



SUMMER & WINTER LANGUAGE CAMPS



A Guide for Parents – Everything you need to know

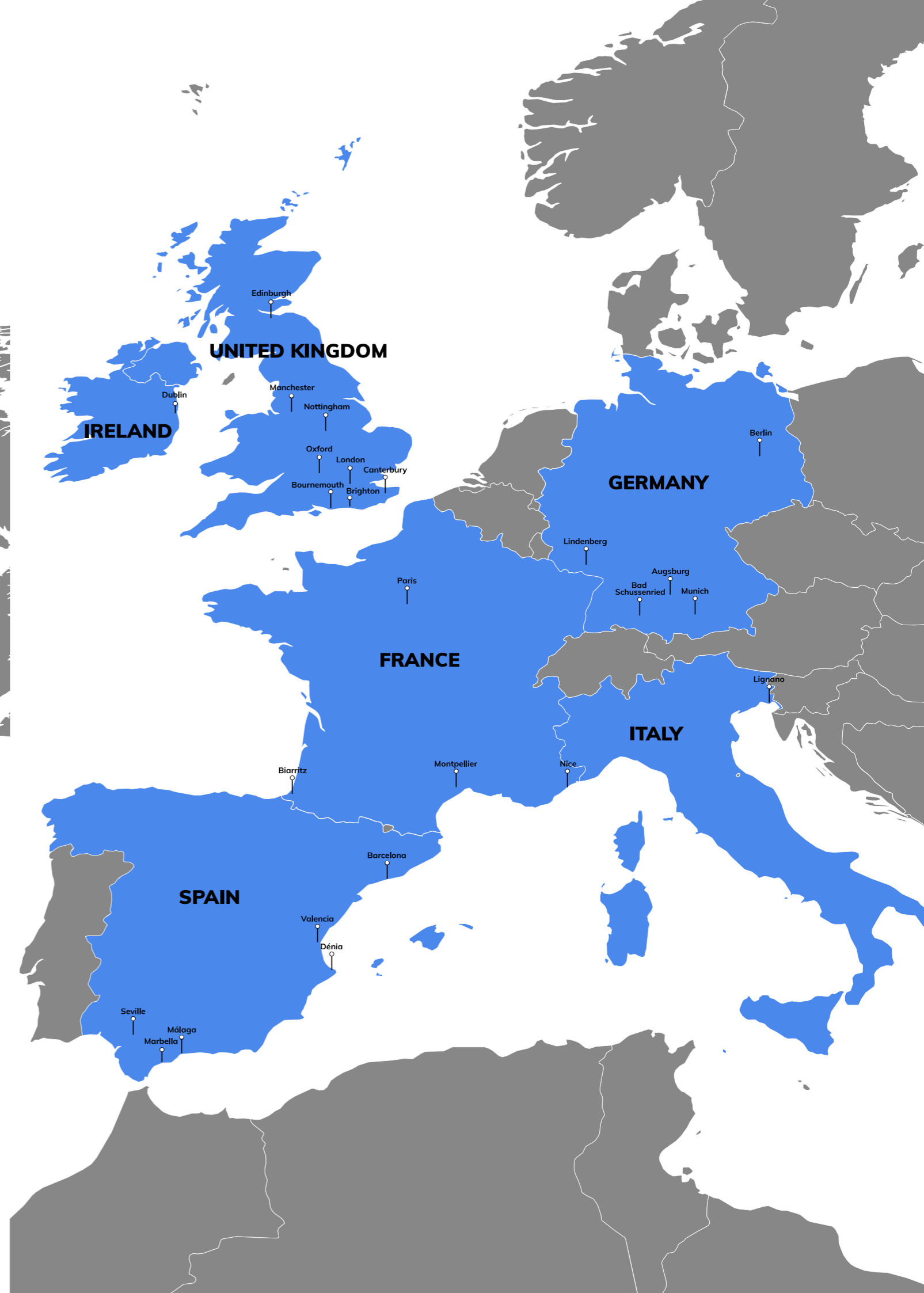
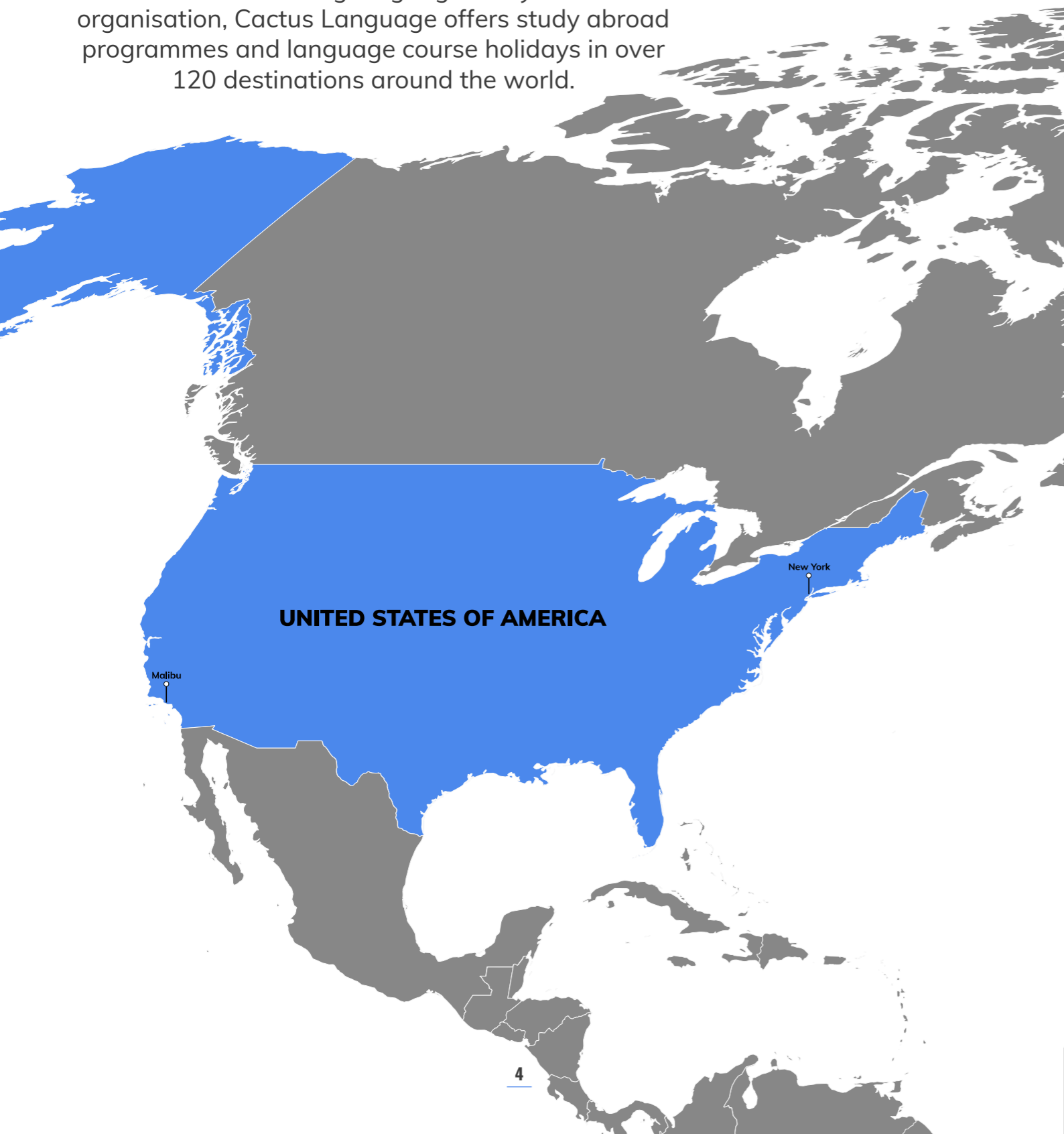



