

...er muss __ noch schnell duschen.

Aktuelles

Jugendherbergen und Camping

There are over 600 youth hostels in Germany and more than 5,000 youth hostels dotting the world map. The *Deutsches Jugendherbergswerk (DJH)* is affiliated with the International Youth Hostel Federation (IYHF). More than 50 youth hostels in Germany are located either in former fortresses (*Burgen*) or castles (*Schlösser*).

The German youth hostels offer two price categories for membership: one is a reduced fee for people under 26 years of age, and the other is almost double in price for those over 26, couples, families with small children or single parents with children under 16.

All prices listed by the various youth hostels include overnight accommodations as well as breakfast. Youth hostels normally have additional charges for bed linen (*Bettwäsche*), unless guests bring their own. Guests may also bring their own sleeping bags (*Schlafsäcke*). There is an extra charge for lunches and dinners as well. Discount prices are offered to groups.



Wo ist dieser Campingplatz?



Travelers who have valid youth hostel ID cards and have no reservations can find out after 2 P.M. whether or not there are accommodations available. Those who have reservations must check in by 6 P.M., unless a late arrival had been confirmed at the time of reservation. All arriving guests must show their ID cards and be registered at the counter which is usually located right at the entrance. Guests must follow the house rules. Except for families, all male and female guests receive separate rooms. Youth hostels are closed from 10 P.M. until 7 A.M., during which time the guests are requested to keep down the noise level.

What does a typical youth hostel offer? Let's take a look at the following description of the youth hostel in Rüdesheim to which Frau Tischler took her students on their four-day field trip (see narrative and dialog at the beginning of this chapter).

Name—provides the name of the youth hostel;
JH = Jugendherberge

Adresse—indicates the address (street, zip code, city, phone and fax numbers and e-mail address)

Kontakt—lists the youth hostel directors (*Herbergseltern*)

Träger—lists the German state (*Bundesland*) that supports the youth hostel financially

Bettenzahl—provides the number of available beds

Raumangebot—describes accommodations

Preise—lists the two price categories

Sport und Freizeit—describes all the leisure-time activities inside, outside and in the area of the youth hostel

Geschlossen—indicates the time period when the youth hostel is closed

Sonstiges—lists any special sights of interest in the vicinity

Nächste Jugendherberge—indicates the location and distance of the nearest youth hostels

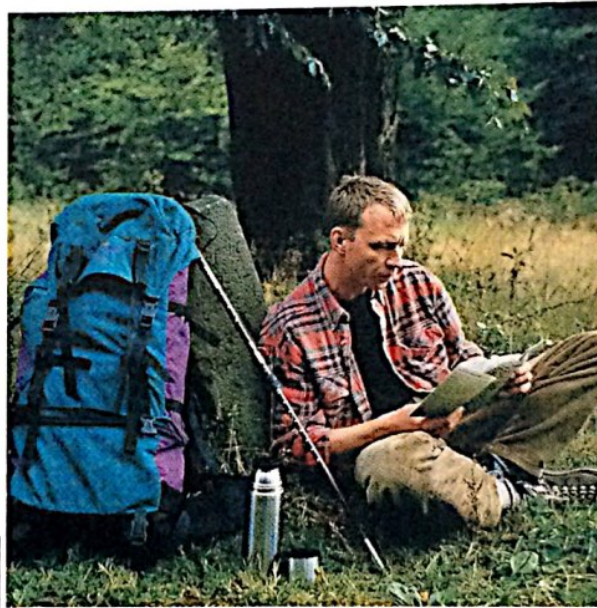
Lage—indicates the location of the youth hostel

Anreise—describes how to get to the youth hostel when arriving by car (*Pkw*), train (*Bahn*) or auto ferries (*Autofähren*)

Camping has been popular among Germans for decades. Millions of people spend their vacations at campgrounds (*Campingplätze*) that are filled with an array of accommodations ranging from simple two-person tents to very elaborate and expensive recreational vehicles.

There are many campgrounds in Germany. Signs showing a tent (resembling a Native American tepee) indicate that there is a campground in the area. Just as you can find details of specific youth hostels on the Internet, most campgrounds also have a web site that lists such information as address, length of season, directions, fees, sanitary facilities, food service and special sights. Many campgrounds offer tips of general interest regarding campers, RVs, tent equipment, insurance needs, winter camping, special regulations to be observed in the different countries and—in order to avoid overcrowded campgrounds—a list of the school holidays (*Schulferien*) in the various German states.

The busiest time is during the months of July and August. Therefore, campgrounds recommend making reservations well in advance. During the peak summer months, it is also suggested to look for the lesser-known places, away from big cities and popular tourist sites.



Wo ist die nächste Jugendherberge?



Auf einem Campingplatz ist immer viel los.

10 Weißt du die deutschen Wörter?

1. Wenn man in einer Jugendherberge übernachten will, dann muss man am Schalter seine ___ zeigen.
2. Wenn es geht, soll man im ___ nicht zu den beliebtesten Campingplätzen fahren.
3. Wenn man einen Brief schicken will, dann muss man die ___ wissen.
4. Wenn die Jugendlichen nicht für Bettwäsche bezahlen wollen, dann können sie ihre eigene Bettwäsche oder ihre ___ mitbringen.
5. Die ___ zeigen, wie viel man bezahlen muss.
6. Die ___ begrüßen ihre Gäste an einem Schalter.
7. Früher haben Könige und Fürsten (*kings and princes*) in den ___ oder ___ gewohnt.
8. Die ___ informiert Touristen, wo die Jugendherberge ist.
9. Der Herbergsvater gibt den Jugendlichen ___ für ihre Betten.
10. Wenn man noch etwas von Jugendherbergen in Deutschland wissen will, dann kann man an eine Organisation schreiben. Sie heißt ___.

PERSÖNLICHES

1. Hast du eine Mitgliedskarte? Für welchen Klub oder für welche Organisation hast du eine?
2. Was gibt's in deiner Umgebung zu tun?
3. Was machst du am Morgen vor der Schule?
4. Hast du schon einmal eine Klassenreise gemacht? Wohin?
5. Was machst du am Wochenende?

ROLLENSPIEL

You and your classmate have decided to stay in youth hostels while traveling throughout Germany. You have just arrived in a town and found the local youth hostel. Upon arrival you meet the youth hostel director. You each have several questions to ask. You want to know (1) how much a night's stay costs including meals; (2) when meals will be served; (3) what there is to do around the hostel and in the area; (4) if the other guests are from Germany or also from other countries; and (5) how far it is to town. You may wish to add other questions that are of interest to you.