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International Camp at a Glance

- 7 day or 14 day summer camp for young people aged 12-17.
- Join young people from all over the world to learn English, French, Spanish, Italian or German.
- 25 hours per week of engaging morning language classes where campers take part in digital media projects.
- Afternoon adventure, sport and cultural activities.
- Learn with young native speakers of the studied language and make international friends that will last a lifetime.
- 23rd-29th of July and 30th of July-5th of August 2017 at Loch Lomond in Helensburgh, Scotland.

Our international summer programme brings together young people aged 12-17 from all over Europe and beyond to share their language and their culture. With options to learn French, Spanish, German, Italian or English, campers communicate with young native speakers of the languages they are studying. Our International Camp improves confidence in really using a language and campers are gently pushed outside of their comfort zones in a supportive environment so they can develop and flourish.

The Programme

International Camp is perfect for young people who want to have an exciting international adventure, take part in a wide variety of fun activities and develop foreign language skills along the way. It is great for young people who are enthusiastic about other languages and cultures, those looking for a new adventure and learners who need a boost to help them to succeed in qualifications in a foreign language.

Our camps suit all language levels as our very small groups of around 5 campers, and of course our experienced teachers, mean that each camper receives a teaching programme that is perfect for them. With project-based morning language lessons in small groups, campers receive truly personalised tuition and show huge improvement in just one or two weeks. Each morning has a different grammar and vocabulary focus which campers then put into practice through a digital media project. Using film-making, animation, podcasting, journalism, song writing and even cookery, campers use their newly learned language in a realistic context.

Afternoons are filled with adventure and campers are in mixed nationality groups to ensure that everyone is making new friends from around the world. Whether they are conquering gravity on the climbing wall, playing capture the flag or playing football on our on-site all weather pitch, they are having a great time and learning lots without even realising it.

Evenings are filled with ample opportunities to break eggs over the heads of language mentors and take part in treasure hunts, quizzes, murder mysteries and even carnivals to name but a few. The fun never stops and there is certainly no time for our campers to get bored.

Two week International Camp

For campers staying with us for two weeks, you can be assured that each week follows a new and exciting programme. Because many of our campers stay for two weeks, we make sure that even the food and excursions give the campers new and exciting experiences each week. Campers can even choose to study a different language each week, improving their skills in two languages. A two-week camp really allows the young people to immerse themselves in the language, build strong relationships and have a summer experience they'll remember forever.

The Excursions

Two excursions during the camp week allow our foreign campers to experience Scotland while our young English-speaking campers act as their tour guides. A huge part of coming to Scotland is experiencing everything it has to offer. Previous full-day trips to Edinburgh have seen campers watch shows at the Fringe Festival, climb Arthur's Seat and have guided Harry Potter tours or tours of the Scottish parliament. During the city excursion campers often participate in an exciting scavenger hunt taking them to the most beautiful, famous and interesting places in the city.

Our previous half-day excursions to Glasgow and Loch Lomond have also been a great success where campers can truly experience the beautiful Scottish scenery while climbing a mountain, water skiing on the loch or getting to know Glasgow's stunning city centre and university.

On all excursions the campers have the chance to explore the city in small groups. The Scottish participants show their new international friends the best ice cream shops in town and the best places to buy souvenirs for friends and family so there is always enough time for a little shopping.

Learning with Young Natives

As well as language classes, campers have the opportunity to spend time with one another. Native speaking campers of all five camp languages will be at camp so campers will be encouraged to spend time and learn with one another. All afternoon activities will be in mixed language groups, encouraging the young people to 'mingle' while mentors are always on hand for vocabulary and grammar assistance.

Afternoons are normally led in English, yet there will be a multilingual feel throughout and mentors will encourage speaking the foreign language whenever possible.

We often find that after attending one of our camps, young people can't wait to learn yet another foreign language as they have made friends from all over Europe. Articulate's international programme is inspiring young people to become even more multilingual!

Learning alongside young native speakers allows our campers to continue learning by chatting with their new-found friends long after camp ends. Campers often visit their international friends after summer camp too and return the next year to spend time with them again. This experience gives all learners a truly authentic language-learning experience.

Articulate and its Teachers

Who will be working with the campers?