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LANGUAGES & DESTINATIONS

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WHY CHOOSE CACTUS LANGUAGE?

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, they provide on-going support before, during and after your child or teenager's 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.

FEATURED IN





OUR PROGRAMMES

SCHOOLS & CAMPS

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 level 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 relevant language teaching qualifications but also undergo rigorous checks and assurances. 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.

SUMMER LANGUAGE CAMPS

Summer language camps offer students an immersive experience in which they can learn a language and discover a new culture. The summer camps combine language lessons with a broad range of excursions, activities and sports. Students can normally choose to stay on-campus or live with a host-family. Excellent pastoral care and first-rate language tuition is guaranteed across all our summer language camps.

YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMMES

The year-round programmes for juniors are designed for students looking to develop their language skills throughout the year. The programmes also include activities and excursions for students to discover the culture of the country and enjoy the benefits of a full-immersive experience. Accommodation is provided on-campus or with a host-family and the safeguarding of the students is guaranteed at all times.

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 of the same language level and 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 communication.

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.

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.

ACCOMMODATION & TRANSFERS

ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation at a Cactus Language camp is a key part of the language camp experience. Whether children stay in a welcoming family or with same-age friends in a residence, the accommodation provides a safe and secure environment.

Our accommodation provides opportunities for young students to gain better understanding of the local culture and to practise the local language.

Parents can choose between host family or halls of residence accommodation depending on the age of their child and the location of the school/camp. 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) which is included in the price of the package.

