IES Abroad Alumni Engagement is pleased to bring you a few tips and pointers for returning to Freiburg. The IES Abroad Chicago office number is 800-995-2300. For any questions or more information about our alumni weekends in Freiburg please email alumni@IESabroad.org or go to www.IESabroad.org/alumni

International Travel for US Citizens
Be sure that your passport expiration date extends at least six months beyond your travel dates.

Visit the State Department's Germany Information page here for detailed information about safety abroad: https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/Germany.html

How to get from the airport to Freiburg im Breisgau from:
From Frankfurt (FRA)
This is the most convenient option, as many airlines offer direct flights from the U.S. to Frankfurt. You do not need a connecting flight to Basel if you fly into Frankfurt. Instead, use the following directions to get from your terminal to the train station:

• Terminal 1: Collect your luggage, clear customs, and follow the signs to the long-distance railway station (Fernbahnhof).
• Terminal 2: Collect your luggage, clear customs, and follow the signs to the Sky Line railway, which you will take to Terminal 1. From Terminal 1, follow the signs to the long-distance railway station (Fernbahnhof).

Buy a ticket from “FRA Frankfurt Airport” to “Freiburg im Breisgau.” The train ride takes about two hours and leaves once every hour. A one-way ticket costs about €8. You may have to change trains in Mannheim, where the train to Freiburg will likely be waiting for you on the same platform, opposite the train by which you arrived.

Because you will need to take a train to get to Freiburg, plan to purchase your train ticket at the airport. There are limited direct trains to Freiburg, so it is likely you will need to change trains in Mannheim. You will need to be fairly quick when changing trains, which is another good reason to travel light.

If you need assistance, airports and train stations have information desks with English-speaking staff who are there to help you.
If you’d like to investigate train schedules and reservations ahead of time, see www.bahn.de, which is available in English. Your destination is “Freiburg (Breisgau) Hbf.”

For more information about the Frankfurt airport, visit http://www.frankfurtairport.com/content/frankfurt_airport/en.html

From EuroAirport Basel (Bâle), Switzerland/Mulhouse, France (BSL):
Flights to Basel tend to be more expensive. There is a direct bus service, called the Freiburger Airport Bus, from EuroAirport Basel/Mulhouse to Freiburg’s main train and bus stations (Hauptbahnhof). Basel’s airport is literally divided in two (a Swiss and a French side) and the bus leaves from outside the arrival hall on the French side (Mulhouse). A one-way ticket costs €26 (round trip €42). You pay the driver in cash. The service runs about every one to two hours and takes one hour. There is no need to reserve a seat. For a schedule and costs for the Freiburger Airport Bus, visit http://www.freiburger-reisedienst.de/en/airportbus/information.php

If you have to wait too long for the Freiburger Airport Bus, you can also catch bus number 50 at the airport to the Basel SBB (Basel railway station) in order to catch a train to Freiburg. This bus leaves from the Swiss side of the airport, runs frequently and takes about 13 minutes.
For more information, visit the Basel/Mulhouse airport website at http://www.euroairport.com/en/

If you fly into Switzerland, you may be asked for proof of departure from Switzerland or for a copy of your residence permit. If questioned at the airport, inform the authorities that you will be applying for the German residence permit upon arrival in Freiburg.

From Zürich (ZRH):
If you arrive in Zürich, look for railway signs in the airport after you go through customs. There is a train station located right beneath the airport. Buy a one-way ticket from “Zurich Airport” to “Freiburg im Breisgau,” which costs approximately €55. Trains run several times each hour and the journey takes between two and three hours, depending on the connection. You will have to change trains one or two times.
For more information on the Zürich airport, visit http://www.zurich-airport.com/

From Stuttgart (STR):
If you arrive in Stuttgart, follow the railway signs to the S-Bahn (suburban train) after going through airport customs. Buy a ticket from STR Stuttgart Airport to the Hauptbahnhof (central train station). Take the S2 or S3 train from the airport (Flughafen) in the direction of Backnang (S2), or Schorndorf (S3), and get off at the Hauptbahnhof. Buy a one-way ticket from Stuttgart Hauptbahnhof to Freiburg im Breisgau, which starts at approximately €55. Trains to Freiburg run about every hour throughout the day, and may require changing trains in Karlsruhe. The trip takes approximately two hours.
The website for the Stuttgart airport is: http://www.stuttgart-airport.com/?langredir=false
Hotels in Freiburg

- Hotel Victoria
  Eisenbahnstrasse 54
  79098 Freiburg
  *(ask the hotel front desk for complimentary tram passes)*

