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## Junior Courses in Hohensolms

(only 1 hour from Frankfurt)

8-12 & 13-15 years



### Why Hohensolms?

- Hohensolms is a small and safe historic village
- Ideal for kids and their first experience abroad
- Residential accommodation in a medieval hill castle in the Lahn-Dill Highlands
- 7-day activity programme
- Special activities for children from 8-12 years and 13-15 years
- In 2018 up to 19 nationalities in Hohensolms
- German and international students, a perfect opportunity to meet German students of the same age. Approx. 50% of the students will be German.
- German and English courses

### General Information

- Residential accommodation in a medieval hill castle on top of historic village
- Closest major city: Frankfurt, 85 km distance
- Main Airports:
  - Frankfurt International Airport (1 hour)
- Tourist attractions:
  - Medieval castles
  - Lahn-Dill Highlands
  - Mainz
  - Koblenz
  - Marburg
  - Heidelberg
- Half and full day trips included

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### Accommodation & Facilities

- Residential in spacious multi-bedded standard rooms (6-8), full board
- Self-contained campus with classrooms in the Residence
- Large dining hall
- Free laundry service available for students staying more than one week
- Outdoor barbecue area on campus
- Sport facilities on site (e.g. beach-volleyball court,
  - table tennis indoor / outdoor, basketball basket)
- Green area for all sorts of activities with playground and trampoline
- IP Ocean Lounge in Great Hall: meeting point for our students all day long
- Free Wi-Fi Internet access available on campus in public area



Quick check	
<b>Ages</b>	8-12 and 13-15 years
<b>Centre Type</b>	Residence campus
<b>Courses available</b>	-Intensive German (20x45 min) -Intensive English (20x45 min)
<b>Capacity</b>	Max. 100 students
<b>Main arrival/departure day</b>	Sunday/Saturday
<b>Centre dates</b>	30.06.2019 - 24.08.2019
<b>Nationality Mix 2018</b>	German, French, Chinese, Russian, Italian, Spanish, Romanian...



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## Further Information

### Airports

- Frankfurt International Airport: 85 km approx. 1 hour, airport transfer with private coach or taxi at any times requested
- Cologne Airport: 160 km approx. 1,75 hours, airport transfer with private coach or taxi at any times requested
- Dortmund Airport: 165 km approx. 1,75 hours, airport transfer with private coach or taxi at any times requested
- Frankfurt Hahn Airport: 190 km approx. 2 hours, airport transfer with private coach or taxi at any times requested
- Düsseldorf Airport: 200 km approx. 2,25 hours, airport transfer with private coach or taxi at any times requested

### Transfers and additional options

#### Arrival/departure by plane:

- On the day of arrival our IP Transfer Service will be waiting for you at the customs exit to ensure a safe transfer to Hohensolms. On the day of arrival our Meet & Greet Service will be waiting for your students at their arrival terminal and accompany them to the meeting point for all students and then to the transfer service.

On the day of departure the students will be dropped-off at the Airport and a staff member will help the students to their respective terminal and check them in. **If students book an Unaccompanied Minors service with their airline, please be sure to request our Unaccompanied Minors service (with supplement)**

#### Arrival/departure by train:

- In addition we can also arrange a transfer to/from the main train stations in Gießen, Wetzlar or Frankfurt train station (extra fee).

**Please note: transfers are not included in the package!**

### Hohensolms Map





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## Accommodation & Catering

### Residential accommodation

- Multi-bedded rooms (6-8 beds per room) with shared toilet and shower (at least 1 Toilet/Shower per 9 Students)
- Spacious cupboards
- Damage deposit: 50 €
- Bedding is provided and changed weekly.
- Students need to bring towels for personal use and swimming (for an extra fee towels are available in the residence as well)
- Rooms are cleaned every Saturday, toilets and showers are cleaned every day.
- No safe, but secure storage of valuables is available
- All students enjoy a full-board meal service. Vegetarian options offered daily.
- Vegan, gluten-free and lactose-free-food is available upon request.



## Lessons

### Courses available:

- **Intensive English** (20 lessons per week), (A1-C1)
- **Intensive German** (20 lessons per week), (A1-C1)  
 All of our courses follow the Common European Framework of Reference Levels for Language Learning
  - **Levels on offer:** Beginners (A1) (*English Course only*), Elementary (A2), Pre-Intermediate (B1), Upper Intermediate (B2), Advanced (C1)
  - **Placement Test** on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of class at 9:00, class allocation at 11:00.
  - Teaching material provided
  - **Personal certificate** at the end of the course
  - Maximum 15 students are placed in one group, mixed nationalities where possible
  - **90% of our teachers are native speakers** and a maximum of 10 % are native level speakers. All of our teachers are qualified.



