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Hohensolms

SUMMER LANGUAGE HOLIDAYS

8-12 and 13-16 years

Quick Check

Ages	8-12 and 13-16 years
Centre Type	Bilingual residence Campus
Courses Available	Intensive German (20x45 min / 15 hrs) Intensive English (20x45 min / 15 hrs)
Capacity	Max. 100 students
(Main) Arrival / Departure day	Sunday (arrival) / Saturday (departure)
Centre dates	04.07.2021 to 21.08.2021
Nationality Mix 2019	German, Spanish, Italian, Chinese, Russian etc.
Main Airport and	Frankfurt International Airport (FRA) 1 hour away
Train Station	Frankfurt Main Train Station 1 hour away
Tourist attractions	Medieval castles, Lahn-Dill Highlands, Mainz, Koblenz, Marburg, Heidelberg, Frankfurt

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General Information

- 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 and outdoor)
- Green area for all kinds of outdoor 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

Map

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Accommodation & Catering

Residential Accommodation – Jugendburg Hohensolms

Our students stay in the medieval hill castle in the Lahn Dill highlands. Rooms have been renovated but the charm of medieval times still can be felt everywhere in the buildings and the castle grounds.

General information

- 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.

Main building: multi-bedded standard rooms

- Multi-bedded rooms (6-8 beds per room) with shared toilet and shower (at least 1 Toilet/Shower per 9 Students)
- Spacious cupboards
- bunk beds and in most rooms a table with chairs

Marstall: multi-bedded en-suite rooms

- multi-bedded rooms for up to 4 students with private bathrooms
- Spacious cupboards
- bunk beds and in most rooms a table with chairs
- the dining hall is located in the Marstall

Meal plan

- Meal times: breakfast 8:00-8:45, lunch 12:45-13:15, dinner 18:00-18:45
- Vegetarian options are offered daily. We cater for special diets e.g. gluten free, lactose free and vegan on request.

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Language Courses

- Lessons take place on the campus (in the castle)
- All our courses follow the European Framework of Reference Levels for Language Learning
- **Levels:** Elementary (A1), Pre-Intermediate (A2), Intermediate (B1), Upper Intermediate (B2)
- **Placement Test online before arrival or on site**
- Teaching material provided
- **IP Certificate** at the end of the course
- No more than **15 students** are assigned per group. Generally, students' native languages vary, but they are of similar age.
- **All of our teachers are native speakers** or native level speakers. All of our teachers are qualified to teach English or German as a Foreign Language or have extensive teaching experience in their respective language.

Available Courses

- **Intensive German Course** (20x45 minutes/15 hours per week): levels A1 to B2, lessons from 9:00-12:30 including breaks
- **Intensive English Course** (20x45 minutes/15 hours per week): levels A1 to B2, lessons from 9:00-12:30 including breaks

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Airports and Transfers

Low Budget Transfer from Frankfurt International Airport (FRA)

For our centre in Hohensolms we offer a low budget transfer from/to Frankfurt International Airport. This requires flight arrival **on Sundays before 16:30** (for non-European students we recommend arriving before 15:00). On the day of arrival our Meet & Greet Service will be waiting for your students at the terminal and accompany them to the transfer service.
On the day of departure, the students will be dropped-off at Frankfurt International Airport at 11:00 - so please book the departing flight **on Saturdays after 13:00**. A staff member will help the students to find their terminal and check them in.

Please note: If flight arrival is before 13:00 we urgently recommend a private transfer to avoid long waiting times. Departing flights should be before 17:00 otherwise we also recommend a taxi transfer. **If you do not make it on time to the coach shuttle on arrival, e.g. because your flight is delayed, border control takes too long, etc., there might be a supplement.**

Individual Transfer

Available transfers with private coach or taxi at any time requested. Other airports or train stations on request only.

- Frankfurt International Airport (FRA): 87 km, ca. 1 hour
- Frankfurt Main Train Station: 83 km, ca. 1 hour

On the day of your arrival our Meet & Greet Service will be waiting for you at your arrival terminal at the customs' exit and accompany you to the transfer service to ensure a safe transfer to Hohensolms. On the day of your departure you will be picked up in Hohensolms and a member of staff will accompany you up to your check in at the airport.

