

BHASVIC

October 2025

You don't have to fly - Denmark Residential

A1 A level Geography Sunday 5 July - Saturday 11 July 2026 24 Places £1035

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Please note that this trip is running in Skills Week.

BHASVIC is pleased to offer residential trips to our students alongside their studies as not only does it support their learning but also give a great opportunity to grow independence, develop life skills and make new friends as they move on to adulthood.

With the threat of climate change an underpinning theme in A level Geography, the Humanities Department wishes to offer residential trips which are relevant and exciting without resorting to air travel. For our seven-day trip students will Interrail across the west cost of Denmark and explore Denmark and Germany via bus, bike and foot fostering self-sufficiency and allowing exploration of themes relevant to our A level. By choosing to travel to Denmark by train rather than plane, we will save over nine tonnes of carbon dioxide which would be the equivalent to the carbon emissions of producing 1,242 meat-based meals or enough emissions to fill 45 double decker buses!

Students will be accommodated in shared dormitories either six or eight beds (please be aware that we are unable to provide any smaller rooms even for an additional cost).

Outline Itinerary (indicative)

Day 1 – Meet at London St Pancras International. Take Eurostar to Brussels and then onward train travel to Munster, Germany. Night at 3* hostel in Munster, Dinner at the hostel.

Day – 2 Breakfast at hostel. Travel by train to Esbjerg, Denmark. Esbjerg is a costal port city located on the West Jutland of Denmark; it is known for its green energy production and Wadden Sea National Park (UNESCO world heritage site). Students will take a packed lunch, collect their hire bikes and spend the evening on the beach. Students will be staying at a 3* hostel in Esbjerg.

Day 3 – Breakfast at hostel. Students will visit Esbjerg University for a talk on sustainability. Followed by a cycle tour and dinner in Esbjerg.

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Day 4 – Breakfast at hostel. Cycle to Port for ferry to Fano Island for a beach clean and environmental talk. Return hire bikes. Dinner at Hostel.

Day 6 – Breakfast at hostel. Travel by train to Hamburg. Afternoon spent exploring Hamburg and 'picnic' dinner in the park or wet-weather option.

Day 7 – Breakfast at hostel. Homeward bound travel by train and Eurostar to London St Pancras International.

The cost of the trip is £1035 This includes:

- Seven-day Interrail pass (the pass will be valid for train travel in the UK but does not include any London Underground travel / seat reservations on Eurostar and selected routes)
- One-night stay in 3* Hostel in Hamburg
- One-night stay in 3* Hostel in Munster
- Four-night's stay in 3* Hostel in Esbjerg
- All meals
- Bus & Ferry tickets
- Bike hire
- All excursions and activities.
- BHASVIC travel insurance
- 5% contingency*

The following is not included in the cost:

- Breakfast and lunch on day 1
- Dinner on day 7
- Snack and drinks outside mealtimes
- Spending money

We hope you can join us for this exciting trip, please see the following pages on how to sign-up and pay.

Any questions please don't hesitate to contact Trip leader: Kirstin Gaymer (k.qaymer@bhasvic.ac.uk)

How to sign-up

To make sure that all students interested in joining this trip get a fair chance of getting a place we ask that you complete a sign-up form via this link. Residential sign-up form This does not secure you a place at this stage.

One application per student please and only put the students name down if you are sure they are 100% committed to going on the trip. The deadline to complete the form is by midday on Friday 14 November

If the trip is oversubscribed, we will randomly pick students for the places. We will then email parents/carers on Friday 28 November 2025 to let you know if the student does/ does not have a place. Those that don't will go on a waiting list. Those with a place will then need to respond by 15 December 2025 to confirm the place otherwise your place will be withdrawn and offered to a student on the waiting list. Deposits will then need to be paid by the deadline below to secure the place.

Paying the Deposit

The cost of this trip is £1035

Please make sure you read the terms & conditions at the end of this letter before proceeding with payment.

