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GERMAN FOR KIDS & TEENS

WHERE INTERESTING PEOPLE MEET – MORE THAN 1.200 JUNIORS ATTEND GLS PROGRAMS EVERY YEAR

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EDITORIAL

When my kids were young, we used to encourage them to spend part of their holidays in summer camps abroad in order to practice and enrich their language skills. These travels were of immense value to them and let them experience culture first hand. They prepared all three of my children to be citizens of the world.

Barbara Jaeschke
Owner and managing director
of GLS German Language School

GLS stands for German Language School and was founded in 1983 by Barbara Jaeschke, former teacher and passionate marathon runner.

GLS operates summer camps for youths in Berlin and Munich as well as regular classes for adult students on its own campus in the heart of Berlin.

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ABOUT GLS

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GLS was founded in 1983 and offers programs for youths and adults. Courses for adults take place on the GLS Campus in Berlin, programs for youths in several German cities (see map on page 005). GLS is one of Germany's foremost specialists for youth language programs. Every year more than 1.200 youths from all over the world attend a GLS program in Germany.

GLS ONLINE COMMUNITY:

GLS operates online communities for students. That way they can connect even before arrival in Germany. They can find others doing the same program and check out their photo stories about the GLS programs.



GLS-COMMUNITY.DE



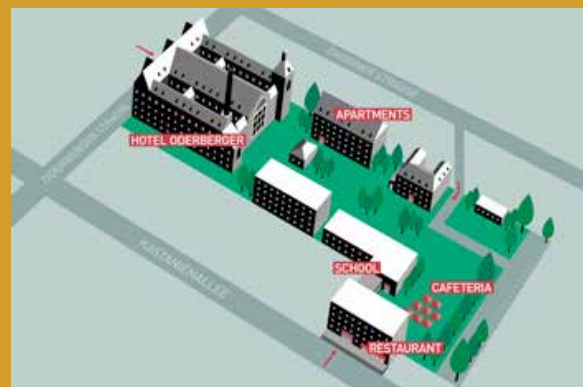
STAR SCHOOL GERMANY

GLS is a multiple winner of the *STAR SCHOOL GERMANY* award. The awards are bestowed every year in London by Study Travel Magazine. GLS is an independent school with an independent spirit: Barbara Jaeschke, who founded the school in 1983, remains its proud director today.

WHY GLS?

- More than 3 decades of experience
- Wide age range: 7–18 years
- Summer camps in very attractive and metropolitan regions: **Berlin and Munich**

GLS CAMPUS BERLIN



CENTRAL OFFICE AND LOCATION FOR
THE BERLIN COLLEGE (SEE PAGE 018)



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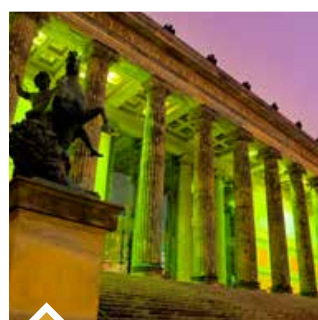
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LOCATIONS

Youth summer programs take place in Berlin and Munich.
High School stays are available in Bayreuth, Berlin, Bremen, Hamburg, Koblenz, Lübeck, Minden, Nürnberg.

SUMMER SCHOOLS IN BERLIN AND MUNICH



MUSEUM ISLAND

BRANDENBURG GATE



	AGES	FEATURES	SPORTS
<i>BERLIN COLLEGE</i>	16–18	central, cool, trendy	
<i>BERLIN VILLA</i>	16–17	central but more relaxed	
<i>BERLIN WESTEND</i>	14–17	central, the most course-intensive	
<i>BERLIN WATER SPORTS</i>	13–17	near Berlin, next to a lake	swimming sailing canoeing
<i>BERLIN YOUNG & FUN</i>	07–14	near Berlin, next to a lake	tennis sailing

BERLIN
(see page 008)

MUNICH
(see page 020)

PARLIAMENT



HIGH SCHOOL STAYS COUNTRYWIDE

Possible not only in summer – with flexible starting dates for short stays of 2 or 3 months (see page 030).

	AGES	FEATURES	SPORTS
<i>MUNICH INTENSIVE</i>	15–17	very close to Munich, most course-intensive	
<i>MUNICH CASTLE</i>	14–17	in the city of Munich	
<i>MUNICH ADVENTURE</i>	12–17	in the Alps, action-packed	climbing mountain biking swimming
<i>MUNICH YOUNG & FUN</i>	07–14	in the Alps run & fun	tennis soccer



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SPORTS AT GLS SUMMERCAMPS

All summer camps in Berlin and Munich include lots of outdoor sport activities like swimming, volleyball, kayaking or hiking. For ambitious athletes we offer extra training in tennis, soccer and sailing.



