



2025-26 Residence Life Travel Information

1. Please send your student's travel plans for each arrival/departure to the ResLife Office (Reslife@bfacademy.de) by the deadline listed on the next page.

Submitted travel plans must include the following information:

- **Travel by car:** Date and estimated time of arrival or departure.
- **Travel by plane:** Airline, flight number, and arrival/departure times. (Sending an electronic copy of the flight itinerary helps prevent errors.)
 - Travel by plane to or from the Frankfurt or Zurich Airport must include train tickets to or from Basel (Badischer or Basel SBB) or Rheinfelden. When possible, please select a direct train.
- **Travel by train:** Date and time of departure and/or return.

ResLife provides transportation between Kandern and the following locations:

- Basel Airport (Students should exit through the FRENCH side)
- SBB Train Station in Basel
- Badischer Train Station in Basel
- Rheinfelden Train Station in Rheinfelden

2. BFA covers the cost of one pickup/dropoff per family for each travel day. The following **additional travel fees** apply (billed to student school accounts):
 - **Travel information received 2 weeks after the deadline** - €50 late fee.
 - **Pickup/dropoff outside of travel days** - Any trip to the airport (Basel) or train station (SBB or Badischer) outside of travel days will incur a fee of €35. If travel for a break happens a couple days before or after school starts, transportation is still provided for your child(ren).
3. There are a number of housing options in Kandern and the surrounding villages. We recommend that you search sites like [Airbnb](#), the [Kandern Lodging Listings](#), or any of the common online travel sites. Many accommodations locally are guesthouses/B&Bs such as the [Zur Schnecke](#).
4. While our dorm staff will be delighted to have you visit, they are unable to serve as drivers during your stay. Families should make their own arrangements for transportation while in the area.

2025-26 Travel Dates

Beginning of School Year - Monday, August 25, 2025

Deadline for sending travel plans to ResLife - August 1, 2025

Move in for New Students only - Monday, August 25, 2025, anytime after 10:00 am

Fall Break - Thursday, October 30- Sunday, November 2, 2025

Dorms will remain open during Fall Break. However, if parents live nearby, students are able to travel home for break. If students are traveling home, please adhere to the following dates:

Deadline for sending travel plans to ResLife - September 30, 2025

Travel Day - Thursday, October 30, 2025

Travel Day - Sunday, November 2, 2025

Christmas Break - December 13, 2025 - January 6, 2026

Deadline for sending travel plans to ResLife - November 14, 2025

Travel Day (Dorms Close) - December 13, 2025

Travel Day (Dorms Open) - January 6, 2026

*January 6th is a German Holiday so school will resume on Wednesday January 7th

Spring Break - March 28 - April 12, 2026

Deadline for sending travel plans to ResLife - February 27, 2026

Travel Day (Dorms Close) - March 28, 2026

Travel Day (Dorms Open) - April 12, 2026

Summer Break - begins June 13, 2026

Deadline for sending travel plans to ResLife - May 13, 2026

Travel Day (Dorms Close for Summer) - June 13, 2026

*Please do not schedule travel on June 12th (Graduation)

Additional information to know

We understand there are not always tickets available from some of the countries you live in on our designated travel days. If your child(ren) are not able to arrive on travel day, please have them travel a day after travel day instead of before. Students arriving before travel day, when our dorms are closed, will need to make alternate arrangements for transportation and housing. When our dorms are closed, all ResLife staff (dorm parents, resident assistants, office staff and support staff) are not available. If your child(ren) needs to leave before travel day, we will still provide transportation. If they will be missing school due to leaving early or arriving after school starts, please contact Ellen Warneke at HS_Principal@bfacademy.de. Please contact the ResLife Office with any questions.