## Sample Social Programme

### IP Hohensolms – Centre of knights and ladies

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	9:00 - 09:45 BREAKFAST	8:00 - 08:45 BREAKFAST	8:00 - 08:45 BREAKFAST	8:00 - 08:45 BREAKFAST	8:00 - 08:45 BREAKFAST	8:00 - 08:45 BREAKFAST	8:00 - 08:45 BREAKFAST
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		9:00 - 10:30 PRELIMINARY TEST	9:00 - 10:30 LESSONS	9:00 - 10:30 LESSONS	9:00 - 10:30 LESSONS	9:00 - 10:30 LESSONS	
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	14:00 - 17:00 <b>ARRIVAL</b>	14:00-17:00		14:00-17:00	14:00 - 17:00	14:00 - 17:00 FAREWELL MEETING	
AFTERNOON	14:00 - 17:00 WORKSHOPS (ARTS & CRAFTS / GAMES / SPORTS)	SWIMMING POOL	MEDIEVAL GAMES  PART I	HALF DAY TRIP MARBURG	MEDIEVAL GAMES  PART II	IP'S GOT TALENT PREPARATION	
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	20:00 - 21:45 ICEBREAKER GAMES	20:00 - 21:45 QUIZ NIGHT	20:00 - 21:45 GAMES NIGHT	20:00 - 21:45 KARAOKE DISCO	20:00 - 21:45 BONFIRE NIGHT	20:00 - 21:45 IP'S GOT TALENT	20:00 - 21:45 MOVIE NIGHT
NIGHT	NIGHT CHECK	NIGHT CHECK	NIGHT CHECK	NIGHT CHECK	NIGHT CHECK	NIGHT CHECK	NIGHT CHECK
	22:00 - 07:30 PEACE AND QUIET	22:00 - 07:30 PEACE AND QUIET	22:00 - 07:30 PEACE AND QUIET	22:00 - 07:30 PEACE AND QUIET	22:00 - 07:30 PEACE AND QUIET	22:00 - 07:30 PEACE AND QUIET	22:00 - 07:30 PEACE AND QUIET
TRIPS				HD TRIP MARBURG			FD TRIP FRANKFURT

## Special (with supplement)

### Building of soap boxes and derby (full day activity)

Extra activity to have fun and be creative! Students build their own soap box and end in an exciting derby to see who is the fastest racer.

## Sample Excursions

### Half-day trip to Marburg

Marburg is a university town in the German federal state of Hessen. There you can experience German fairytales very closely. We will follow an exciting guided tour along the "Grimm-dich-Pfad". Afterwards we will enjoy the historic town of Marburg with its beautiful small shops and caf  s.

Feel like a real princess or prince! We will visit the Landgrafenschloss where we will meet Hannah. She will take us along to a journey through the daily life during the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Then we will have time to discover the castle on our own and enjoy the historic town of Marburg.

### Half-day trip to Limburg

Limburg lies in western Hessen between the Taunus and the Westerwald on the river Lahn. In Limburg we will take part in a guided tour through the medieval city centre. Through funny anecdotes the tour guide will give us an understanding of its history.

### Half-day trip to Gie  en

Gie  en is a town close to Frankfurt, which is mainly known for its university. "Math to touch"! During our visit in the Mathematikum in Gie  en you will find out that Maths is not only figures and facts! Did you ever stand in a soap bubble? We make it possible! After our discovery tour we will have spare time to enjoy the sun at the Lahn promenade.

### Half-day trip to Wetzlar

The city of Wetzlar is a former free imperial city that owed much of its fame to being the seat of the Imperial Supreme Court of the Holy Roman Empire. Our first stop is the historic city centre. There we will do a Rallye to get to know the city. After finishing we will depart for a visit of the Bergwerk Fortuna. An original conveyor cage will take us into the mine site. Experienced guides will show us the handling of old machines and the workflow of the mineworkers. In connection with that we will watch a movie which gives us further information about the workers and their work routine.

### Half-day trip to Schloss Braunfels

Schloss Braunfels, built in 1249, is one of the most beautiful neo-Gothic castles in the south of Germany. During a guided tour we will visit the pleasant rooms of the castle and enjoy the view high above the Taunus. In the Rittersaal we will see old armaments and tournament weapons. Furthermore we will learn a lot about the former residents of Schloss Braunfels and their daily life.