SPORT OPTIONS		
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BERLIN

AIRPORT CODE **BER**
CURRENCY **EURO**
TIME ZONE **CET**



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CAPITAL OF GERMANY

FACTS

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

GERMAN

368 METERS

BERLINER
FERNSEHTURM IS
THE TALLEST
BUILDING
IN GERMANY

POPULATION (2015)

3.466.164

ON 891.82 KM²

52° 31' 12.025" N
13° 24' 17.834" E

AVERAGE
TEMPERATURE



20 – 31 °C

68 – 87 °F

SUMMER

175

MUSEUMS

BERLIN HAS MORE MUSEUMS
THAN RAINY DAYS

1.700

BRIDGES.

3X MORE
THAN
VENICE

„**ICH BIN** JOHN F. KENNEDY
EIN BERLINER“ 1963

134.000 STUDENTS

BERLIN IS GERMANY'S BIGGEST UNIVERSITY
CITY WITH 4 UNIVERSITIES, 4 ART SCHOOLS
AND 10 TECHNICAL COLLEGES

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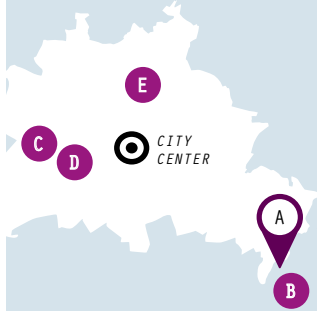
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BERLIN

YOUNG & FUN

AGE 07-14

2 EXCURSIONS
TO BERLIN / WEEK

This summer camp is ideal for a) younger students, as it is next to a lake, safe, calm and green, b) students who appreciate a high standard in accommodation and c) students, who want to make German friends: German kids take part in all after-class activities & excursions.



BERLIN, MUSEUM ISLAND



CAMP LOCATION RIGHT ON LAKE ZEUTHEN



Location: on Lake Zeuthen in a suburban district of Berlin

Capacity: 100 students at a time

Facilities: campus of a private university with on-site residence, lakeside park, 12 classrooms, beautiful cafeteria, fitness studio, video room, limited access to PCs on site

German or English Course: 15 lessons with a max. of 12 students per class at 4 levels: beginner, elementary, intermediate, advanced

Activities & Excursions: 3 daily activities & 2 excursions per week to Berlin downtown or Potsdam (one full-day, one half-day)

Accommodation: on campus in double or triple shared bedrooms with own shower/WC, full board in the campus cafeteria

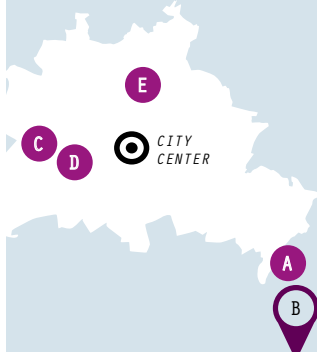
Transfer to/from Berlin station/airport on arrival and departure days (Sundays)

Sport add-ons
Tennis: 3 x 90 minutes per week
Sailing: 3 x 90 minutes per week
bookable at a surcharge

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
SAMPLE WEEK								
MORNING	ARRIVAL until 5 pm	3 GERMAN LESSONS	3 GERMAN LESSONS	3 GERMAN LESSONS	3 GERMAN LESSONS	3 GERMAN LESSONS		Departure or bicycle ride around the lake
EARLY AFTERNOON	introduction and language test	swimming, football or juggling	basketball or dance	EXCURSION TO BERLIN	batik or jazz dance	boat trip	EXCURSION TO BERLIN OR POTSDAM	
LATE AFTERNOON		theater or multisport	volleyball or multisport		music or multisport	camp newspaper		
EVENING	welcome evening	games	camp olympiad	movie	lakeside barbecue	karaoke	showtime	

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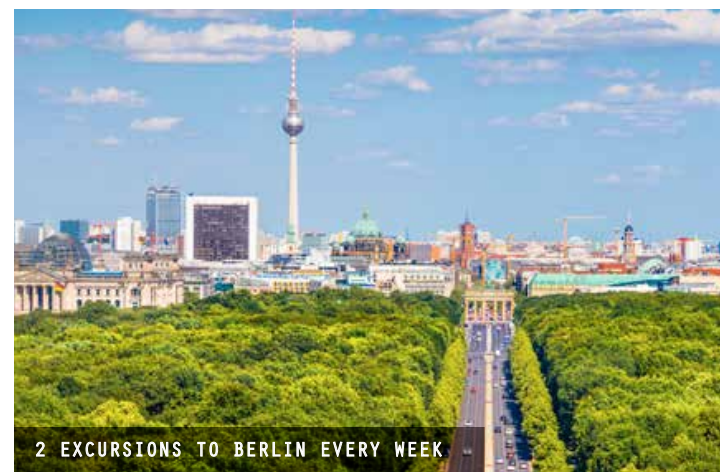


BERLIN WATER SPORTS

AGE 13-17

2 EXCURSIONS
TO BERLIN / WEEK

The summer camp on a lake near Berlin offers a fantastic combination of water sports and metropolitan attractions: it has its own harbour and fantastic facilities for all kinds of water sports. A further plus factor: the camp is attended by German teenagers as well, who will often share evening activities like barbecues or disco nights.



