

DSD Preparation Course Darmstadt

INTERESTING ABOUT DARMSTADT

Darmstadt has around 165,000 inhabitants and is located in the south of the state of Hesse. Frankfurt Airport can be reached in about 30 minutes. The other cities in the Rhine-Main area such as Frankfurt, Mainz, Wiesbaden and Hanau can also be easily and quickly reached by public transport, so that participants in the summer residence course not only get to know Darmstadt, but also the neighboring cities.

Since 1997, Darmstadt has been also named "Science City", the reasons for this are certainly the high number of students, who make up around 25% of the population, at the university and at the University of Applied Sciences. The central unit for controlling the European space satellites (ESA) is located in Darmstadt.



The Messel mine near Darmstadt is a world heritage site due to the prehistoric finds there. Darmstadt also offers interesting museums, the Mathildenhöhe, which is also a world cultural heritage site, and many opportunities for leisure activities.

SUMMER RESIDENCE

The youth hostel is located directly on the "Großer Woog", a popular swimming lake in Darmstadt and at the same time so central that you can be in the center in just a few minutes. The "Mathildenhöhe", Darmstadt's landmark, can also be reached on foot in a few minutes. All rooms (multi-bedded-rooms) have a shower and toilet. There is warm food buffet-style for lunch and dinner. On the weekends we run day trips and take packed lunches for lunch. **The special thing about this residence course is that on certain afternoons we will also hold STEM (different natural sciences) workshops in cooperation with the Technical University of Darmstadt and other institutions.**



PROGRAM SAMPLE

- Discover Mathildenhöhe and city centre Darmstadt
- Hessisches Staatsmuseum Darmstadt
- Vivarium: Zoo Darmstadt
- Bioversum Darmstadt
- Afternoon excursion to
 - Frankfurt,
 - Mainz,
 - Wiesbaden or
 - Hanau
- Full day excursions to Heidelberg, Rüdesheim etc.
- Summer toboggan run

Changes are possible.

German Course



In the residence our juniors will get the German course with 25 lessons per week.

They will have 5 lessons per day in the morning from Monday till Friday. The lessons will **prepare students for DSD I respectively DSD II exam** including training the relevant skills as speaking, writing, reading and listening comprehension.

Our teachers prepare the interesting topics (which are chosen as DSD exam topics) for discussion, which encourage young learners to use the language and make them take an active part in the lessons. The leisure and activity programme **will also include items that take up the given DSD examination** points and provide and illustrate practical background information.

On the first school day a placement test will be written and according to the results the students will be placed into the appropriate group.

The course can be started every Monday during the summer program.

Duration of the program: weeks, from 27.07.2025 – 16.08.2025

Arrival day – Sunday;
departure day – Saturday.



IN THE PROGRAM INCLUDED

- Standard course with 20 lessons per week with teaching material
- Accommodation in the residence in the 3 or 4 bedded rooms
- Full-board (packed lunch during the full-day excursions)
- daily afternoon activities
- 1 full-day excursion (per 2 weeks stay)
- Supervision
- Placement test/Interview on the first school day
- Certificate at the end of the course
- Local transportation Card



FREE ACTIVITY AND EXCURSIONS

Our free activity program in the afternoon includes sport activities, short excursions etc.

One full-day excursion per weekend to the one of the places: Heidelberg, Rudesheim etc. is a part of our rich leisure program. Our staff prepares every week a new program, with which our juniors cannot get bored!

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