

# Fact Sheet

## First Glance at Freiburg



### University Town:

- 550 years history

### Outdoors and Active:

- sunniest city in Germany



### Historic Old Town:

- gothic Minster
- unique Bächle



### Green City:

- bike-friendly
- sustainable urban development



### Black Forest Location:

- 43% of the urban area is covered with forest

### Local Specialties:

- Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte
- Lange Rote
- Pinot Noir Wine



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# FAQ: What to consider when planning your trip to Freiburg?

## Visa

Do I need a visa for travelling to Germany and attending the course?

- The [website of the Federal Foreign Office](#) provides an overview of current visa requirements. For details on the application, please contact the responsible German Consulate or Embassy in your home country.

**I need an invitation letter for my visa. How can I get it?**

- We can send you an official invitation to the course after successful registration and payment.



## Insurance

Does the course fee include insurance?

- Insurance is **NOT** included in the course fee, but having coverage for your travel and stay is highly recommended. Please contact your insurance company in advance to find out about your coverage.



# Transport

## How do I get to Freiburg?



- The nearest airport is **Euro-Airport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg**, approximately an **hour-long bus ride** from Freiburg.

Bus schedules: [www.freiburger-reisedienst.de](http://www.freiburger-reisedienst.de).

Other major international airports include **Frankfurt Airport** and **Zurich Airport**, both less than three hours away by train.

The nearest train station is **Freiburg (Breisgau) Hbf**.

Train tickets and timetables: [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de).

## How do I get to the course locations?

- Our **course office** is conveniently located in the city centre, and all classrooms are within walking distance.

From the train station to the course office, you can either walk (10 – 15 mins), or take the tram to the stop **Bertoldsbrunnen**. From there, it's a two-minute walk.

## How can I get around in Freiburg?



### RegioKarte

Coverage: Local public transport in **Freiburg and its surrounding areas**

Duration: One month

Prices: from 55.5 € (Students under 27)  
from 74 € (Others)

\*To enjoy the student price, you need to get a **Stammkarte** at our course office on the day of arrival with your student ID.



# Safety & Welfare

## How safe is Germany?

- Germany is among the Top 20 Safest Countries in the world. During the course, creating a safe, supportive, and respectful environment is at the heart of everything we do. All our activities are accompanied by teachers or student tutors.

If you feel insecure, reach out to our team — we are happy to help you find the support you need.

## Emergency numbers

General: 112

Police: 110

Medical Service: 116 117

Pharmacy Service: 0800 00 22 8 33

**I am a bit worried that Germany might be very different from my home country.**

- We know it is common to feel insecure when you first come to an unfamiliar environment, so we warmly invite you to join our orientation events.

Before your departure, our **Virtual Pre-course Session** provides all the essential information and an opportunity to get to know our team ahead of time.

Once you arrive, our **Campus and City Tour** is a great way to start navigating in the new surroundings.

Through classes and leisure activities, you will quickly meet new friends, making it easier to feel at home in the new environment.



# Daily Life

## Learning Zone

- Whether you want to talk with friends or work in peace, the University Library has a place for you. The **Parlatorium** is the perfect place for group projects, where you can laugh out loud and have lively debates. You can meet in groups and work together at the large tables. The **Lesesäle** are quiet spaces where you can concentrate on reading and studying.



## Weather

- Freiburg enjoys a mild climate in winter, but can be very hot in summer.
- Make sure to bring warm clothes and sturdy shoes if you want to go to the mountains. It is always cooler in the Black Forest.
- You will find an up-to-date weather forecast at [www.wetter.de](http://www.wetter.de)

## What can I do in Freiburg outside of the classroom?



## Food

- Enjoy healthy and affordable meals at **Mensa**. Vegetarian and vegan options are available. **Opening hours:** Mon-Fri, 11:30 – 14:00 and Sat 11:45 – 13:30. Lunch prices with our student card: 2.5 - 4.0 €.
- Discover a variety of restaurants in the city center and don't forget to try the famous **Lange Rote sausage**.

## Shopping

- All shops are **closed** in Freiburg on **Sundays**.
- The **Münstermarkt** offers fresh regional produce. **Opening hours:** Mon-Sat, 7:30 – 13:30.
- Souvenirs are also available at the **Müsterplatz**.



# Daily Life

## Sport and Outdoor

- “**Outdoors and Active**” – is a motto of Freiburg region, since the city is surrounded by nature and offers multiple opportunities to get active.

Meadows and hills, lush forests, vineyards, lakes and waterfalls, popular ski resorts – the varied landscapes of the Black Forest are a paradise for nature and sports enthusiasts. Contact our team for local hiking tips.

- If you want to do sports, there are multiple jogging opportunities, as well as gyms and swimming pools, which help you stay fit.



## Travel

- Freiburg enjoys a geographically blessed location in the **Dreiländereck** and is a perfect gateway to breathtaking destinations across Germany, France, and Switzerland. Just a short trip away, **Basel** is a cultural hotspot with world-class museums, a charming old town, and scenic Rhine views. Hop on the high-speed train to **Paris** and arrive in just three hours. Stroll along the Seine, admire the Eiffel Tower, indulge in delicious French pastries, and still make it back to Freiburg within the same day. Or head south to **Milan** by bus, where centuries of history seamlessly merge with cutting-edge fashion. No matter the direction, Freiburg connects you to incredible adventures.

