

# Germany Exchange

## 2027

A GAPP reciprocal exchange to Staufer Gymnasium, Pfullendorf —

**June 24 – July 12, 2027**

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**Aileen Hurtig,**  
German Educator at GPN

**Native Expertise:**  
Born and raised in Germany

**Experience:**  
Instructional background ranging  
from Kindergarten to High School,  
Occupational Therapy

**Proven Success:** Lead  
Chaperone for the successful  
Summer 2025 GAPP Exchange



**GAPP Workshop for Future Exchange Coordinators with  
Consul General Kai Henning (German Embassy Houston)**

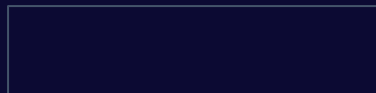
# What Is GAPP?



## German-American Partnership Program

GAPP is a prestigious reciprocal exchange officially backed by the **U.S. Congress** and the **German Bundestag** — lending diplomatic and educational credibility to every trip. This exchange was initiated by **Mrs. Sipos**, who has led several past exchanges with our partner school, Staufer Gymnasium.

**i** No school days missed — travel takes place entirely during summer break.



# Our Destination: Pfullendorf

Located in the "Three-Country-Corner" — where Germany, Austria, and Switzerland meet — Pfullendorf is a unique linguistic laboratory unlike any classroom.

## Partner School

Staufer Gymnasium — a long-standing partner with deep community ties

## 3 Countries

Students experience language and culture shifting across borders daily

## 18 to 19 Days

June 24 – July 11 or 12, 2027 — full immersion, zero school days missed



# Learning Objectives



## Linguistic Growth

24/7 immersion accelerates fluency in ways a daily class simply cannot replicate — from rehearsal to real-world performance.



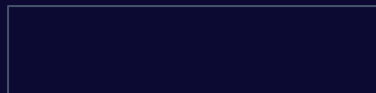
## Global Competency

Attending school daily with German partners builds 21st-century college and career readiness through cross-cultural analysis.



## Mandatory Prep

Students attend preparatory meetings throughout 2026–27 and correspond with pen pals for months before departure.



# Days 1–3: Munich Arrival & Alpine Adventures

**Day 1 — June 24**

Depart Detroit (DTW) for Munich (MUC)

**Day 3 — June 26**

Berchtesgadener Land: Königssee boat ride,  
Salzbergwerk salt mine, and Eagle's Nest panoramic  
hike

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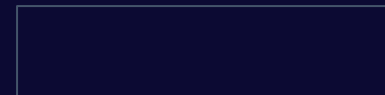
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**Day 2 — June 25**

Guided Altstadt tour, Glockenspiel at Marienplatz,  
Frauenkirche & the English Garden's famous river  
surfing

**Day 4 — June 27**

Train to Pfullendorf — welcome dinner with host  
families begins the homestay





# Days 5-17: Immersion at Staufer Gymnasium

## Academic Life

Attend classes daily alongside German partners — fully integrated into school life

## Cultural Presentations

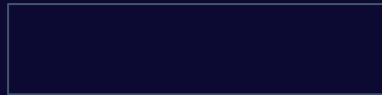
Students deliver projects about life in Grosse Pointe to German classes

## Field Trips

Lake Constance (Bodensee) boat trip, chocolate factory visit, and more regional excursions

## Weekends

Free time for personal immersion and local activities with host families



# Days 18–19: Farewell & Return



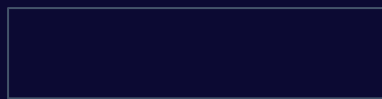
## Day 18 — July 11

Bid farewell to host families, travel by train back to Munich for a final group evening in the city.

## Day 19 — July 12

*"Auf Wiedersehen!"* — The group departs Munich for the return flight to Detroit.

✔ 19 days of immersion, lifelong connections made.



# Costs & What's Included

**\$4,049**

**Starting Price**

All-inclusive per student

**14**

**Nights Homestay**

With vetted host families

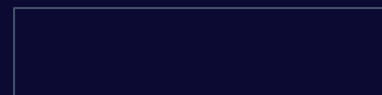
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**Nights in Munich**

Hotel accommodations included

Package covers: **international airfare, all meals within host stay, all transportation, and all entrance fees.**

**i** Need-based scholarships available through **Xperitas** and **GAPP** — financial status is not a barrier for German 2+ students.



