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WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF SPRACHCAFFE

You are obviously determined not only to have a great holiday, but also to improve your Spanish language skills – what a fabulous idea!

Get ready to have a great time with young people from all over the world and go back home with unforgettable memories. Excursions, parties, sport activities and trips to the beach will all give you the opportunity to practice what you have learnt in a fun, realistic, and rewarding environment.

In order to ensure that you go on your language holiday well prepared please find enclosed the address of your accommodation and language school. In addition, we have included the most important information about your language holiday which you will find here as well.

Should you or your parents have any questions prior to your departure, please feel free to contact us any time.

Disfruta de tu estancia en Málaga!

Your team from Sprachcaffe U20 Junior Program!

Málaga

Your travel pack is very important. It contains all of the information about your arrival and departure, the school, your Spanish lessons and of course your leisure time. On top of that you will find a lot of helpful information for the preparation of your language holidays in Málaga.

Please do not travel without this travel pack!

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Your arrival

Your parents will likely book your flight to Málaga for you. In order to organize the transfer for you, your parents have to make sure that they inform us about your flight details at least one week prior to your arrival in Málaga.

The details we need to know are: Your airline and flight number, the arrival time and the airport you are coming from.

It is always helpful if you also let us know your details for your flight back, so that we can already organize your return transfer for you.

If you are travelling with your parents, and therefore do not need a transfer, please let us know what time you will be at your accommodation. We need to know the approximate time so that we can inform your group leaders/host family.

Important information!

While booking your flight, please remember that the arrival in Málaga is always on a Sunday and departure on a Saturday!

You should also make sure that your arrival and departure time in Málaga is between 09:00 am and 09:00 pm!

Unaccompanied minors

Should your parents have booked the service for unaccompanied minors with the airline, please note that we have to be informed about this at least two weeks prior to your arrival in Málaga! As soon as we have the information we will let you know the name of the person that will meet you at the airport. Your parents will then have to give that name to the airline. Please understand that we are unable to organize this special transfer, should we receive the information later than two weeks prior to your arrival.

Important information!

Please note that we only offer unaccompanied minor service if the airline requires it:

Surcharge = 150 € one way.

Arrival in Málaga – Transfer

After landing in Málaga (AGP) you will go through customs and take your luggage from the baggage claim. The baggage claim will show your flight number and the city you flew from. As soon as you have found your luggage, please go to the exit which will take you to the arrivals hall of the airport.

You will meet the group leader/driver who will take you to your accommodation in the arrivals hall. He will hold a "Sprachcaffe-sign" which you should look out for.

Should you not see the group leader/driver immediately, please don't panic! It is very well possible that the group leader/driver might be a few minutes late due to traffic conditions. Please just wait in the arrival hall and keep on looking for the "Sprachcaffe-sign".

Important information!

**Should you not have met the driver after 15 minutes of waiting, please call the following phone number:
0034 655846775.**

Your luggage

You should check with your airline how much luggage you will be allowed to take with you. Normally you are allowed to take 20 kg plus one piece of hand luggage. When packing, please remember that you will have to carry your suitcase as well.

Important information!

You should always have a luggage label on your suitcase and hand luggage!

In your **suitcase** you should bring

- ✓ Clothes
- ✓ Swim wear
- ✓ Beach towel
- ✓ Bath towels

In your **hand luggage** you should bring

- ✓ Your passport or ID card
- ✓ Visa (if necessary)
- ✓ Your flight ticket or E-ticket-number
- ✓ Your voucher with all important information/emergency numbers
- ✓ Important pharmaceuticals (+ confirmation from your doctor to take them on the plane)
- ✓ Health insurance documents
- ✓ Contact details of your parents
- ✓ Pocket money
- ✓ Your cellphone

Important information!

Money or prepaid Visa cards should never be kept in your luggage! Please refer to your bank for further information about the prepaid Visa cards. We recommend applying early for prepaid Visa cards.

Visa and Entry Conditions

As Spain is a member of the EU, EU nationals can enter the country with a valid passport or ID card. Non-EU nationals should check visa and entry requirements at the Spanish Embassy.

Accommodation

You will likely find many differences in the way of living in Spain compared to your home country concerning the furnishing and the division of buildings and the cleanliness. The rooms in Spain could be smaller than you know it from your home so that you will generally only have a bed, a table and a wardrobe in there. You will share the bathroom with other students. You will get bed linen but please remember to bring your own towels.