All our members of staff are rigorously selected for their qualifications and expertise. All our mentors are experienced, qualified and are mostly native speakers of the language they teach. We make sure that everyone has lots of experience working with young people on summer camps too and everyone receives thorough training from us before a camp begins. This ensures that the campers receive the best quality tuition possible and have lots of fun along the way. We also make sure that our staff are engaging and enjoy taking part in all our amazing activities.

All members of our team, even our chefs, are truly passionate about learning and teaching languages.

Who are the people behind Articulate?

Articulate was founded in 2012 by Kara Nisbet and Thomas Reichhart who epitomise the international feel of their camps. Kara is from Ayrshire in the south-west of Scotland and Thomas is from Bavaria in southern Germany. Their enthusiasm and love for languages is evident in all their camps and they whole-heartedly believe that language learning is easier when it's meaningful and fun.

Safety

We know that parents worry about their children when they are away from home. We put as many measures as possible in place to put your minds at rest.

- With our team of secondary language teachers, primary teachers and native speakers, we know how to teach and look after children and young people. They are in safe hands.
- We have a 1:6 camper to mentor ratio on our residential summer programmes.
- Our outdoor adventure activities are delivered by an outdoor activity provider's fully qualified and licensed staff.
- All Articulate staff have undergone an official criminal record check to ensure that they are able to work with young people.
- We have staff trained in emergency first aid to make sure that we can deal with any injuries quickly and effectively.
- Our staff is made up of fluent speakers of all the languages we teach (English, French, Spanish, Italian and German). If your son or daughter is coming from abroad and is ill, upset, or just wants to chat, we can speak to them in their native language.
- At residential camps, we keep all prescribed medication safe and administer it to young people at the appropriate times.
- We are always available on the phone should you want to speak with your child.
- We make sure our residential camp buildings are used only by us so we can easily keep track of where the children and young people are at all times. Camp is in an enclosed area with lots of outdoor spaces, far from busy roads.
- Parents can follow what we get up to on our camp blog so you can always keep track of what the campers are up to.

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Location

Our 2017 summer programmes will be held at Lomond School in Helensburgh, north-west of Glasgow. Outwith the summer season, Lomond School is a prestigious independent school and it has fantastic residential facilities. You can find out more about the location by visiting Lomond School's website (www.lomondschool.com).

Helensburgh itself is a small town which is located between the beautiful shores of Loch Lomond in the Trossachs National Park and the Firth of Clyde. It is surrounded by beautiful nature and lots of stunning woodlands. The accommodation is extremely comfortable, with campers in rooms of two or four and homely common areas when campers wish to spend time together with table tennis and pool.

Accommodation overview:

- 2-4 campers per bedroom.
- Exclusive use of the facilities and the building.
- Communal dining halls and breakfast bar for snacks throughout the day.
- Fully equipped modern classrooms.
- State of the art sports hall with climbing wall and outdoor all-weather pitch.
- Easily accessible by car and public transport.
- All bedding and towels provided.

Getting There

British campers can reach camp easily by car, train or bus as Lomond School is located in Helensburgh, just 30 minutes from Glasgow. Transfers from airports, train and bus stations can be arranged with us prior to summer camp.

International campers can fly into any of Scotland's international airports and our staff will meet them at arrivals and welcome them to Scotland. We will then transport them to camp and introduce them to the beautiful Scottish countryside along the way. Airport transfer costs are included in the international (euro) price of camp for all our international campers.

If parents would like to join their children on a visit to Scotland, we are more than happy to help you to arrange hotels, transport and activities. Scotland is a beautiful country which we love sharing with people from across the world.

For more information on transport or transfer options, please just get in touch. The exact address of the location is:

Lomond School
10 Stafford Street
Helensburgh G84 9JX
Scotland, UK

Food

We have onsite chefs who pride themselves in the quality of their home-cooking. They cook great quality food and they always provide lots of choice. They ask campers about their food preferences on the first day so that everyone enjoys the food and nobody ever goes hungry.

Breakfast is a buffet with a selection of cereals, breads, meats, cheeses and fruit and often some cooked options. Lunch ranges from sandwiches on excursion days to homemade soup and 'croque monsieur'.

