

WHAT ALL OF US WILL BE PAYING ATTENTION TO



New rules for your language travel

It is clear that the pandemic will and has changed our lives. SPRACHCAFFE is aware of this situation and is acting accordingly. Nevertheless, we are convinced that your language stay during these challenging conditions will provide an unforgettable and valuable learning experience. Let us therefore begin with some good news:

After the long travel ban it is now possible to travel to other countries, to broaden your horizon and learn an exciting language from the beginning. Our schools at the different locations have adapted to the new circumstances with all necessary determination. To provide the best possible journey, rules and regulations will of course apply, before and during your stay.

Distance and hygiene

These are the key factors during your stay. For your own safety and that of your classmates, please kindly respect the hygiene and distancing rules of your host country. We will send you all necessary information prior to the start of your travels. We strongly recommend you to contact your insurance provider before your trip to inquire about additional insurance if necessary.

Activities

Any language trip should also be a fun experience whilst getting to meet others. We strictly obey the rules of the host countries and do our best to provide countless and carefree experiences. Daily temperature checks might be required.

Before departure

We cannot stress this enough: Safety is also important to SPRACHCAFFE. For this reason, we may ask you to confirm the following (for minors, parents will have to sign):

- at the time of departure and 14 days before travelling, no symptoms are present
- during the last 14 days, there was no contact with potentially infected people to the best of our knowledge
- sanctions are accepted, if you don't follow the rules
- if available, a Corona-tracing app to be installed.



Flight and transfer

In accordance with airline restrictions, we ask you to wear a mask and maintain the necessary distance in the airport during check-in and check-out. Incoming students should not be in contact with departing students. Should symptoms occur, we claim the right to send the student back home immediately.

Accommodation

Whilst at your accommodation we expect you to keep the minimum distance. Community kitchens might not be available. Cups, plates and cutlery should thoroughly be cleaned immediately after use and stored in your rooms. Bathrooms and common areas will be cleaned more frequently and thoroughly disinfected.



Catering

Meal procedures and guidelines might change. We provide alternatives to open buffets and once again distancing will be an important factor whilst eating in common areas. All of our kitchen staff members (where applicable) are trained and work in line with the regular and local hygiene protocols.

Classroom

It is mandatory to open the windows frequently. There will be limitations to the class sizes, with lessons also being held outdoors (where possible). Wearing a mask is recommended for all events. If any symptoms appear, the student will be kept away from classes, until a complete recovery is medically guaranteed. This applies to students and staff alike!



Live teaching

Naturally, we would like your learning experience to be as efficient and successful as possible and prefer the "Live-teaching" method. Depending on the current regulations on site, you should also think about the online possibility by bringing a laptop or a tablet. Tables, chairs, door handles, light switches etc. – the classrooms are cleaned and disinfected after each block of lessons.

To provide you with even more security, we are always up to date with the latest hygiene protocols in the respective countries, and can thus react as quickly as possible.

Our courses

Regardless of your choice of course, you'll have the chance to develop your language ability both quickly and effectively. Our **Standard Course**, of 20 lessons per week, aims to give a dramatic boost to your confidence in a foreign language, with focused teaching in all 4 skill areas: speaking, listening, reading and writing. Our **Intensive Course** builds on our Standard Course, with 10 additional lessons per week, focusing on the fastest possible language acquisition.

Workshops

1. Business English helps developing skills such as email writing, leading meetings, target group vocabulary and the use of idioms.

2. Job Applications & Interviews is designed as an aid for job applications. It covers vocabulary and functional tailor-made language.

3. Communication Skills offers you assistance for elaborate conversations and advice when implementing advanced communication strategies.

4. Public Speaking & Presentations helps strengthening confidence in front of larger audiences (e.g. professional or academic presentations).

5. English Drama. Develop your abilities as an actor and perform a play in front of an audience – train your rhetoric and pronunciation.

Teaching time

The **Standard Course** generally takes place from 9:00h to 12:30h, Mon - Fri. Students who choose the **Intensive Course** have 2 additional lessons focused on conversation from 13:00h to 14:30h.

Our **Standard Plus Course** (24 lessons per week) helps you to obtain the F1 visa to the USA. Depending on the location, standard classes are sometimes held in the afternoon. Class sizes are on average 15 students per class.

Evaluation & Certificate

The majority of our students take an online language test prior to commencing their programme, however if this is not available, they may take the exam on the first Monday. Students are placed into classes according to their current language skills.

Each student receives an end-of-course certificate. Learning materials are provided to students on loan (5 - 10 EUR/week) throughout their course.

