

# International Summer Camps



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Riding | Football | Tennis | Performing Arts | Watersports & Outdoor Adventure Discovery



Get the most from summer with all the benefits of a productive, enjoyable, fun-filled Village Camps experience. With several venues in Europe, Canada and the USA, offering an extensive choice of speciality camps in languages, sports, arts and leadership training, each camper can be sure to find the ideal camp for a great learning experience and an unbeatable summer holiday. Remember, Village Camps summer programmes are not run like schools! Youngsters improve skills and achieve personal growth by having a great time and enjoying all the activities so that the learning process is FUN! This is the basis of our guiding mission - **Education through Recreation®**.

As a Village Camper you:

- ✧ Develop a greater sense of independence
- ✧ Learn new life-long interests and hobbies
- ✧ Improve skills in arts and sports
- ✧ Interact with peers from the world over
- ✧ Sample different cultures
- ✧ Gather memorable souvenirs to last a lifetime
- ✧ Study a second or third language
- ✧ Experience the thrill and excitement of competition and challenge
- ✧ Network the world through new friends
- ✧ Understand the value of teamwork and leadership
- ✧ Build greater self-confidence

## 43 years and still going strong...

In 2014, Village Camps is in its 43rd summer of providing top quality camps and unforgettable experiences to thousands of kids and teenagers from around the world! The aim is to continue to maintain the highest standards of instruction, friendly supervision, camper care and safety conditions, ensuring a productive and fun time for each participant. Every summer, we welcome campers from 30 to 40 different countries

to our camps in a wonderful and beneficial international environment.

Using well-equipped centres as well as experienced and enthusiastic staff members, Village Camps delivers top-class speciality programmes designed to improve specific languages, sports, arts, or leadership training skills and inspire youngsters to be the best they can be. With so many options you will certainly find the programme most suitable for your child.

**Boston, USA** is a newer camp offered for the first time in summer 2013 in cooperation with our trusted long-time partners, CISS Canada. What better place than the educational capital of America to host an international group of students! Boston has everything: history, tradition, culture, world-famous universities, legendary sports franchises and excellent attractions to visit. The focus is very much on English language learning and older students have the opportunity to follow a TOEFL preparation course that will help them boost their scores for this proficiency exam which is a pre-requisite for North American universities. Taking advantage of the proximity to some 50 colleges and universities, older campers embark on a tour of selected institutions, meant to give them an idea on how their US university experience can be while they also receive valuable tips regarding the years leading up to university and the application process.

The private **Ardèche** campsite in the south of France underwent major refurbishments last year so campers now enjoy brand new tents, new canoes and activity equipment as well as significantly improved facilities. All these have made the experience at this outdoor, riverside camp even more comfortable and enjoyable. Ardèche welcomes a small group of kids offering a personalised experience in a breathtaking national park – not to be missed!



The ever-popular **York Camp** in England continues to amaze Village Campers with new sporting facilities added each year to the already beautiful and well-equipped campus of Queen Ethelburga's College. Among the highlight programmes are the Leadership Training Camp for teenagers, the Football Camp with the charismatic head coach, Neil O'Donnel, and the Basketball Camp with former champion, David 'Doc' Rivers, who has had an impressive career playing for the LA Lakers and several top European clubs.

**Language Camps** - Over the past few years, the Village Camps' language programmes (English/French/German) have seen new well-structured syllabuses, updated material and fresh, innovative methods of teaching, all designed by a team of language experts. The results in terms of the improvement shown by participants as well as the feedback received from families have been extremely encouraging with even more additions planned for summer 2014.

Our newest destination for 2014 is the lovely **Mediterranean island of Cyprus**, known as the island of Aphrodite, the goddess of love. Based in the traditional village of Droushia in the eastern part of the island, a charming, family-run hotel awaits our campers to show them the true hospitality of this sunbaked paradise. Here we will offer an English Language Camp for those wanting to improve their spoken English since, as a former British colony, English is spoken widely throughout the island along with Greek. Also on offer is the "Mediterranean Adventure Camp" which is designed to give water sports and outdoor adventure enthusiasts a real taste of what Cyprus has to offer her guests. Spaces are limited for this programme so don't miss out on the latest Village Camps adventure.

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A very big thank you for looking after Marina for the past two weeks.

Every day we went online to read the daily update, menu and the beautiful pictures, it was very much appreciated to have all this info, we knew exactly what was happening on a daily basis even though we were miles apart.

I was very impressed with the whole organisation from booking the trip to Marina's send off yesterday at Manchester, a passionate and dedicated team which showed in the children's enthusiasm, happiness and behaviour throughout the fortnight.