In general, the families will introduce you to their habits on the day of your arrival, such as: general rules, the handing over of the key, times for meals etc. You normally share the bathroom with other members of the family. Please make sure that you always leave your room and bathroom clean and tidy and that you do not damage the furniture. Please also take the family into consideration and avoid unnecessary noise, especially late in the evening and at night. If you are not home for a meal, please let your host family know.

Important information!

Please make sure to let us know in advance if you have any food allergies, pet allergies or special food requirements!

Please note that we cannot promise that you will be the only student of your nationality in your accommodation or room.

Meals

„When in Rome do as the Romans do“...In Spain you will probably have adapt a little bit if you are used to a big breakfast. Breakfast in Spain normally consists of milk, coffee and some pastries. You will be given packed lunches, e.g. a sandwich and a drink. After your afternoon activities you will have dinner with your host family or in the residence.

Pocket money

It is difficult to say how much pocket money you should take with you since the amount depends on age and individual habits. The organized leisure program with excursions, sport or parties is already included. Our suggestion is about 120,-EUR pocket money per week. It is best to change your money locally since the exchange rate is usually better. You can also take Prepaid Visa Cards. Please refer to your bank for further information about the Prepaid Visa Cards. We recommend an early application of the Prepaid Visa Cards. You should take a bit of cash for the first few days (e.g. to phone home).

Please note that we will use public transport for some activities which is not included in the package. Everyone should therefore buy a weekly pass for public transport. The bus ticket will cost 8.30 Euro for 10 rides and a deposit of 1.90 Euro for the card itself (last updated October 2015).

Important information!

Our suggestion is to take about 150,- EUR pocket money per week.

We always recommend taking a bit more money with you since it is difficult to transfer money from your home country to the destination of your language course.

The School – Sprachcaffe Málaga

The first school day starts promptly at 08:30 am. All language courses start with a test that is done online prior departure. Please complete the test carefully, because your language skills will be determined and it is used as a basis to divide all students into learning groups.

The school's address is:

Sprachcaffe / Academia Málaga PLUS

Pasaje Antonio Barceló Madueño 5

29017 Málaga

Tel.: (+34) 95 2299330

Emergency Nr.: (+34) 655846775

Office hours: Monday – Thursday 9.00 am – 7.00 pm

Friday 9:00 am- 3.00 pm

During the weekends and on bank holidays etc. the school is closed.

The staff at our school speaks the following languages: Spanish, English, German, and Dutch.

The easiest way to get to school is by bus. You take bus number 11 (Center to El Palo) or number 3 (El Palo [Olios]) and get out at the station „Avda. Juan Sebastian Elcano (Las Acacias)“ or the station “Avda. Juan Sebastian Elcano (Arroyo Jabone-ros)“. The school is only a short walk away.

Important information!

If you have problems or are dissatisfied, please talk to our local team or your group leader immediately. They will support you in every way they can. Please bring your passport on your first day of lessons!

The lessons

All teachers are native speakers who have academic qualifications as well as foreign language teaching experience. They are very enthusiastic and are always willing to answer any questions you might have.

The lesson plans vary: As well as on the indispensable grammar and vocabulary learning we also put emphasis on communicative methods of learning. Role-plays and a lot of active speaking help you to overcome your fear of speaking the new language. The teachers also utilize current affairs topics such as politics, society and culture in the form of newspaper articles, radio broadcasts or TV programs. Our language courses will only be held in Spanish to maximize your immersion in the language.

We offer two types of courses:

- standard course 4 lessons à 45 minutes daily/ 20 lessons weekly
- Intensive course 6 lessons à 45 minutes daily/ 30 lessons weekly

Since the course groups are split up according to language levels, participants for both the standard and intensive course can be in one group together. The maximum number of participants in one course is 15.

On the recommendation of the teacher a student can be put into a higher or lower level class during the course.

Important information!

For organizational reasons the timetable might change slightly. In summer the lessons may take place in the afternoon.

Unfortunately classes that fall on public holidays cannot be made up. You will find information about Spain's public holidays in our brochure.

1st Day of School

When do I have to be at school? What is the first day going to be like? You're probably asking yourself these questions and to help you prepare for your language travel, we would like to give you an outline of the first day of school.

08:30 Introduction and placement test

09:00 – 10:30 Classes

10:30 – 10:45 Break, Meeting with the teamers in order to talk about the activities, worries, questions etc.

