

YOUTH SUMMER IFX



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INTERNATIONAL FUTBOL X-CHANGE

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IFX welcomes you to our organization and we are looking forward to working with you during IFX experience. Your journey abroad will be challenging, yet rewarding in many ways. In order to prepare you for your program, please read through the IFX Program guide to learn about our different processes and for tips on different things while living abroad.

This guide discusses all aspects of your upcoming program including important information about the program region, the school, club placement process, and more. Please read thoroughly through this program guide and should any further questions arise, please let us know.



NÜRNBERG

Nürnberg is a city on the river Pegnitz and on the Rhine–Main–Danube Canal in the German state of Bavaria, in the administrative region of Middle Franconia, about 170 kilometres (north of Munich). It is the second-largest city in Bavaria (after Munich), and the largest in Franconia. The urban area also includes Fürth, Erlangen and Schwabach. As of 2016 the "European Metropolitan Area Nürnberg" had approximately 3.5 million inhabitants.

Nürnberg is often referred to as having been the 'unofficial capital' of the Holy Roman Empire, particularly because Imperial Diet (Reichstag) and courts met at Nürnberg Castle. The Diets of Nürnberg were an important part of the administrative structure of the empire. The increasing demand of the royal court and the increasing importance of the city attracted trade and commerce to Nürnberg.

Nürnberg was an early centre of humanism, science, printing, and mechanical invention. The city contributed much to the science of astronomy. In 1471 Johannes Mueller of Königsberg (Bavaria), built an astronomical observatory in Nürnberg and published many important astronomical charts. In 1515, Albrecht Dürer, a native of Nürnberg created woodcuts of the first maps of the stars of the northern and southern hemispheres, producing the first printed star charts, which had been ordered by Johannes Stabius. Around 1515 Dürer also published the "Stabiussche Weltkarte", the first perspective drawing of the terrestrial globe. Perhaps most famously, the main part of Nicolaus Copernicus's work was published in Nürnberg in 1543.

The academy of fine arts situated in Nürnberg is the oldest art academy in central Europe and looks back to a tradition of 350 years of artistic education. Nürnberg is also famous for its Christkindlesmarkt (Christmas market), which draws well over a million shoppers each year. The market is famous for its handmade ornaments and delicacies.

People can visit the majestic Max-Morlock-Stadion which is the soccer stadium of Bundesliga club 1. FC Nürnberg (known locally as "Der Club") and which accommodates 50,000 spectators. The club was founded in 1900 and plays in the 2. Bundesliga (2017–18 season).





IFX PARTNER CLUBS

FSV Erlangen-Bruck



FSV Erlangen-Bruck is a multi-branch organization with some 1,100 members in the Franconian university town of Erlangen. The club has positioned themselves as a feeder club to the two top clubs in the region, FC Nürnberg and SpVgg Greuther Fürth, both Bundesliga clubs. Known locally as “Bruck”, the club’s senior men’s team competes in the highly regarded Bayernliga (5th division), and fields some of the top youth teams in the region with their U19, U17, and U15 all competing in the Bayernliga or Landesliga. (2nd/3rd highest youth divisions).



SG Quelle Fürth

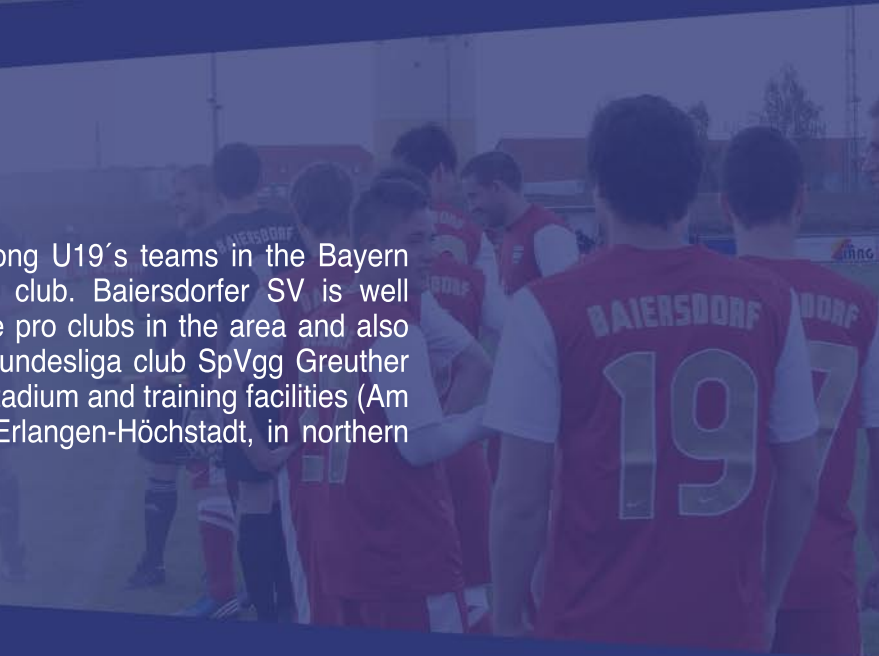
With roots dating back to 1860, Quelle Fürth has become a major force in youth football in the Nürnberg/Fürth region, with many youth players coming and going to and from der Club (FC Nürnberg) and SpVgg Greuther Fürth. Their close cooperation with these Bundesliga clubs draws talented players from throughout the region. Quelle’s semi-professional men’s team competes in the Landesliga (6th division) and have competed as high as the Regionalliga. Their U19, U17, and U15 all compete in the Bayernliga or Landesliga.