- Green City Hotel Vauban
  Paula-Modersohn-Platz 5
  79100 Freiburg

- Black Forest Hostel
  Kartäuserstrasse 33
  79102 Freiburg

- Designhotel am Stadttgarten
  Karlstrasse 12
  79104 Freiburg

- Freiburg am Konzerthaus
  Konrad-Adenauer-Platz 2
  79098 Freiburg

- Hotel Barbara
  Poststrasse 4
  79098 Freiburg

- Hotel Schiller
  Hildastrasse 2
  79102 Freiburg

- Mercure Hotel Freiburg am Munster
  Auf der Zinnen 1
  79098 Freiburg

- Novotel Colombi Hotel
  Rotteckring 16
  79098 Freiburg

- Ringhotel zum roten Bären
  Oberlinden 12
  79098 Freiburg

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Freiburg Map
Visiting IES Abroad in Freiburg

If you would like to visit either the IES Abroad Freiburg or European Union center, please make arrangements by contacting the alumni office at Alumni@IESabroad.org. Class reunion groups are also invited to visit the Center for a special program when arrangements are made in advance.

IES Abroad opened a Freiburg program in 1962. The early students took all their classes at the University of Freiburg. Some of the early housing locations you may want to revisit appear below and can be reached via public transportation:

Studentensiedlung:
Address: Sundgauallee 10 - 60, 79110 Freiburg
How to get there? Tram #1 (direction Landwasser), stop: “Am Bischofskreuz”

Ulrich-Zasius-Haus:
Address: Lehener Straße 90, 79106 Freiburg
How to get there? Tram #5 (direction Hornusstraße), stop: “Robert-Koch-Straße”

Thomas-Morus-Burse:
Address: Kappler Str. 57, 79117 Freiburg
How to get there? Tram #1 (direction Littenweiler), end stop: “Lassbergstraße”

Collegium Sapientiae:
Address: Lorettostraße 24, 79100 Freiburg im Breisgau
How to get there? Tram #2 (direction Günterstal), stop: “Lorettostraße”

Restaurants

Martin’s Brau
Located in the town center near the tower, this brew pub is a casual, inexpensive location to the gather in. Kaiser-Joseph-Strasse 237

Restaurant Dattler
Located on the Schloßberg (near to Freiburg’s city center) from where you have a picturesque view over the old Freiburg city center. Elegant ambience and delicious cuisine, partly traditional “Badisch”-regional food, are combined in this institution. www.dattler.de

Greiffenegg
As the Dattler, this restaurant is also located on Schloßberg. So the view is remarkable. The restaurant is specialized for larger group events (as also the Dattler). The great beer garden called Kastaniengarten is probably the most popular one in Freiburg. www.greiffenegg.de

Feierling Brauhaus und Biergarten
Gerberau 11/15. Home-brewed beer, an old haunt of IES students! Shady beer garden for hot summer days and evenings, and house brewery on 3 levels for rainy days and cold evenings: www.feierling.de

Oma’s Küche
Hildastraße 66. A nice place for having regional food. There is outdoor seating, Sunday brunch and is very popular with IES students: www.omas-kueche.de

Schlappen
Löwenstrasse 2. This is a place that’s always crowded but worth it. There is good food and drink and it’s open until 3 am on Fridays and Saturdays. Smoking is allowed in the back room: www.schlappen.com
Other Popular Activities

Freiburger Münster
This famous church is Freiburg’s landmark. You have a remarkable view from the tower.
There is a free organ concert in the Munster on Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. www.freiburgermuenster.info
Mon-Sat 10 am – 5 pm
Sun 1 pm – 7.30 pm

Freiburger Münster Markt
The great farmers market of Freiburg where you can get fresh regional products and delicious Bratwurst.
Mon – Sat 7.30 am – 2 pm

Uniseum Freiburg
A newer museum located in the historical Jesuit College building illustrates the 558 year old influential history of the University of Freiburg. Bertoldstrasse 17

Augustinermuseum
Augustinerplatz 1-3. This is one of the most well-known museums in Freiburg. They exhibit upper Rhine medieval and baroque sculpture, paintings, tapestries, stained glass windows and stone figures from the Freiburg Münster. http://museen.de/augustinermuseum-freiburg-im-breisgau.html
Tues-Sun 10 am – 5 pm

Stadttheater Freiburg
Bertholdstrasse 46. The Stadttheater is the biggest theater in Freiburg with a variety of plays. To view the performance schedule, check out: www.theater.freiburg.de

Hiking
There are several good places for a hike in the Black Forest e.g. Schluchsee, Schauinsland or Feldberg. www.bergwelt-suedschwarzwald.de/de/wandern/

“Partywagen”
As a group activity it is also possible to book a so-called “party-tram”: A 2 hour ride through Freiburg in your own “Partywagen”. Its 199€ and every extra hour cost 88€. While you enjoy yourselves inside the tram with drinks and music you will be driven around the Freiburg city center. Early reservation is required. http://www.vag-freiburg.de/service/partywagen.html

Traveling Around Freiburg
It is possible to purchase a Regio24 ticket for local trams, busses and trains which is valid for 24 hours. The fine for riding the tram without a ticket is 60 Euros. http://www.vag-freiburg.de

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