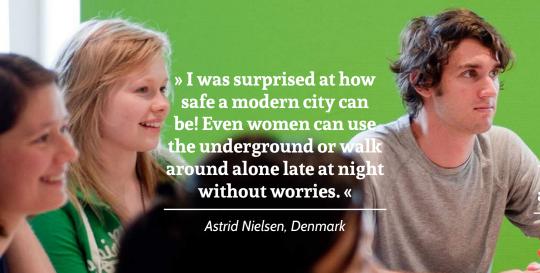


## for young people

## ACTILINGUA A c a d e m y

2015/2016



» Languages are extremely important in my job. German was my weak point, and I managed to set this right in Vienna. It was a lot of fun and therefore effortless. «

Peter Gustavsson, Sweden

## ActiLingua at one glance

- One of the leading schools for German as a foreign language.
- International reputation, recommended by major educational consultants worldwide.
- Attractive pricing: compare us with language schools in Germany!
- Perfect nationality mix: students from more than 40 countries.

## Courses for adults (16+)

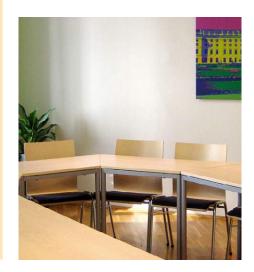
- Maximum class-size:12 (Standard Course), 8 (mini groups)
- Starting dates:
  every Monday, beginners once a month
- German is taught year-round in small international study groups.
   20-40 lessons/week
- Certificates: Österreichisches Sprachdiplom (ÖSD), university entrance examination

## Accommodation

- ActiLingua Residence, Host Family,
   Apartment, Student House, hotel; use of kitchen, breakfast or half-board
- Transfer service on arrival/departure

## **Activities**

- Included in course price: Vienna city walks; talks on Austrian art, culture;
   Viennese waltz classes; sports
- Weekend excursions: Salzburg, Danube valley Wachau, castles, lakes



Our year-round school for adult learners 16+ is situated in a newly renovated, centrally located building.



## School and

- Modern school with bright, welcoming, tastefully furnished classrooms in a typically Viennese Art Nouveau building.
- Centrally located in Vienna's embassy district; opposite "Schloss Belvedere".
   City centre (Stephansplatz) 15 minutes by public transport.
- ActiLingua multimedia library featuring 20 workplaces with computers and free internet access.



## Welcome

## to ActiLingua Academy!

Since 1988,

ActiLingua has gained a worldwide reputation for its successful range of courses, its ideal learning environment and modern teaching equipment. Student satisfaction is central to all our endeavours. A high standard of tuition, comfortable accommodation and a varied cultural and leisure programme reflect our standards at ActiLingua. Our flexible course programme offers the most suitable German course for your personal needs. You study standard German in small international study groups and profit from full cultural immersion.

## Our methods

The basic programme provides intensive coaching in grammar, sentence structure and vocabulary. Reading and listening comprehension as well as written exercises are

important components of our courses. One of our basic principles is to ensure a maximum of oral communication.

You are encouraged to practice your spoken German with your teacher and with your classmates.







## Modern teaching materials

We use textbooks by the publisher Hueber and complement them with our own authentic material. ActiLingua offers modern teaching materials and equipment.

Computers, DVDs and CDs are used in tuition and sessions devoted to culture, regional studies, literature and business. The use of our multimedia library and computer facilities is a good way of adding to and reinforcing the skills acquired in class.

## Our teachers

Our teachers see themselves as your friends and partners. They are native speakers of standard German and take genuine pleasure in working with you. They are highly qualified and regularly attend training courses held by ActiLingua. Each group is taught by two (Standard Course) or three (Intensive Course) teachers a day in order to ensure more varied and stimulating instruction. Participants profit from different styles of teaching, teacher personalities and variations in pronunciation of modern German.

## Money back guarantee

If services are not in accordance with our brochure or website and if you inform us in writing within the first week of your arrival, we will rectify the situation within 3 working days or refund the payment.

## Equipment

- Free WLAN/Wi-Fi in the whole school.
   Newspapers, magazines, DVDs can be borrowed.
- Student lounge with coffee, cold beverages and snacks.
- 10-15 additional classrooms are available for our Holiday Course 16-19 and other courses next door at the ActiLingua Dependance Sacré Coeur.
- ▶ Partly air conditioned, non-smoking.



The Summer School for youths aged 12-17 is close by, located in central Vienna, and features a spacious park, ideal for many sports and leisure activities.