Once you have received the email confirming the place on the trip you will be able to log into your BHASVIC Parent Pay account and pay the initial deposit of £150 by midday Friday 16 January 2026. Payment of the deposit secures the place on the trip

If the deadline is missed for deposit payment, then the place will be offered to a student on the waiting list

Remaining balance

Once the deposit has been paid you can pay the remaining balance of £885 in 3 instalments via Parent Pay by the dates shown below. You can also make intermittent payments before those dates or pay in full.

16 February 2026 £295

16 March 2026 £295

16 April £295

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Once you have paid the deposit and the trip is full, we will email parents/ carers a link to the online Residential Trip Form. This form collects emergency contacts/ medical details/ passport information (if applicable) etc. Completion of this form is a requirement for the student to participate in the trip. All information is stored in line with data protection laws and will be deleted after the trip is completed.

Students will be required to complete a separate Code of Conduct form for the trip.

There will be a trip meeting for <u>students</u> held nearer the departure date where they will have an opportunity to meet the group and the Trip Leaders, ask any questions and receive the Trip Pack which will give them all the travel details/ emergency contacts whilst they are away. We will also email this pack to parents/ carers.

Please make sure BHASVIC have your most up-to-date email & you check your junk mail. We will also let students know any information that needs to be relayed to their parent/ carer.

Please note - This is a non-compulsory trip and an enrichment activity. BHASVIC has approximately 4000 students making our course cohorts very large. We are therefore unable to offer places for all students on this trip. If your young person misses out there will be more opportunities for enrichment activities over their two years at BHASVIC.

* On all residential trips, an average contribution of 5% has been incorporated into the overall trip cost to support the BHASVIC Emergency Contingency Fund. This fund is intended to cover any unforeseen expenses that may arise whilst your young person is on the trip.

Any surplus remaining in the contingency fund after the trip will be transferred to the Future Trips Fund, which provides financial assistance to our bursary students. If you do not wish to give your consent for this transfer, please contact us at cashdesk@bhasvic.ac.uk. If we do not hear from you, we will take this as your consent for any leftover contingency funds to be allocated to the Future Trips Fund. Should there be a sufficient surplus beyond the contingency allocation, we will reimburse the remaining amount to you.

Terms & conditions

- 5 1. At the time of writing the cost of this trip is correct. There may be occasions where elements of the trip will be affected by price rises which are out of BHASVICs control. In these instances, this cost will be passed to the parent/carer. BHASVIC will make sure we inform the parent/ carer of any price increase in a timely manner & will ensure any additional cost is kept to a minimum.
 - 2. If the student wishes to withdraw from the trip, please email the Trip Leader & trips@bhasvic.ac.uk
 - 3. If you choose to withdraw the student from the trip at any point, any monies paid will only be refunded if:
 - a. If we can fill the space from the waiting list. Please note <u>not</u> all trips will have a waiting list, in this instance we will advertise the trip to the relevant cohort one additional time to find a replacement. If we cannot fill the space, you will not receive a refund.
 - b. Any student from the waiting list being able to pay all monies outstanding in one payment
 - 4. Final instalments need to be paid within 30 days of the stated due date. If payment is not made within this period, then BHASVIC reserves the right to withdraw the student from the trip & retain all monies paid for the trip thus far.
 - 5. If a student withdraws from a trip and student names have already been submitted to a travel company or airline, then any cost incurred to replace that student/ or change details will be charged to the withdrawing parent/ carer.
 - 6. The student's parent/ carer will be asked to input their passport details (if applicable) via the Residential Trip Form. It is the parent/carers responsibility to make sure this information is correct & to arrange a new passport if necessary. BHASVIC is not responsible for any mistakes made whilst imputing passport details or for failure to renew a passport by time of the trip departure. Any cost incurred to correct mistakes will be charged to the parent/ carer.
 - 7. In the incident of the refusal by immigration in the country of destination or refusal to board in the UK, cost to return the student home with an accompanying teacher will be charged to the parent/carer. In instances where a passport renewal is not received in time for trip departure, BHASVIC will not refund any paid monies.
 - 8. We will check if any student has any AI / ALS / Safeguarding / Medical Needs / Health and Safety Issues and PEEPS that the trip leader/s should be aware of just for the duration of the trip. This information will be collected via an online form & all is stored in line with data protection laws and will be deleted after the trip is completed.