Unaccompanied Minor Service

If students book an Unaccompanied Minors service with their airline, please be sure to request our Unaccompanied Minors service (with supplement).

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Supervision

Our friendly and helpful International Team with staff members from e.g. England, Germany, France, Spain, Russia and other countries will run the activity programme and provide age-appropriate 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 the activity programme is a part of the language learning process and all students should attend. We offer a wide range of activities. Students 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.

Our supervisors may restrict the level of freedom if necessary, for example if you don't follow our centre rules!

Important information for groups: If students travel in a closed group, the accompanying group leader is responsible for their supervision in line with our supervision policies and procedures and working alongside our team. The group leader will be fully integrated into our teams and all the rules and regulations and policies will be communicated to them prior to arrival in our centres. Our teams do very much appreciate any active support from the group leaders on site.

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Sample Activity Programme

IP Hohensolms – Centre of knights and ladies

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday For Future	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	8:00 – 8:45	8:00 – 8:45	8:00 – 8:45	8:00 – 8:45	8:00 – 8:45	8:00 – 8:45	8:00 – 8:45
	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
	9:00 – 10:30	9:00 – 10:30	9:00 – 12:30	9:00 – 10:30	9:00 – 10:30	9:00 – 10:30	9:00 – 12:00
	Fun Games	Lessons Break IP Ocean	Lessons about Climate Change	Lessons Break IP Ocean	Lessons Break IP Ocean	Lessons Break IP Ocean	Departures
	10:30 – 12:00	11:00 – 12:30		11:00 – 12:30	11:00 – 12:30	11:00 – 12:30	9:00 – 18:00
	Arts & Crafts	Lessons		Lessons	Lessons	Lessons	Full Day Trip (for students staying 2 weeks and more)
	12:45 – 13:15	12:45 – 13:15	12:45 – 13:15	12:45 – 13:15	12:45 – 13:15	12:45 – 13:15	
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
	13:45 – 14:00	13:45 – 14:00	13:45 – 14:00	13:45 – 14:00	13:45 – 14:00	13:45 – 14:00	
	Assembly + TTT	Assembly + TTT	Assembly + TTT	Assembly + TTT	Assembly + TTT	Assembly + TTT	
Afternoon	14:00 – 17:00	14:00 – 17:00	14:00 – 17:00	14:00 – 18:00	14:00 – 17:00	14:00 – 15:30	Full Day Trip (for students staying 2 weeks and more)
	Arrivals & Check-In	Outdoor Swimming Pool	Geocaching	Half-Day Trip	Professional Archery Lesson	Sport Digital Workshop	
	14:00 – 17:00	14:00 – 17:00	14:00 – 17:00			15:30 – 17:00	
	Sports	Health & Beauty	Nature crafting			Dance Workshop	
	IP Ocean Chill-Out	IP Ocean Chill-Out	IP Ocean Chill-Out			IP Ocean Chill-Out	
Evening	18:00 – 18:45	18:00 – 18:45	18:00 – 18:45	18:00 – 18:45	18:00 – 19:00	18:00 – 18:45	18:00 – 18:45
	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	BBQ Dinner (weather dependant)	Dinner	Dinner
	19:00 – 20:00	18:45 – 19:15	18:45 – 19:15	18:45 – 19:15		18:45 – 19:15	18:45 – 19:15
	Welcome Meeting	TTT (Time to Talk) 19:15 – 20:00	TTT (Time to Talk) 19:15 – 20:00	TTT (Time to Talk) 19:15 – 20:00	19:00 – 21:45	TTT (Time to Talk) 19:15 – 20:00	TTT (Time to Talk) 19:15 – 20:00
		IP Ocean Chill Out	IP Ocean Chill Out	IP Ocean Chill Out		IP Ocean Chill Out	IP Ocean Chill Out
	20:00 – 21:45	20:00 – 21:45	20:00 – 21:45	20:00 – 21:45		20:00 – 21:45	20:00 – 21:45
	Icebreaker Games	Party Night	Quiz Night	Games Night	Bonfire Night	IP's Got Talent	Movie Night or Chill Night
Night	Night Check	Night Check	Night Check	Night Check	Night Check	Night Check	Night Check
	22:30 – 07:15	22:30 – 07:15	22:30 – 07:15	22:30 – 07:15	22:30 – 07:15	22:30 – 07:15	22:30 – 07:15
	Peace and Quiet	Peace and Quiet	Peace and Quiet	Peace and Quiet	Peace and Quiet	Peace and Quiet	Peace and Quiet