## Learn German - Experience Vienna

## Discover

Vienna on your own, together with your new friends or with us: Join us on our cultural and leisure programme featuring city walks, videos, waltz classes and much more!



## Cultural capital Vienna - well worth a visit

Vienna offers a unique ensemble of traditional heritage and modernity. Magnificent imperial buildings (Schönbrunn Palace, Belvedere, St. Stephen's Cathedral), as well as a long lasting tradition of musical arts meet modern architecture, art and festivals. Vienna features an excellent infrastructure, is clean, safe, green and provides a stimulating environment for your German course.

## Best time to visit

With a busy cultural calendar and numerous sights, Vienna is clearly a year-round destination. Special summer festivals and events, like open air cinema, as well as traditional winter activities, such as ice-skating at the City Hall Park and Christmas markets, are the perfect addition to the vast offer of concerts, plays and opera performances at Vienna's famous theatres and opera houses.

## Fast facts

- High quality of life: Vienna is the most liveable city worldwide as published in Mercer's Quality of Living ranking
- Safe city with an excellent public transport network: subway, trams, buses
- Moderate price level
- International city (UN) and no.1 convention hot-spot
- Inhabitants: 1,700,000
- Language: German
- Currency: EUR
- ▶ EU-member: Yes
- Time zone: CET (+1 GMT)
- Temperate and mild climate. Average summer temperatures 20°C to 30°C (68F - 86F), average winter temperatures around 0°C (32F)

## Good reasons for learning German

▶ Communication:

More than 120 million people in Austria, Germany, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Northern Italy, Eastern France and in parts of Belgium speak German.

Business:

German is a key language in the European Union. Learning German improves your chances on the job market.

Culture:

German is one of the most important cultural languages. It was spoken and written by Goethe, Mozart, Beethoven, Freud, Klimt, Einstein and numerous other great artists and scientists.

## World-wide recognition

ActiLingua Academy is a well established language school with international reputation. We are a member of major professional certification agencies such as IALC (International Association of Language Centres) and are internationally accredited through American Universities. ActiLingua is a member of the national organisation CAMPUS AUSTRIA and an official examination centre for the Österreichisches Sprachdiplom OSD.







## German in Austria

- The language spoken in Austria is German – pure, correct German. Many experts believe that the finest, most melodious German is spoken in Austria.
- ActiLingua Academy teaches standard German according to a recognised curriculum.
- We use the same course books as most renowned schools in Germany.



## ... Music

- Tradition: Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Johann Strauß and other famous composers have left their mark on Vienna.
- Today: the Wiener Philharmoniker, the Wiener S\u00e4ngerknaben, a lively jazz scene, a young music scene, dance and film festivals enliven the city.
- Opera, operetta and musicals



## ... Modernity

- One of the most liveable cities for young people
- Start-up city: more than 100 new businesses founded daily.
- Architecture: Haashaus, Hundertwasserhaus, UNO-City
- Museums: Museumsquartier, Museum of Modern Art (mumok)

## ... Culture & Cuisine

- Famous sights: castles, splendour buildings, Ring Boulevard, medieval alleys and baroque squares
- Art treasures and exhibitions in historical museums (Albertina)
- Coffee houses, traditional wine taverns ("Heurige"), Viennese cuisine

## Courses for adults 16+

## **STANDARD**

The main emphasis is placed on improving your communication skills. Lessons in grammar and conversation help you to enhance vocabulary and improve your syntax. You will practice formal and informal writing and work on your listening and reading comprehension.

**LESSONS: 25 lessons per week** 

German course (20) + cultural/special interest programme (5). 1 lesson = 45 minutes.

**STARTING DATES:** every Monday, absolute beginners once a month.

**GROUP SIZE**: average 8, maximum 12.

LEVEL: all levels all year round.

**DURATION: 1-11** weeks.

## **INTENSIVE**

You will study general German for four lessons daily (Standard Course) plus two additional lessons a day in small groups, in which your teacher specifically focuses on your individual needs and weak points. This course is ideal for anybody wanting to make rapid progress in a short time.

**LESSONS: 35 lessons per week** 

German course (20) + mini group (10) + cultural/special interest programme (5).

**STARTING DATES:** every Monday, absolute beginners once a month.

**GROUP SIZE:** Standard Course: 8-12, minigroup: average 5-8.

LEVEL: all levels all year round.

**DURATION: 1-11 weeks.** 

## SUPER-INTENSIVE

Combination of group tuition (Standard Course) and individual tuition. Individual tuition caters to special learning needs and takes your vocational interests into account.