2 EXCURSIONS TO BERLIN EVERY WEEK

Location: Lake Wolzig, 30 km southeast of Berlin

Capacity: 70 students at a time

Facilities: campus with on-site accommodation, cafeteria, 10 classrooms, harbour with boats, surf boards, kayaks, canoes, sailing boats, beach, indoor gym, fitness studio, beach volleyball field, soccer field, basketball court, climbing wall

German Course: 20 lessons with a max. of 12 students per class on 4 levels: beginner, elementary, intermediate, advanced

Activities & Excursions: 2 daily activities & 2 excursions per week to Berlin (one full-day, one half-day)

Accommodation: on campus in double or triple shared bedrooms with own shower/WC, full board in the campus cafeteria

Transfer to/from Berlin station/airport on arrival and departure days (Sundays)

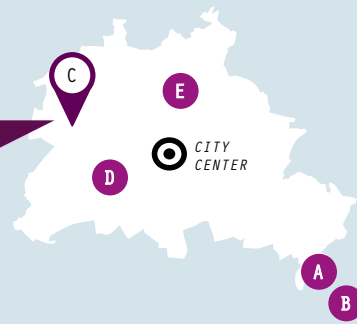
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SAMPLE WEEK								
MORNING	ARRIVAL until 5 pm	4 GERMAN LESSONS	4 GERMAN LESSONS	4 GERMAN LESSONS	4 GERMAN LESSONS	4 GERMAN LESSONS		Departure or swimming
AFTERNOON	introduction and language test	canoeing or climbing	rowing or inline-skating	HALF DAY EXCURSION TO BERLIN	surfing or football	sailing or float building	EXCURSION TO BERLIN	
EVENING	welcome evening	barbecue	camp breakdance	campfire	film	disco	party	beach volleyball

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BERLIN WESTEND

AGE 14-17



DAILY ACTIVITIES IN BERLIN CITY

This summer school is the most academically intensive. Students can choose between 4 or 5 German lessons per day. Perfect for students who are both ambitious and fun-loving. The standard of accommodation is high, with shared bedrooms, each with its own bath.



BERLIN, MUSEUM ISLAND





BERLIN, OLYMPIC STADIUM





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SUMMER SCHOOLS


 **Location:** Berlin West, near Olympic Stadium


 **Capacity:** 60 students at a time

 **Facilities:** Campus with 10 classrooms, guesthouse, terrace, indoor sporthall, soccer field.


 **German Course:** 20 or 25 lessons with max. 12 students per class at 4 levels: beginner, elementary, intermediate, advanced


















 **Activities & Excursions:** 2 daily activities & one full-day trip on Saturdays

 **Accommodation:** on campus in double bedrooms with own shower/WC, full board in the campus cafeteria

 **Transfer** to/from Berlin station/airport on arrival and departure days (Sundays)

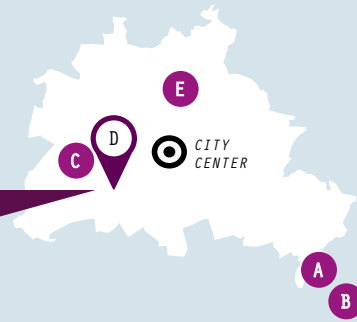
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SAMPLE WEEK								
MORNING	ARRIVAL until 5 pm	4 or 5 GERMAN LESSONS	4 or 5 GERMAN LESSONS	4 or 5 GERMAN LESSONS	4 or 5 GERMAN LESSONS	4 or 5 GERMAN LESSONS		Departure or swimming
AFTERNOON	introduction and language test	Boat trip around Museum Island	Berlin Tiergarten & Lake Neuer See	Badminton or cycling tour	Berlin Wall and walk along River Spree	Museum at Checkpoint Charly	EXCURSION TO POTSDAM	
EVENING	welcome evening	barbecue	games	video evening	karaoke	showtime	cinema	

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BERLIN VILLA

AGE 16-17



DAILY ACTIVITIES IN BERLIN

The villa is a small and very relaxed summer school in Berlin. Even though famous Kurfürstendamm, one of Berlin's most elegant shopping streets, is just around the corner, the villa and its beautiful garden feel like a peaceful retreat – perfect for students who like it urban but appreciate a familial touch.