Baiersdorfer SV



Baiersdorfer SV is a higher-level club among U19’s teams in the Bayern region and proud long term IFX Partner club. Baiersdorfer SV is well regarded as a feeder team for some of the pro clubs in the area and also have enjoyed close partnerships with 2° Bundesliga club SpVgg Greuther Fürth. Baiersdorfer SV has an impressive stadium and training facilities (Am Sportzentrum 1) located in the district of Erlangen-Höchstadt, in northern Bavaria, Germany.





TRAINING PERIOD

To provide world-class training opportunities for top youth soccer players in one of the best soccer camps in Europe, the International Fútbol X-Change has partnered with German semi-professional clubs—SG Quelle Fürth, FSV Erlangen-Bruck, and Baiersdorfer SV—to allow a limited number of players to train amongst their youth teams.

Contrary to the traditional international soccer tour where teams travel to play against foreign teams, our Germany international soccer program immerses players in the foreign game, experiencing the German game as if they were a part of the team.

Most mornings, players train under the instruction of the coaches of IFX. Licensed German trainers lead the daily training, engaging the group in technical drills and tactical maneuvering. Players will then join the SG Quelle Fürth, FSV Erlangen Bruck, or Baiersdorfer SV youth teams in the afternoons to participate in their normal training sessions. Training consists normally of three days per week of club training.



FACILITIES



The SG Quelle Fürth is a German football club from the city of Fürth in Bavaria and host of IFX Soccer Academy in the same city.

SG Quelle Fürth was founded 1973. Its official matches are hold in Gustav Schickedanz Sportfeld with a capacity for 7,000 beholders. Nowadays plays Landesliga Bayern-Nordost (VI Division).

SG Quelle Fürth is well regarded as a feeder team for some of the pro clubs in the area. Teams like FC Bayern Munich, Greuther Furth, TSV 1860 Munich and 1. FC Nuremberg are just some concrete examples of the exposure that Quelle players have.



