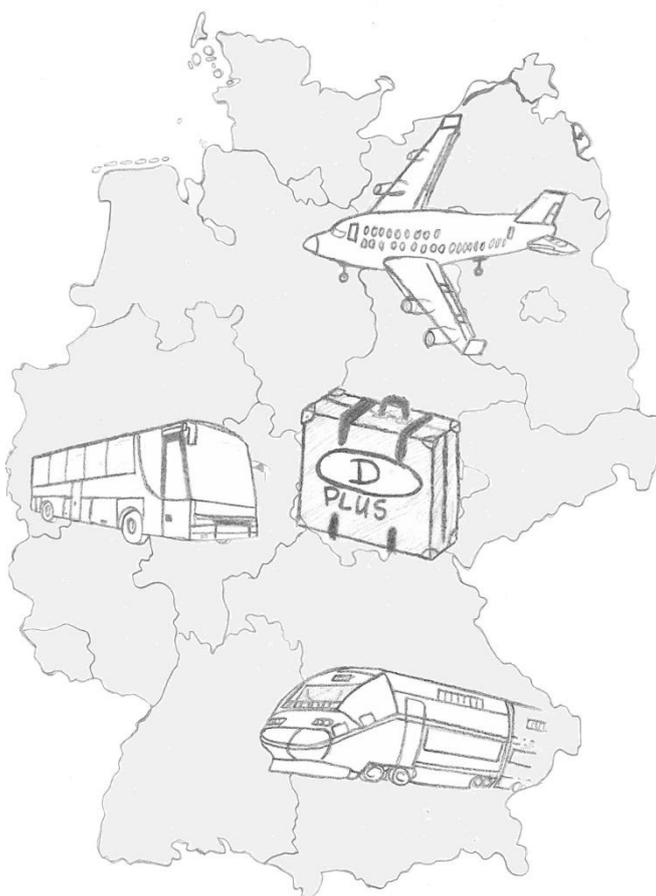


Award programme to promote the education of foreign pupils  
in the German language

## Deutschland Plus

### Information sheet for participants applying to the programme

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## Broad outline of the programme

Dear pupil,

We are delighted that you have achieved outstanding results in German and have a good general education. For this reason, you have taken part in a competition or other selection procedure in your country/nation in order to apply for the Deutschland Plus programme.

The 'Deutschland Plus' programme was created in 1959 in the Federal Republic of Germany by the Federal Foreign Office. Since then, the Pädagogischer Austauschdienst der Kultusministerkonferenz (PAD) has been running the programme. The programme promotes German lessons at schools abroad. It also honours pupils for special achievements in German by sending them on a study trip to Germany. Pupils from 18 countries are currently invited to spend 2 to 3 weeks in Germany.

You usually live with a host family for 2 weeks. You will then visit the city of Berlin or Bonn for a further 4 days **if** the city visit is planned for your group. On your trip, you will get to know a modern Germany. The aim of your stay is to improve your German language skills and to familiarise yourself with a region of the Federal Republic of Germany.

In this information sheet we would like to give you some important information about the programme. Please read it carefully.

## Application documents

In the attachment „Applications from students in the Deutschland Plus programme“, we explain which documents we need and in what form they should arrive. You will find the attachment at the end of this information sheet. Please note that you can only take part in the Deutschland Plus programme once. If you have already taken part in the programme, you cannot take part in the Deutschland Plus programme a second time.

## Arrival

Your outward and return journey will be organised. You will be travelling together with your group and a German teacher from your country. In the programme, this accompanying teacher is called the „Begleitlehrkraft“. Please enquire with your Begleitlehrkraft (accompanying teacher) about the exact travelling times and meeting point.

At the course location in Germany, you will be picked up by your host family or by your German course leader. In the programme, your responsible teacher at the German host school is called the „Kursleiter“(course leader).

It is not permitted to arrive or depart alone. It is also not possible to extend your stay in Germany. Trips to relatives or friends in Germany during the programme are also not permitted.