THE VILLA, CLASSROOMS ON THE GROUND FLOOR, BEDROOMS UPSTAIRS



Location: Berlin city center, near Kurfürstendamm, a famous shopping boulevard

Capacity: 40 students at a time

Facilities: beautiful villa with garden and 40 beds, 4 classrooms, lounge, cafeteria, garden

German Course: 20 lessons with a max. of 12 students per class on 4 levels: beginner, elementary, intermediate, advanced

Activities & Excursions: 2 daily activities & one full-day trip on Saturdays

Accommodation: on campus in 3-5 person bedrooms with shower/WC in the hall, full board in the campus cafeteria

Transfer to/from Berlin station/airport on arrival and departure days (Sundays)

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
SAMPLE WEEK								
MORNING	ARRIVAL until 5 pm	4 GERMAN LESSONS	4 GERMAN LESSONS	4 GERMAN LESSONS	4 GERMAN LESSONS	4 GERMAN LESSONS		Departure or visit flea market on Str. des 17. Juni
AFTERNOON	introduction and language test	walking tour on Kurfürstendamm	New Reichstag & Potsdamer Platz	swimming in lake Wannsee	Berlin Wall & Checkpoint Charlie	Rowing on Neuersee in Tiergarten	EXCURSION TO POTSDAM & SANSSOUCI CASTLE	
EVENING	welcome evening	video evening	games	beach volleyball	barbecue	disco	pub tour	garden party

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BERLIN COLLEGE

AGE 16–18

DAILY ACTIVITIES IN BERLIN CITY

The college is for independent and mature students: Located in the epicenter of Berlin's hippest district, the college offers a very trendy neighbourhood with fancy cafes and designer fashion stores just down the street. GLS guides are around, but students are free to venture out on their own or with their classmates.



Location: Berlin city center, in trendy Prenzlauer Berg

Capacity: 160 students at a time

Facilities: GLS campus with 40 classrooms, restaurant, cafe, garden, bicycles

German Course (in the afternoon): 20 lessons with a max. of 12 students per class on 3 levels: elementary, intermediate, advanced

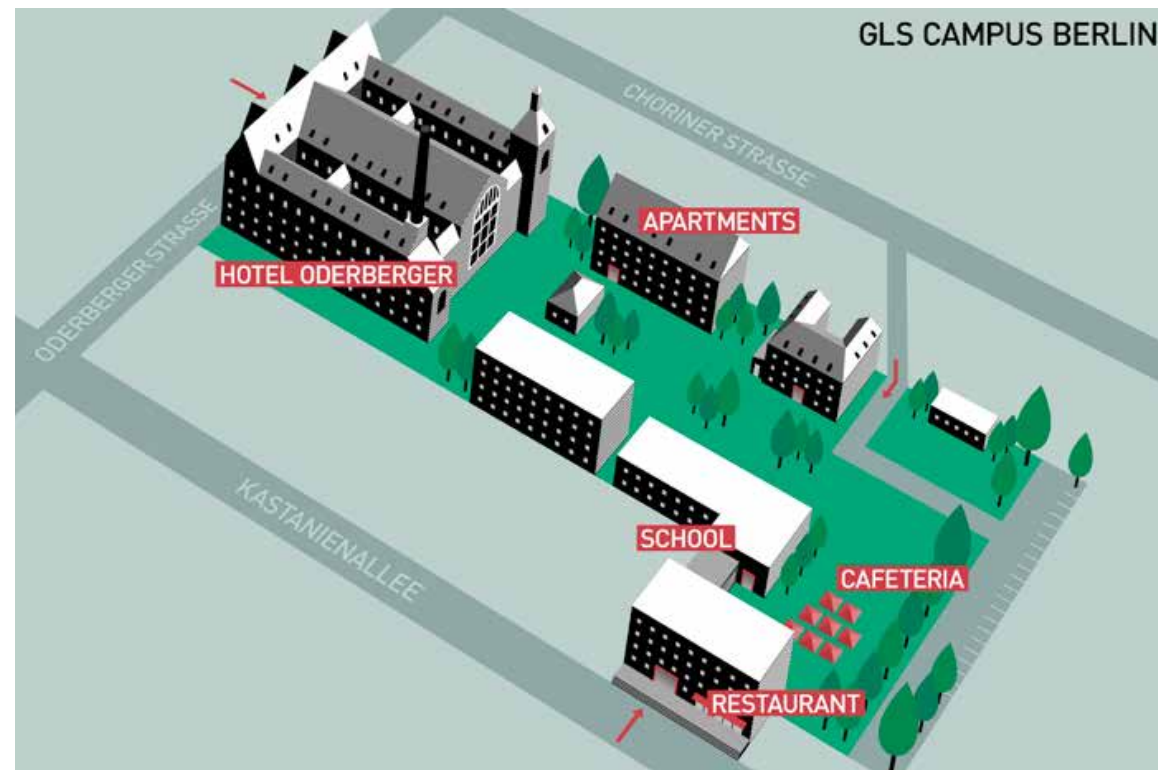
Activities & Excursions: 2 daily activities & one full-day trip on Saturdays

Accommodation: Either *RESIDENTIAL* (4–5 person bedrooms either on campus or in a stylish youth hostel 5 minutes walking distance (double room on request). Half board: Breakfast and dinner included, lunch available at surcharge at the GLS cafeteria) or *HOMESTAY* (double room, half board (breakfast at the homestay, dinner on campus), commuting time 30–50 minutes)