Marina is still 10 years old and this was her first real time away from home and how wonderful it was to have such a superb time with you at the outstanding Village Camps

*Alexandra Marchetti*



## Easy access to the exceptional amenities of Leysin

Situated in the majestic Alps, 90 minutes from Geneva and its international airport, the village of Leysin is the outstanding base of Village Camps in Switzerland. The Swiss Alpine Centre, where most of the programmes take place, is within easy walking distance from both the main train station and the centre of the village. The Central Residence Hotel which hosts the Leadership Training Camp is just two hundred meters away. Leysin has excellent sporting facilities in two well-equipped centres with the amenities which can be seen in the facilities table. In addition, the surrounding mountains offer hiking and adventure trails, a rock-climbing area, biking paths and campfire area as well as a welcoming mountain hut for overnight stays. In the village, one can have a pleasant time visiting traditional cafés and small shops. The daily schedule is structured so that weekday mornings (three hours) are devoted to the selected speciality programmes: English/French Language, Tennis, Film Academy, Adventure, Sports, or the Dance Camp. For the younger children (7-9 years old), many of whom are away from home for the first time, the Junior Camp is the perfect introduction to camp life. As for the older teenagers (16-18 years old) the Leadership Training Camp is the ideal pre-university programme to help them gain confidence, improve their communications skills, appreciate teamwork and become responsible young adults.

In the afternoons and evenings campers, divided into their respective age groups, join in an exciting selection of sports, activities and special events, all carefully planned to give balance and complete an incredible experience.

For the travel arrangements campers are met at Geneva Airport and accompanied to camp by their counsellors. In each two-week session Leysin Camp welcomes about 180 campers from all over the world; each native language is restricted to a quota of 20% to assure the environment at camp is truly international and ideal for a summer full of learning, fun and new lasting friendships!

The vast array of activities for all campers in Leysin includes:

## Afternoon Activities

- ✧ Archery
- ✧ Arts and crafts
- ✧ Badminton
- ✧ Basketball
- ✧ Beach volleyball
- ✧ Cooking
- ✧ Dance
- ✧ Fitness
- ✧ Floor hockey
- ✧ Football
- ✧ Hiking
- ✧ Mini golf
- ✧ Mountain biking
- ✧ Mountain hut overnight
- ✧ Music
- ✧ Orienteering
- ✧ Parcours vita
- ✧ Rafting (15+ years)
- ✧ Rock climbing
- ✧ Ropes course
- ✧ Squash
- ✧ Swimming
- ✧ Street Hockey
- ✧ Table Tennis
- ✧ Tennis
- ✧ Trekking
- ✧ Volleyball
- ✧ Wall climbing
- ✧ Yoga

## Facilities include

- ✧ Indoor swimming pool
- ✧ Full size ice skating rink
- ✧ Tennis courts, carpet and clay
- ✧ Multi-sports hall
- ✧ Mini golf course
- ✧ Squash courts
- ✧ Football pitch
- ✧ Mountain hut
- ✧ Archery range
- ✧ Basketball courts
- ✧ Beach volleyball court
- ✧ Fitness gym
- ✧ Ropes course
- ✧ Climbing wall
- ✧ Indoor/outdoor swimming pool
- ✧ Indoor/outdoor climbing facilities
- ✧ Bouldering facilities
- ✧ Summer Bob Sledding track
- ✧ Tether Ball

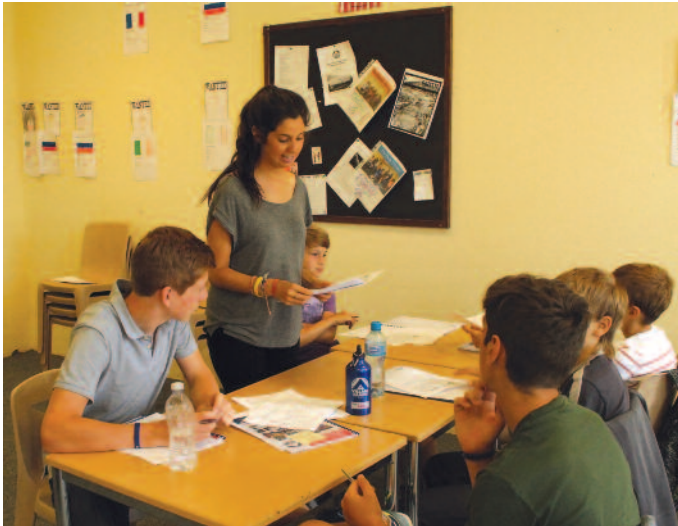


## Evening Activities

- ✧ Campfire
- ✧ Carnival Night
- ✧ Cook-out
- ✧ Disco and prom nights
- ✧ Dodge ball
- ✧ Ice skating
- ✧ Indoor olympics
- ✧ International Night
- ✧ Murder Mystery
- ✧ Quiz Night
- ✧ Scavenger hunt
- ✧ Talent Night