	Course Type	Days	Lessons	Learning Time	Teaching Times*
Online Course information	Standard Course	Mon - Fri	20 lessons (45 minutes each)	15 hours	09:00 - 12:30
	Intensive Course	Mon - Fri	30 lessons (45 minutes each)	22.5 hours	09:00 - 14:30
	Workshops	Mon - Fri	10 lessons (45 minutes each)	7.5 hours	13:00 - 14:30

* Alterations possible

LEARNING AND A LOT OF SHEER FUN FOR YOU



SPEND TIME MAKING FRIENDS



Supervision

Throughout the trip learners are accompanied by our "Teamers" – young adults between the ages of 20 and 30 who have been specially trained to accommodate the requirements of our young learners. Our Teamers come from all over Europe and America, and communicate with students exclusively in the language being taught. Each Teamer is responsible for the supervision of around 15 students, travelling with the group, leading guided tours and activities, checking where

the students are going during their free time, as well as staying with them at the residence. Teamers are also responsible for the organisation of the leisure activity programme. Students aged 17 and under are expected to observe a curfew and follow the full leisure programme. Students aged between 18 and 20 also enjoy the complete support of the Teamers, and while not bound by the leisure programme, they are encouraged to take part in any activities which are of interest to them.



Leisure programme

The learning journey continues as soon as classes finish! With our comprehensive leisure programme students have the opportunity to really discover their chosen destination. A two-week language course generally includes a big variety of activities plus at least one full-day excursion and two half-day excursions (see table below for more details). Of course, students are also given some free time to socialise in the afternoons and evenings!



Daily Routine (variations possible)

07:00 – 08:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	Tuition
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:30	Tuition
12:30 – 15:00	Lunch break
13:00 – 14:30	Tuition or spare time
15:00 – 18:00	Afternoon programme
18:00 – 19:30	Dinner
20:00 – 22:00	Evening programme

	Duration of Stay	Number of Activities incl.	Number of Full Day Excursions incl.
Excursions	1 week	④ ⑧	—
	2 week	⑧ ①⑥	① ①
	3 week	⑫ ②④	② ②
	+ 1 week more	etc.	etc.

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Transfer

Our U20 programmes offer the full package – students are in good hands from arrival to departure. Students will be picked up at the airport upon arrival and taken to their accommodation. For this, we require full flight details at least 4 weeks before the course begins. Transfer time windows vary depending on the destination, and detailed information can be found on the individual school pages.

Students travel to and from the airport with their fellow classmates, most of whom they will be meeting for the first time. The transfer provides students with the first opportunity to make new friends. Students generally check in to their accommodation in the afternoon and vacate their room in the morning on the day of departure. They may be asked to pay a key deposit which will be returned on departure.

Days of Travel	Arrival	Sunday
	Course Start	Monday
	Departure	Saturday

Unaccompanied Minor Service

With our Unaccompanied Minor Service (UM) parents will be informed of the name, phone number and address of the transfer-driver well before departure.

Please note that we only offer Unaccompanied Minor Service if this is required by the airline.

The driver is only allowed to accompany students to the check-in, not to the gate.



We understand that a good night's sleep can play an integral role in promoting effective learning. That is why we do everything possible to ensure your home away from home is comfortable. We provide a range of accommodation options, with something to suit every taste and budget. Whichever option you choose, you'll feel at home from day one! In rare cases we reserve the right to offer accommodation not identical to that mentioned in this brochure.

If needed, a travel card for public transportation might cost between 15 to 35 EUR/USD/GBP/CAD additionally.

YOUR STAY – ACCOMMODATION



Meals, allergies & dietary needs

Each year we welcome thousands of students to our schools and boast almost 40 years of experience in catering with a variety of dietary needs.

Our participants always have the opportunity to try something typical of the country.

Sampling new food can play a big part in discovering a new country and its culture. Students are provided with breakfast, dinner and either a cooked or packed lunch (which consists of a sandwich, a drink and a dessert/snack).

Please let us know of any allergies/dietary requirements when making your booking, as well as information about any medicines you take. This information is given to the Teamers and, if necessary, the homestay (surcharge may apply).



Homestay

By staying with locals, students discover the customs and habits of their destination right from the start, sampling authentic local cuisine and discovering how the locals really live. Learning continues even when lessons have finished. Our friendly hosts are experienced in hosting international students and play an integral part in their learning experience.

A few homestays may be located outside of the centre, which means students get to know parts of the destination typically undiscovered by tourists.

Joint accommodation: If you're planning to travel with friends and would like to share your room with someone in particular, please let us know well in advance, so we can take this into consideration when allocating accommodation. We can't guarantee all requests, but we will do our best!



Residence / College

At a residence, students usually stay closer to school than they would with a homestay, which means less commuting and more time enjoying their surroundings. They will get to stay with other students from all over the world, allowing them to use their new language skills in an international environment. Teamers also stay at the residence. Our Colleges offer accommodation and classes all at one place.

The **Club Village in Malta** is truly unique. The accommodation is right on campus, alongside the language school, swimming pool, restaurant and sports facilities. Choose from a range of room types, from a twin to a 7-bed-room. Our Teamers also stay in the Club Village. Our breathtaking campus consists of striking limestone buildings, which truly captures the spirit of this Mediterranean paradise.