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.

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 enjoy a full board package with all meals provided at the residence or nearby canteen. School group leaders provide 24-hour supervision for those staying in residence accommodation.

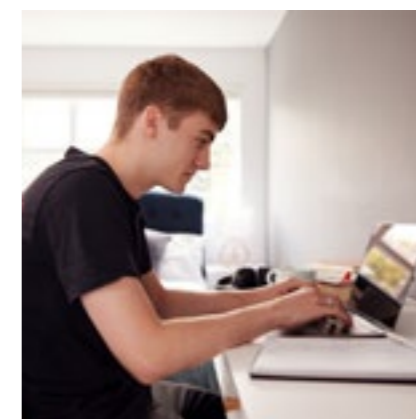
TRANSFERS

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 off/pick them up at the summer camp 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.





LANGUAGE CAMP SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

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 teamwork skills.

Activities outside of the classroom are where students can put what they have learnt into practice. Doing this in an enjoyable and relaxed environment is the best way to improve language skills quickly while having fun. 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

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, flight transfers, through the organisation of courses, activities, and transport. Your child will be in the care of adults who will always prioritise your child's safety. 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, for us to ensure a full response and tailor the programme delivered to your needs and requests.

FREE TIME

All our programmes include many varied activities. In addition to this, students 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.

WHAT TO BRING

In this checklist we recommend clothing and personal items students will need during their stay at a language camp.

The list will vary for each programme and depending on the season. Please remember that everything needs to be marked with the name or initials of the student.

- Personal clothing
- Sports trousers/shorts
- Long trousers/pants
- Sweaters
- Jacket
- T-shirts
- Underwear
- Socks
- Footwear + Sports footwear
- Pyjamas
- Hats
- School Material
- Pencil case
- Notebook
- Dictionary
- Toiletries
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Perfume
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Bath towel
- Additional
- Backpack
- Laundry bag for dirty clothes
- Pocket money
- Summer Camps
- Beach towel
- Bathing suits
- Sandals
- Important Items
- Passport or Identity Card
- Proof of insurance or European Health Insurance Card



COUNTRIES & LANGUAGES



ENGLISH LANGUAGE CAMPS



UNITED KINGDOM



British countryside, seaside towns, diverse cities, and a fascinating history is often what comes to mind when someone mentions the United Kingdom.

Our English Languages Camps offer young students the chance to improve their English in several exciting destinations across the UK. With international students coming from all around the world, young students will be able to explore and learn from people all around the globe. Whether it's being surrounded by the iconic landmarks of London, the ancient buildings in Cambridge, or the beautiful sandy beaches in Bournemouth, the UK offers a variety of safe destinations.



Why Choose an English Summer Camp in the UK?

- Visit some of the world's most famous landmarks and museums.
- Immerse in the language and the unique and traditional British culture
- Admire breath-taking landscapes such as the Seven Sisters and the New Forest

DESTINATIONS WE OFFER

- Bournemouth
- Brighton
- Cambridge
- Canterbury
- Edinburgh
- London
- Manchester
- Nottingham
- Oxford

[Click links for full details](#)

UNITED KINGDOM KEY FACTS



Name

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland



UK Flag



Population
65+ million



Capital City
London



National Animal
Lion



Famous person
William Shakespeare



IRELAND

Our English Language Camps in Ireland give young students the opportunity to improve their English in a relaxed environment with a breathtaking landscape.

From green rolling hills to stunning cliffs, there is so much to explore in Ireland. Our camp in Dublin is a lively and exciting destination to learn English, with a diverse student population, a great heritage and a wide array of activities. Best of all, young students will make lifelong memories visiting picturesque locations during excursions.

Why Choose an English Language Camp in Ireland?

- Meet the friendly and welcoming Irish locals
- Dance to the rhythm of Irish folk music
- Explore a stunning island full of natural wonders



DESTINATIONS WE OFFER

- Dublin

[Click links for full details](#)

IRELAND KEY FACTS



Name
Éire



Ireland Flag



Population
4+ million



Capital City
Dublin



National Animal
Red Deer



Famous person
Oscar Wilde



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Young students that learn English in the United States will have an experience of a lifetime!

There is plenty to see and do in the United States. From the stunning beaches in Malibu, to the world-famous landmarks and museums in New York. Our English camps offer beautiful panoramas everywhere in sight. Our English Language Camps in the United States is the first step towards young students experiencing the American dream!

Why Choose an English Language Camp in the USA?

- Varied and stunning landscapes
- Visit extraordinary museums and art galleries
- Explore large and splendid national parks



DESTINATIONS WE OFFER

- Los Angeles (Malibu)
- New York

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA KEY FACTS



Name
United States of America



American Flag



Population
300+ million



Capital City
Washington D.C.



