

# Summer & Winter Language Camps



**A Guide for Parents : Everything You Need to Know**



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## About Us

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As the UK's leading language study abroad organisation Cactus Language offers study abroad programmes and language course holidays in over 120 destinations around the world. Our language travel consultants are experts in their field, with first-hand experience of the courses we offer, and they provide on-going support before, during and after your stay.

Cactus Language is part of Cactus Worldwide which offers [Evening Language Courses](#) across the UK, [Corporate and Business Language Training](#), and [TEFL courses](#) worldwide. With almost 20 years' experience in language teaching, having trained over 150,000 people to date, Cactus was one of the first language providers in the UK to send language learners overseas for immersion courses across the world. We specialise in Junior Courses, Language Summer Camps and School Groups, and work with only the best language schools throughout the world.

All of our junior programmes are designed specifically for children and teenagers, with their needs, preferences and requirements in mind. With a range of exciting international destinations to choose from every programme is tailored to the specific age group, with age-appropriate classes and activities. Studying abroad will not only offer your children and teenagers the chance to practise real-world communication skills in another language, it will also give them an experience abroad that will broaden their friendship groups and deepen their cultural understanding.

 The Cactus Team







## Schools & Courses

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### Our Schools

All of the schools we work with are **accredited** by official international organisations or organisations of the country such as the British Council, EAQUALS, FLE, FELTOM, ALTO, Instituto Cervantes, and the Italian Ministry of Education. Our schools are **carefully selected** for their high levels of quality and care, and are situated in safe, culturally enriching locations. All of the teachers and support staff in our schools not only hold the highest levels of relevant qualifications but also undergo rigorous checks and assurances in order to guarantee that your children are placed in the safest of hands. In addition, the rules and regulations stipulated in each language camp centre meet with the relevant child safeguarding laws of the country and the EU.

### The Teaching

Language classes are held either in the mornings or the afternoons, Monday to Friday. The children are placed in a class with others with the same language level and in the same age group, but from different countries. The teachers employ the **immersion technique** in order to accelerate the students' progress and encourage them to use the language being learnt as much as possible, and the teachers are always native or bilingual speakers. The classes are engaging and relaxed, with an emphasis on speaking and language production.

### The Programme

With language classes taking place either in the morning or the afternoon the other part of the day is taken up with a wide range of **fun and educational activities**. All activities are supervised by activity leaders and coordinators, and the activities are designed to give the children more opportunities to practise the language they are learning in real life situations.



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The activities include a full range of **sports, games and cultural experiences** during which children have the opportunity to make friends with other children from all over the world and learn more about the country they are visiting.

Some **free time** for relaxing is also factored into the programme schedule. Free time is usually spent on campus and is supervised. For older teenagers there may be the opportunity to spend some free time unsupervised in small groups. However, there are always a strict set of rules that they must adhere to in order to receive this privilege. All our camps provide an emergency telephone line which is serviced 24 hours a day in case of emergencies.

### **English Summer Camp**

**United Kingdom:** London, Bournemouth, Brighton, Canterbury, Oxford, Nottingham

**Ireland:** Dublin

**USA:** New York, Malibu

### **Spanish Summer Camps**

**Spain:** Denia, Seville

### **Italian Summer Camps**

**Italy:** Salerno

### **French Summer Camps**

**France:** Antibes, Cannes, Montpellier

### **German Summer Camps**

**Germany:** Berlin, Munich, Lindenberg

### **Family Courses**

We also provide families the opportunity to study a language at the same school taking separate language classes in the mornings then coming together in the afternoons to enjoy the beach and cultural activities. We offer families courses for English in Brighton, for Spanish in Denia and for Italian in Salerno.







## Accommodation & Transfers

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### Accommodation

The accommodation at a Cactus language camp is a key part of the language camp experience. Whether you stay in a welcoming family or with same-age friends in a residence, the accommodation provides a **safe environment** within which to gain a better understanding of the local culture and an opportunity to practise the local language.

Parents are able to choose between host family or halls of residence accommodation depending on the age of their child and the location of the school. All accommodation is selected according to strict criteria and both options usually involve sharing a room with someone of the same age and sex. Both options offer **full board** (3 meals a day plus snacks) which is included in the price of the package and there are lots of opportunities to practise the local language with people of the same age.

### Host Family

In a host family your child can enjoy the company of a local family in a secure and friendly environment. This experience means they will eat freshly prepared local food and will sit down with the host family to eat at meal times. During the week breakfast and evening meal is with the family, lunch is a packed lunch or at the school and at the weekend all meals are provided by the host family. Travel to school is either by walking, public transport or the school bus service.



