

# Welcome to Freiburg, Germany!



**2009 Dates:  
Start any Monday!**

**2009 Price Estimate  
for 12-Week Program:  
\$4,225**

***4-Week to 12-Month Programs Possible!***

## **Freiburg**

Freiburg is small enough to allow you to feel "at home" from your first day, yet large enough to be international, exciting and vibrant. The city has a population of around 200,000, of which 25,000 are university and college students, and a history that goes back some 900 years. Visit the *Altstadt* to experience this history firsthand. The location at the foot of the Black Forest with France and Switzerland nearby makes Freiburg an ideal starting point for excursions throughout Europe. In addition, Freiburg is known as the sunniest city in Germany!

## **The Language Institute**

The language institute was founded 1972 and specializes in teaching German to international students, as well as training teachers of German as a foreign language. It occupies a classic three-story building in the center of town, just two minutes from the pedestrian area and the university.

## **The Classes**

The classes are split into two parts: in the first you will learn and practice new grammatical structures in a communicative context. The second part emphasizes developing your speaking and listening skills. Your fluency will improve through discussion, role play and classroom presentations. You will be in a small group with 4 to 7 other students so there will be plenty of opportunities to converse and ask questions. The minimum stay during the winter, spring and fall is 6 weeks, and during the summer it is 4 weeks. **Classes with a focus on tourism are also available!**

## **Cultural Activities**

The program includes a wide range of social and cultural activities. The language institute offers excursions to the famous Black Forest, historic German sites, and across the border into the French towns of Colmar, Basle, and Strassbourg. Free screenings of current German films and evenings at local pubs will give you more opportunities to get to know the culture and the people. Additional options include everything from vegetarian cooking to cartoon drawing, and from political discussions to Euro Swing dancing. You will want to budget a little extra for transportation costs and entrance fees.

## **Special Options: Learn German Through Theater!**

Take your German skills to the next level while developing your acting skills and self-confidence! Over the course of six or twelve weeks, you will produce a play in German together with a group of international students – and then perform it on stage in front of an audience! In addition to that, you will have classes that focus on grammar, vocabulary, and idiomatic expressions. Call for details and start dates.

## **Accommodations**

Stay with a welcoming German host family and you can practice your German daily! Families provide comfortable accommodations and the opportunity for you to share in their daily lives, conversations, and German home cooking. Breakfast is included in the program price; dinner can be arranged for €6 per day. The majority of the host families live in residential areas on the outskirts of Freiburg. They are easily reached by public transport and traveling time is usually around 20-30 minutes.



## *Frequently Asked Questions*

**What does the cost include?** Application processing, orientation materials, homestay placement, tuition, some cultural activities, textbooks and class materials. Your homestay fees include a private room and breakfast. Dinner can be arranged at €6 per day. Budget some extra money for the optional activities and excursions.

**Can I study if I am a beginner?** Yes, beginners can participate in this program.

**When will I receive my host family placement information?** Host family information, details and contact information will be provided in the week prior to your class starting date.

**Will there be an orientation session in Freiburg?** On your first day of class, you will have a placement test followed by an orientation meeting at the institute and a tour of Freiburg.

**Will I have access to email?** Yes, the institute has a computer room where all students can access the internet. They also recommend the use of their interactive computer programs that focus on particular skills such as listening and pronunciation.

**Will the institute be closed for any holidays?** Yes, on December 25.

**Can I get credits for studying abroad?** Yes! Whether you are a high school graduate, a university student working toward a degree, or a teacher looking for professional development, you can get credit for continuing your education abroad. Earn 5 to 10 credits by signing up for a variety of courses offered by We Study Abroad, an accredited college program linked with Seattle Central Community College. Please visit [www.westudyabroad.com](http://www.westudyabroad.com) for more information.

**Do I need travel insurance?** We strongly recommend that you get travel insurance that includes a medical plan. Prices depend upon trip length and participant age. You can compare different policies online or by contacting your local travel agent.

**Can I speak to people that have attended the program before?** Definitely! Please contact our office and we can provide you with emails for students who have participated in this program before. They love to speak about their experiences.

**How do I apply?** To apply, complete an initial application and return it with a \$300 deposit. You can download the application at [www.andeo.org](http://www.andeo.org). Your deposit will be applied to the total program price. Upon receipt of your program registration and deposit, we will send you a detailed orientation packet. The balance of your program fees will be due 30 days before your program start date.

**What is your cancellation policy?** If you cancel your program more than 45 days prior to your start date, we will refund the amount you have paid toward your program fee except for the \$100 non-refundable deposit and any cancellation fees charged by the language institute. The cancellation fees vary from program to program so please feel free to ask us about the fees that apply to yours. For cancellations made less than 45 days prior to your program start date, your \$300 deposit will be forfeited, and you will also be responsible for the cancellation fees charged by the institute. If Andeo cancels your program, you will receive a full refund.

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