10:45 – 12:15 Classes

12:15 – 12:30 Break for the intensive course participants; End of class for the standard course participants

12:30 – 14:00 Classes Intensive course

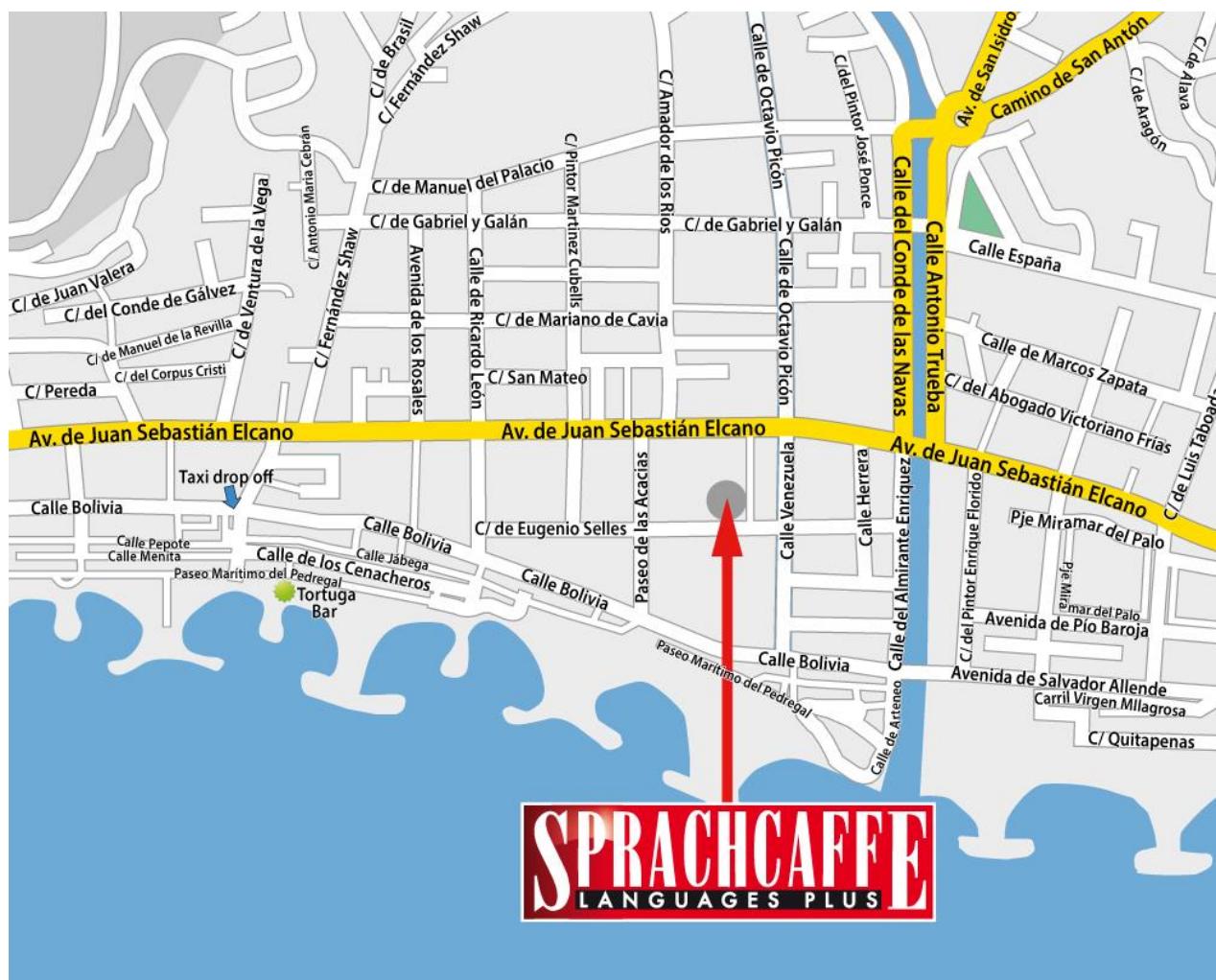
14:00 Lunch with the host family

19:00 Orientation tour in Pedregalejo

20:00 Welcome Party at the bar La Tortuga

Please consider that the schedule can change at short notice!!!

Map



Helpful information

Health care in Spain

If you get sick while being in Spain, your group leaders will call a doctor for you. EU-nationals can use the insurance card from their home country, so please take it with you at any time. For all students who are not EU-nationals, health insurance is mandatory! If you go to a private doctor, you will have to pay consultation. Ask for the invoice so that you can claim the money from your health insurance company back in your home country.