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## **Residences**

With the residence option children can make friends from all over the world and learn about new cultures. They will stay in a shared room or single room which is supervised by the school staff and they will enjoy full board with all meals provided at the residence or nearby canteen. School group leaders provide 24 hour supervision for those staying in residence accommodation.

## **Transfers**

All summer camp programmes include a meet and greet at the airport upon arrival, transfers from the airport to the accommodation and transfers from the accommodation to the airport on the return journey. This is a pre-arranged door-to-door service.

We welcome all parents to travel with their children and drop them off at the summer camp, and pick them up at the end, if this is a convenient option. Please note, for child protection rules you may not be allowed into the children's sleeping area when visiting the school.

## **Unaccompanied Minors Service**

We encourage parents to travel with their children however if this is not possible the Unaccompanied Minors (UM) service offered by most airlines is strongly recommended for children under 13. Some airlines will not allow children under the age of 13 to travel alone without this service. The service provides care for the child during the journey by the airline and the school. If you require this service please enquire for the price and procedure as this differs slightly for each school. The fees charged by the airline company will be invoiced to you at the same time as your child's plane ticket.



## Language Camp Sports & Activities

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The activities outside of the classroom fulfil multiple roles – they help children make friends, increase their opportunities for practising the new language and develop their team work skills. Activities outside of the classroom are where students are able to put what they have learnt into practice. Doing this in a **fun and relaxed environment** is the best way to improve language skills quickly and have fun, all at the same time. For this reason every language camp has a wide range of activities to participate in, which ensures that everyone can find something that they enjoy.

### Activities

- ✔ Sports include: football, tennis, volleyball, swimming, basketball, ball games, golf, horse-riding
- ✔ Activities include: treasure hunts, board games, workshops, film night, shopping
- ✔ Cultural experiences include: art galleries, museums, sight-seeing, historic visits
- ✔ Social activities include: BBQs on the beach, picnics, parties, tournaments
- ✔ Activity leaders organise and supervise the activities
- ✔ Specialist sports are instructed by qualified and experienced professionals
- ✔ All activities are organised to ensure optimum safety

Some activities are included in the price of the camp, other activities are optional at an additional charge



## Free Time & Supervision

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### Supervision

The schools provide appropriate **24-hour supervision** to your children, asking students to respect strict rules adapted to their age level. With this supervision in place, each student can enjoy the smooth running of their stay abroad. From meeting students at the airport to the transfer for their return flight, through the organisation of courses, activities and transport, your child will be in the care of adults who will prioritise your child's safety at all times. It is important that you do not hesitate to contact us for any questions concerning your child's experience abroad. Our team will always do their best to meet your requests. Please provide your questions in writing a minimum of two weeks before departure in order for us to ensure a full response and tailor the programme delivered to your needs and requests.

### Free Time

All of our programmes include many varied activities, but in addition to this, students also have some free time to **rest or mix with other students**. For younger learners, free time is usually spent on campus under the supervision of activity leaders. For more independent teenagers excursions to the city may include periods during which the students are allowed to walk around the city while supervisors provide meeting points to which they must all return regularly. Whatever the age of the participants, our partner schools do everything in their power to guarantee their security.

### Pocket Money

We recommend £40 to £50 per week for phone credit, snacks, drinks, and souvenirs or gifts. We also recommend an additional similar amount for optional activities offered by the camp.



## Booking Process

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- ✓ Visit [cactuslanguage.com](https://cactuslanguage.com) to browse our course options. You can contact one of our multilingual advisors at any stage of your booking.
- ✓ Search by language or location, compare and select your course.
- ✓ Choose your course, school, location, accommodation, and booking details. Contact one of our advisors with any special requirements.
- ✓ Complete the booking process, selecting your preferences and submit your deposit online. You can also discuss your options with an advisor.
- ✓ Cactus will confirm your course details, accommodation and any additional extras in your travel pack.
- ✓ Cactus will send full pre-departure information and advice on your language camp.



## Prices

All of our programme prices include **tuition, full-board accommodation** (3 meals per day) and an **activities** schedule. In addition to the standard programme, some schools offer intensive tuition, additional sports activities and cultural outings/excursions. For further information, check the course description under each course title. Some programmes also offer a wider choice of additional optional activities which can be paid for on-site. If the airport transfer is not included in the price then it will be indicated in the booking form and must be selected.

## Our Accreditations



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**Private Tuition**  
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