Transfer: to/from Berlin station/airport on arrival and departure days (Sundays)



BERLIN, RIVER SPREE



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MUNICH

AIRPORT CODE **MUC**
CURRENCY **EURO**
TIME ZONE **CET**



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3RD LARGEST CITY OF GERMANY

FACTS

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

GERMAN

2962

METERS

ZUGSPITZE
IS THE HIGHEST
MOUNTAIN
IN GERMANY

POPULATION (2015)

1.424.604

ON 310.74 KM²

48° 8' 59,986" N
11° 34' 55,1316" E

AVERAGE
TEMPERATURE



20 – 31 °C

68 – 87 °F

SUMMER

1857

THE FAMOUS WHITE SAUSAGES ARE
INVENTED – A MUNICH SPECIALITY.
THESE ARE TRADITIONALLY EATEN WITH SWEET MUSTARD
AND PRETZELS AND ARE ONLY SERVED BEFORE NOON

MUNICH'S ENGLISCHER
GARTEN (ENGLISH
GARDEN) IS AMONG
EUROPE'S BIGGEST CITY
PARKS, EVEN
BEATING LONDON'S
HYDE PARK AND NEW
YORK'S CENTRAL PARK.

**„MÜNCHEN
MAG DICH“** MUNICH
LIKES YOU
THE MOTTO
OF THE CITY

OVER 80

BEER GARDENS

ARE LOCATED IN MUNICH. MUNICH IS HOME OF
THE ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST, A WORLD-RENOWNED
BEER FESTIVAL GOING FOR TWO WEEKS

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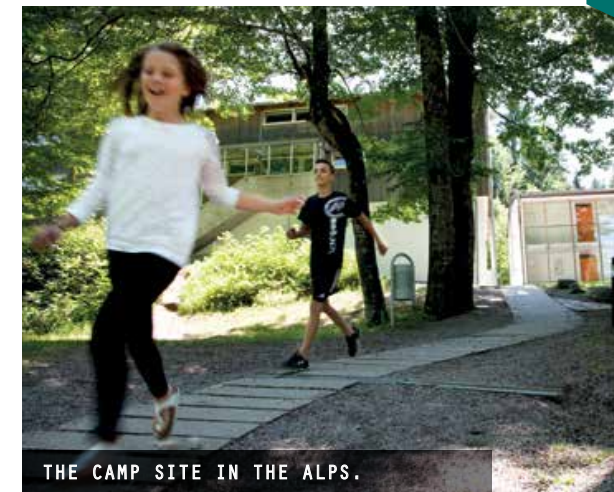
MUNICH

YOUNG & FUN

AGE 07-14

2 EXCURSIONS
PER WEEK

This summer camp is a picture-book setting for younger students: Located in a traditional Bavarian village in the Alps, it is surrounded by beautiful nature. Munich is the destination for after-class excursions. Special plus: German kids take part in all activities and excursions.



THE CAMP SITE IN THE ALPS.



AT LEAST ONE EXCURSION TO MUNICH PER WEEK



SPORT ADD-ON OPTIONS: TENNIS AND SOCCER

Location: a village in the Bavarian Alps, 2 km from Lake Schliersee and 50 km south of Munich

Capacity: 60 students at a time

Facilities: campus with on-site accommodation, fireplace, barbecue, volleyball court, table tennis, pool table, TV room

German Course: 20 lessons with a max. of 12 students per class on 3 levels: elementary, intermediate, advanced

Activities & Excursions: 2 daily activities & 2 excursions per week (one full-day, one half-day)

Accommodation: on campus in 2-4 person bedrooms with shower/WC on the hall, full board in the campus cafeteria

Transfer: to/from Munich station/airport on arrival and departure days (Sundays)

Sport add-ons
Tennis: 3 x 60 minutes per week
Soccer: 3 x 90 minutes per week
bookable at a surcharge

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
SAMPLE WEEK								
MORNING	ARRIVAL until 5 pm	4 GERMAN LESSONS	4 GERMAN LESSONS	4 GERMAN LESSONS	4 GERMAN LESSONS	4 GERMAN LESSONS		Departure or optional excursion to Castle Neuschwanstein or Austria
AFTERNOON	introduction and language test	adventure tour	mountain climbing	swimming or fun sport	HALF-DAY EXCURSION TO TEGERNSEE	volleyball	EXCURSION TO MUNICH	
EVENING	welcome evening	barbecue	video evening	games evening	campfire	walk to the lake nearby	evening disco	

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MUNICH ADVENTURE

AGE 12-17



2 EXCURSIONS PER WEEK

Munich Adventure is for students who want to explore Munich, but also love nature and being outdoors. The camp is located on a beautiful lake south of Munich, and after class activities focus on outdoor activities such as hiking, mountain biking and canyoning.