**LESSONS: 35 lessons per week** 

German course (20) + individual tuition (10) + cultural/special interest programme (5).

**STARTING DATES**: every Monday, absolute beginners once a month.

**GROUP SIZE:** Standard Course: 8-12 + individual tuition.

LEVEL: all levels all year round.

**DURATION: 1-11 weeks.** 

## INDIVIDUAL TUITION

You define the content of your language course yourself, resulting in a maximisation of input in the one-to-one sessions with your own teacher(s).

LESSONS: 10-40 lessons per week

2, 4, 6 or 8 lessons daily + 5 lessons cultural/special interest programme.

**STARTING DATES:** every Monday.

**GROUP SIZE:** one-to-one lesson.

LEVEL: all levels all year round.

**DURATION: 1-12** weeks.

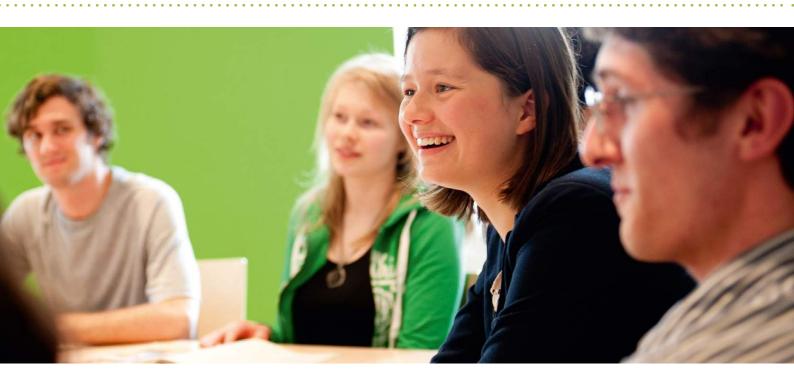
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## Longterm discount!

**SAVE UP TO 18%** 

on all longterm courses (including special courses) lasting 12 weeks or more.

## **Longterm Courses**



## LONG-TERM STANDARD/INTENSIVE

The longer you study and live in a country, the more your vocabulary grows, your pronunciation becomes more accurate and your communication improves. After some months of learning German at ActiLingua you will not only have an excellent command of the language, but also have gained a profound understanding of the culture and the everyday life in Austria. You will also have made many new friends. All courses come at an attractive pricing. Save up to 18%!

LESSONS: 25 or 35 lessons per week. German course (20 or 30) + cultural/special interest programme (5).

**STARTING DATES**: every Monday, absolute beginners once a month.

GROUP SIZE: average 8, maximum 12.

LEVEL: all levels all year round.

**DURATION: 3-12 months.** 

## PREPARATION FOR UNIVERSITY

For students wishing to prepare for university studies at home or in Austria. This long-term programme with a duration of 12 to 52 weeks consists of a German course, additional preparation for a university entrance exam (B2 Mittelstufe or C1 Oberstufe Deutsch) and free tutorials on the Austrian university system. We also offer a university placement service. Request our detailed programme.

## **GERMAN AND MUSIC**

Vienna is the city where Mozart,
Beethoven, Schubert and Brahms lived
and worked. Those interested in music,
including students and graduates of international music colleges, can take advantage
of the unique opportunity of combining
learning German with music tuition at the
Vienna Conservatory. Parallel to your German course (Standard/Intensive Course),
you get music tuition.

Request our detailed programme.

## GERMAN AND WORK EXPERIENCE

ActiLingua offers German courses in combination with paid or unpaid work experience. The programme is divided into two parts. You start by attending a preparatory German course in Vienna for at least eight weeks. This is followed by a work placement, lasting a minimum of one or two months at a carefully selected Austrian enterprise, e.g. hotel, restaurant, travel agency, import/export company or ski school.

Request our detailed programme.



## **Special Courses**

## **BUSINESS GERMAN**

The combination of a Standard Course and Business German enables you to learn what you need for your job.

### **LESSONS: 35 lessons per week**

Standard Course (20) + Business German (10) + cultural/special interest programme (5).

**STARTING DATES:** May, July, August, September

**GROUP SIZE:** average 8, maximum 12.

LEVEL: from B1.1.

**DURATION: 2 weeks** 



## GERMAN AND WINTERSPORTS

Combine a German course with a ski day on weekends.

Request our detailed programme.

## GERMAN TEACHERS' COURSE

Courses for non-native German teachers who work with teenagers or adults.

