Discover Cologne!

Cologne is the oldest of Germany’s big cities. More than 2000 years of history have left their mark on Cologne. And it is not only Cologne’s famous cathedral – a gothic masterpiece – which bears testimony to times gone by. Numerous buildings, sculptures and gardens provide a vivid impression of the old Cologne.

Today, Cologne is a modern, lively and cosmopolitan city: a hub of trade fairs, a university town and, with its many radio and TV production companies, the unquestionable media capital of Germany.

I took a 6-week language course at the Tandem school in Cologne, Germany. It was a fabulous experience and I had a great time there. The Cologne Tandem school is very good. The teachers are dedicated and the lessons are well organised. In the school office the people are also very helpful, and what’s cool is that they can explain everything to you in your mother tongue if you don’t understand.

Natalia Barblan (Switzerland)
Furthermore, Cologne offers pure culture! Opera, philharmonic orchestra, important museums, a huge number of theatres and cinemas, concerts of every type, over 100 art galleries and innumerable antique dealers … In the evenings Cologne’s vibrant nightlife will tempt you with its countless clubs and trendy bars. Highlights of the calendar year are, above all, the wild days of revelry during the Cologne Carnival (February); the c/o pop in June, one of the biggest music festivals in Germany; and, of course, the yearly Gay Pride celebration on Christopher Street Day, with its colourful parade (July).

Discover the secrets of this fascinating city at the heart of Europe with us and students from all over the world.

Cultural programme
The cultural program takes place on at least three afternoons/evenings a week during summer (July and August), and once a week during the rest of the year. At the beginning of each week we will inform you about the activities of the cultural programme for that week. Among the things we offer will be: historical tours, sports, films, nightlife, theatre and museum visits, excursions (such as boat rides on the Rhine or bicycle tours to Bonn and the romantic Rhine valley), a barbecue or karaoke party.

Although there aren’t normally any activities organised for the weekends, we will always give you some advice, e.g. for day trips to Aachen, Bonn, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, Koblenz and Münster or weekend trips to Berlin, Munich, Amsterdam, Brussels and Paris.