



October 2026

Intercultural Exchange and Host Stay – Traunstein/ Germany

A1 German

Monday 05 – Friday 9 July 2027

10 Spaces

Cost: £501/student

Trip Leader: Riem McQueen, r.mcqueen@bhasvic.ac.uk

Please note that this trip is running in Skills Week and if you are participating in Duke of Edinburgh then you will be unable to partake in this trip as the residentials run at the same time.

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.

The Languages & Culture Department is delighted to offer a unique educational trip to Traunstein in Bavaria during Skills Week, building on the exciting partnership and exchange programme we are developing with our partner college in Traunstein.

This is a fantastic opportunity for BHASVIC German students to experience German language and culture first hand. Students will spend a day at the college, shadowing German students in lessons and gaining an authentic insight into everyday life in a German educational setting. They will also take part in excursions alongside their German counterparts, exploring the beautiful town of Traunstein and visiting the nearby cities of Salzburg and Munich, all of which feature prominently in their German studies and curriculum.

Through constant exposure to the language, culture and local way of life, students will develop their confidence and communication skills in real-world situations. The trip provides excellent preparation for their upcoming A-level examinations and will help bring classroom learning to life.

Most importantly, students will have the chance to get to know our German partners before they make their return visit to BHASVIC in September. We hope this exchange will foster valuable international friendships and create further opportunities for language practice, cultural understanding and future collaboration.

Accommodation

Students will stay with students from our partner college in Traunstein, giving them a unique opportunity to experience daily life in a German family and build friendships with their exchange partners before they visit BHASVIC in September. This homestay experience will help students develop their language skills, gain a deeper understanding of German culture, and make the most of this exciting international exchange.

Travel Arrangements

Students will make their own way to London Gatwick Airport, where they will meet the BHASVIC trip leaders before flying to Salzburg. On arrival, they will travel to Traunstein and meet their host families and exchange partners from our partner college.

The return flight will arrive at London Heathrow Airport. Transport to Gatwick and from Heathrow is **not included**. Flights include one checked suitcase, one cabin bag and one small personal item.

Proposed Itinerary*

Please note that this is a provisional itinerary and may be subject to change. We are currently planning additional activities with our partner college. Students will spend two full days participating in activities and excursions alongside their German partners in Munich and Salzburg. Further details will be confirmed closer to the departure date.

Day 1 – Monday 5 July: Arrival and Welcome to Traunstein

- Flight to Salzburg and transfer to Traunstein
- Meet host families and settle into accommodation
- Visit to Annette-Kolb-Gymnasium
- Introductory activities with German partner students
- Sightseeing and orientation walk around Traunstein
- Evening with host families

Day 2 – Tuesday 6 July: Experiencing German School Life

- Visit to Annette-Kolb-Gymnasium Traunstein
- Shadow German students in lessons
- Lunch in the school canteen
- Afternoon activities and guided tour of Traunstein with German partners
- Free time in the town centre
- Evening with host families

Day 3 – Wednesday 7 July: Munich Excursion with Partner Students

- Full-day excursion to Munich with German partner students
- Guided sightseeing tour of the city
- Visit to the Allianz Arena
- Opportunity to explore key landmarks and cultural attractions
- Free time in the city centre
- Return to Traunstein in the evening

Day 4 – Thursday 8 July: Salzburg Excursion and Farewell Celebration

- Full-day excursion to Salzburg with German partner students
- Guided walking tour of the city's historic centre
- Free time for sightseeing, shopping, and cultural exploration
- Additional joint activities with partner students (details to be confirmed)
- Farewell dinner and celebration with students, staff, and host families

Day 5 – Friday 9 July: Departure

- Farewell to host families
- Transfer to Munich Airport
- Return flight to the United Kingdom

Cost of the Trip

The estimated cost of the trip is **£500.85**

Please note that this price is based on transport costs available at the time of quotation, including flights, public transport, and coach travel within Germany. While we do not anticipate significant changes, the final cost may be subject to adjustment due to fluctuations in transport prices, exchange rates, or changes to travel arrangements. We will endeavour to notify participants of any substantial changes before confirming places on the trip.

The cost includes:

- Return flights from **London Gatwick to Salzburg** and **Munich to London Heathrow**
- One cabin bag, one small personal (under-seat) bag, and one **23kg checked suitcase**
- Airport transfers between **Salzburg and Traunstein**, and **Traunstein and Munich**
- Four nights' accommodation with a host family
- Breakfast and evening meal provided by the host family

- Guided visits and activities in **Traunstein, Salzburg, and Munich**
- Entry fees to planned attractions, including the **Allianz Arena**, guided tours, and a theatre visit (subject to confirmation)
- BHASVIC travel insurance

The cost does not include:

- Travel to and from the UK airports
- Meals and snacks during travel days
- Lunches
- Personal spending money
- Optional activities undertaken during free time

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: Riem McQueen, r.mcqueen@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 6 November**.

We will then review numbers and if the trip is oversubscribed, we will randomly pick students for the places. We will then email parents/ carers by **Friday 13 November** to let them 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 pay the deposit to secure the place. Places need to be accepted by **Friday 20 November**, otherwise the space will be forfeited and offered to a student on the waiting list.

Paying the Deposit

The cost of this trip is £501

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 £100 by midday **Friday 20th November**. 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 £XX in 3 instalments via Parent Pay by the dates shown below. You can also make intermittent payments before those dates or pay in full.

15 January 2027 £134

12 February 2027 £134

19 March 2027 £133

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 students 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.

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.

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.

Terms & conditions

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 BHASVIC's 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 not 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 inputting 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 event 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.