Objectives: to improve personal German skills, discuss various teaching methods and approaches, and learn more about Austrian literature and culture.

Funding available through Erasmus+.

Request our detailed programme.

### **LESSONS:**

Teachers' Course Standard:

25 lessons per week

Teachers' training course (20) + cultural/special interest programme (5).

**Teachers' Course Intensive:** 

35 lessons per week

Standard Course (20) + Teachers' training course (10) + cultural/special interest programme (5).

### STARTING DATES:

**Standard:** January, March, July, October. **Intensive:** every Monday.

**GROUP SIZE: 5-12.** 

### LEVEL:

**Standard:** from B2 onwards. **Intensive:** from B1.1 onwards.

**DURATION**: 2 weeks.

## CERTIFICATE PREPARATION COURSE

ActiLingua is an examination centre for the Österreichisches Sprachdiplom (OSD). Taking our Certificate Preparation Course prepares you for internationally recognized exams including university entrance exams which you can take directly at the end of the preparation course. OSD certificate levels correspond to the Common European Framework of Reference.

LESSONS: In addition to the selected course, you take 8 group lessons or 4 individual lessons as exam preparation.

**STARTING DATES:** January, March, May, July, August, September, November.

**GROUP SIZE**: 5-12 or individual tuition.

**DURATION: 2 weeks.** 

**CERTIFICATES:** See page 10/11.

## Class time schedules

Standard course

09:00–12:15 am or 02:15–05:30 pm

Intensive course

(additional lessons in minigroups) 12:30-02:00 pm or 05:45-07:15 pm

You will learn your exact schedule on your first day at school.



## Holiday Course

## **16-19 years**



### **HOLIDAY COURSE 1**

**LESSONS: 25 lessons per week:** 

German tuition (20)

+ cultural programme (5).

## **HOLIDAY COURSE 2**

**LESSONS: 35 lessons per week:** 

German tuition (20) + 10 additional lessons

+ cultural programme (5).

## + PREPARATION FOR OSD CERTIFICATE

8 German lessons in addition to Holiday Course 1 or 2 for B1 Zertifikat Deutsch / B2 Mittelstufe Deutsch. The course is aimed at students aged 16-19, who prefer to spend time with their peers in Vienna. Lessons take place at the ActiLingua Dependance Sacré Coeur, which is situated directly next to the ActiLingua Academy.

With its spacious park and many sports facilities it is well equipped for housing a youth course in summer. Holiday Course students are independent and treated as young adults. There is no supervision in the evenings.

## Lessons

Lessons are held in small groups of 8 to maximum 15 students from Monday to Friday. You will practice grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation and auditory comprehension in systematically structured lessons.

**GROUP SIZE:** 8-15 participants.

**COURSE START:** July, August.

**COURSE LEVEL:** all levels.

**DURATION: 2-6 weeks.** 

## Included leisure programme

In the afternoon and evening after class, we offer a varied leisure and sports programme. 4 cultural and leisure activities per week are included in the course price.

- Sports: football, basketball, or beach volleyball.
- Culture: Group activities like our culturequiz, Viennese Waltz course or guided city walks.
- Evening programme: Vienna by night, disco, barbecue.



## Leisure/Special interest activities (optional)

- Excursions: get to know more of Austria

   excursions e.g. to Salzburg, Wachau

   Danube valley, Lake Neusiedl or 'Burg

   Kreuzenstein'.
- Culture Special: weekly excursions to castles, palaces, museums, theatres or to the Vienna State Opera. Guided tours, admission included.
- Media & Newspaper: Exciting insight into various media, including workshops and issue-oriented excursions.
- Presentation & Photography: Knowhow for creative, work-related presentations and expressive snap-shots.
- Musical, concert.

## Accommodation and meals

Students are accommodated in twin rooms with half-board at a modern Student House that is perfectly suited to welcome a young international crowd. Approx. 15-25 minutes to the city centre and the ActiLingua Academy by public transport.





The Austrian German
Language Diploma
(OSD), with its 120
examination centres,
is recognised in
30 countries and
of international
relevance.

### A1 GRUNDSTUFE DEUTSCH 1

Participants of the A1 Grundstufe Deutsch 1 exam should be able to communicate on an elementary basis in easy everyday situations.

## **A2 GRUNDSTUFE DEUTSCH 2**

Candidates of the A2 Grundstufe Deutsch 2 exam should be able to communicate on an elementary basis in easy routine situations of everyday and working life.