### Travel preparations and necessary documents for your stay

- Valid passport or identity card
- If required, a visa (with authorisation for multiple entry)
- Necessary medication if required
- Pocket money for personal expenses  
Check the exchange rate in your home country and exchange before travelling if necessary

There are no costs for accommodation, meals, lessons and excursions in Germany.

If you fall ill before the trip, please contact your accompanying teacher as soon as possible, who will arrange all further steps.

In the event of serious breaches of discipline, an **early return journey at your own expense** cannot be ruled out. We ask for your understanding.

## Accommodation

You will be accommodated with a host family. Not all host families can provide you with your own room; you may have to share a room with your host sister or brother. It is also possible that you will be accommodated in pairs in a host family.

In exceptional cases, it may not be possible to find enough host families. In this case, alternative accommodation will be provided. In this case, the accompanying teacher will take over the supervision.

Your host family should get in touch with you before the trip, and you can also contact your host family.

You come from different countries with different cultures. It is therefore important that you are curious and open to getting to know and trying out new things (e.g. food and drink). Conversely, your host family will be curious to find out as much as possible about you and your culture.

Remember that the differences you will discover between your culture and the German culture can be an enrichment, even if they sometimes confuse you. You can learn to think about cultural characteristics in a new way and to respect the differences.

If your group is travelling to Berlin or Bonn after the guest stay, you will stay in a hotel. A tour guide and the accompanying teacher will then look after you on site.

## The programme in Germany

All programme items will be held in German!

**Example programme for the first week:**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday /Sunday
Arrival and pick-up by host family or course leader	Welcome to the school Lessons Welcoming address Mayor Guided City tour	Lessons Hospitation Get to know each other evening	Day excursion	Lessons Hospitation	Lessons Excursion to a city or museum	<b>With the host family</b> e.g. Excursion, cinema, museum, swimming, barbecue with friends, family celebration, ...

Your trip to Germany is a study visit. Therefore, please take an active part in the programme and lessons and follow the instructions of your course leader and accompanying teacher.

Please remember that you are a representative of your home country!

## Insurance

### Health, liability and accident insurance

The PAD will take out health, liability and accident insurance for you for the entire duration of your stay in Germany.

The insurance taken out by PAD only covers the treatment costs for acute illnesses that occur during the guest's stay and are documented by a visit to the doctor. Costs for the treatment of pre-existing conditions, as well as for pre-existing conditions within the last 12 months prior to arrival in Germany or chronic conditions, are not covered by the insurance and must be covered by your parents taking out their own international health insurance.

Furthermore, the insurance does not cover costs for illnesses and accidents caused by intent. This includes suicide, attempted suicide and their consequences, withdrawal and cessation treatments as well as treatments resulting from the misuse of alcohol, drugs and narcotics.

Treatment for accidents are also excluded if a motor vehicle was being driven or if they occur as a result of a car stop. Therefore, hitchhiking and driving a motor vehicle (including mopeds) are not permitted in Germany, even if a valid driving licence is available.

### Luggage insurance

The PAD does not take out luggage insurance; the liability regulations of the travel companies (e.g. airlines or railway companies) apply.

## Some tips for your stay

- In your own interest, you should speak as much German as possible during your stay in Germany.
- Please always discuss the times when you will be home with your host family. Also talk about other rules in the family (meal times, showering, ...).
- If you would like to use the internet or telephone at your host family, please ask first. Your host family cannot cover the costs of expensive telephone calls and chargeable internet programmes.
- You are not allowed to drive a motor vehicle (moped, motorbike, car, etc.) yourself in Germany, even if you have a valid driving licence.
- **Alcohol and drugs are prohibited during the entire stay!**
- If you have any problems during your stay, please speak to your accompanying teacher or the course leader on site immediately.

## After the return journey

At the end of your trip, you will receive a link to an online report enquiry. You can use this link to comprehensively evaluate and comment on your stay using the German language. After completing the online evaluation form, you will receive a certificate of participation from the PAD by email within six weeks.

The PAD will use the results to evaluate the programme year and to prepare for the next programme year.

## **Attachment: Applications from students in the Deutschland Plus programme**