ACCOMMODATIONS

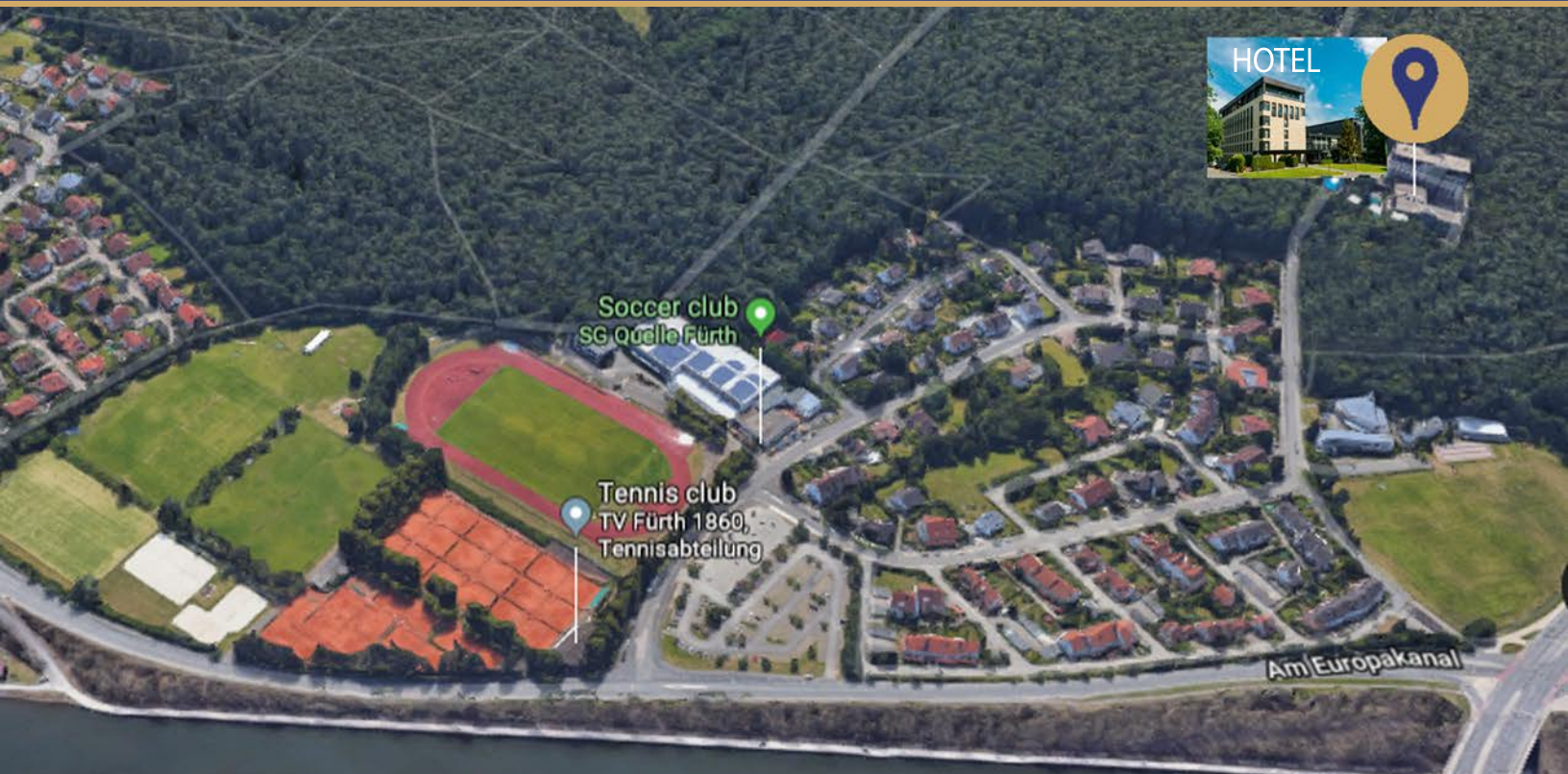


IFX Germany players will stay at a 4-star hotel in an ideal location surrounded by the beautiful Fürth municipal forest in the west of the city. The hotel is the ideal place to spend a relaxing day or hold a dynamic session. It offers easy access to the motorway and public transport that will take you to Fürth and Nürnberg. Discover the beautiful Fürth's Old Town with its many restaurants and cafes. Or you can go to Nürnberg and explore the many sights and attractions, such as the Nürnberg Castle or the charming old town.

The hotel combines modern concepts with traditional style. The 111 renovated and tastefully decorated rooms exude a welcoming atmosphere. They impress with warm colors, elegant style, and modern amenities, such as flatscreen televisions with satellite TV, Wi-Fi, and a minibar.

The seven modern, lit by daylight meeting rooms are ideal for business and social events for up to 300 people. One of the meeting rooms is located in the former library on the 4th Floor of the hotel and presents itself with a beautiful fireplace and a pleasant ambiance for small meetings or family gatherings.

*If for any reason the hotel is not available, we will provide accommodations of similar standard in the nearby vicinity.





EXCURSIONS



Attend Professional Soccer Match

IFX Summer assures you a 360° experience with the passion for football and the beauty of Germany mixed together, taking all Youth Summer IFX Germany participants to a professional soccer match. In Germany, football is at the forefront of the culture making of each soccer event a real party. Whether it is the UEFA Champions League final match or they have lost 5 straight games, football fans will support their team 90' and more.



Visit Adidas and Puma Headquarters

Adidas and Puma outlet stores in Herzogenaurach is a real heaven for sport lovers. A great range of bargains in a good diversity of sizes and styles. Staff are very friendly and knowledgeable and only too happy to help. Be prepared to spend at least an hour wandering round. A must for Adidas fans!



EXCURSIONS



Kletterpark in Betzenstein

This place is a blast! Great high ropes course with lots of choice for various ages. Great zip lines, especially the one across the swimming pool next door! There are funny elements built in such as a bobby car on a path 5 meters high in the air. Everything is very safe with the lock security system and an introductory training makes you familiar with how it works. Plan to spend at least 2 hours there. Betzenstein is a perfect place to spend a summer day.



Visit downtown Nürnberg

The ancient city of Nürnberg is an important center for arts and culture. Despite having been severely damaged in WW2, many of the medieval buildings in the Old Town (Altstadt) have been restored to their former glory. In fact, most of the top attractions in Nuremberg are located within the historic walls, which extend some five kilometers around the Old Town.



TRANSPORTATION



Upon arrival in Germany, players are picked up from the Nürnberg airport or Nürnberg main train station.

There is a 24-hour experienced chaperone that stays with the boys throughout the program at the Hotel, taking them to daily training, and guiding the touring activities.

At the end of the international soccer academy program, players are escorted again to the Nürnberg airport or Nürnberg main train station for their departure.

Participants are not permitted to leave the hotel without our chaperone. Participants are not permitted to drive vehicles while in the IFX program either. This is essential for our safeguarding obligations and will be subject to immediate program dismissal.



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