### Half-day trip to Open-Air Museum Hessenpark

The Open-Air museum shows how people lived and worked in days gone by. Visitors have the opportunity to delve into a fascinating world of more than 400 years of rural life in Hessen. Fun, Action and History: During our trip through the Open-Air Museum we will combine those three topics. Where did kids sleep 150 years ago? How important was school to this time? What work did kids have to complete? All these questions will be answered. Afterwards we will test your abilities in still walking and other historic games.

### Full day trip to Mainz

Mainz is the capital and largest city of the state of Rhineland-Palatinate and famous for the invention of the moveable-type printing press.

At the present time it is customary for us to buy and read books. During our trip to "Golden Mainz" we will learn everything about the person who made it possible: Johannes Gutenberg. In the Gutenbergmuseum we will experience the production of paper and books.

### Full day trip to Koblenz

Koblenz is situated on both banks of the Rhine at its confluence with the Moselle. Our first stop is the beautiful Liebfrauenkirche. We will then make our way to the Moselle to the “Deutsches Eck”. At this place the Moselle and Rhein meet and we will have a great view on the fortress Ehrenbreitstein. Afterwards we will enjoy the sun at a water playground and have some lunch there. Before we depart to the town centre to go shopping, we will have a look into the Basilika St. Kastor.

### Full day trip to Frankfurt

Frankfurt is Germany’s fifth biggest city and definitely worth a visit! So join us for this full- day trip! We will visit the Kindermuseum, the Senckenbergmuseum or the Botanical Gardens. Of course a break for lunch at the “Alte Oper” can not be missed! Moreover the “Goethe House” and the “Paulskirche” are just a small selection of great places we will visit during our trip. We will also spend time in the city centre where you will have time to go shopping.

### Full day trip to Heidelberg

Heidelberg is a city situated on the river Neckar in south-west Germany and the fifth largest town in Baden-Württemberg.

Join us for a full day trip to one of the most known castles in Germany: Schloss Heidelberg! We will take the Bergbahn to the castle, which is already a great adventure in itself. On arrival at the castle we will take part in an exciting guided tour through different parts of the castle. Be inspired by the stately home and royal halls. Another part of the tour is a joint inspection of the “Großes Fass” and the “Apotheker-Museum”.

## Supervision

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

Our supervision ratio depends on the age range of our students:

- for students 12 years and younger, we follow a ratio of 1:10
- for students 13 and older we follow a ratio of 1:15

For children under 13 years different age-appropriated activities are offered during the afternoon.

The members of our team have been carefully selected for their responsible and caring attitudes, as well as their dedicated and outgoing personalities. They are the people your students can turn to at any time for assistance.

Please note that all students participate in a compulsory programme with a wide range of activities. They are not allowed to leave the campus without staff members – even if their parents give them the permission to do so.

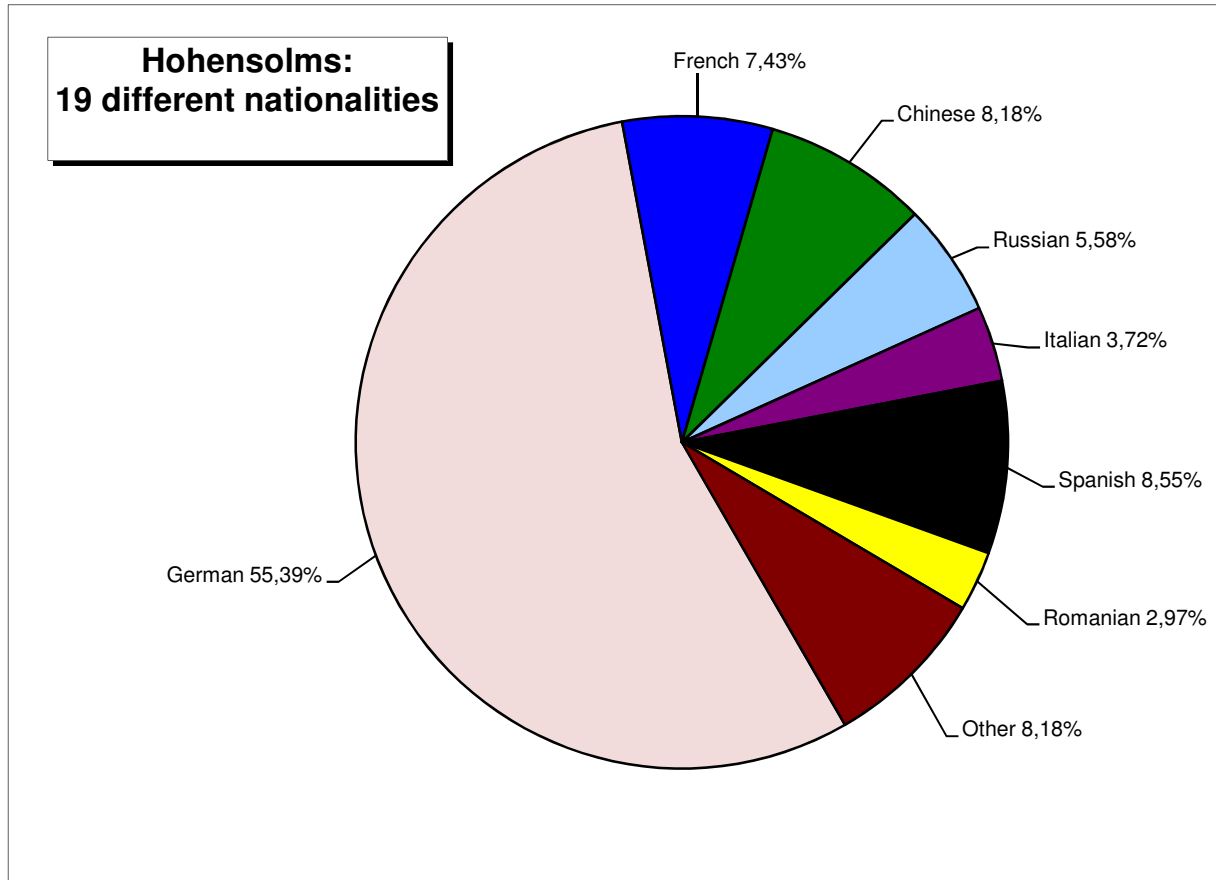
During excursions the students will also have the chance to explore and have some free time in pairs or groups with a staff member waiting for them at the meeting point. Please note, students under the age of 13 have to be accompanied by a member of staff, while students 13 years and older may leave in groups of two or more.

