

Homestay Study Program in Germany

2010 Dates and Prices*

Dates: June 20–August 14

Choose the length and dates of your program.
Arrive any Sunday and stay for 2-4 weeks.

Two week program: \$2,310
Three week program: \$2,780
Four week program: \$3,300
(airfare not included)

*We reserve the right to adjust program prices if there is a major change in the currency exchange rate. In this case, applicants may cancel and receive a full refund.



Program Highlights

- small-group language classes
- exciting cultural activities and excursions
- homestay with a welcoming host family

Freiburg, Germany

Located on the edge of the beautiful Black Forest, Freiburg is a great place to spend your summer. The city is known for its sunny weather, its historic downtown, and its relaxed pace of life. Browse through locally made art pieces at the *Kartoffelmarkt*, get a stunning panorama of the Swiss Alps from a cable car, and enjoy a piece of the famous *Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte*. Freiburg is easy to navigate by foot and public transportation and offers many opportunities to experience German culture and have fun with your new friends.

The Classes

Study German together with a small group (maximum 15) teens from around the world! Classes are held in a neoclassical building in the city center for three hours every weekday morning. The focus is on listening comprehension and on speaking, so that you will be ready to communicate in German outside the classroom in no time! To give you a solid foundation in the language, grammar and vocabulary are also being covered.

Cultural Activities and Excursions

Discover Freiburg and learn more about German culture through afternoon activities and excursions! Highlights may include a soccer match, a concert by local musicians, a kayak tour, or a visit to a town across the Swiss border.

Accommodations

A homestay with a local family is the best way to immerse yourself in the daily life in Germany. Host families come in all shapes and sizes, but what they all have in common is a strong interest in sharing their culture. Your host family will provide breakfast and dinner each day.

"My host family was wonderful! Everyone was extremely friendly and helped me greatly while I tried to improve my German. I think my host family was an incredible part in my experience!"

-Matt, 2008-

Sample Weekly Itinerary

Monday -	city tour of Freiburg
Tuesday-	inline skating
Wednesday -	teacher-led projects
Thursday -	hiking in the Black Forest
Friday -	free afternoon
Saturday -	time with host family
Sunday -	visit the flea market or a festival



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Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply for this program? This program is open to students 15 and older who have studied German for the equivalent of at least one year in high school. Freiburg is a great choice for students who really want to work on their German, participate in lots of activities and meet other teens from around the world.

What does the price include? Tuition for the language course, study materials, homestay placement with meals, cultural activities and excursions, travel insurance, pre-departure orientation materials, and on-site support in Germany.

What is a host family? A host family may be two parents with children (from baby to adult), a single mother or father, a couple without children, grandparents, or a single person. All host families are screened by our partner organization in Germany and provide warm, welcoming homes for international students. There may be another international student sharing the homestay with you.

Will my family speak English? They might, but they know that you are coming to use and improve your German skills, so they will encourage you to speak their language.

When will I receive my host family placement information? You will receive host family details and contact information in the week prior to your arrival date, possibly earlier.

How will I get from the airport to my host family? A local program representative will meet you at the airport and take you to your host family's home. You will also be escorted back to the airport at the end of your stay.

Will there be an orientation? Once you are accepted into the program, we will send you comprehensive orientation materials that cover everything from packing suggestions to dealing with culture shock.

Can I get high school credits for this program? Possibly. Talk to your teachers before the end of the school year about the option of completing an independent study project during or after your stay abroad.

What travel documents will I need? That depends on the length of your program, your citizenship, and other individual factors. Entry requirements change frequently, so we strongly recommend that you contact your nearest German embassy or consulate to get up-to-date information. Generally, U.S. citizens need a passport, but not a visa for a short-term stay. It is your responsibility to obtain all necessary travel documents for your stay in Germany.

Can I speak to people who have participated in the program before? Definitely! Please contact our office and we can provide you with the email addresses of students who have been on this program.

How do I apply? Complete the initial application form and return it to ANDEO with a \$500 deposit. We will then send you a detailed application with questions about your family and interests, a medical statement and release form, an agreement that spells out behavior expectations, directions for writing a letter to your host family, and three reference forms. You will have about 3-4 weeks to complete this. The decision to accept you into the program will be made based on your completed application. If for any reason we cannot accept you into the program, your deposit will be refunded in full.

What is the application deadline? The deadline is May 1st. However, we recommend that you apply as soon as you feel that all your questions have been answered and you decided that this is the right program for you. Courses sometimes fill up early.

Who should not apply for this program? Students who are currently experiencing excessive behavior problems, drug or alcohol abuse, eating disorders or other psychological disorders that might interfere with the program, or students who have experienced these issues in the past year should not apply.

When should I book my flight? After you have been officially accepted into the program. Information about arrival and departure times will be included in your acceptance letter.

Are there any scholarships? No, ANDEO is a non-profit organization and we try to keep prices as low as possible for all participants. For students who want to fundraise for their program abroad, we have compiled some ideas and suggestions. You can find them on our website at www.andeo.org.



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