

Welcome to Freiburg, Germany!

2008 Dates: Start every other Monday!

(contact Andeo for specific start dates)

2008 Prices: € 1560 - 4 weeks/summer only

€ 3850 - 12 weeks/all year

Additional weeks: average € 325/Discounts for longer stays



Freiburg

Freiburg is small enough to allow you to feel "at home" from your first day, yet large enough to be international, exciting and vibrant. The city has a population of around 200,000, of which 25,000 are university and college students, and a history that goes back some 900 years. Visit the *Altstadt* to experience this history firsthand. The location at the foot of the Black Forest with France and Switzerland nearby makes Freiburg an ideal starting point for excursions throughout Europe. In addition, Freiburg is known as the sunniest city in Germany!

The School

The school was founded 1972 and specializes in teaching German to international students, as well as training teachers of German as a foreign language. It occupies a classic three-story building in the center of town, just two minutes from the pedestrian area and the university.

The Classes

The classes are split into two parts: in the first you will learn and practice new grammatical structures in a communicative context. The second part emphasizes developing your speaking and listening skills. Your fluency will improve through discussion, role play and classroom presentations. You will be in a small group with 4 to 7 other students so there will be plenty of opportunities to converse and ask questions. The minimum stay during the winter, spring and fall is 6 weeks, and during the summer it is 4 weeks.

Cultural Activities

The program includes a wide range of social and cultural activities. The school offers excursions to the famous Black Forest, historic German sites, and across the border into the French towns of Colmar, Basle, and Strassbourg. Screenings of current German films and evenings at local pubs will give you more opportunities to get to know the culture and the people. Additional options include everything from vegetarian cooking to cartoon drawing, and from political discussions to Euro Swing dancing.

Special Option: Learn German Through Theatre!

Take your German skills to the next level while developing your acting skills and self-confidence! Over the course of six or twelve weeks, you will produce a play in German together with a group of international students – and then perform it on stage in front of an audience! In addition to that, you will have classes that focus on grammar, vocabulary, and idiomatic expressions. Call for details and start dates.

Accommodations

Stay with a welcoming German host family and you can practice your German daily! Families provide comfortable accommodations and the opportunity for you to share in their daily lives, conversations, and German home cooking. At home you will have a private room and share breakfast and dinner with your family. The majority of the host families live in residential areas on the outskirts of Freiburg. They are easily reached by public transport and traveling time is usually around 20-30 minutes.

Frequently Asked Questions

What does the cost include? Application processing, orientation materials, homestay placement, tuition, some cultural activities, textbooks and class materials. Your homestay fees include a private room, breakfast and dinner.

How long can I study in Freiburg? The minimum is 4 weeks. Some students study for two months or more and earn college credit for their study abroad.

When will I receive my host family placement information? Host family information, details and contact information will be provided no later than the week prior to your class starting date.

How will I get to my host family from the airport? You are responsible for transportation to and from the airport. If you would like a transfer service arranged, the costs from airport to homestay are: € 50 from Euroairport Bale/Mulhouse, € 85 from Zurich Airport, and € 90 from Frankfurt or Stuttgart Airport.

How will I get to and from school if I am staying with a host family? Most homes are a short bus ride from the school or within walking distance. You are responsible for paying any local transportation costs.

Can I study if I am a beginner? Yes, beginners can participate in this program.

Is there an orientation? You will receive written orientation materials prior to departure. These will include information about German culture and Freiburg, and suggested strategies for learning a second language. On your first day of class, you will have a placement test followed by an orientation at the school and a tour of Freiburg.

Can I get credits for studying abroad? Yes! Whether you are a high school graduate, a university student working toward a degree, or a teacher working on professional development, you can get credit for continuing your education abroad. Earn 5 to 10 credits by signing up for a variety of courses offered by We Study Abroad, an accredited college program linked with Seattle Central Community College. Please visit www.westudyabroad.com for more information.

Will I have access to email? Yes, the school has a computer room and all students can access email and the internet. They also recommend the use of their interactive computer programs that focus on particular skills such as listening and pronunciation.

Are there any days that school is not in session? The only day that school is not in session is on Christmas, December 25th.

Do I need travel insurance? We strongly recommend that you get travel insurance that includes a medical plan. Prices depend upon trip length and participant age but average about \$75 for a 4-week stay. Visit www.insuremytrip.com for a comparison of different policies.

Can I speak to people that have attended the program before? Definitely! Please contact our office and we can provide you with emails for students who have participated in this program before. They love to speak about their experiences.

How do I apply? To apply, complete an initial application and return it with a \$250 deposit. You can download the application at www.andeo.org. Your deposit will be applied to the total program price. Upon receipt of your program registration and deposit, we will send you a detailed orientation packet. The balance of your program fees will be due 30 days before your program start date. *\$100 of your deposit is non-refundable if you cancel your program.*

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