* Due to different arrival and departure dates and times there will be several Welcome Meetings throughout the weekend.

IP Hohensolms 2021:
Sample Programme Description

Our IP activity programme is a varied mix of workshops, sport activities, games and evening events aiming to provide our students with a safe, fun and intercultural environment which represents our IP philosophy 'Learn more than a Language'. Castle Hohensolms is a bilingual campus where activities take place in German and English. We select and prepare our activities with great care in order to match students' interests as well as their need for freedom and independence.

Theme Days	
Tuesdays For Future	**Every Tuesday, we aim to raise our students' awareness about global warming, climate change and ocean pollution. In the morning, students attend lessons with content that was designed specifically for the topic of climate change. In the afternoon, there are activities in nature like geochaching or environmentally themed creative workshops and in the evening there is a bonfire.**
Professional Archery lessons	**We spent all afternoon with a professional Archery instructor who teaches us how to correctly and safely handle bow and arrow. After that there is lots of time to practice target skills**

Afternoon Programme	
Chill-Out	Time in our designated chill-out zones equipped with table tennis, soccer tables, billard & board games (Students can also prepare their performance for IP's Got Talent Show during Chill-Out)
Sport	Football, Volleyball, Basketball, table tennis, Zumba, Jogging & Stretching
Fun Games	Capture the Flag, Hide & seek, Photo Rally, Treasure Hunt
Arts & Crafts	Pimp your T-shirt, DIY Keyrings, Friendship bracelets, DIY Crowns, DIY Kite, DIY Postcard & souvenirs
Health & Beauty	Henna tattoos, Nail Art, Face masks, Hand massage, Head massage, Make up workshops, Yoga & Relaxation

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Trendy / Digital Workshop	Instagram/photoshoot workshop, Internet Memes workshop, Videomaking workshop, Movie workshop

Evening Programme	
Fixed IP Programme	Movie Night/Chill Night, IP Quiz Night, Open Stage Night: IP's Got Talent
Party Nights	Theme Parties (Hawaiian, Bad Taste, Pyjama, Neon, White Sensation, Film Parties)
Game Nights	Murder Mystery, Scavenger Hunt, Haunted House, Casino & Fun Fair Nights, Escape Room, Prove your senses, Chaos Game

Trips & Specials	
Trips	Full Day Trips: Mainz, Koblenz, Frankfurt, Heidelberg Half Day Trips: Marburg, Limburg, Gießen, Wetzlar, Schloss Braunfels, Open Air Museum Hessenpark

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Sample Excursions

IP's full day excursions:
At breakfast you will be provided with a packed lunch for the day. After breakfast we will meet in the Great Hall and from there we will walk together to the meeting point where a coach will pick us up. Then we will start the journey to the chosen destination. Once we arrive, one of our trained IP staff members will give you a guided tour of the city/area. Every tour starts with some background information on the destination and lasts for 1h15 to 2h. We will stop at different points of interest to take some pictures. During or after the guided tour we will visit a museum or explore an important historic or cultural site in detail. After that, we will reach the set meeting points where students will get 1h30 to 2h30 free time in pairs or small groups. The supervisor will indicate where the closest shops and cafés are, and students will be free to discover the surroundings on their own, within a maximum of 20mns walking distance. According to the students age and the amount of free time allowed they might have to check in mid-time or stay in a small group with a supervisor, who will accompany the students where they want to go. When it is time to go back, we will meet at the designated meeting point at a specified time, walk back together to the coach and start our journey back to the centre. Full day trips start at 9:00 or 9:30 depending on the destination and end at 17:30 to 18:00, depending on traffic.