### **B1 ZERTIFIKAT DEUTSCH**

The B1 Zertifikat Deutsch is a joint certificate of OSD, the Goethe Institute, WBT and Fribourg University. This certificate is widely recognised by employers as sufficient evidence of proficiency in German and improves the candidates' chances of success on the job market.

## B1 ZERTIFIKAT DEUTSCH FÜR JUGENDLICHE Based on B1 Zertifikat Deutsch; developed specifically for youths 12-16.

## Course levels

## and certificates

## **Placement**

After a written assessment test and an oral assessment interview you are placed in the appropriate level.

The written assessment test takes approximately 60 minutes and covers grammar, reading comprehension and writing skills. It is included in your booking materials or available online. Please return the placement test by email after receiving your booking confirmation, otherwise it is possible that you might miss the first day's classes.

## Course levels

## according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages:

### A<sub>1</sub>

You can understand familiar words and elementary sentences, phrase simple questions and describe yourself and others. You can speak about everyday situations.

### A2.1 + A2.2

You can understand single sentences and information on familiar topics (e.g. family, shopping and work) and can obtain practical details from everyday texts.

### B1.1 + B1.2

You can understand the gist of conversations, radio and TV shows about familiar everyday and working life situations, when standard language is spoken.

### **B2**

You can understand longer oral and written input and complex arguments, newscasts, reports and films provided that the topic is somewhat familiar and standard language is used. You can compose elaborate texts in which you clearly reproduce and depict information.

### C

You can understand longer complex oral and written contributions, whether or not from your area of expertise. You can express yourself spontaneously and fluently and link your remarks with those of your dialogue partner.

### C2

You have no difficulties understanding, however require time to get accustomed to accents. You communicate fluently, adapting your style to the situation, and skilfully use figures of speech and colloquialisms.

## **OSD** Examination

A1	A1 Grundstufe Deutsch 1

A2 A2 Grundstufe Deutsch 2 Settlement permit

Austrian citizenship

B1/2 B1 Zertifikat Deutsch
Conservatory entrance examination

B1/2 B1 Zertifikat Deutsch für Jugendliche

B2 B2 Mittelstufe Deutsch
University entrance examination

C1 C1 Oberstufe Deutsch
University entrance examination

C2 C2 Wirtschaftssprache Deutsch

## Leaving certificate and diplomas

## **B2 MITTELSTUFE DEUTSCH**

(University entrance exam)

For the B2 Mittelstufe Deutsch candidates should be able to express themselves clearly and in detail about a broad range of topics and lead a spontaneous and fluent conversation with a native speaker. The certificate serves as proof of the learner's linguistic competence in more public and professional situations. Specialised texts from the learner's area of expertise are manageable.

## C1 OBERSTUFE DEUTSCH

(University entrance exam)

For the OSD C1 Oberstufe Deutsch exam participants should be able to cope with the more elaborate contexts of different everyday and job-related situations. The exam proves linguistic competence characterised by a high degree of accuracy and situational appropriateness.

### **C2 WIRTSCHAFTSSPRACHE DEUTSCH**

(University entrance exam)

In co-operation with OSD and the Austrian

Economic Chambers. General language and technical terminology expertise in the field of economics.

### **ACTILINGUA-ZERTIFIKAT**

If you have attended your course regularly (at least 90%), you receive a certificate of participation giving details of the type of course, duration, course level, number of lessons attended and topics covered.

## **Activities**

## Cultural and leisure programme/ Special interest classes

## Culture, leisure and special interest

### CITY WALKS

- Around the Ring boulevard
- Legends surrounding St. Stephen's Cathedral
- In Hundertwasser's footsteps
- Otto Wagner and Art Nouveau in Vienna
- ▶ Baroque in Vienna
- The Vienna Prater

### SPECIAL INTEREST CLASSES

- Language immersion
- Job & Career
- Art & Creativity

### **TALKS**

- Mozart the two sides to his genius
- What's happening in Vienna? Culture, scene, events
- ▶ Johann Strauß King of Viennese waltz
- Sigmund Freud

### FUN/ADVENTURE

- ▶ 'Heuriger' Viennese social life
- Viennese cuisine cooking
- Viennese waltz course and welcome parties
- Videos

We want to communicate more than the German language. ActiLingua's packed activity programme and special interest classes will present a diverse view of Vienna, Austrian culture and German language. (5 lessons per week are included in the price.)

