
- Ultra modern school in the centre of town
- Accommodation with a host family, in a residence or apartment
- Price reductions for longer stays

School

Location

Heidelberg is a **charming university city** located in the Neckar valley, north-west of Baden-Württemberg. Principally known for its internationally reputable university, it has attracted numerous painters, poets and scientists over the years who have all contributed to the growth of this city.

It is now one of the most beautiful cities in Germany and attracts numerous German and foreign visitors to its **famous castle** and beautiful surroundings. The atmosphere in this student city is **particularly lively in summer** when people are able to make the most of the sun and sit on one of the many terraces in the historic centre and on the river banks.

School

Our partner school is located in the vibrant **centre** of the city, in the heart of the university district, 200 metres from the river and around 1.5km from the castle. The school is **well connected by public transport**. There are shops,

restaurants and public services all nearby the school building.

Our school welcomes students all year round from over 50 different nationalities. It has received the **ISO 9001 label for the quality of teaching**. All of the teachers are university qualified, offering students stimulating and creative activities enabling them to progress in various different areas of the language.

Accreditations: ISO 9001, registered exam centre for the TestDaF

Facilities include:

- 70 high-tech classrooms (up to 85 available during the summer)
- 3 computer rooms with 50 computers
- WiFi network
- Library

Activities/Excursions during your stay

Every week the school organises cultural activities that you are very welcome to participate in, though they are not mandatory. These activities may be free or require a fee. The availability and variety of these activities depends on the time of year (up to 10 a week during the summer, 5 during the rest of the year). The school also day and weekend excursions.

Possible activities may include:

- Guided tours to Heiligenberg, Philosophers' Way, Bismarck Tower, castles etc.
- Press club
- Language cafe
- Chess club
- Writing workshops
- Seminars on German history
- Learn German with Taboo
- Tour of Heidelberg vineyards
- Orientation tour around the old city of Heidelberg
- Barbecue parties on the Neckar river in July, August & September (€5)

- Museums (€5)
- Sports activities: football, volleyball etc (€15 for annual subscription)
- Day excursions to Frankfurt, Strasburg, Europa-Park in Rust, The Black Forest, Luxemburg, Nuremberg, etc. (€29 - €55)

Courses

German classes: general information

- Lesson length: 45 minutes
- Maximum number of students per class: 15
- Timetable: classes are usually held in the morning, though they could be held in the afternoon during peak season
- Placement test: first day of classes
- Certificate of participation at the end of your stay
- Regular progress reports
- Teachers are qualified and experienced to teach German as a foreign language

Programmes

- **Standard Programme: 20 general German lessons per week**

Class is held *from Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 12:15**. You will develop the four basic skills of any foreign language: speaking, writing, listening and speaking.

Language level: beginners to advanced (A1 - C2)

- **Intensive Programme: 30 lessons of German per week**

The intensive programme includes the 20 general lessons + **10 additional lessons**

to be chosen depending on your level of German from the following topics:

- **Grammar:** levels A1 - B2
- **Conversation:** level B1 and higher
- **TestDaF exam preparation:** level B2 and higher

Classes are held from **Monday to Friday** from **09:00 to 12:15** and from **13:00 to 14:30**

- **TestDaF preparation course: 20 lessons of German per week**

Our partner school is a **registered language centre** to hold the TestDaF for students who wish to do so. Classes take place between **09:00 and 12:15, from Monday to Friday**. You will develop the necessary skills required to pass the TestDaF exam (written & oral expression + reading & listening comprehension). You will find the **session start dates** in the 'Dates & Prices' tab.

Language level required: B2

- **Private Lessons**

Lesson length: 45 minutes

These classes offer students a chance to follow a programme specifically adapted to their language needs and expected learning outcomes.

Accommodation

Host family

Single room*, shared bathroom, no meals included

Distance from school:

Families are usually located in the residential areas ranging from 2 to 50 minutes

away by public transport.