# Safety & Supervision

## **24/7 Chaperone Access**

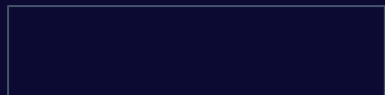
Aileen Hurtig and a second leader are in the immediate vicinity of all student homes at all times, with daily morning check-ins.

## **Host Home Vetting**

Xperitas/School conducts pre-travel home visits and performs background checks and has known students for 5+ years in a small-town setting.

## **Comprehensive Insurance**

Covers minor illness/accidents, medically-related trip cancellation, and leader liability insurance.





# An Experience That Lasts a Lifetime

From Munich's historic streets to the Alps and 14 days of true immersion — this GAPP exchange transforms language learners into global citizens.

## Diplomatically Backed

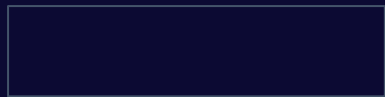
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## Fully Supported

Scholarships, insurance & 24/7 supervision

## Truly Immersive

Real school, real families, real fluency



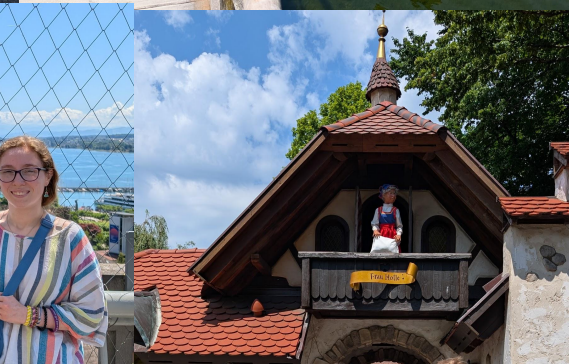
# PAST EXPERIENCES



School life



Historic sights



Ordering and enjoying food



Navigating public transportation





Exploring the Alps



Making chocolate bars



Visiting historic sites



German barbeque



# Voices of the Exchange in Summer 2025



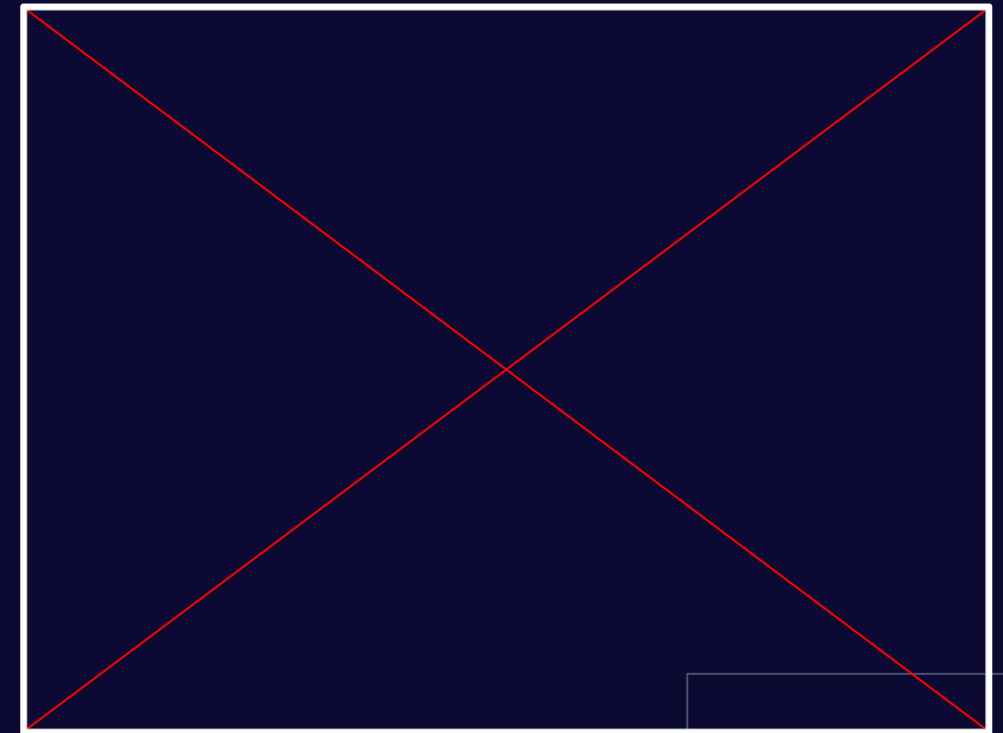
Lauren



Zoe



Sam and Ryan



# THANK YOU

Are there any questions?