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 by Johannes Gutenberg in 1450. On our trip to Mainz we start the day with a walk through the historic old town with a stop at the impressive St.Martin's Cathedral built in the year 945 and the old marketplace with its famous fountain constructed in 1526. After a lunchbreak on the banks of the Rhine where we enjoy the beautiful view, we spend the afternoon in the Gutenberg museum, where we will learn about the production of paper and books and can even try our hands at papermaking and printing ourselves. Afterwards there will be free time in the city centre.

Full day trip to Koblenz: Koblenz is situated on both banks of the Rhine at its confluence with the river Moselle. We will explore the charming city centre on foot and visit both the Basilica St.Kastor which was consecrated in the year 836 and the Cathedral "Liebfrauenkriche", whose origins date back to the 5th century. We will continue to a famous area called "Deutsches Eck" on the banks of the Moselle. Here the Moselle and the Rhine meet and, while enjoying our lunch, we will enjoy the amazing views. There is also a water playground close by where we spend a relaxed break. After lunch we will take the famous cable care across the Rhine and visit the fortress of Ehrenbreitstein which is dedicated to "Living history" and hosts a cultural centre as well. The free time will be spent in the city centre.

Full day trip to Frankfurt: Frankfurt is Germany's fifth biggest city and a global hub of commerce. It has been an important commercial centre since the middle ages and the Frankfurt Stock Exchange dates back to the 9th century. On our trip to Frankfurt we will take a walk in the city centre and stop at famous landmarks like the city hall "Roemer", the Frankfurt cathedral built in the 14th century as well as St.Paul's church, the seat of the first democratically elected parliament of Germany in 1848. After that we will take a trip up the famous Main Tower and enjoy the stunning views from 200 meters above the city. We will also spend time in the city centre where we will have time to go shopping.

Full day trip to Heidelberg: Heidelberg is a city situated on the river Neckar in south-west Germany, home to Germany's oldest and one of Europe's most reputable universities founded in 1386. Heidelberg is to this day a city of science and several internationally renowned research facilities are located there. After tour of the city centre with stops at the medieval "Old Stone Bridge" and the "Karl's Gate", we will take the famous cable car to the Heidelberg Castle. A ride in the cable car, which opened in 1890, is already an adventure in itself. We will explore the castle, whose origins date back to 1214 and its royal halls as well as the "Heidelberg Tun", an extremely large barrel within its cellars. After that, we will enjoy some free time in the city centre.

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IP's half day excursions: After lunch we will walk together to the meeting point where a coach will pick us up. If the destination is a city you will then get a guided tour from one of our trained IP staff members of the city/area. Every tour starts with some background information on the destination and lasts for 45mns to 1h15. We will stop at different points of interest to take some pictures. If the destination is a museum or historic site, we will explore the location in detail either through a tour or a workshop. After that we will reach the set meeting points where students will get 1 hour of free time in pairs or small groups. The supervisor will indicate where the closest shops and cafes are, and students will be free to discover the surroundings on their own, within a maximum of 20mns walking distance. According to the students age and the amount of free time allowed, they might have to check in mid-time or stay in a small group with a supervisor, who will accompany the students where they want to go. When it is time to go back we will meet at the designated meeting point at a specified time, walk back together to the coach and start our journey back to the centre. Half day trips start at 13:30 to 14:00 depending on destination and end at 17:30 to 18:00, depending on traffic.

Half-day trip to Marburg: Marburg is a university town in the German federal state of Hesse. We will take a walk through the old town where we will see sculptures of characters from the famous fairy tales by the Brothers Grimm. The tour will lead us all the way up to the famous Marburg Castle from the 11th century, where we can enjoy fantastic views over the city and the surrounding area.
The free time will be spent in the historic old town with its beautiful small shops and cafés.

