

be prepared for your adventure

General Infosheet 2022

international workcamps with ijgd in Germany



Dear volunteer, we are happy to welcome you to our workcamp!



This infosheet will provide you with the information about our organisation and with our definition of an international workcamp.

3 weeks before the starting date of your project, a more specific infosheet will be shared with your sending organisation.

It will equip you with all important details such as the meeting time and point, the ways to get there, campleaders' contacts, and the list of essential items in your suitcase





1. The basics of a workcamp and

your responsibilities



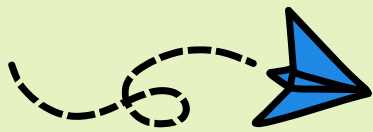
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Our workcamps

~ 60 international workcamps 2022

since 1949 ijgd organizes between 60-120 international camps every year



18-26

16-26

different camps for different ages

14-17

16-17

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The basics of a workcamp

**an
international
group**



work and fun



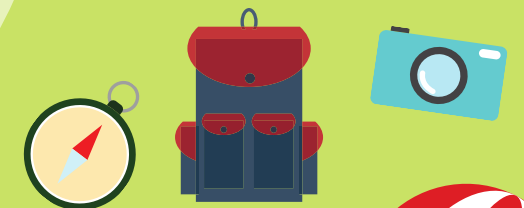
**self-organization
&
autonomy**



community working



work: ~ 5h / day



free-time activities



cooking and cleaning



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Your responsibilities as a volunteer



Be well-informed about the volunteering movement and the workcamp philosophy and be motivated to take part in the project



Participate for the whole duration of the workcamp. If you need to leave early or if you arrive late, please inform ijgd as soon as possible



**IJGD takes no responsibility for theft and damage to personal belongings that are brought to camp
Obtain adequate insurance for illness and return transport**

Your responsibilities as a volunteer



active participation is mandatory



Obey the laws of the country

Respect others



**Organise your free time activities along
with the support of the leader**



**Even if the workcamp takes place close to a big city or
some other tourist hotspot, this is not a vacation and you
are not a tourist! If you wish to travel through Germany,
you must do it before or after the workcamp.**

**Throughout the duration of your project, you will stay
with all the volunteers and local partners so that you can
enjoy local activities and gain intercultural experience.**

What to bring?



**slippers and
socks**



warm clothes



closed sturdy shoes



**waterproof clothing
light sporty clothing**



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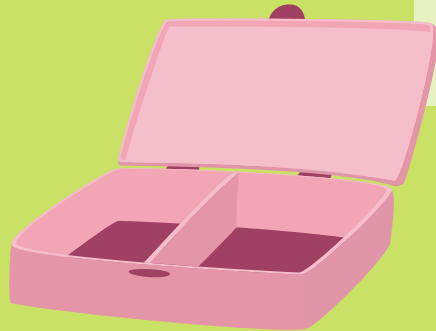
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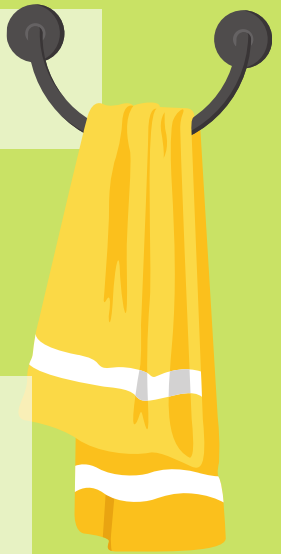
face masks (FFP2)



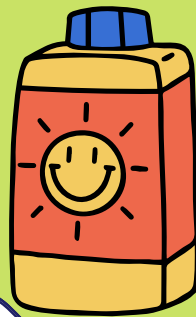
Drinking bottle and lunch box



Towels



sun protection



favourite music
and games

anti-mosquito spray

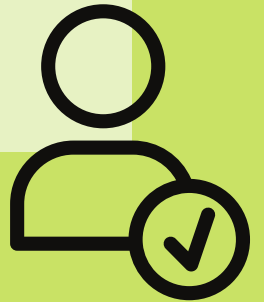


What to bring?

filled medical fact sheet



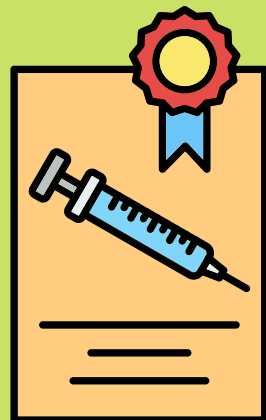
signed parental authorization
(only minors)



Health Insurance Card



Vaccination certificate



your needed regular medications



Nice to have?



student ID

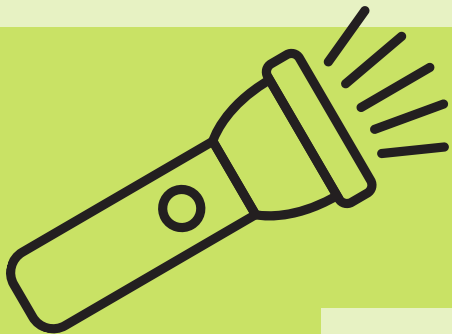
small backpack



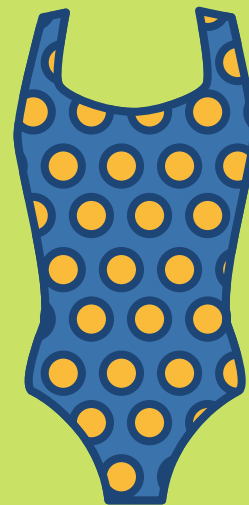
**Recipes and special food
from your country**



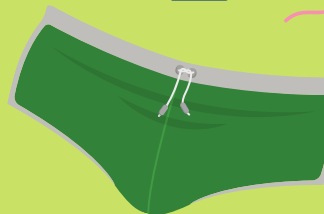
flashlight



swim suit



earplugs




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- **3 weeks before the camp starts you will get a specific infosheet for your camp please read it carefully if you have to bring some specific stuff for example**





All international teenage volunteers (under 18 years old) have to pay a teenage fee of 150€ for our mixed age camps. You can pay in cash on arrival or transfer (preferred) to



ijgd Bundesverein e.V.