If students travel in a closed group, the accompanying group leader is responsible for their supervision (wake-up, participation in activities, night checks...) and the group leader will be fully integrated in our teams. Our teams do very much appreciate any active support from the group leaders on site.

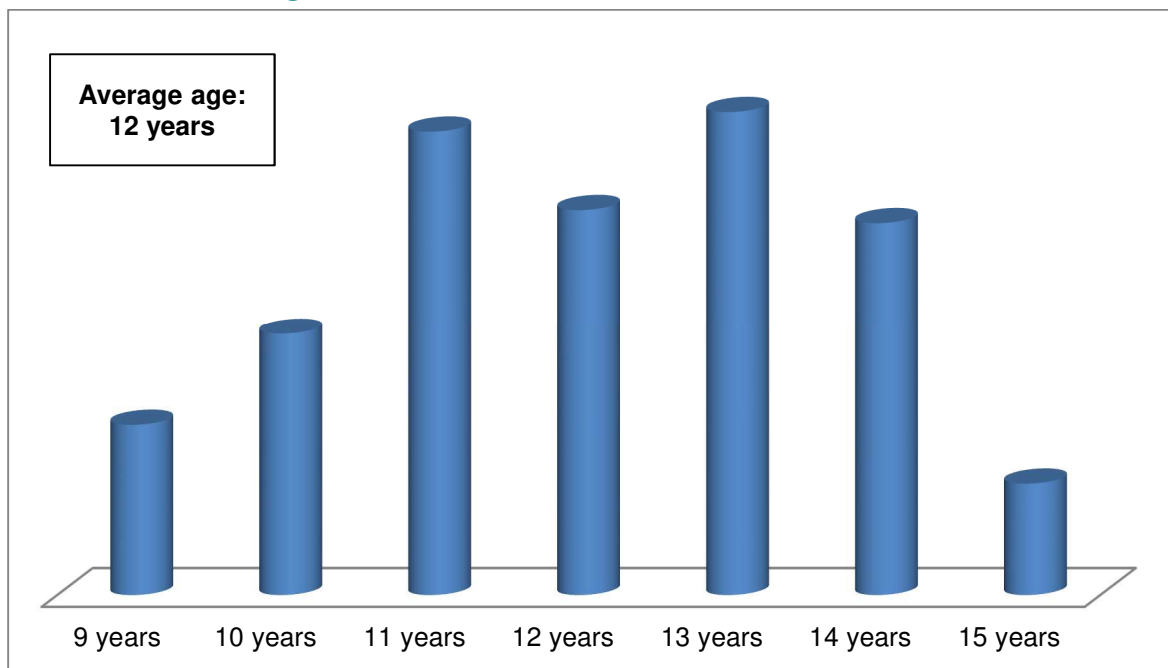


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Students 2018 – Nationalities



Students 2018 – Ages



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