Half-day trip to Limburg: Limburg is a city in western Hesse between the Taunus and the Westerwald on the river Lahn. In Limburg we will take a tour of the charming old town with its winding streets. We will visit the impressive Limburg Cathedral that was built in the gothic style. The free time can be spent in the old town or in the "Werkstadt" shopping centre.

Half-day trip to Gießen: Gießen is a town close to Frankfurt, which is mainly known for its university. In Gießen we will visit the "Mathematikum Science Center" where you will find out that Maths is not only figures and facts. You can even stand in a giant soap bubble and perform various scientific experiments yourself. After, there will be time enjoy the sun or go shopping on the Lahn promenade.

Half-day trip to Wetzlar: The city of Wetzlar is a former free imperial city that ows much of its fame to having been the seat of the Imperial Supreme Court of the Holy Roman Empire.
We will walk through the historic city centre and visit the Wetzlar Cathedral as well as the "Lottehaus", the birthplace of the Charlotte Buff, who became famous as the inspiration for the character Charlotte in J.W. von Goethe's novel "The Sorrows of Young Werther". The free time will be spent in "Forum" shopping centre.

Half-day trip to Castle Braunfels: Castle 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 royal rooms of the castle, climb the castle's tower and enjoy the view high above the Taunus. In the "Knight's hall" we will see old armaments and tournament weapons. Furthermore, we will learn a lot about the former residents of Castle Braunfels and their daily life. On our way back we will stop in Wetzlar and spent some time in the "Forum" shopping centre.

Half-day trip to Open-Air Museum Hessenpark: The Open-Air museum shows how people lived and worked in days gone by. We will have the opportunity to delve into a fascinating world of more than 400 years of rural life in the region of Hesse.
During our trip through the Open-Air Museum we will find out where kids slept 150 years ago and how important – or not - school was to this time. What work did kids have to complete? We can play historic games or try stilt walking. The free time can be spent on the large playground or on the model marketplace with its charming historic shops and cafés.

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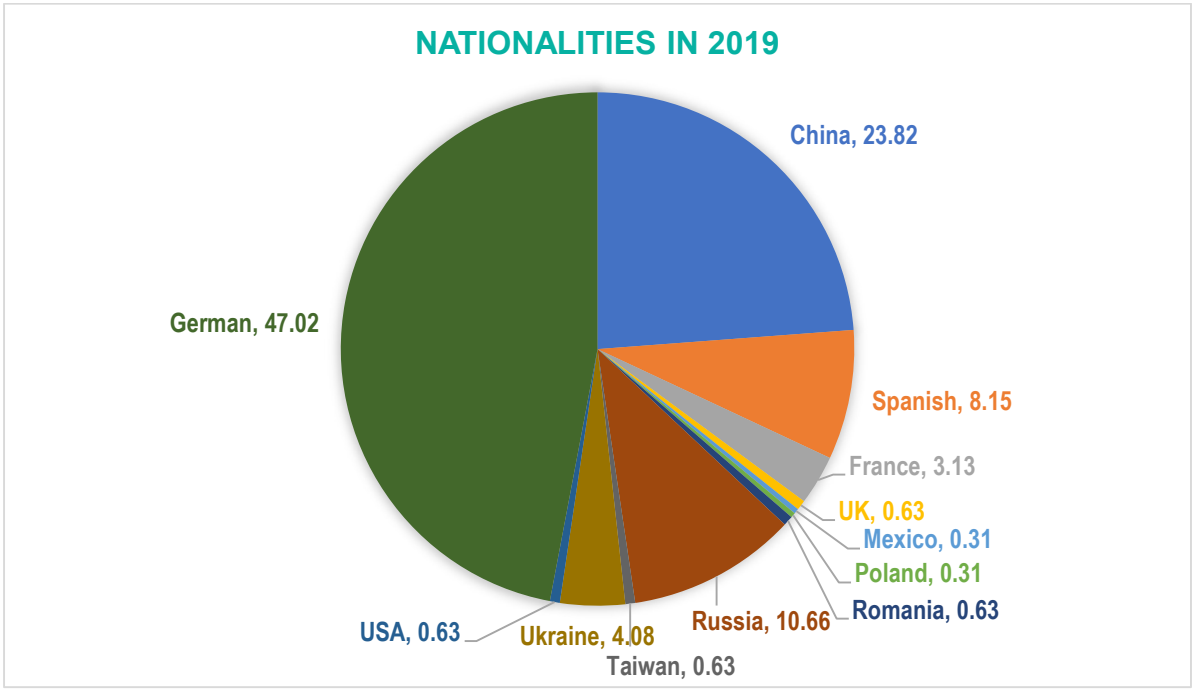