- **Zone A** between **2 and 30 minutes from school** via public transport
- **Zone B** up to a **maximum of 50 minutes** from school via public transport

Reimbursable deposit to be payed on arrival, please see 'Dates & Prices' tab.

Optional extras:

- Breakfast
- Half board

Practical information

- Bedding provided, please bring your own towels
- Possibility of using the family's laundry facilities once or twice a week
- Cleaning provided in all common areas

*Double rooms are available if 2 students are travelling together

Residences

Our school offers several residence categories, whose prices will slightly differ from one another. Those prices are based on the following criteria: **location** (closeness to school and town centre) and **accommodation facilities**. In all cases, it will be a **student-dedicated** residential accommodation.

- **Category II**

Features:

- Single room*
- Shared bathrooms & toilets
- Distance from school: between 15 and 20 minutes via public transport
- Location: between 100 - 800m from the closest transport stop
- **Deposit to be paid on arrival** - please see 'Dates & Prices' tab

Facilities/Services include:

- Rooms with a desk, chair and cupboard
- Shared kitchen

- WiFi
- Laundry facilities
- Bed linen provided
- ATTENTION: please bring your own towels

- **Category III**

Features:

- Single room*
- Shared bathrooms & toilets
- Distance from school: between 15 and 20 minutes by public transport
- Location: between 50 and 500m from the closest transport stop
- **Deposit to be paid on arrival** - please see 'Dates & Prices' tab

Facilities/Services include:

- Rooms with a desk, chair and cupboard
- Shared kitchen
- WiFi
- Laundry facilities
- Bed linen provided
- ATTENTION: please bring your own towels

- **Category IV** (close to the school)

Features:

- Single room*
- Shared bathroom & toilets
- Distance from school: between 8 - 10 minutes by foot
- Location: residences are located close to the old town centre
- **Deposit to be paid on arrival** - please see 'Dates & Prices' tab

Facilities/Services include:

- Rooms with a desk, chair and cupboard
- Communal kitchen
- WiFi
- Laundry facilities
- Bed linen provided

- ATTENTION: please bring your own towels

*Double rooms are available if 2 students are travelling together

Flats

- **Category V**

Features:

- Single room*
- Private bathroom & toilets
- Kitchenette
- Distance from school: between 8 and 20 minutes on foot
- **Deposit to be paid on arrival** - please see 'Dates & Prices' tab

Facilities/Services include:

- Rooms with a desk, chair and cupboard
- Private kitchenette
- WiFi
- Laundry facilities
- Bed linen provided
- ATTENTION: please bring your own towels

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Dates & Prices 2019

Dates 2019

Courses for **non beginners** start **every Monday** throughout the year. If the Monday is a holiday, lessons will start on the Tuesday.

Start of sessions for beginners: 07.01, 04.02, 04.03, 01.04, 06.05, 03.06, 01.07, 15.07, 05.08, 19.08, 02.09, 07.10, 04.11, 02.12

Holidays: 01.01, 19.04, 22.04, 01.05, 30.05, 10.06, 20.06, 03.10, 01.11, 25.12, 26.12

Lessons can be caught up by attending one of the afternoon evening classes. Students can make a written request at the latest before 14:30 before the bank holiday in question.

TestDaF exam dates : 12.02, 10.04, 23.05, 18.07, 12.09, 05.11.

Prices 2019

Prices include:

- Course program of choice
- Accommodation as chosen
- Student ID, certificate of completion, Heidelberg information folder
- All administrative fees

Prices do not include:

- Travel to/from Heidelberg and airport/railway station transfers
- Course materials
- Exam fees

Practical Information

Travel

Day of arrival: Sunday (between 10:00 and 00:00)

Day of departure: Saturday (before 12:00)

Arrival airport/train station:

- Frankfurt airport (FRA): 1 hour away by shuttle bus
- Heidelberg station
- Mannheim station

Transfers available on request (fees apply, please see 'Dates & Prices' tab)

Please note: do not book your ticket before we have confirmed your place in the programme (around 4 days after payment has been made).

Video