IBAN: DE27 4306 0967 4053 5085 00

subject: your name + camp code

How to get there?



exact address is coming with the specific infosheet



You are in charge of organising your transportation before and after the workcamp. If you arrive one day before the beginning, you will probably need to book a room in a youth hostel or do some couchsurfing. Make sure you plan everything in advance because your accommodation will be available at the beginning of the program only. If you need more information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

we would like to invite you to travel as environmentally friendly as possible. If you have the option to go by train, bus, or carshare that can be a great first step for you to become a climate steward.



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How to get there?

www.bahn.com/en
or click here



you can also find local train
stations and bus stops



Cheap Train Tickets | Timetables for Germany & Europe - Deutsche Bahn

travel and mobility portal: information, train tickets, online tickets, regional day
tickets, affordable offers for rail travel and city breaks.

 bahn.com

Deutsche Bahn (German Rail)
Regional and Regional Express trains



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How to get there?

Busses are another way to travel between bigger cities within Germany as well as Europe. Usually, the bus tickets are cheaper than train tickets. On the other hand, it takes longer to travel by bus than by train. We recommend the following websites: www.flixbus.de/en, www.eurolines.de/en, www.reisebus24.de/ For transfer from or to airports see the website of the respective airport.

Airplanes are the fastest transportation and the tickets are getting dramatically cheap. Please note that one of the main objectives of IJGD is ecology. Therefore, we kindly ask you to not only think about the price while planning your trip, but also about the environment.

NOTE: You need to check where exactly the airport is located. Often they are outside or far away from bigger cities. For example, Frankfurt Hahn is not close to Frankfurt am Main (distance about 120km).

About Germany



Population: 83.5 Million

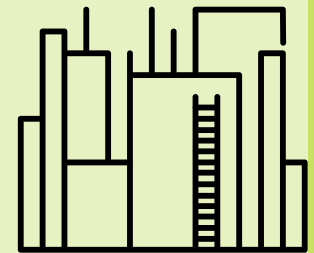
Biggest cities in terms of inhabitants:

Berlin: 3.6 Million

Hamburg: 1.8 Million

Munich: 1.5 Million

Cologne: 1 Million



Population with

migratory background:
21.2 Million (2022) from
190 countries all around
the world.

Germany is by far the largest
country in the EU in terms of
population.

Time: UTC/GMT +1 hour

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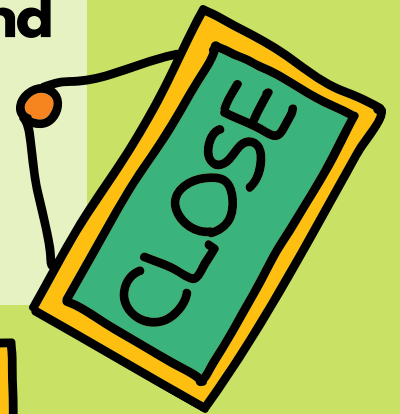
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Facts for travelers



Opening hours:

Businesses and shops open between 9am and 10am. Most of them close between 6-8pm, but especially supermarkets (at least in bigger towns) are open from 7am - 10pm or even longer. On Sundays all shops are closed (except for bakeries, which many open for a couple of hours). Exceptions are pharmacies, kiosks and shops in and around train stations, which stay open late and at weekends. Museums and historical monuments are, with few exceptions, closed on Monday.



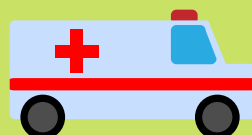
You will find internet access in all cities. Either within special internet cafes or for example at the airport or train station, in the hotel, in universities and libraries. On the countryside, however, the transfer rate can be very limited. Germany is not the fastest Country regarding grid expansion ;)



police
emergency number
110



fire department
112



the ambulance



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Did you know?



The longest word published in the German language is:
Donaudampfschiffahrtselektrizitätenhauptbetriebswerkbauunterbeamtengesellschaft
Try saying it five times fast!



College education in Germany is free even for internationals – tuition fees for bachelor's degrees in public universities was abolished in 2014 due to politicians thinking that having to pay for higher education as 'socially unjust'.



German is the third most commonly taught language worldwide.

The pigeons in Berlin are leaving behind 10 tons of dirt per day.



The most frequently used German surname is Müller.

There are over 1,000 kinds of sausages in Germany.



Tongue twister:
Fischers Fritze fischt frische Fische; Frische Fische fischt Fischers Fritze



The Christmas tree (Tannenbaum) tradition came from Germany.

about ijgd

The ijgd has been organising volunteer service programmes since 1949. We are an independent, non-profit association for international youth work, a recognised independent youth welfare organisation, and one of the largest and oldest workcamp organisations in Germany. Each year, we assist around 5,000 young people into volunteer work in Germany and abroad. We give them the opportunity to be creative, act in solidarity, take responsibility for themselves, and discover their own true potential and strengths. Our principles: Ecological learning, voluntary contribution, self-organisation, social development, intercultural learning, gender equality, anti-racism/anti-discrimination and political education.

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