



2015

Gap Year German & Ski Instructors' Exam

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Overview

The Deutsch-Institut Tirol is uniquely positioned to offer an intensive German language course combined with a skiing/snowboarding programme, with special training for the ski/snowboard instructors' exams.

We have been offering a Gap Year Programme combining German lessons with training for the Ski Instructor exams since 2002. This year is slightly different from previous years as we have entered into a co-operation with the Ski Academy Austria (www.siaaustria.com). They offer highly professional training for the exam and even offer a job guarantee (for EU passport-holders) at the end of their courses. As we know and have worked with some of the instructors during our long years providing Gap Year courses, it seemed the logical thing to link up with them. We do what we're good at – teaching German – and leave them to do what they're good at – training people to become ski instructors.

This means that ***the course is in two parts***. The first four weeks are here in Kitzbühel at the Deutsch-Institut Tirol, the next part is in Kaprun run by Ski Academy Austria. We only charge for our part of the course but we're happy to liaise with Ski Academy and book you onto their part of the course.

Obviously if you only want German lessons, then speak to us. If you only want the ski instruction part, then speak to Ski Academy – we're always happy to help with those arrangements. If you want both, just let us know and we'll make all the arrangements in consultation with you.

Who are we?

The Deutsch-Institut Tirol is a small private German language school. It was founded in 1981 and was recognised by the Austrian Education Ministry's body, Campus Austria, in 1993 as a school displaying academic excellence and generally fulfilling the criteria for recognition.

Where are we?

The school is in Kitzbühel in Austria. Kitzbühel is a famous ski resort, with good infrastructure connections. To get here, most people fly to Munich, although it is also possible to fly to Salzburg or Innsbruck. This mountainous region is an area of outstanding natural beauty, and one of the largest ski areas in Austria.

Where will the skiing/snowboarding take place?

In October you will be full time in Kitzbühel. In November you'll be full time in Kaprun in accommodation organised by the Ski Academy.

What is the format of the German lessons?

Lessons are from 9:00 to 12:15 Monday to Friday. You will be asked to take a test on your first Monday morning (unless you're a beginner), to establish your standard so that we can put you in the right class for you. Because the classes are so small, between 2 and 6 people per class, you can concentrate on those areas which you particularly need. Please note that if you are the only person of your standard in the class, you will get two lessons per day instead of four, and if there are only 2 of you in the class you will get three lessons per day instead of four.

Can I come to the Deutsch-Institut for a longer course?

Certainly! Some people come for the whole of September and October – some for a couple of weeks before October – just let us know what you'd like, and we'll book you in accordingly.

Price:

You pay € 410 per week for the German course, a total of € 1.640 for the 4 weeks in October. Accommodation is extra, either a price for the month for an apartment, or from 35 euros per night for a B&B. Please look at our accommodation page below to choose what would suit you best.

Ski Academy Austria charges from around € 4.500 for the ski instructor part of the course, which includes accommodation, the training and the exam. Please see their website at www.siaaustria.com for details of exactly what is included.

Accommodation

Our students usually stay in Bed and Breakfast accommodation within a 2 to 7 minute walk from the Deutsch-Institut Tirol.

Pension Oberhauser

A lot of our students who return to do another course at DIT specially request that they stay at the Pension Oberhauser. This is really a private house with 3 rooms, each with a shower, WC in the corridor. There is a TV and a fridge in the breakfast room for the use of guests. Frau Oberhauser is always very friendly and welcoming to her guests. She doesn't speak much English so you have to practise your German even at breakfast! This B&B is the nearest to the school, literally over the road from the Deutsch-Institut. There is no internet connection in this house.



Prices: € 35 per night for a single room with shower and breakfast. € 30 per person per night for a double room with shower and breakfast. If you'd like to stay here, please include this on your registration form.

Pension Astlinger

This beautiful, newly renovated B&B is about 5-7 minutes' walk from the school. Every room has a wonderful large bathroom. There's no internet connection for guests in the house. Price: **from** € 40 per night. <http://astlingerhof.ikitz.at>
If you'd like to stay here, please include this on your registration form.



Pension Schwartz

A ten minute walk from the school, offering a very friendly reception in a family run house. No wifi, bathroom in the corridor. Price: € 40 per night.

Haus Johanna

This is a lovely apartment house offering small studios with wifi. If you'd like to be able to cook, this would be the option for you. Breakfast is not included. Prices. small apartment €450 for the month, larger apartment € 500 for the month.

Other accommodation options: There are plenty of hotels and B&Bs in Kitzbühel. If you'd rather stay somewhere else, please see the tourist board's website at www.kitzbuehel.at and make contact directly with the accommodation providers.

Included in the Gap Year Programme:

- 4 weeks intensive German tuition (09:00 to 12:15 Monday to Friday) including all lesson materials, at the Deutsch-Institut Tirol, plus the free time afternoon programme on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Although voluntary, these parts of the programme are important for your total immersion experience, as you have to use the German you've learned, in authentic situations.
- Accommodation from Sunday 4th October to Saturday 31st October 2015, in single rooms with corridor showers, plus breakfast.
- Lift passes for the instructor training in Kaprun and the compulsory part of the instructors' course are organised by the Ski Academy.
- Transport from Kitzbühel to Kaprun – we're happy to advise on the easiest way to get there (train). This is not included in the price.