National Animal
Bald Eagle



Famous person
Martin Luther King

FRENCH LANGUAGE CAMPS



FRANCE

As the world's most visited country, there is never a dull day in France!

Our French Language Camps are held in some of the best cities across France, where young students will experience a perfect combination of French culture, delicious food, sports and social activities. From the breath-taking landmarks of Paris, to the seaside surfing town of Biarritz, to the Mediterranean climate and thriving culture of Nice and Montpellier. Young students will have an extraordinary experience in France.



Why Choose a French language Camp in France?

- Visit impressive museums and splendid castles
- Practice watersports under the Mediterranean sun on the French Riviera
- Surf on the Atlantic Coast

DESTINATIONS WE OFFER

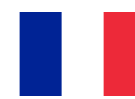
- Biarritz
- Nice
- Montpellier
- Paris

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FRANCE KEY FACTS



Name
République Française



French Flag



Population
65+ million



Capital City
Paris



National Day
14th July



National Animal
Gallic Rooster



Famous person
Napoleon Bonaparte

GERMAN LANGUAGE CAMPS

GERMANY

Germany is full of energy and the ideal setting for a German language camp!

Whether students want to experience the impressive museums in Berlin, the charming and peaceful town of Lindenberg, or the thriving cultural scene in Munich, there is certainly something for all young students. Our German language camps are a great opportunity for young students to practice sports, thanks to excellent sports equipment, numerous lakes and impressive mountains.



Why Choose a German Language Camp in Germany?

- Discover a rich culture, literature, music, art scene and heritage
- Practice a wide variety of sports
- Explore the German Alps in Bavaria

DESTINATIONS WE OFFER

- Augsburg
- Lindenberg
- Berlin
- Munich
- Bad Schussenried

[Click links for full details](#)

GERMANY KEY FACTS



Name
Bundesrepublik
Deutschland



German Flag



Population
80+ million



Capital City
Berlin



National Day
3rd October



National Animal
Eagle



Famous person
Ludwig van
Beethoven

ITALIAN LANGUAGE CAMPS



ITALY

Young students in Italy will have an unforgettable experience!

They will be kept captivated in the fascinating country, whether they choose to visit Roman ruins or medieval towns, practice a variety of watersports in the warm Mediterranean Sea, or learn how to prepare delightful Italian dishes. Best of all, young students will have the opportunity to take day trip to some of Italy's most beautiful cities, such as Venice and Verona.



Why Choose a Italian Language Camp in Italy?

- Discover Italy's rich and impressive cultural heritage
- Visit some of the world's most magnificent museums
- Swim in the warm waters of the Mediterranean Sea

DESTINATIONS WE OFFER

- Lignano

[Click link for full details](#)

ITALY KEY FACTS



Name:
Italia



Italian Flag



Population:
60+ million



Capital City:
Rome



National Day:
2nd June



National Animal:
Italian Grey Wolf



Famous person:
Leonardo da Vinci

SPANISH LANGUAGE CAMPS

SPAIN

With a warm sunny Mediterranean climate, sandy beaches, colourful towns, and a relaxed way of life, Spain is an ideal destination, and even more for young students looking to learn Spanish.

Young students will be kept busy with a wide array of sports and social activities available, including volleyball, sailing, and many more. And thanks to a friendly and talkative population, there are many opportunities to practice Spanish after the lessons.



Why Choose a Spanish Language Camp in Spain?

- Easily weave new friendships with the welcoming and talkative locals
- Taste delightful Spanish cuisine and tapas
- Practice various water-sports and beach-sports on long sandy beaches

DESTINATIONS WE OFFER

- Barcelona
- Cadiz
- Denia
- Malaga
- Marbella
- Seville
- Valencia

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SPAIN KEY FACTS



Name:
Spain



Spanish Flag



Population:
45+ million



Capital City
Madrid



National Day
12th October



National Animal
Bull



Famous person
Pablo Picasso

BOOKING & PRICES

CONTACT

BOOKING PROCESS

- 1 Visit cactuslanguage.com to browse our course options. You can contact one of our multilingual advisors at any stage of your booking.
- 2 Search by language or location, compare and select your course.
- 3 Choose your course, school, location, accommodation, and booking details. Contact one of our advisors with any special requirements.
- 4 Complete the booking process, selecting your preferences and submit your deposit online. You can also discuss your options with an advisor.
- 5 Cactus will confirm your course details, accommodation and any additional extras in your travel pack.
- 6 Cactus will send full pre-departure information and advice on your language camp.
- 7 Check [Cactus Language's Commitment to your Safety and Peace of Mind](#) – Flexible terms and conditions, more security when booking.

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.

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