

ARRIVAL INFORMATION GUIDE
BERLIN



2024

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*Study German
in Berlin*





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Placement test

Please complete the online placement test at least 4 weeks before your arrival. The results will be communicated to you in our school.

Course start

Courses start every Monday. You will be placed in an ongoing course at your level. German courses for beginners start every month.

First day

On the first day of the course we will be waiting for you at 8:45 a.m. at the did deutsch-institute. Please contact the office for further information.

Course levels

Our course levels are based on the European Framework of Reference for Languages and are named from A1 to C2.

A1	A2	B1	B2	C1	C2
6 weeks	8 weeks	8 weeks	10 weeks	12 weeks	12 weeks

GOOD TO KNOW

Punctuality

Class begins punctually at the scheduled time. Participants who do not arrive punctually may not join the class until the next break. Please respect your classmates and teachers.

Public Holidays

Lessons canceled due to public holidays will be canceled without replacement. Individual lessons are always rescheduled. There are no lessons during **school holidays**.

Vacation requests

If you attend a course that lasts longer than 20 weeks, you can request a leave of absence of 2 weeks. You must submit the vacation application 2 weeks before the planned vacation. Only then can we ensure that you can make up for the course weeks you missed. Please note that you will have to develop the course content yourself as your current course will continue.

CALENDAR

Beginner Dates 2024

08.01., 05.02., 04.03., 08.04., 06.05., 03.06.
 01.07., 05.08., 02.09., 07.10., 04.11., 02.12.

Public Holidays 2024 in Berlin

08.03., 29.03., 01.04., 01.05., 09.05., 20.05., 03.10.

School Holidays

21.12.2024 - 05.01.2025

High Season

30.06.2024 - 17.08.2024



German Courses

Standard Course

20 lessons per week

Intensive Course

24 lessons per week

Premium Course

28 lessons per week

Individual lessons

2 - 20 lessons per week

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00 - 12:15	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard	Standard
12:15 - 13:00	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
13:00 - 14:30	Premium / Exam P.	Intensive	Premium / Exam P.	Intensive	Exam Prep
15:00 - 18:15	Standard*	Standard*	Standard*	Standard*	Standard*

* During periods of peak capacity it may be that the normal morning sessions will be held in the afternoons from 15:00 pm - 18:15 pm instead. In such cases, class is typically held three times a week in the morning and twice a week in the afternoon, or vice versa. Timetable subject to changes.

Exam Preparation

The preparation takes place in the afternoon over 3 to 4 weeks:

- telc - 20 lessons per course
- Goethe - 18 lessons per course
- TestDaF - 40 lessons per course

Exams

You can take the following exams for an additional fee:

- telc Deutsch B, telc Deutsch B2
- telc C1 Hochschule
- TestDaF (paper based)

Teaching Material

You can buy teaching materials at school. You will need one textbook every 3 - 4 weeks. The cost is approximately €20 – €25 per book. Payment is made by card at school.

Level test

At the end of the course level you must pass the test with 60% to be moved to the next level.

Certificate

You will receive a certificate of completion if you have passed the internal level test.

Participation Certificate

You will receive a certificate of participation if you can demonstrate at least 80% attendance.

ACTIVITIES

Free

City tour
District visits
Some museums
Picnics

Paid

Museum visits
Swimming pool
bowling
regular table

Excursions

Small and large cities in the surrounding area.
Travel costs and entrance fees are additional.

Participants

A minimum of 4 participants must register for the activity to be offered otherwise the activity/excursion is cancelled.



Your stay



Arrival

You can book a pickup from the airport or main train station through a transfer company. Please refer to the company's terms and conditions in your confirmation in case you're delayed.



Taxi

It's cheaper to take a taxi from the airport to the city. You can usually only pay for taxis in cash. You can order a taxi or Uber using the app and pay a fixed rate through the app.



Public transport

Once you arrive, you will quickly notice that it is very easy to get around using public transport. You can find ticket information and prices at machines or in the local provider app.

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Accommodation



Host Family

You will receive your accommodation confirmation in good time before your arrival. Inform your hosts of your arrival time by email/phone at least a week prior to your arrival so they know your arrival time and are home then.



Youth Hotel

You will receive a hotel voucher before your arrival. You will find a booking number on this. Please do not make any payments to the hotel directly, as payment for your room was made via did deutsch-insitut.



Student Residence

A did employee will greet you at the residence and hand over the keys. If you have not yet agreed on a fixed check-in date, please contact us urgently one week before arrival and provide your arrival details and contacts.

