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Junior Summer Courses (Ages 15-18)

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About IP

Every year we bring together more than 3000 students from all over the world in **several European destinations** to learn English, French, Spanish, or German. With over 20 years of experience, we have gained an unrivalled insight into what students want from their language courses. Our aim is to combine **proficient language learning** with a great summer holiday experience in an international atmosphere.

Our summer schools are created for young people who want to belong to an **international community**. They are run by our International Team dedicated to making their stay an international experience. We choose each of our centres with great care, so students can enjoy their holidays in an exciting and safe summer destination.



About Berlin

- Capital of Germany and hot spot city of young people
- Population: 3.5 million
- Further Information: <http://www.berlin.de/>
- Public transport: necessary



Local Facilities

- Shopping facilities, cafés, bank, post-office, and supermarkets are located nearby

How to get there?

- **By plane:** Upon request, airport transfer is provided. On the day of arrival our Meet & Greet-Service welcomes each student at the airport and ensures a safe transfer to the Centre. On the day of departure, we will take you to the check-in desk. Meet & Greet Service and transfer are offered from Berlin Tegel and Berlin Schönefeld Airports.
- **By train:** Upon request, train station transfer is provided. On the day of arrival our Meet & Greet-Service welcomes each student at the station and ensures a safe transfer to the Centre. On the day of departure, we will take you to the train. Meet & Greet Service and transfer are offered from Berlin central station.

Please note: transfers are not included in the package!

Centre Description – Youth Hostel Berlin

Our summer school for teens (15-18 years) takes place near by the city centre in Berlin, a stone throw to the river spree, and midway between Alexanderplatz and Ostbahnhof. Lessons take place in the Youth Hostel or on its surroundings.

During the day students have access to a wide variety of leisure facilities. They sleep, eat, study, and communicate all in one place.

During peak season, we have up to 60 students at the centre. Students come mainly from France, Spain and Poland but also from various countries around the world. This allows our students to enjoy a multicultural environment using German as a means of communication.

A wide variety of activities offered in the afternoons and evenings. Of course, students are under the constant supervision of our international team (generally, one supervisor is responsible for 15 students). Further information about the members of staff and the languages they speak is available before arrival to the course centre.



Location

- The residence is located in Berlin Friedrichshain between the Alexanderplatz and Ostbahnhof
- Boardering to the residence is the hip district Kreuzberg with a variety of small shops, restaurants, bars and takeaways

Facilities

- Modern classrooms in the residence or nearby
- Canteen in the residence
- Table- football, pool and chill out area
- Internet: Wi-Fi available, Internet terminal in the lobby

Seasonal Contact Details

A&O Hostel Berlin Friedrichshain
 Boxhagener Straße 73
 10245 Berlin
 Germany

Emergency phone number (24hrs a day): TBA

Residential Accommodation - Youth Hostel Berlin

- Multi-bedded rooms (4-6 students) with toilet and shower facilities en-suite
- Students will share a room with peers of the same sex. If possible, they will also share a room with students who speak a different native language (unless they request to stay with a friend), please bear in mind, that this may not always be practical. Rooms are lockable with one key per room
- Bedding is provided and changed weekly
- Towels are not provided
- Rooms cleaned daily
- Public phone booths in town
- Laundry (5 Euros)
- Plug adaptor is necessary for international students
- Safe available at the centre reception for free
- Damage deposit: 50 €



Single and double rooms are available upon request.

Meal Plan

All students enjoy full board, in the host family or in the canteen. Vegetarian options offered daily, Gluten-free and Lactose-free food available upon request.

- Breakfast: 08.00 - 08.45 (continental breakfast)
 - Lunch: 12.30 - 13.30 (warm dishes in canteen or packed lunch)
 - Dinner: 18.30- 20.00 (cold dishes)
- (Buffet, students clean their own table)



Home Stay Accommodation (Students aged 16-18)

- In Berlin Max. 60 minutes by bus to school.
- All hosts respect our strict home stay guidelines and are carefully chosen by our local Welfare Manager
- Students get breakfast and dinner, lunch takes place in a canteen at school
- Bedding: provided
- Towels: not provided
- Students can receive phone calls in their private home and public phone booths are in town
- In most cases, students will share a room with peers of the same sex in twin rooms, however single room accommodation is a possibility (extra charge). Ideally they will also share a room with students speaking another native language (unless they request to stay with a friend), however, please bear in mind, that this may not always be practical
- During peak time it is possible that a maximum of four students from two different nationalities are placed in one home
- Access to the household in the afternoon and evenings
- Hosts assist students with travel between home and IP centre on the first day of school