Insurance

We recommend taking health and travel insurance with you. If you lose your luggage, if they are damages or valuable items are missing it is always annoying and a reimbursement without insurance is a time-consuming process and not always very successful.

Climate

Málaga has a Mediterranean climate with mild winters and hot summers. The best time to travel to Málaga is in May, June and September. In July and August it can get extremely hot with temperatures up to 37°C.

Clothes

It is best to take casual clothes with you. We also recommend packing a warm pullover, as it occasionally can get cold in the evenings. For excursions we recommend a pair of practical shoes. Something a little fancier would also be good for special occasions and for the clubs. Don't forget to pack your swimming things.

Phone

The international code for Spain is **0034**, plus the phone number. If you want to phone to your home country, please check with your parents what the international code for your country is. There are public telephones everywhere in the city. You can buy telephone cards in the shops and at the newspaper stands.

Money

The official currency in Spain is the Euro. Your bank can give you the exact exchange rate. It is usually cheaper to change money in Spain, but we recommend taking a little bit of pocket-money for the first weekend.

Safe

There is a small safe you can use for your documents or money. The safe is free to use!

Electricity

220 volts. You might need an adaptor.

Time difference

In Spain they are on Central European Time, CET. Depending on your home country, you might have to change your watch!

Documents

Better to be safe than sorry! Please make a copy of all your important travel documents. For example: flight ticket, insurance policy and passport. In case you lose important documents you can be helped quicker if you have such copies. Please keep the copies separate from the original documents.

Public holidays

Unfortunately classes that fall on public holidays cannot be made up. You will find information about Spain's public holidays in our brochure.

Applied geography

Málaga

Málaga is located at the Costa Del Sol and the second largest city in Andalusia after Sevilla. It's one of the most important holiday destinations on the Iberian Peninsula because of the climate which attracts up to 8 million tourists each year. The climate is Mediterranean and the suns shines almost all the time, ideal for a language holiday!

With more than 20 museums Málaga has become a true museum-city. Since the famous artist Pablo Picasso was born here, you should visit the **Picasso birthplace**. Also very interesting: the **Picasso-Museum**. Apart from that there are a lot more museums to visit: **Interactive Music-Museum, Museo de Málaga, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo (CAC), Centre Pompidou Málaga, Museo Carmen Thyssen** and the **Bullfight-Museum**.

Seeing the **Alcazaba** and the **Monte Gibralfaro**, the best maintained Arabic monuments of the city, is also very worthwhile. The Alcazaba is an old mounted fortification that was built in the 11th – 14th century and served the Moorish queen as a residence. The defence walls combine Alcazaba with Gibralfaro so that the whole hill was transformed into a defensive fortification.

Málaga is also known for its festivals. **Carnival** is very famous and takes place in February before Lenten Season. Its main features are: costumes, murgas (singing groups), comparsas (carnival troops), cuartetos (quartets), coros (choirs), caroches and dance. The celebration last for 10 days around Ash Wednesday.

One of the biggest city festivals is the **Feria** which takes place in August. The Feria is a festival that honors the patron saint of Málaga, *Santa María de la Victoria*. Festive events, concerts and Flamenco shows take place throughout the whole city. Even a horse exposition and bullfights are part of the festival.

There's also the last week of Lent when the **Semana Santa** takes place that attracts a lot of tourists and religious people. This tradition originally comes from the 16th century as the Catholic Church wanted to show the people more about Jesus' tale of woe. The processions take place the whole week also in other Spanish cities.

Excursions

One full-day and two half-day excursions are offered in a two-week language course. If you are staying three weeks, two full-day and three half-day excursions are included in the price. Furthermore there are activities offered in the afternoon or evening for example:

- ✓ Visitas a museos
- ✓ Alcazaba
- ✓ Tapas
- ✓ Paseo en barco
- ✓ Beach-Volleyball

Please note that the activities and trips will vary slightly depending on weather conditions and number of students. There are usually some extra activities offered as well that you can book for a small fee once you are in Málaga.

Supervision

Our teamers supervise the leisure program. Please consider that Sprachcaffe Languages Plus is only responsible for students while supervised during leisure program. We expect you to behave in a respectful way and we are not responsible if you do not respect the rules or act at your own risk.

Return trip

Please make sure to tell your group leaders your most up-to-date flight details a few days before you are going home so that your return transfer can be organized accordingly. On your departure date, your return transfer will pick you up from your accommodation and drop you off in front of your departure terminal.