MUNICH, CASTLE NYMPHENBURG



THE CAMP, A BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED HOTEL RIGHT NEXT TO LAKE SPITZINGSEE



Location: on Lake Spitzingsee 50 km south of Munich

Capacity: 80 students at a time

Facilities: beautifully restored hotel with lake and mountain view, 7 spacious classrooms, garden, climbing wall, fitness room, sauna, TV room, table tennis

German Course: 20 lessons with a max. of 12 students per class on 3 levels: elementary, intermediate, advanced

Activities & Excursions: 2 daily activities & 2 excursions per week to Munich (one full-day, one half-day)

Accommodation: on site in 3-4 person bedrooms with own shower/WC, full board in the hotel cafeteria

Transfer to/from Munich station/airport on arrival and departure days (Sundays)

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SAMPLE WEEK

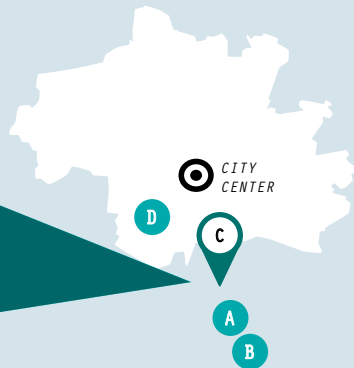
	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
MORNING	ARRIVAL until 5 pm	4 GERMAN LESSONS	4 GERMAN LESSONS	4 GERMAN LESSONS	4 GERMAN LESSONS	4 GERMAN LESSONS		Departure or sports
AFTERNOON	introduction and language test	adventure hiking with GPS	constructing a float	swimming in waterfall	HALF-DAY EXCURSION TO TEGERNSEE	bike parcours	EXCURSION TO MUNICH	
EVENING	welcome evening	barbecue	video evening	games evening	campfire	adventure hike at night	evening disco	

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MUNICH INTENSIVE

AGE 15-17



3 EXCURSIONS TO MUNICH PER WEEK

This is the most course-intensive program we offer in Munich: it includes 20 or 25 lessons of German per week and takes place in a truly beautiful setting just south of Munich: Students live and learn in a family-run hotel near Lake Schliersee, in the Alps. Munich is within easy reach by train, and the program includes at least 3 trips to Munich every week.



LAKE SCHLIERSEE, SEEN FROM THE CAMP.



THE CAMP, A BAVARIAN HOTEL WITH INDOOR POOL



MUNICH, OLYMPIC STADIUM



- Location:** near Lake Schliersee south of Munich
- Capacity:** 50 students at a time
- Facilities:** Mountain hotel with indoor pool, 8 seminar rooms, garden
- German Course:** 20 or 25 lessons with a max. of 12 students per class on 3 levels: elementary, intermediate, advanced

- Activities & Excursions:** 2 daily activities, min. 2 afternoon excursions per week to Munich & one full-day trip on Saturdays
- Accommodation:** on site in 2-4 person bedrooms with own shower and WC, full board in the cafeteria
- Transfer:** to/from Munich station/airport on arrival and departure days (Sundays)

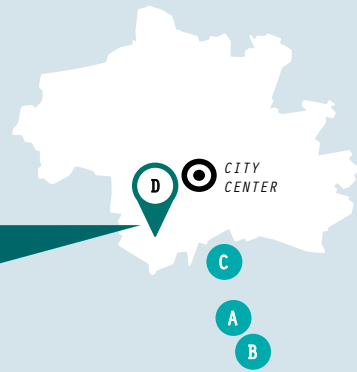
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SAMPLE WEEK								
MORNING	ARRIVAL until 5 pm	4 or 5 GERMAN LESSONS	4 or 5 GERMAN LESSONS	4 or 5 GERMAN LESSONS	4 or 5 GERMAN LESSONS	4 or 5 GERMAN LESSONS		Departure or swimming
AFTERNOON	introduction and language test	hiking around Lake Schliersee	HALF-DAY EXCURSION TO MUNICH	Badminton or mountain biking	HALF-DAY EXCURSION TO MUNICH	beach day on Lake Schliersee	EXCURSION TO MUNICH	
EVENING	welcome evening	barbecue	games	video evening	showtime	showtime	cinema	

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MUNICH CASTLE

AGE 14-17



DAILY ACTIVITIES IN MUNICH

This summer camp is the most metropolitan among the Bavarian camps and has a truly spectacular location: a real castle overlooking River Isar in Munich. The neighbourhood is a residential district south of the city center, and all Munich highlights such as Hofbräuhaus, Bavaria Filmstudios or Frauenkirche are within easy reach.



