

Straubing

**Information for the student
short term exchange program
with homestay**

2025/09/17

Ingo Tamm

Preconditions for an application

- Registered Wenzao student of 5 year Junior college or 4 year college
- German as major or minor subject
- Basic knowledge in English and German
- Homestay with Family (Location of host family: Kaohsiung and surrounding areas)
- The host student must have his/her own room.
- Daily transportation to school and back home by car or public transportation (not motorcycle!) must be available.
- Good physical and mental health.
- Mature, responsible, and of good character.
- Openness towards another culture
- Willingness to adapt to the daily life of the host family.
- Non Smoking host families preferred.

Declaration of consent

- **For minors, being under 18 during the stay in Straubing, an official document of consent, signed by your parents or other legal guardians is absolutely necessary.**

Application Process

- Application time
2025/09/17 – 2025/09/30

Procedure

- Fill out the form,
- Print it out
- Signature of your parents and your home room teachers
- Application deadline: 2025/09/30
- Group interview: 2025/10/03

Selection of families

- By the criteria mentioned above
- By personal profile (Steckbrief)
 - Personal data (Name, age, place of birth, address, E-mail, Social Media)
 - Hobbies
 - Family members
 - Habits
 - Likes and dislikes

Duration and extent of the Program

- **How long? About 14 days**

Visit of the Students from Straubing in Kaohsiung:

- 2026/ 03/22 – 2026/04/05

Return visit of the Wenzao Students in Straubing

- Beginning of July to mid of July
(2026/07/04 – 2026/07/18)

Number of exchange students

Minimum:10 Maximum

At Present 18 interested students from Straubing

What things do the German Students at Wenzao University?

- They are guests at school lessons in Wenzao.
- They learn Chinese at the Chinese language center.
- They take part in events and other competitions in Wenzao.
- They make trips in the surrounding area.
- In the evenings and on weekends they live with their host families

Accompanying Students

- Accompanying students are used as assistants to support the teachers.
- They help with orientation on the Wenzao grounds.
- You will also support the teachers with lunch and dinner (translation).

How to I get to Germany?

- By plane
- If there are a large number of participants (10 students), the flight ticket will be purchased together (group ticket).
- **2 Students are responsible to organize and book a flight to Germany by contacting a travel agency**
- People who have a group ticket have to fly to Germany together.
- There is no official return date.
- If the number of participants is low, each student must purchase a single flight ticket (through the travel agency).
- **All exchange students fly to Germany with the responsible teacher.**

Other flight dates

- For other flight dates, the student in question must organize the flight ticket himself.
- **Students flying to Germany not on an official date must have the permission of the German department.**
- An extension of the visit is possible.
- But the extension time is considered as a private visit.

Costs

- How much money do Kaohsiung students have to pay?
- The students only have to pay for the plane ticket to Germany. (approx. 35,000 – 45,000 NT- round trip)
- The host families and the schools in cost nothing.
- For the time in Germany you need a small amount of pocket money (around 20,000 NT) or 500 to 600 Euros.
- If there are not enough financial resources from the school or the department, the students must finance the accompanying teacher (about 4000 NT per student)

What do I need for travelling to Germany?

- If your stay doesn't exceed 90 days you don't have to apply for a visa.
- German travel health insurance (incoming) covering the whole stay in Germany (registration with online form on the Internet)
- Valid passport
- Flight ticket (round trip)
- Summer clothing, but also warmer clothing (in Germany it is around 20 to 30 degrees in July).

End of the stay with the host family

When does the visit to the host family end?

- The students stay with the host families in Straubing for fourteen days.

Can the stay with the host family be extended?

- If the host family directly offers it to you, the stay can be extended. However, then it is a “private stay” and no longer part of the exchange program. The school and teachers then no longer bear any responsibility or any costs.

Health and Security

- **Good medical care in doctor's clinics and hospitals, but only in case of an emergency**
- **German travel health insurance is absolutely necessary!!! (incoming, available in the Internet)**
- **Crime: Germany is one of the safest countries in Europe**

Can I prolong my stay in Germany?

- In principle, every student can extend his/her stay.
- This extension is then his/her “private vacation” and has nothing to do with the exchange program.
- In the event of an extended stay, the student is solely responsible.

Supervision by Teachers

- During the visit to Straubing, the students from Taiwan are supervised by Ingo Tamm in cooperation with Stefan Schlüter (Teacher at Straubing Ursulinengymnasium) as the responsible teachers for the student exchange.
- The supervision by the teachers ends when the visit program ends.

Flight back to Taiwan

- Students who want to stay in Germany longer can also fly back to Taiwan later. The responsibility then lies with the student himself.

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