Important information!

Please note we do not have a check-in-service at the airport!

You will need to go into the terminal and walk to the check-in counter. Which counter you need to go to will be shown on the screens in the terminal. You should check in about 2 hours before your flight departs. After that, please go through security straight away. During the high summer season, this can take a while.

Meals for your return journey

We would like to inform you that you need to cater for yourself on your return journey. The last meal in your accommodation usually will be breakfast. Please make sure you have enough pocket money left on the last day so you can buy some food.

Checklist for your language holiday

- Small present for your hosts (optional)
- Inform Sprachcaffe about your flight details and arrival time
- Tell your friends your address in Málaga
- Send the contact form and signed rules back to Sprachcaffe

Clothes

<input type="checkbox"/> Trousers, shorts	<input type="checkbox"/> Dresses, skirts	<input type="checkbox"/> Shirts, blouses	<input type="checkbox"/> T-Shirts
<input type="checkbox"/> Jacket	<input type="checkbox"/> Pyjamas	<input type="checkbox"/> Underwear	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit
<input type="checkbox"/> Socks	<input type="checkbox"/> Shoes		

Cosmetics

<input type="checkbox"/> Towels	<input type="checkbox"/> Hair dryer	<input type="checkbox"/> Shower gel/soap	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brush	<input type="checkbox"/> Shaver	<input type="checkbox"/> Washing powder	<input type="checkbox"/> Tooth brush/cream
<input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo	<input type="checkbox"/> Make-Up	<input type="checkbox"/> Body lotion	

First-aid kit

<input type="checkbox"/> Plasters	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun cream	<input type="checkbox"/> Cold medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> After-bite cream
<input type="checkbox"/> Pain relievers	<input type="checkbox"/> Ointment	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicine for diarrhea	

Leisure

<input type="checkbox"/> Camera	<input type="checkbox"/> Charger	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile	<input type="checkbox"/> Deck of cards and dice
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Miscellaneous

<input type="checkbox"/> Alarm clock	<input type="checkbox"/> Neck pouch	<input type="checkbox"/> Sewing kit	<input type="checkbox"/> Stationary (ex: some pens)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses	<input type="checkbox"/> Address book	<input type="checkbox"/> Writing pad	<input type="checkbox"/> Glasses/Contact lenses
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel guide	<input type="checkbox"/> Dictionary	<input type="checkbox"/> Adapter (alternating current 240 Volt)	

Don't forget

<input type="checkbox"/> Money, Prepaid Visa Cards	<input type="checkbox"/> Passport/ID	<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance documents
<input type="checkbox"/> Flight ticket	<input type="checkbox"/> Sprachcaffe Travel Pack	

Photocopy of documents (passport, ID flight ticket, health insurance documents, booking voucher) should be kept separately.

For the pin board at home:

Address of the school:

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29017 Málaga

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Office hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 7:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Address

Sprachcaffe Frankfurt: Sprachcaffe Reisen GmbH
Gartenstraße 6
60594 Frankfurt am Main
Germany

Phone: 0049 (0) 69 6109120
Office hours: Mon – Fri 09:00 am – 07:00 pm CET

Emergency numbers:

Málaga: 0034 655846775

Please only use the emergency numbers in cases of real emergencies!

Feedback

Before the everyday routine sets in completely we would be very pleased if you could give us your feedback. As a participant you can tell us about your experiences, just fill out the online form at

<http://www.sprachcaffe.com/english/feedback/feedback.htm>

or

http://www.facebook.com/Sprachcaffe/app_13995986674#!/Sprachcaffe/app_13995986674

We always welcome ideas, tips and constructive criticism!



<http://www.facebook.com/Sprachcaffe>

Emergency contact details

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

SCHOOL: _____

DATES: _____

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON: _____

RELATION: _____

PHONE (PRIVATE): _____

PHONE (BUSINESS): _____

PHONE (STUDENT): _____

E-MAIL: _____

All information will only be used in case of emergency!

PLEASE SEND BACK TO THE SPRACHCAFFE OFFICE BEFORE YOU TRAVEL!