MUNICH, THE CASTLE



MUNICH, FRAUENKIRCHE

Location: the banks of River Isar in a wealthy residential district of Munich

Capacity: 60 students at a time

Facilities: modernized medieval castle, 7 classrooms, cafeteria, knights' hall, lounge, internet cafe, bowling, billiard, playground in the park

German Course: 20 lessons with a max. of 12 students per class on 3 levels: elementary, intermediate, advanced

Activities & Excursions: 2 daily activities in or near the castle & 2 excursions per week to Munich city center (one full-day, one half-day)

Accommodation: on site in 4-5 person bedrooms with own shower/WC; full board in the castle cafeteria

Transfer to/from Munich station/airport on arrival and departure days (Sundays)

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SAMPLE WEEK MORNING

ARRIVAL until 5 pm	4 GERMAN LESSONS	4 GERMAN LESSONS	4 GERMAN LESSONS	4 GERMAN LESSONS	4 GERMAN LESSONS	4 GERMAN LESSONS		Departure or extra excursion, e.g. Lake Tegernsee
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AFTERNOON

introduction and language test	academy of arts	shopping in Munich	swimming in River Isar	TREASURE HUNT THROUGH CITY CENTER OF MUNICH	sports or visit to Munich on your own	EXCURSION TO BAVARIA FILM STUDIOS		
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EVENING

welcome evening	open-air film	rally in the park	barbecue	cycling along river Isar	visit to Bavarian Biergarten	cinema		
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**AGES**

14–17 years (day schools)
11–17 years (boarding schools)

**HIGHLIGHT**

Orientation weekend in Berlin in FEB & AUG/SEP
(see page 034)



HIGH SCHOOL GERMANY

Every year more than 150 exchange students from all over the world attend a high school in Germany with GLS. GLS has been organizing high school exchange programs worldwide since 1983 – we offer you more than 30 years of experience.

Our special highlight: the orientation weekend on the GLS campus in Berlin for all exchange students going to high school in Germany.

SCHOOL LOCATIONS

Berlin, Bayreuth, Bremen, Hamburg, Koblenz, Lübeck, Minden, Nürnberg (more on page 032)

DURATION

2–11 months (day schools),
min. 1 year (boarding schools)

STARTING DATES

FEB or AUG, anytime
all year round for short stays of 2 or 3 months

ABITUR

Possible at private schools, if students stay at least the last 2 years at the school

REQUIREMENTS

German on level A2 (upper elementary) or preparatory German course at the GLS German Language School in Berlin

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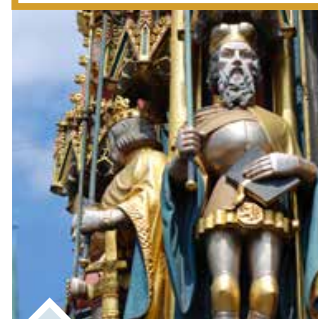
HIGH SCHOOL GERMANY

LOCATIONS

GLS cooperates with secondary schools in Berlin, Bayreuth, Bremen, Hamburg, Koblenz, Lübeck, Minden, Nürnberg and offers 2 programs:

SELECT: Students select a city.

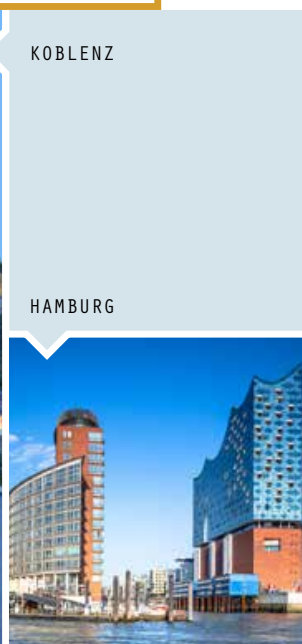
CLASSIC: Students accept a placement in any of these cities.



NÜRNBERG



BAYREUTH

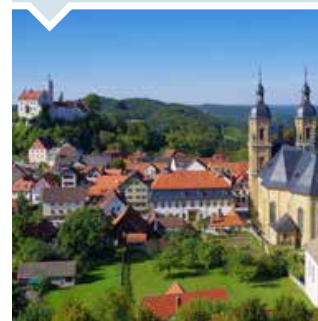


KOBLENZ

HAMBURG



BREMEN



BERLIN



MINDEN



LÜBECK



SCHOOL INFO

We place international students at *GYMNASIEN*. A *GYMNASIUM* is a secondary school that leads up to university. The curriculum is rather academic, with two foreign languages plus math and science courses. Around 30% of German students attend this type of secondary school.

The final examination is called Abitur and grants access to university studies. Choices of university location and study fields are limited however: Only students with a very good Abitur can study where and what they want.

PLEASE NOTE:

Exchange students planning to do the Abitur have to attend a private school, the Abitur is not possible for them at state schools.

The school year starts in AUG/SEP; holidays vary from state to state (usually 2 weeks in autumn, over Christmas and around Easter). School days are **MON – FRI, usually 8am – 1 or 2pm**, which leaves enough time to join community clubs focusing on sports or the arts.