## Excursions

- ✧ Geneva - United Nations, Red Cross Museum
- ✧ Lausanne - Olympic Museum, Ouchy Pool
- ✧ Montreux - Château de Chillon, Jazz Festival (15+ years)
- ✧ Gruyères - Chocolate/ Cheese Factory
- ✧ Vevey - Labyrinth Adventure Park
- ✧ Aigle - Outdoor Water Park



## English or French Language Camps

**Ages 10-17**

School happens all year round but at Village Camps learning in the summer, although a serious business, is based on a unique FUN approach. That is what a good camp is all about – learning but enjoying the experience at the same time!

Each language camp offers 15 hours of English/French immersion per week in small groups of 8-12 students, allowing time for personalised, individual attention. The teachers are native speakers who are qualified and certified professionals with previous teaching experience. On arrival, each camper is assessed and then placed into a group with other campers of a similar level. The first couple of days show if students are in the correct group or if they need to be moved to a higher or lower level. The language programme coordinator receives daily feedback from the teachers and the progress of each individual student is closely monitored.

The programme is suitable for all abilities and the emphasis is firmly on encouraging the campers both to speak and understand the language using discussion, role playing, group projects and local visits. The teaching staff is patient and resourceful in reinforcing the learning process each day and maintaining student interest through a pleasant teaching approach. The curriculum and evaluations are based on the “Common European Framework of Reference for Languages” as set out by the European Council and British Council. Above all, the final outcome is usually an impressive improvement!

The two official camp languages are English and French with instructions given in both at every major meeting. Being that the campers come from every part of the world, the setting is very international and English is the main spoken language outside the classroom.

In afternoons, the language students, together with their friends from the other programmes, participate in exciting activities which take place at the well-equipped sports centres of Leysin and in the gorgeous surrounding mountains.



## COMBOCAMPS

Combine your Leysin experience with two more weeks of fun and learning at Village Camps England, Austria or France and benefit from **free transfers** between the camps! Village Camps covers all the expenses including the plane ticket for the escorted group flight. For details please see [www.villagecamps.com](http://www.villagecamps.com) or call our office.



## Sports Camp

Ages 10-17

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This is for campers who love sports! Not only is our Swiss Alpine Centre amazing in terms of its facilities, we are also a short ride away from two, top-class sports centres with great indoor and open-air facilities which are at our disposal. Thanks to this grand array of amenities we have been able to create an truly desirable sports programme.

Our diverse yet challenging sports programme is sure to please both the casual Sports Camper and the competitive camper that is always striving for improvement. Time is spent developing skills in popular sports including football, basketball, volleyball, swimming, tennis, climbing, hockey, biking, rafting (15+ years), as well as other sports and games that are often new to many campers.

The whole action-packed experience is challenging, fun and enhanced by our enthusiastic and qualified counselors who promote fair play and teamwork throughout the course.



## Adventure Camp

Ages 10-17

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Having been developed following popular camper demands in previous summers, the Adventure Camp has been an incredible success, as it continues to impress every participant! This is one of our most popular programmes due to its diversity and challenging activities. Our skilled counselors make any challenge fun, while encouraging young campers to work together, and accomplish their goals. This in turn helps our campers increase self-esteem and develop greater confidence through the duration of the programme. On the first day, campers will begin to understand the great focus in teamwork, and the personal development that is result from working with their peers. There is no "I" in "TEAM!"

The activities are outdoors, in a fantastic Alpine setting which is second to none! Every camper is guaranteed to try some activities which are completely new to them and develop new interests as well as making life-long friendships. The schedule includes: rock climbing, hiking, mountain biking, white water rafting (15+ years), ropes courses, outdoor survival skills, nature trails, and much more

The highlight of the session which is a trek high above the village of Leysin, in the great Alpine terrain for an overnight stay in a welcoming mountain hut that provides that very Swiss authentic feel. Accompanied with a campfire, team games, and unforgettable laughter, no wonder this is the session highlight for all our Adventure Campers!





### Dance Camp

Ages 10-17

A programme designed for campers who want to create, rehearse and ultimately perform during the special evening events at camp. The head instructor is very experienced and highly-popular amongst the campers. She provides a top quality programme covering many different styles of dance and performance. The campers spend mornings developing their routines, choosing music, working on choreography, designing costumes and rehearsing. They are often encouraged to take initiative through their own ideas in the preparation process and suggest moves which they would like to include in the shows. The Dance Group always puts on an impressive last night performance leading to loud applause from the entire camp.