Lessons

- Takes place in residence or nearby
- All rooms are very friendly and with modern equipment
- Placement Test on the 1st day
- Teaching material provided
- **Certificate** at the end of the course
- **Courses available:** Intensive German, (20 lessons per week), Intensive plus: Intensive German (20 lessons per week) + 2 one to one lessons per week
- All our courses follow the European Framework of Reference Levels
- **Levels on offer:** Lower Intermediate (A2), Intermediate (B1) Upper Intermediate (B2), and advanced (C1). Studies of the German language of at least one year are obligatory. (Beginners are not accepted)
- No more than **15 students** in a group
- All teachers are **native speakers** and experienced teaching their native language to foreign students
- **Lesson times:** 1st & 2nd lesson: 9.00-10.30; Break: 10.30-11.00; 3rd & 4th lesson: 11.00 – 12.30

Supervision

Our friendly and helpful **International Team** with staff members from England, Spain, Germany, France, and other countries will run a fully supervised activity programme and guarantee supervision.

There is one supervisor responsible for 15 students. The members of our team have been carefully selected for their responsible and caring attitudes, as well as their fun-loving and outgoing personalities. They are the people your students can turn to at any time for assistance.

Sample Programme

Sample Programme	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
MORNING	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
	9.00-10.30 Lessons	9.00-10.30 Lessons	8.30-10.00 Lessons	9.00-10.30 Lessons	9.00-10.30 Lessons	Trip to Berlin or Potsdam (e.g. Guided Tour, Sanssouci, ...)	Chill out day
	10.30 Break	10.30 Break	10.00 Break	10.30 Break	10.30 Break		
	11.00 Lessons	11.00 Lessons	11.00 Lessons	11.00 Lessons	11.00 Lessons		
12.30-13.30 Lunch	12.30-13.30 Lunch	12.30-13.30 Lunch	12.30-13.30 Lunch	12.30-13.30 Lunch			
AFTERNOON	13.30 NEW IN BERLIN TOUR	13.30 Berlin "The new capital of Germany" – Government district and Reichstag	13.30 Walking along the Berlin wall – Bernauerstr. and East Side Gallery	13.30 Visit the Olympiastadion Swimming	13.30 Beach Ball or Bowling		Sports and games on campus
	18.30–20.00 Dinner	18.30–20.00 Dinner	18.30–20.00 Dinner	18.30–20.00 Dinner	18.30–20.00 Dinner	18.30–20.00 Dinner	18.30–20.00 Dinner
EVENING	20.00 – 22.00 Olympic Games	20.00 – 22.00 Games (e.g. "Cluedo", "Quiz night")	20.00-22.00 Film-Night	20.00 – 22.00 Disco Night or karaoke	20.00 - 22.00 Games and Open Stage	20.00 – 22.00 Farewell Party	20.00 – 22.00 Welcome Party / Games

Trip Programme

Students in host family and residential accommodation will have lessons, afternoon program and the full day excursion on Saturday together. Furthermore, students from residential accommodation will take part on one evening activity in the residence.

Full-Day: Potsdam

Brandenburg's capital city Potsdam is bordered to Berlin and famous for its unique historic palaces and gardens. The most popular site is Sanssouci Palace and its beautiful garden. Potsdam's largest palace, the New Palace also is worth a visit. In addition, there is a memorial and a documentation place, the Wannsee Conference, which demonstrate a part of Germany's history.

Full-Day: Spreewald

The Spreewald, a historical cultivated landscape, is located in the East of Brandenburg. It is one of the most famous and favoured destination in this German state. The Spreewald is flows by the river Spree, which invites for a rowing boat or a canoe tour. En route, the participants can admire the wonderful and multifarious nature.

Full-Day: Berlin

Berlin is Germany's capital and a European metropolis to be worth to visit for a day. Its historic sites and museums such as the Museumsinsel with the Alte Museum, the Neue Museum and the Alte Nationalgalerie invite you for a visit. Following the famous avenue Unter den Linden, you will reach Berlin's landmark, the Brandenburg Gate and within a stone's throw from it another highly frequented sight, the Reichstag with its accessible glass dome. If you want to visit the highest publicly accessible building in Europe, just go up the Television Tower and take in a breathtaking view of the capital and its surroundings. After having immersed in Berlin's culture, you can go on a stroll in the numerous stores and shopping arcades. Kurfürstendamm and Europa Centre are still the most popular places for it.

Full-Day: Surroundings

There are some other places to visit, such as Pfaueninsel, a park situated on the river Havel which is only reachable with a ferryboat. Further places are Charlottenburg, with its museums on its garden and the Dutch and Russian quarters, which are very popular for tourists. It shows the Dutch and Russian way of life with brick houses and churches.