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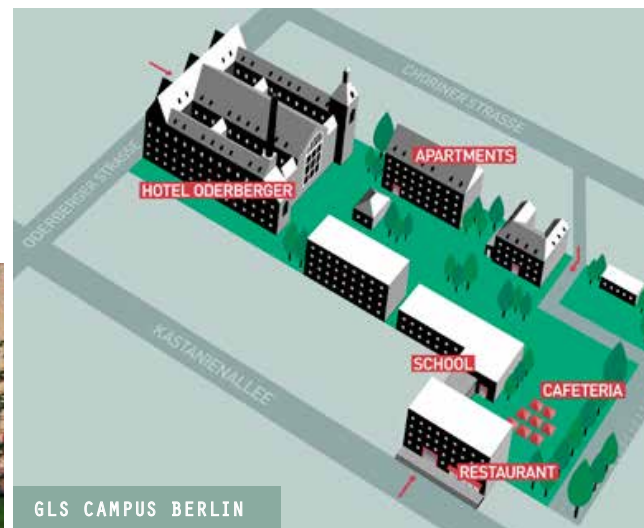
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HIGH SCHOOL GERMANY

ORIENTATION WEEKEND IN BERLIN

The GLS high school program starts with an orientation weekend on the GLS campus in Berlin. The campus is located in a very trendy district in the very center of Berlin within walking distance to major highlights. Students will meet other exchange students from all over the world, explore Berlin together and learn more about Germany. Transfer for students who attend schools in other cities than Berlin is included.



PROGRAM

DATES	FEB & AUG/SEP	SATURDAY	Workshop I: High Schools in Germany – how they differ from your school at home Workshop II: Do's and don'ts in Germany – what you need to know in order to get along well Sightseeing in Berlin Dinner followed by a night out in Berlin
INCLUDED	Accommodation on the GLS Campus Berlin or a hostel within walking distance, all meals, sightseeing, workshops, transfer to final destination in Germany		
FRIDAY	Arrival at the GLS Campus Berlin, welcome dinner	SUNDAY	Workshop III: Host families and what to do if you have culture shock Lunch – BBQ on the GLS campus Berlin Transfer to host family or boarding school



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UNIVERSITY PATHWAY GERMANY

German universities offer excellent study opportunities to students from all over the world. The fees they charge are very low compared to those in many other countries. Getting access, however, can be a challenging process. And that's where the GLS pathway program comes in: GLS cooperates with German universities and offers:

1. A conditional acceptance letter for a BA degree program in Germany (prerequisite for a student visa)
2. Preparatory German courses advancing students to the level of German they need

STUDY FIELDS

Applicants can choose a BA Bachelor Program in study fields such as:

- Design
- Engineering
- Informatics
- Business
- Health Care
- Social Work

Please note: MA programs available only on request.

UNIVERSITIES

GLS cooperates with several universities in Germany that issue conditional acceptance letters for GLS applicants. Conditional acceptance letters are needed to apply for a student visa. Please visit our website: gls-berlin.de for more information about university locations and programs.

COSTS

GLS charges a university placement fee. Additional costs are tuition for the German course and exam fees for TestDaF or telc C1 Hochschule.

HOW TO APPLY

Please send us the applicant's documents (a simple copy of high school diploma and, if existing, university certificates). We will check the documents for free and outline a personalized roadmap to university, detailing all necessary stations and the costs entailed. If that outline is accepted, we will register your applicant for our university pathway program.

SERVICES INCLUDE

- Free checking of a student's documents prior to arrival
- Free roadmap to university, customized to a student's academic background
- Conditional acceptance letter of a German University
- Pre-arrival assistance and visa support
- Individual consultation hour during GLS office hours
- Application assistance for your university of choice

DURATION

The duration depends on applicants' academic background and their knowledge of German. We'll check applicants' documents for free to see which option applies. See the tables below to get an idea of the duration:

OPTION A

for applicants whose academic background allows direct access to university

		REGULAR TRACK	FAST TRACK
		20 LESSONS PER WEEK	30 LESSONS PER WEEK
		MAX. 12 PER GROUP	MAX. 8 PER GROUP
Current level of German	A0	44 WEEKS	29 WEEKS
	A1	36 WEEKS	24 WEEKS
	A2	28 WEEKS	19 WEEKS
	B1	20 WEEKS	14 WEEKS
	B2	12 WEEKS	09 WEEKS
	C1	4 WEEKS – TESTDAF OR TELC C1 HOCHSCHULE**	

HAVING PASSED TESTDAF
UNIVERSITY STARTS
(APRIL OR OCTOBER)

OPTION B


for applicants whose academic background demands a pre-University Studienkolleg



		REGULAR TRACK	FAST TRACK
		20 LESSONS PER WEEK	30 LESSONS PER WEEK
		MAX. 12 PER GROUP	MAX. 8 PER GROUP
Current level of German	A0	36 WEEKS	24 WEEKS
	A1	28 WEEKS	19 WEEKS
	A2	20 WEEKS	14 WEEKS
	B1	12 WEEKS	09 WEEKS
		4 WEEKS – GLS PREP COURSE FOR STUDIENKOLLEG ENTRANCE EXAM	



1 YEAR – STUDIENKOLLEG
(STARTS FEB OR AUG)



UNIVERSITY STARTS
(APRIL OR OCTOBER)


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