Dinner is a two-course meal with plenty of salad and vegetarian options available. There are drinks, snacks and fruit available throughout the day and our kitchen staff really are members of our team. The campers can ask them for anything at any time!

On International Camp, each day has a different food theme which allows the campers to try traditional food from the countries of the five camp languages. From Scotland to Mexico, they get the chance to experience culture through food! Last year, our British day saw campers trying porridge, 'tattie scone' rolls, 'haggis, neeps and tatties' and even having afternoon tea with a huge selection of home baking including delicious scones and Scottish tablet. Campers love to share their country's culinary specialities.

We can also cater for dietary requirements. We ask you to let us know as soon as you have booked so that we can discuss what is possible and then provide us with more details when completing permission and allergy forms.

Dates and Prices 2017

We promise great quality camps that are truly worth what you pay for them. Our campers are never just a 'number' and each camper leaves having had a truly unique, international and personalised experience with a maximum of 25 campers per camp session.

The price of the camp includes all tuition and resources, activities, excursions, accommodation and food as well as quality 24-hour care. Please remember that flights are not included in the price of camp but we can help you with advice on the best ways to get to Scotland.

British campers

Dates	Camp	Price (early bird)
23rd – 29th of July	1 week	£680 (£640)
30th of July – 5th of August	1 week	£680 (£640)
23rd of July– 5th of August	2 weeks	£1300 (£1260)

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Earlybird & Sibling Discounts

If you book before the 28th of February 2017, you receive a great 'earlybird' discount of £40 (€55). Reserving a place for two or more siblings you receive a discount of £20 (€30) per child, even from our 'early bird' price.

Booking

Booking a camp place could not be easier, simply visit the website and fill out the reservation form or phone us directly. Once you have registered, we'll ask you for a deposit of £200 per week (€250). We will send you details about the payment along with a Parent Pack, which you will receive upon reservation. You can pay by PayPal, bank transfer or by cheque. The remaining balance should be paid before the 15th of June 2017.

We can also offer a payment plan which will allow you to pay the balance over several months. Please just ask for more details.

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Testimonials

"My son is still keeping in touch with his friends from abroad. He has grown and grown up from having this experience and I would recommend Articulate Language Camps to other parents." Murray, James' dad

"The staff are friendly, cheerful and very organised. I loved the activities like capture the flag, crate building, the water fight and the team-building. I would recommend camp to all my friends." Lily, 17

"Camp was so much better than I thought. It wasn't at all what I expected! The food was great, better than my mum's!" Stuart, 14

"It was so much fun. It should never end. I had a great time here and it's not easy to go." Sonia, 14

If you would like to hear more from our campers and their parents, please just ask.

A Success Story

One of the true benefits of our international camp is that young people make great friends with native speakers of the language they are studying. Meet Bethany and Mar. Bethany came to summer camp in 2014 to learn Spanish for the first time as she wanted to begin national qualifications in the language. Mar came to our summer camp from Zaragoza in Spain to improve her English. Although they were both shy and nervous about using their foreign language skills at first, they quickly bonded with one another as roommates. From sharing important vocabulary on their room vocabulary share boards – like the words 'highlights', 'straighteners' and 'hair clips' – to spending free time sharing their cultures, their friendship grew during their week at camp.

Since their first camp with Articulate, they have visited one another's homes, been on holiday with their families and are still in touch on a weekly basis. While spending a holiday with Mar's family in Spain, Bethany quickly realised that the Spanish eat significantly more vegetables that the Brits. Spending a week in Scotland, Mar realised that English teachers at camp are far easier to understand that Bethany's family from Ayrshire with strong Scottish accents! They have truly experienced life in another country. They have both improved their confidence and skills dramatically, have achieved top grades in their exams and have supported one another in language learning. They both joined our camp every year since, reinforcing their friendship and developing new ones too.

Our camps provide fantastic language courses and engaging teachers but arguably the most beneficial experience for young people comes from the international friendships that our campers build and the resulting desire for them to use their language skills for real communication.

Contact

If you have any questions, enquiries or worries, please don't hesitate to get in touch. As we are often running camps or programmes, it is easiest to get in touch with us by email.

You can contact us at:
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Or if you would rather speak to us on the phone, you can call us directly on:
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We look forward to hearing from you soon.