INFORMATION REGARDING ALLERGIES, DIETS OR OTHER SPECIAL CONCERNS

PLEASE LET US HERE KNOW WHETHER YOUR SON/ DAUGHTER HAS ALLERGIES, NEEDS A SPECIAL DIET, NEEDS TO TAKE MEDICIN AND YOU WISH US TO ASSIST OR HAS ANY OTHER SPECIAL REQUESTS:

NAME OF MY SON/DAUGHTER: _____

NAME OF PARENT: _____

ALLERGIES, DIETS OR SPECIAL REQUESTS:

SIGNATURE OF PARENT

Please send back to Sprachcaffe

PARENTAL AUTHORISATION

HEREWITH I CONFIRM THAT MY DAUGHTER/ SON IS ALLOWED TO TRAVEL ON HIS/HER OWN WITHOUT BEING ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

NAME OF MY SON/DAUGHTER: _____

NAME OF PARENT: _____

ATTACHED YOU WILL FIND A COPY OF MY PASSPORT (PARENTS)

SIGNATURE OF PARENT

Please carry this document with you and show it to the airline if asked.

General rules

1. Alcohol: U20 students are not allowed to buy or drink alcohol.

Addition for Malta: According to Maltese law, students over 17 years are allowed to drink beer, wine and sparkling wine within reasonable limits.

2. Smoking: Students under the age of 18 on the U20 programme are not allowed to smoke. Students older than 18 are encouraged not to smoke in the presence of other U20 students.
3. Drugs: Drugs are strictly forbidden. Students found to be in possession of drugs will be sent home at their own expense.
4. Violence/Stealing: If students are violent towards staff, other students, host families or anyone else Sprachcaffe reserves the right to send them home on their own cost. The same applies to stealing.
5. Warning: If students do not obey the rules the Teamer Coordinator can give them an official warning, which also means that their parents will be informed about the misbehavior. After the third official warning Sprachcaffe reserves the right to send the student home at their own expense.
6. Free time: U20 students are allowed to be without a Teamer in their free time, but never alone. They should be in groups of at least two students. Furthermore, U20 students are not allowed to organize any trips for themselves or to leave the destination even with the permission of their parents.
7. Hitchhiking: Hitchhiking is not allowed for safety reasons.
8. Swimming: Swimming is allowed if students can swim, but is at the students' own risk. Unless informed otherwise, it will be assumed that students are able to swim. We would like to highlight that swimming is not an organized activity and that Sprachcaffe cannot take responsibility for students while swimming.
9. Law: The local law of the country students are studying in has always to be respected and followed.
10. Adult students: Students from 18 years on should follow the rules unless they have our permission, otherwise we will recommend them to take part in the adult program.
11. Responsibility: Sprachcaffe Languages Plus is only responsible for students while they are supervised during the leisure programme. If students do not respect the rules Sprachcaffe Languages Plus will not responsible for any problems or accidents occurring.

School

12. Attendance: Taking part in lessons and the daily information meetings with the Teamers is mandatory.
13. Punctuality: We expect the students to be on time for their lessons. If students are late or not able to come to the lessons for any other reason, they need to inform their Teamers.
14. Mobiles: The use of mobiles during classes and information meetings is not allowed.
15. Food and drinks: Food and drinks (except for water) are not allowed during lessons.
16. Tidiness at school: We expect the U20 students to help us keeping the school tidy and use the bins and not to leave empty bags, packets, food, bottles or any other items in the student rooms or around the school.

Accommodation

17. Tidiness at home: Host families are not hotels. We therefore ask every student to make his bed and keep his bedroom clean and tidy.
18. Communication with the host family: We expect the U20 students to let their host family know when they will be back from the leisure activities and to inform if they will arrive later for dinner.
19. Rules of the host family: Students also need to respect the rules of their host family.
20. Noise: At the residences students should respect their fellow guests and not cause any disturbance or loud noise after 10pm.
21. Curfew: Students can go out until 11pm. After this all students need to be back at their host families and in the residences. On Friday & Saturday they will be able to go out until 1 am if a team leader accompanies them. The curfew does not apply for U20 events organised by the Sprachcaffe team, which can occasionally finish later. Group leaders have the right to adjust the curfew according to external circumstances.
22. Damage: If students cause any damage to the residence or at the host family, Sprachcaffe will ask the student's parents to refund the costs of the damage.
23. Accommodation: Boys and Girls will be accommodated separately.

Should a student break the U20 rules or the laws of the host country, Sprachcaffe is entitled to send the student home at their own expense immediately.

I CONFIRM THAT MY SON/DAUGHTER AND I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE ABOVE STATED RULES. WE CONFIRM THAT WE ACCEPT THEM.

NAME: _____

COURSE IN/ DATES: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT

THIS FORM NEEDS TO BE SENT BACK TO SPRACHCAFFE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE!!!

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT