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*Willkommen bei*

# IPAI Germany 2020 !

We are so pleased you will be joining us for IPAI Germany 2020! You are about to embark on a life-changing path of musical and artistic discovery! We are honored to be a part of your journey!

In this *IPAI 2020 Welcome Packet* you will find some important information to get you started and to help you begin planning for your trip abroad. Over the next few months, you'll be receiving updates from our team that expand on these and other details about your trip.

Here is a brief overview to get you started:

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# IPAI Checklist

- Pay \$500 deposit 2 weeks after acceptance
- Complete IPAI application online ASAP
- Follow IPAI on Facebook and Instagram ASAP
- Share your IPAI acceptance with friends, family, colleagues, and followers on social media ASAP
- Create a fundraising plan or strategy ASAP
- FUNDRAISE! December - May
- Start your travel research to/from Europe December
- Make your 1<sup>st</sup> IPAI tuition payment 1 January
- Make your 2<sup>nd</sup> IPAI tuition payment 1 February
- Make your 3<sup>rd</sup> IPAI tuition payment 1 March
- Make your 4<sup>th</sup> IPAI tuition payment 1 April
- Pay any remaining IPAI tuition balance 1 May
- Book your travel May or earlier
- Get new head shots (if you want) May
- Update your resume June
- Make a packing list June
- Pack! July
- Fly to Europe and enjoy a summer of fun and music! July

# Staying Connected & Contact List

It is **EXTREMELY** important that you stay connected with us via Facebook, Instagram, Email, and WhatsApp. We will be sending updates and reminders over the next months via email and posting important tips and information on our social media pages.

## **EMAIL COMMUNICATION:**

Please make sure that the following emails are accepted in your inbox and not marked as spam:

[info@internationalperformingartsinstitute.com](mailto:info@internationalperformingartsinstitute.com)

[bruceearnest@me.com](mailto:bruceearnest@me.com)

[bruceearnest@mac.com](mailto:bruceearnest@mac.com)

[anicabinder@yahoo.com](mailto:anicabinder@yahoo.com)

[kchavez@me.com](mailto:kchavez@me.com)

[K.Chavez@utah.edu](mailto:K.Chavez@utah.edu)

[Michael.Bunchman@usm.edu](mailto:Michael.Bunchman@usm.edu)

[michaelbunchman@gmail.com](mailto:michaelbunchman@gmail.com)

[strenteseaux@gmail.com](mailto:strenteseaux@gmail.com)

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[niess@ucf.edu](mailto:niess@ucf.edu)

[ericsongib@gmail.com](mailto:ericsongib@gmail.com)

## **PHONE COMMUNICATION:**

**Please download the phone application, WhatsApp, *BEFORE* you leave the United States!** This application allows you to talk, text, send pics, and video chat internationally without paying extra fees. All you need is a data or internet connection. We will create an IPA I 2020 WhatsApp group sometime in the Spring to send important updates and information. Please familiarize yourself with this application.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA:**

We love it when you post pictures, updates, and news!!! Now that you're part of the IPAI family, show us a little love by using our hashtag when you post pictures on social media:

# #servusipai

Don't forget to announce your acceptance via Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Email, Snail mail, Smoke Signals, etc. Tell everyone you know! Share the love!

## **IPAI WEBSITE:**

Check out the ***FOR PARTICIPANTS*** section of our website regularly to find information about tuition, what to pack, a typical daily schedule, and more. We'll also notify you via email or social media about important updates, news, and information.

**[www.ipaigermany.com](http://www.ipaigermany.com)**

Also, please take some time to get to know our faculty and their specialties. Read their bios on our faculty page, google them, and check out their websites. We are blessed with some pretty amazing supporters and honored to provide the opportunity for them to work directly with you!

# Contact List

Here's a list of important IPAI contacts and the questions they can answer:

## ARTISTIC TEAM

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## PROGRAM DIRECTORS

<b>Bruce Earnest</b> <i>Founder, Musical Theatre Director</i> Musical Theatre, Directing Fellowship, Applied Voice Lessons, Teaching Assignments, MT Scenes & Repertoire, Career Guidance, European Networking & Performance Careers	<a href="mailto:bruceearnest@me.com">bruceearnest@me.com</a>	+1 605 6708180
<b>Michael Bunchman</b> <i>Collaborative Piano &amp; Music Director</i> Collaborative Piano, Opera & Lied Repertoire, Coaching, Piano Duos, Musical Preparation	<a href="mailto:michael.bunchman@usm.edu">michael.bunchman@usm.edu</a>	+1 917 9405760
<b>Kirstin Chàvez</b> <i>Opera Director</i> Opera, Applied Voice Lessons, Teaching Assignments, Opera Scenes & Repertoire, Career Guidance, Entrepreneurship	<a href="mailto:k.chavez@utah.edu">k.chavez@utah.edu</a>	
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## FACULTY

<b>Darla Earnest</b> <i>Founder, German, Voice</i> German Language & Culture, Life in Germany, Travel Tips, Cultural Insights, MT Master Classes	<a href="mailto:darlaearnest@gmail.com">darlaearnest@gmail.com</a>	
<b>Eric Gibson</b> <i>OP Directing Fellowship Coordinator, Stage Direction, Acting</i> Opera Directing Fellows, Opera Scenes, Acting Classes, Musical Productions & Concerts	<a href="mailto:ericsongib@gmail.com">ericsongib@gmail.com</a>	
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<b>Tyler Smith</b> <i>Voice</i>	<a href="mailto:thsmith@loyno.edu">thsmith@loyno.edu</a>	
<b>Luretta Bybee</b> <i>Voice</i>	<a href="mailto:lubybee@aol.com">lubybee@aol.com</a>	
<b>Matt Oglesby</b> <i>Voice</i>	<a href="mailto:moglesby@wtamu.edu">moglesby@wtamu.edu</a>	
<b>Jessica Medoff</b> <i>Acting &amp; Career Development</i>	<a href="mailto:jessicamedoff@yahoo.com">jessicamedoff@yahoo.com</a>	

# Tuition & Payments

Having already accepted your spot and paid your \$500 deposit, you will receive a PayPal invoice and an email with payment instructions. You are invoiced for the amount of your remaining tuition. If you received a scholarship, it is also credited on the invoice.

All payments are processed via PayPal. You may pay in full or in smaller payments via your own PayPal account or credit card. Each time you make a payment on your invoice, you will receive a receipt for your records.

For reference, the general payment schedules (without scholarship deductions) are included below. Please follow the payment schedule that you receive with your invoice.

## MUSICAL THEATRE & OPERA

Deposit Received: \$500

1 January: \$1000

1 February: \$1000

1 March: \$1000

1 April: \$1000

1 May: \$985

## COLLABORATIVE PIANO

### & TEACHING/DIRECTING FELLOWSHIP

Deposit Received: \$500

1 January: \$1000

1 February: \$1000

1 March: \$1000

1 April: \$800

If you have any questions or problems with making your tuition payments, contact

**Anica Binder**

Email: [anicabinder@yahoo.com](mailto:anicabinder@yahoo.com)

Cell: +49 175 6700157

# Fundraising Strategies

We understand that IPAI is a substantial investment and that most of our participants are ungraduated and graduate students or young emerging artists who are often already living under creative financial circumstances. Below is a list of some fundraising ideas, strategies, and websites to consider as you create your personal fundraising plan.

**FUNDRAISING CALENDAR:** Create a personal fundraising calendar for yourself and set short-term and long-term deadlines with clear financial goals. The first step is to talk about your fundraising needs with close family and friends, people you trust and those who have supported you financially in the past. Get an idea of what support might be available to you through these avenues first.

**ANNOUNCE TO FAMILY & FRIENDS:** Be sure to announce your acceptance and inform your family, friends, and community groups about the IPAI Germany experience and the opportunities you will have. Introduce them to the website and share the success stories of IPAI alumni.

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT:** Then reach out to your local community. Find ways to offer services or support in return for funding. Church groups and community organizations like Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, the Elks Lodge, the Women's Club, and Rotary clubs often provide support for local students and artists. Consider offering a short program at one of their weekly meetings, a free community recital (where you might be able to collect donations), or some kind of community service in exchange for a donation. Ask about local scholarship through these organizations. Many of them are unpublished, but very easy to apply for.

**HONOR SOCIETIES:** If you are a member of a college or music sororities, fraternities, or honor societies, inquire about member scholarships and support. ΣΑΙ, ΦΜΑ, ΤΒΣ, and ΚΚΨ all have opportunities to apply or audition for local chapter, regional, and national scholarships to fund artistic and educational opportunities.

**FINANCIAL AID:** If you receive financial aid or work study tuition support, definitely inquire with your University or College Financial Aid Office, International Department, and Study Abroad Office about possible funding for students interested in external summer study abroad programs. After you make initial contact, we can help you by providing more information and documents, or by speaking directly with the department.

Don't forget to ask if you are eligible to receive tuition credit by doing IPAI. German, applied voice lessons, dance, acting, and performance credit are some option you may have depending on your university/college guidelines.

**CROWD FUNDING & ONLINE CAMPAIGNS:** Consider creating an event or Donation Page on Facebook. If you have a large or regular social media following, you might also check out Patreon to give your fans a platform to donate to you on a more regular basis. Some of Crowd Funding websites to consider:

[Gofundme.com](http://Gofundme.com)

[Fundmytravel.com](http://Fundmytravel.com)

[Indiegogo.com](http://Indiegogo.com)

Here's a list of some other resources and idea sources as you develop your personal fundraising strategy:

"The Etiquette of Fundraising: How to Ask Your Friends and Family to Rais Money for a Good Cause"

<https://stories.plancanada.ca/the-etiquette-of-fundraising-how-to-ask-your-friends-and-family-to-raise-money-for-a-good-cause/>

"How to Ask for Donations: A Guide for Individuals Who are Raising Money"

<https://blog.fundly.com/how-to-ask-for-donations/>

"15 Little-Known Study Abroad Fundraising Ideas"

<https://goabroad.com/articles/study-abroad/study-abroad-fundraising>

"40 Fundraising Ideas for Study Abroad"

<https://www.gooverseas.com/blog/40-fundraising-ideas-study-abroad>

"Fund My Study Abroad"

[http://www.globalinksabroad.org/fund\\_my\\_study\\_abroad/](http://www.globalinksabroad.org/fund_my_study_abroad/)

"Discover study abroad fundraisers on GoFundMe"

<https://www.gofundme.com/discover/study-abroad-fundraiser>

"Creative Ways to Fund a Study Abroad Experience"

<https://www.unigo.com/in-college/college-experience/creative-ways-to-fund-a-study-abroad-experience>

"What Is Patreon and How Does It Work?"

<https://www.makeuseof.com/tag/what-is-patreon-how-does-it-work/>

"What You Need to Know About Fundraising on Facebook"

<https://www.thebalancesmb.com/nonprofits-and-facebooks-fundraising-tools-3573628>

"4 Awesome Tips for Asking for Donations on Facebook"

<https://www.qgiv.com/blog/how-to-ask-for-donations-on-facebook/>

"12 Websites Offering Odd Jobs to Earn Extra Cash"

<https://www.doughroller.net/make-money/websites-offering-odd-jobs-that-make-money/>

"4 Amazing Study Abroad Grants to Apply for Now"

<https://www.goabroad.com/articles/study-abroad/study-abroad-grants>

"Funding Study Abroad"

<https://www.internationalstudent.com/international-financial-aid/funding-study-abroad/>

"Study Abroad Scholarships & Aid"

<https://www.iesabroad.org/scholarships-aid>



# Passport & Travel Documents

## US PASSPORT:

Do you have one? If not, now is the time to apply. If you already have a US passport, double check the expiration date. It must be valid for the entire duration of your stay in Europe. You need a regular US Adult Passport Book (not the Passport Card) to travel to/from Europe.

Have you gotten married or had a recent name change? You should renew your passport to make sure that it matches your registered name and the name on your official state ID, social security card, and driver's license. The German government takes paperwork very seriously. Make sure your passport is correct, up to date, and valid to avoid problems entering or leaving the country.

Visit the US Department of State – Bureau of Consular Affairs for all information concerning applying, renewing, or updating your passport:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html>

This website is also helpful for answering general questions about getting a passport:

<https://www.rushmypassport.com/blog/how-much-does-it-cost-to-get-a-passport/>

The cost of an adult passport is \$110 (plus a registration fee of \$35 if it is your first one) and usually takes between 6-8 weeks to process. Give yourself plenty of time and apply now!

## TRAVEL VISAS:

US citizens DO NOT need to apply for a visa to travel throughout the European Union. Non-US citizens or residents with a US Green Card should check with your country's embassy to determine the requirements for entering the European Union. Contact one of our administrators if you need help with this process. This website also provides valuable information about obtaining a Schengen visa to enter the EU:

<https://schengenvisa.info.com/tourist-schengen-visa/>

If you plan to travel to countries outside of the EU before or after your stay in Kiefersfelden, be sure to check the requirements for each country you visit.

## **OTHER TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:**

It's important to bring at least two PHOTO COPIES of the following documents with you (one to be kept in your suitcase/luggage and the other to carry on your person). It's not necessary to carry the originals except for your US passport and your driving license.

### ***COPIES:***

- Social Security Card
- Birth Certificate
- Most recent shot record
- Medical prescriptions or special instructions

### ***ORIGINALS:***

- US Passport
- Driver's License
- Health Insurance Card

## **Travel Insurance**

All IPA I participants must secure individual travel insurance before departing the US. If you are currently insured through your school or your family, please check your current policy first to determine if it offers travel insurance or international healthcare coverage. Most universities offer policies for students planning to study abroad. Check with your health department to see what is available to you.

If you don't already have coverage or need to purchase extra coverage, there are many options for visitors and expatriates. Below are some websites for other alternatives. You can purchase very affordable (between \$50-\$90 per month) temporary health insurance plans that are accepted in Germany and internationally. As always, contact our administration if you need help with this process.

[https://www.care-concept.de/krankenversicherung/vergleich/auslandskrankenversicherung\\_tf\\_eng.php?navilang=eng](https://www.care-concept.de/krankenversicherung/vergleich/auslandskrankenversicherung_tf_eng.php?navilang=eng)

<https://www.mawista.com/en/>

<https://www.bdae.com/en/health-insurance-for-foreign-nationals-in-germany>

<https://www.expatriatehealthcare.com/>

**NOTE:** The policies labeled "Student" are usually intended for students who are enrolled in German or European schools. The best plans for your purposes are the visa/visum, temporary visitors, or expatriate plans. Please read the fine print before purchasing.

# Flight & Transportation Tips

We will be sending some reminders and more suggestions about flights and traveling to/from Kiefersfelden. Hopefully these tips will get you started and answer some of your initial questions.

## **BOOKING YOUR FLIGHT:**

Flight prices are not what they used to be! You can find **VERY** affordable round-trip flights to/from Europe and the US. I've traveled for as low as between \$400 – \$500! The key is to keep your eye on prices and flight options and do your research.

Please read these articles before you get started.

- <https://www.nomadicmatt.com/travel-tips/how-to-find-a-cheap-flight/#myths> (This is an amazing article that compiles A LOT of useful UP-TO-DATE information!)
- <https://eu.usatoday.com/story/travel/flights/todayinthesky/2018/05/23/us-airports-budget-airline-flights-europe/630628002/>
- <https://scottscheapflights.com/guides/how-to-use-momondo>

## ***TICKET WEBSITES:***

<https://www.momondo.de/?ispredir=true>

<https://www.lastminute.de>

<https://www.skyscanner.com/tips-and-inspiration/deals/expedia-flights>

<https://www.expedia.com/>

<https://www.kayak.de/?ispredir=true>

[www.travelocity.com](http://www.travelocity.com)

[www.flyscoot.com](http://www.flyscoot.com)

<https://www.norwegian.no/>

<https://www.klm.com/>

[www.icelandair.com](http://www.icelandair.com)

<https://www.flylevel.com/>

[www.tapairportugal.com](http://www.tapairportugal.com)

[www.eurowings.com/de.html](http://www.eurowings.com/de.html)

## ***MORE TIPS FOR BUYING CHEAP TICKETS:***

- Search using incognito mode or using a VPN set it for a country in Europe. You may get better price options this way.
- Check third party websites like Kayak, Momondo, Skyscanner, Expedia, etc. regularly, even daily for flight options. You could even sign up for email alerts about your flight itinerary.
- Double check directly with airline websites if you find a good deal. Sometimes they have better deals than the third-party sites.
- Watch out for total flight duration and transfer times. You may not want to be traveling for more than 20 hours or have a 7-hour layover.
- If you have a connection to a travel agent, use them as a resource. They may have access to a great deal.
- Try searching for the European version of the website. (For example, instead of using Norwegian.com, use Norwegian.no; instead of Lufthansa.com, use Lufthansa.de) and use Google Translate or it's chrome extension to translate the webpage. They often offer much better prices than the US website options, saving you quite a bit of money.
- Search no-frills/low-cost airlines: KLM, Norwegian, Icelandic Air, Eurowings, Level, Primera, Airways France, TAP Portugal, etc. **ALWAYS READ THE FINE PRINT!!!** If you are carrying a lot of luggage (which you should try to avoid), these low-cost fares may not be the best option for you as many charge additional luggage fees.
- Don't underestimate traditional airlines like Delta, American Airlines, British Airways, Lufthansa, Canada Air, etc. Many of them offer low cost options to compete with the low-cost airlines.
- Munich is the closest airport to Kiefersfelden, but consider booking a flight to another German city like Düsseldorf, Berlin, Hamburg, or Frankfurt and then taking a train to Kiefersfelden. It might save you some money and give you a chance to do a little sightseeing on the way.
- If you are a seasoned traveler, you can try booking each leg of your flight separately. Be aware that you need plenty of transfer time to make your connecting flight and this will likely require you to collect and recheck your luggage or go through customs. This might be a good option if you want to explore the city where your flight connects. It may not be a good option for you if you are traveling with a lot of luggage.
- Prices should fall between January and March. Summer is the busy tourist season in Europe and prices usually start to go up again in mid-April. (Don't take our word for it, though. No one can truly predict price trends.)
- If you find a good deal that you can afford, BUY IT!!! Don't wait! The price might go down, but it might also go up.

## **TRAVEL IN GERMANY:**

Once your flight arrives in Europe, you will need to use public transportation or rent a car to get to Kiefersfelden. You can purchase tickets online or use a travel agent to help you make arrangements before your arrival. It's also very easy to purchase train or bus tickets when you arrive at the airport by visiting the information desk or using the automated ticket machines.

Please read this VERY helpful article before you get started:

[www.nomadicmatt.com/travel-blogs/cheap-ways-to-travel-across-europe-2/](http://www.nomadicmatt.com/travel-blogs/cheap-ways-to-travel-across-europe-2/)

## ***BAYERN TICKET:***

The best way to travel from Munich or Salzburg is via a "Bayern Ticket." The cost for one person is 26€ and each additional person is only 8€. Up to 5 people can be included on the ticket and it includes all public transportation throughout Bavaria. We recommend connecting with your fellow IPAI participants on Facebook, try to meet up when you arrive, and get on a ticket together. They can easily be bought at a DB Service Center or from a ticket machine. Find out more information here: <http://www.munich-touristinfo.de/Bavaria-Ticket.htm>

## ***RAIL PASSES:***

Unless you will be traveling extensively throughout Europe in multiple countries for an extended period (2 or 3 months), a Eurail pass or other rail pass that you purchase BEFORE leaving the US is usually not necessary. Eurail is a third-party company and you will not be able to solve problems with this type of ticket through Deutsche Bahn or other European transportation companies. It's usually cheaper and easier to purchase your train or public transportation tickets directly from the transportation company. You can do this before your leave or on arrival in Germany. It's very helpful to download the Deutsche Bahn mobile app. All your tickets can be purchased through this app and shown on your mobile phone.

***Be sure to research all of your options before making a decision.*** Anica and Stacey live in Germany and can help you answer questions. You can also post your questions on our Facebook page to get feedback from our IPAI Alumni, faculty, and coordinators.

## **HELPFUL WEBSITES TO RESEARCH TRAVEL OPTIONS:**

<https://www.bahn.com/en/view/index.shtml>

<https://global.flixbus.com/bus/germany>

[www.omio.com](http://www.omio.com)

[www.blablacar.com](http://www.blablacar.com)

[www.megabus.com](http://www.megabus.com)

<https://www.regiobus.com/>

## **OTHER HELPFUL WEBSITES:**

[www.wanderlustcrew.com/europe-travel-tips/](http://www.wanderlustcrew.com/europe-travel-tips/)

<https://www.smartertravel.com/planning-trip-europe-10-step-guide/>

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/europe>

## **IN-COUNTRY & EUROPEAN TRAVEL TIPS:**

- Decide if you will visit other cities in Europe and create a travel route before you arrive in Europe.
- If you need other overnight accommodations, hostels often provide the best deals. Many of the flight search engines provide options for searching accommodations as well.
- Download the Deutsche Bahn Mobile App “DB Navigator” and start to familiarize yourself with the application. <https://www.bahn.de/p/view/service/mobile/db-navigator.shtml>
- Deutsche Bahn is the national rail service and provides transportation across the country. In addition, each city has a local transportation bureau that is responsible for city and regional transportation (local buses, trams, U-Bahn, S-Bahn, etc.) Sometimes you will need to purchase these tickets separately and sometimes your Deutsche Bahn ticket will include city transportation. Make sure you double check!!!
- Most cities have a public transportation app that you can search through the Apple or Google Play store. The Handy Ticket Deutschland Mobile App allows you to purchase local/city transportation tickets in most cities throughout Germany and is extremely handy. You need to register an account with them and provide a method of payment. <https://handyticket.de/>
- Travel in groups and take advantage of Länder Tickets/Regional Tickets to save big!! Like the Bayern ticket, each region in Germany has its own option that covers transportation on all busses, trains, trams, etc. throughout that region. More info: [https://www.bahn.com/en/view/offers/regional/index.shtml?dbkanal\\_007=L04\\_S02\\_D0\\_02\\_KIN0059\\_FLYOUT-ANGEBOTE-REGIONAL-ANGEBOTE\\_LZ01](https://www.bahn.com/en/view/offers/regional/index.shtml?dbkanal_007=L04_S02_D0_02_KIN0059_FLYOUT-ANGEBOTE-REGIONAL-ANGEBOTE_LZ01)

- If you plan to do a lot of travel in Germany, check out the Probe BahnCard 25. It's only 19.90 € and offers great savings. **IMPORTANT!** The card is valid for 3 months and you **MUST** notify them via email to cancel the card at least 6 weeks before the expiration date. Otherwise, they will send you a bill and automatically renew your subscription. <https://www.bahn.de/p/view/bahncard/ueberblick/bestellung-probe-bahncard25.shtml>
- Whatever ticket you choose to purchase, **MAKE SURE IT IS VALIDATED!** Watch the locals and **ASK SOMEONE** if you are unsure. German train conductors are notoriously inflexible. If you are caught without a valid ticket they will respond with a very kind, "Well, you should have informed yourself of the rules." And promptly write you a ticket for 60€ or more depending on the violation.
- Compare train prices to Flixbus, Blablacar, and short-haul flights to get the best deal. [www.omio.com](http://www.omio.com) is a great resource for this.
- BlaBla Car is a safe and usually reliable ride sharing platform. I use it all the time and it's often cheaper and faster than public transportation. Check it out here: [www.blablacar.com](http://www.blablacar.com). Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns about this. It's a really common way for folks to travel throughout Europe and I've made some interesting connections with new people.
- Consider renting a car. Depending on how far you're traveling and the number of people with you, this might be the best option. Your US driver's license is valid in Germany for 6 months after your entry date. **ALWAYS BUY THE FULL INSURANCE PACKAGE!!!**
- US Driver's licenses are well-recognized in Germany and you do not need an international driving license. However, if you plan to drive in other countries or outside of the European Union, research the country requirements to decide if you need an international driver's license.

### **WEBSITES TO SEARCH ACCOMMODATIONS:**

[www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com)

[www.hostelworld.com](http://www.hostelworld.com)

[www.hotels.com](http://www.hotels.com)

[www.priceline.com](http://www.priceline.com)

[www.hostelbookers.com](http://www.hostelbookers.com)

[www.german-hostels.de/en](http://www.german-hostels.de/en)

[www.hostelgeeks.com](http://www.hostelgeeks.com)

[www.wg-gesucht.de](http://www.wg-gesucht.de)

[www.meinestadt.de](http://www.meinestadt.de)

[www.immobilienscout24.de](http://www.immobilienscout24.de)

# Die deutsche Sprache

As part of your study with IPAI, you will participate in German class every day. But don't wait until you arrive in Kiefersfelden to start your German training! Invest in some resources before you arrive. At a minimum, download Google Translate, Linguee, or other translation mobile app. Buy a simple German phrase book and begin to memorize basic phrases to get you around during your travels.

YouTube, duoLingo, [www.Udemy.com](http://www.Udemy.com), and [www.thegermanproject.com](http://www.thegermanproject.com) are only some among other ways you can start learning German now. Here are some other ideas for you to consider:

- Enroll in a German language course at your University or a local community college
- Enroll in a virtual language course at any University in the US that offers it as part of their Distance education curriculum.
- Consider coming to Germany a few weeks earlier and taking a 3-5 week German course at the [Goethe Institut](http://www.goethe.de) or Berlitz [Sprachschule](http://www.berlitz.com). They have classes starting all the time and you can use it as an opportunity to both learn and practice your German IN GERMANY. Nearly every major German city has both a Goethe Institut and a Berlitz.
- Enroll in a German class at the Volkshochschule (community college) in München (or any other German city you want to visit). Just google "Volkshochschule" plus the name of the city you want and use the google translate chrome extension to translate the webpage. You can also contact us for help if this is something you are interested in doing. Classes are usually 4-6 weeks and meet daily. You'll meet a lot of international students hoping to brush up their German in order to get into University.
- Find a German tandem partner online and start having international conversations. – [www.tandem.net](http://www.tandem.net)
- Buy a program like Rosetta Stone – [www.rosettastone.com](http://www.rosettastone.com)
- Listen to German Podcasts. There are many stations targeted toward beginners, but it's probably best that you already have at least basic German knowledge. - <https://www.thelocal.de/20180626/best-podcasts-to-take-your-german-to-the-next-level>



# Kiefersfelden: Home away from Home!



Kiefersfelden is a beautiful vacation destination for many Germans and international sightseers. It is nestled in the Bavarian Alps right on the border of Austria and Germany. This area is known for its outdoor recreation like swimming, hiking, skiing, canyoning, bouldering, mountaineering, and other sports. It's a small

town but includes a few shops, cafes, a fitness center, a swim hall with a sauna, and quaint hotels and restaurants.

We encourage you to get to know the town and the surrounding area before you get there! Look up Kiefersfelden on a map and familiarize yourself with its location. Here are some websites to help you get to know your summer home away from home!

- Kiefersfelden City Website - <https://www.kiefersfelden.de/>
- Tourist Office Website - <https://www.tourismus-kiefersfelden.de/>
- Kiefersfelden Event Calendar - <https://www.tourismus-kiefersfelden.de/veranstaltungskalender/>
- Gasthof Hotel zur Post (IPAI homebase) - <https://www.hotel-kiefersfelden.de/>
- The Innsola (IPAI location) - <https://www.innsola.de/>
- Kiefersfelden Wikipedia Page - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kiefersfelden>
- Kiefersfelden on Trip Advisor - [https://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g1009719-Kiefersfelden\\_Upper\\_Bavaria\\_Bavaria-Vacations.html?fid=abe07e6a-e238-4dc2-b621-dcf973ca12f8](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g1009719-Kiefersfelden_Upper_Bavaria_Bavaria-Vacations.html?fid=abe07e6a-e238-4dc2-b621-dcf973ca12f8)
- Google Map of Kiefersfelden - <https://www.google.com/maps/place/83088+Kiefersfelden/@47.613527,12.1881834,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x4776398e26b62741:0xa438b8a4376aa95e!8m2!3d47.6181459!4d12.1868662>
- Webcam - <https://www.tourismus-kiefersfelden.de/webcams/>
- Events in the Kiefersfelden area - <https://www.eventbrite.com/d/germany--kiefersfelden/all-events/>
- Evangelical Church in Kiefersfelden (IPAI location) - <http://oberaudorf-evangelisch.de/>
- Kiefersfelden Community Band (Concert Collaborator) - <http://musikkapelle-kiefersfelden.de/>

Germany has an extensive and very affordable train and public transportation system. You can easily visit surrounding cities during a day trip on your free days or by planning to arrive before or stay after IPAI. Here's a list of surrounding cities and sights to consider:

- Kufstein
- München
- Salzburg
- Innsbruck
- Oberaudorf
- Erl
- Thiersee
- Chiemsee
- Tegernsee
- Neuschwanstein Castle
- Berchtesgaden
- Dachau

## Repertoire

You will receive more information about repertoire, scene, and ensemble assignments at a later date, but you should consult with your teacher about each student should come prepared with the following individual repertoire selections:

### *OPERA:*

- 2 German Lieder
  - 1-3 Arias (German, French, Italian, or Czech)
    - ⇒ At least 1 piece should be Mozart or Verdi (if applicable)
    - ⇒ ***Fellowship Artists should bring 3-5 age and Fach appropriate audition arias***
    - ⇒ Baroque and Oratorio pieces in any language are optional, but welcome
- \*\*\* Unless you specialize in Britten or Baroque English repertoire, use this opportunity to work on your foreign language pieces. English pieces are almost never heard in German auditions.***

### *MUSICAL THEATRE:*

- 2-3 Musical Theatre selections
  - ⇒ At least 1 contemporary and 1 legitimate
  - ⇒ 1 of your selections will be used for your audition in Hamburg
- 1 Monologue (optionally in German)

***ALL MUSIC MUST BE MEMORIZED UPON ARRIVAL.*** Please create PDF versions of your music and bring 2 hard copies of your music with you (1 for you and 1 for your teachers and master clinicians).

***Once Again...***

***Herzlich  
Wilkommen!***

We hope you found this information helpful in getting you started on your  
IPAI journey!

We are excited to meet you and we are here to help you along the way.

***Reach out to us any time!***

Your IPAI Administrative Team,

***Stacey Trenteseaux – Assoc. Artistic Manager***

***Anica Binder – Assoc. Production Manager***

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