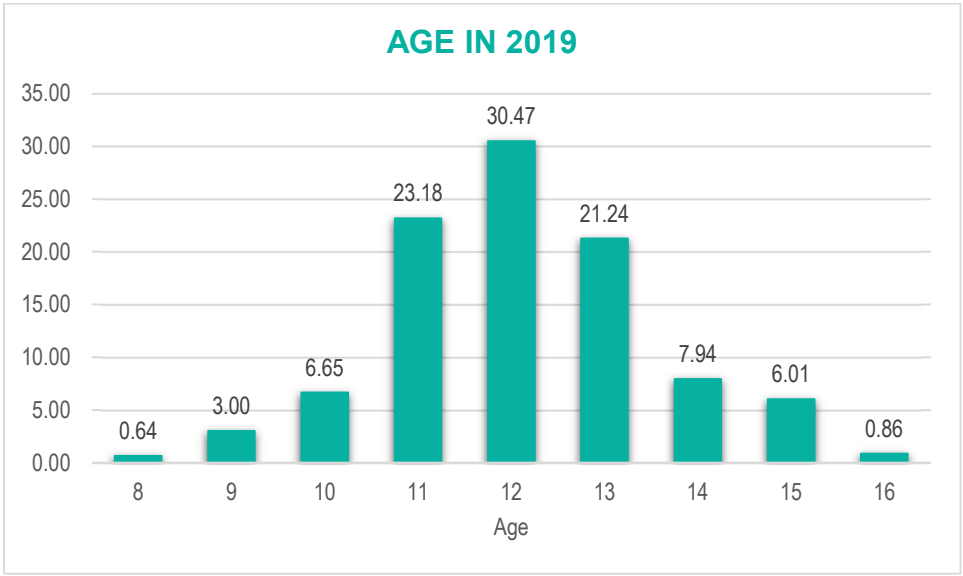

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Covid-19 secure notes

We are experienced since summer 2020 as we have been successfully running a summer camp in Hohensolms (Germany) under Covid-19 rules and safety measures.

The health and safety of our students, staff and visitors is our main priority. We will be strictly following all the recommendations and guidance issued by health authorities at our centres.

At that point of the year, we can't precisely describe how each centre will work as we don't know exactly what will be implemented by German government and local authorities in Hohensolms/Hessen.

Safety measures could for example include: wearing masks in the common areas of the youth hostel, wearing masks in public transport and/or on busses during our excursions, keeping the minimum distance in classrooms and during activities. The necessary measures will be defined prior to the students' arrival and are subject to changes if needed.

Trip destinations might not all be available depending on the current situation in the different trip destinations during the summer. If any trip destination has too many cases of Covid-19 we will change the trip to another destination to protect the health of our students and staff.

Updated information can be found on our website. Individual clients will receive all the necessary information with their travel documents 7-10 days prior to arrival. For closed groups we will inform the agents / group leader prior to the group's arrival to the destination.

Scan Me

By scanning the QR code you can discover a video about our summer camp in Hohensolms with Covid-19 safety measures in place. Students kept the needed distance but were divided in small groups with one member of staff responsible for them. Within these smaller groups they did not have to keep the distance. Taking busses for trips always happened with masks on. Hand sanitizer was available everywhere and anytime. We were strictly following the rules and regulations of the local health authorities at all times.

We received a throughout positive feedback. Many students even extended their stay with us as they and their parents felt very safe and at the same time the students were enjoying their holidays.

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