- Vienna city walks and guided tours take our students to the city's most beautiful spots.
- Talks on Austrian music, art, history, literature and architecture allow for insights into the workings of Austrian society.
- Fun/adventure: Viennese waltz course, cooking, parties, karaoke, a torchlight walk through Vienna, a visit of a 'Heurigen' (traditional wine tavern) or a beer pub.
- ▶ **Sports:** aerobic or ball games like football or volleyball.

You will find out about the detailed programme during your stay in Vienna. The programme is conducted in German and is suitable for all course levels. Many elements of the programme are supported by multimedia resources.





## Excursions and leisure (optional at cost price)

Free evenings are perfect for discovering Vienna on your own. Our students often opt for visits to the opera, concerts, theatre or cinema. We are happy to assist you with ticket reservations and ho tips on Vienna's night life.

The weekends are a time for culture and nature. We organize trips and excursions to Salzburg ("Mozart city"), Graz (capital of Styria) and its Southern flair, Klosterneuburg (famous for its Babenberg heritage) and to "Wachau" region and Danube valley. We also visit the Kreuzenstein castle (half-day excursion) and Seegrotte Hinterbrühl. In summer, we swim at Lake Neusiedl and savour Austrian wine at traditional taverns ("Heuriger").

Island). Sporty students and teachers can also get together for soccer and volleyball. In winter, we organize skiing and snowboarding trips.

## Summer School

## Vienna, 12-17 years



The prestigious private school, founded by Empress Maria Theresia, provides perfect learning and recreational facilities for the ActiLingua junior programme. The school is located in central Vienna with many famous sights in walking distance and within easy reach of public transport. A big park in the middle of the campus facilitates leisure and sports with a football pitch, sports and beach volleyball grounds and tennis courts available for use after lessons. Our teachers put together an exciting leisure programme on the school premises and show you the very best of Vienna.

## **SUMMER COURSE 1**

**LESSONS: 20 German lessons per week** in groups of max. 15 students.

## **SUMMER COURSE 2**

LESSONS: 30 lessons per week German Summer Course 1 (20) + 10 additional lessons

## + PREPARATION FOR OSD CERTIFICATE

**6 German lessons** in addition to Summer Course 1 or 2 for B1 Zertifikat Deutsch / B2 Mittelstufe Deutsch.

## Lessons

Lessons are held in small groups of max. 15 students from Monday to Friday. You will practice grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation and auditory comprehension in systematically structured lessons. Emphasis is placed on German in real-life situations outside school, communicative language games and working in groups and pairs. Students can additionally take the examination for OSD B1 Zertifikat Deutsch für Jugendliche or B2 Mittelstufe Deutsch.

## 24 hours support!

At the Summer School our staff is available round the clock! Independent outings from the premises require written permission by the student's legal guardian.

## Accommodation and meals

### Residence Summer School Standard

The Summer School not only comprises classrooms, common rooms and the restaurant but also an extensive accommodation wing. With boys and girls separated, students are accommodated in spacious, friendly and comfortable 4-6 bed rooms (shower/toilet on each floor) directly on the school grounds.

Residence Summer School Superior
Rooms, which offer a higher standard of
accommodation, are available directly on
the Summer School campus. This wing
is newly renovated, friendly and well
furnished. All superior rooms are shared by
three to four students and have their own

### Three meals/day at the school refectory

- Breakfast: buffet with ham, cheese, jam, bread, tea, coffee or cocoa.
- Lunch: 3 courses with starters, warm main dish and dessert.
- Dinner: nearly always warm (sometimes cold after excursions), sometimes barbecue evenings.

Sports and leisure programme

Our handpicked group leaders organise an exciting and varied leisure programme to keep you entertained after class and at the weekend.

Sports: beach volleyball, football, tabletennis, "Olympic Games", visits to outdoor swimming pools and Danube Island. Creative activities: handicrafts, music,

waltzing lessons, theatre group or newspaper workshop.

Other activities: excursions, films, shows, treasure hunts, barbecues, disco evenings, city walks, karaoke and parties.



### **OPTIONAL PROGRAMME**

Tennis: lessons in small groups with a coach. Please bring tennis rackets with you.

Culture special: weekly excursions to museums, palaces and visits to the theatre or opera. Guided tours, staff member in attendance and admission included.

Excursions: e.g. to Salzburg, Wachau/
Danube valley, Hinterbrühl Grotto or 'Burg

Concert, musical: We arrange trips to a concert or musical for you at one of Vienna's famous theatres.

# Learn German Experience Vienna