Not included:

- *Lunch:* There are 2 supermarkets within walking distance of the school, and a lot of students organise lunch cheaply there.
- *Dinner.* There are plenty of places to eat in Kitzbühel. The AlpenPizzeria is a five minute walk from the school and is a favourite venue for DIT students.
- *Ski/snowboard hire.* For a long programme like this, followed by a season as a ski/snowboard instructor potentially from Christmas to the middle or end of March, you would be well advised to bring your own ski clothes and equipment.
- *Plane ticket to Munich airport.* The official start to the programme is 4th October, but if you can't get a flight on that day, please email us with suggested other dates (probably the Saturday or Friday before) and ask about extra accommodation for the extra night(s).
- *Transfer from Munich airport to Kitzbühel.* This is not included in the price, but there is an excellent transfer company at www.tirol-taxi.at It is currently € 48 one way.

Gap Year Programme Timetable

Week 1	German
Week 2	German
Week 3	German
Week 4	German
Week 5	Ski Academy Programme in Kaprun
Week 6	Ski Academy Programme in Kaprun
Week 7	Ski Academy Programme in Kaprun
Week 8	Ski Academy Programme in Kaprun
Week 9	Ski Academy Programme in Kaprun
Week 10	Instructors' course preparation week
Week 11	Instructors' course and exam

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Proviso: While we are delighted to be working with Ski Academy Austria, we do not make any representations about their part of the course. If you book with them, you have a separate contract with them and are subject to their terms and conditions.

German Weeks: (Weeks 1-4)

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	Lessons	Programme	
Tuesday	Lessons		
Wednesday	Lessons	Programme	
Thursday	Lessons		
Friday	Lessons	Programme	
Saturday			
Sunday			

First Sunday: arrival day. Settle into your room, get to know the other students staying at your accommodation.

First Monday: Lessons begin at 09:00. There will be a short introductory discussion involving the whole group. Then, if you've learned German before, you'll be asked to take a test, so that we can put you in the right class for your standard. If you're an absolute beginner, you'll begin your lessons straight away. Everyday German (standard German only) will be taught during the morning lessons. Special skiing/snowboarding vocabulary will be included.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: There is a free time programme three times a week. These are very varied, and can reflect the interests of the group. There is plenty of hiking, mountain biking, swimming, town and museum visits etc. The group programme can also be a relaxing get-together in a bar or restaurant in town, so that the group can get together in an authentic situation and practise their German.

Weekends. Weekends are free. It would be possible to ski at weekends on the glacier but this would be at your own expense. Money paid for accommodation in Kitzbühel can't be used for accommodation in Kaprun.

Miscellaneous

Kitzbühel: While you are in Kitzbühel you will be staying at either

- a pension; or
- in an apartment;

near the school. This is single room accommodation typically with a shower in the room but not necessarily. The advantage of this is that classes are around the corner from your room. You don't need to worry about public transport to get to your German lessons. Breakfast will be in the breakfast room of the pension. If you get an apartment, breakfast is not provided.

Kaprun: During the glacier skiing part of the course, you will be staying in accommodation provided by Ski Academy Austria.

Facilities: Both Kitzbühel and Kaprun are modern, humming towns well served by internet cafés, swimming pools, pubs, restaurants, gyms etc. DIT has negotiated a special price for DIT students in the Kitzbühel gym. This is recommended as a part of your overall training. If you have a particular concern about other facilities, please email us and ask for extra information.

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To Enrol

Would you like to enrol? Fantastic!

To enrol, please send an email to Louise at office@deutschinstitut.com then email or post the completed application form to us, when you'll receive an invoice.

Bank: Sparkasse der Stadt Kitzbühel
Address: Jochberger Straße 93, 6370 Kitzbühel, Austria
Code: 20 505
A/c: 014 316
Name: Deutsch-Institut Tirol
Swiftcode: SPKI AT 2K
IBAN: AT422050500000014316

The full course price is payable at least 4 weeks before the beginning of the course.

Deadline for applications: If you apply in the 4 weeks before the course begins, please send the full course fee by SWIFT, and fax us your bank transfer confirmation.

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Refund

If you've registered for the course and for genuine reasons cannot take part, then obviously we would refund you as much as possible (less bank charges for the transfer back). If the course has not yet begun, then typically we can refund the full amount but we cannot promise this as certain deposits have to be paid for accommodation etc which may not be recoverable. If you are uncertain whether you can begin the course or not, please make a provisional booking only, and confirm and pay only when you are certain that you can take part.

Registration form

Personal Information

Name	
Address	
Email	
Nationality	
Occupation	
Date of birth	
Male / Female	

Please give your course dates:

Course dates:	
Accommodation dates:	
Type of accommodation:	
Extra private lessons? Please state number:	

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Would you describe your standard of German as:

Beginner	Low intermediate	Intermediate	Advanced
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Please give your reasons for learning German:

Signature: _____

Date _____