### Junior Camp

Ages 7-9

This is the perfect introduction to summer camp! The Junior Camp provides a truly special 'first-time-away' experience for young children. Juniors always feel comfortable and confident at camp, enjoying the exceptional care of a dedicated, experienced team of counsellors (ratio is one to five). The group follows its own daily schedule which includes a selection of specially adapted activities, such as football, trekking, arts & crafts, music, dance, ice skating and other choices. Meals are taken together with the other campers providing an opportunity to reassure any older brothers or sisters that they are having a great time.

Juniors also participate in several suitable 'all-camp activities', the daily midday meeting and the excursions. Therefore, they are very much a part of the overall camp but at the same time are also able to enjoy their precious privacy in a separate building, next to the main residence. Parent-camper contact is facilitated in case of homesickness during the first few days. The fantastic schedule, the privacy and the caring personal supervision throughout, add up to a guaranteed super-duper first experience away from home!





## Tennis Camp

Ages 10-17



In collaboration with the renowned California Tennis Academy, head coach Steve Loft provides first class lessons and an exceptional improvement programme for tennis players, based on 15 hours instruction per week, using both covered and outdoor clay courts. All together there are 12 courts of three different surfaces available to the Tennis group. The programme caters for all ability levels starting with complete beginners. The quality coaching makes it suitable even for the tournament-level junior players who can have more intensive training. Everyone participates in the 'In-Camp' tournament while higher ranked players have the opportunity to play matches with local opponents. After the enjoyment of the morning tennis instruction there is a great choice of other fun activities for the rest of the day and evening which campers enjoy in their respective age groups.



## Tennis and Language Camps (English or French)

Ages 10-17

This camp combines a practical language experience in English or French with the Tennis Camp. Campers receive three hours of language tutoring in the mornings and then three hours of tennis instruction during the afternoons. A combination of two full programmes makes for a busy day and although these campers miss out on the daily afternoon activities, they participate in the exciting evening programme.

## Film Academy

Ages 10-17

This popular programme has been a successful feature of the Austrian camp for many years and has proven to be a favourite among our Leysin campers as well. The feedback from the participants has been very positive and the work which the students have produced is phenomenal. Under the direction of an experienced producer, campers learn all the basics of film making from an original script right through to filming, editing and directing. The lessons cover all the essential technical processes including sound, lighting, special effects and production. The young film makers are assigned the task of developing a script, producing a storyboard and selecting locations before finally shooting, editing, selecting a soundtrack and dubbing.

The programme format involves working on the film project during the mornings and occasionally in the afternoons and evenings. This camp is for dedicated, enthusiastic campers who will be inspired to use their energy, creativity and emerging technical skills to produce a completed film from start to finish, the cast being the entire camp!

After returning home, every camper involved in the Film Academy receive a "link" to get access to their movie on the special Village Camps YouTube channel.





The Central Residence Hotel

## Leadership Training Camp (LTC)

Ages 16-18

This is one of Village Camps' highlight programmes, an award-winning, must-attend camp for older teenagers! Leadership Training Camp provides participants with the opportunity to build leadership skills, learn problem-solving techniques, develop communication skills and work more effectively in teams. The programme combines inspiring presentations on a variety of topics with internationally renowned speakers, team challenges, competitions and exciting outdoor activities with real take-home value. Campers are challenged to set goals and objectives for themselves and work hard towards achieving them while at camp but also in their everyday lives. At this very crucial age, such a dynamic programme with its substantial take-home value has a positive effect in the teenagers' character-building process and inspires them towards reaching higher goals. Just before they complete their high school years and get ready for university, LTC is exactly what they need to increase their self-confidence, think with a positive mindset and be well on their way to becoming effective leaders.

Campers are required to have an intermediate level of English to fully participate in the workshops and obtain the desired results. The leadership group is housed independently from the main camp, at the comfortable Central Residence Hotel in Leysin and has its own Director, team of counsellors and schedule to follow. At the end of the session, everyone receives a certificate of completion to take with them but, more importantly, they take home an abundance of positive elements together with a new perspective on life and valuable lasting friendships.



David Allen, Director of the Leadership Camp



I just brought my son Jimmy back from the airport. I would like to express how impressed I was to hear my son talk about the learning experience he went through "with integrated fun" as he said. He told me that he was so impressed to learn how much forgiveness can impact people around him including himself. He enjoyed a lot the communication skills he got introduced to and told me that people at VC show you how to reach your objective "step by step" rather than teach you what to do. He was so happy he made many multi-cultural friends and is looking forward to going back to VC. A big thank you from a parent who really cares and appreciates all that you did.

Grace Khairallah



Located amidst rolling green meadows and wooded countryside, the magnificent campus of the Queen Ethelburga's College is a short drive from the historic city of York. This camp offers exceptional on-site leisure and sports facilities as well as high quality accommodation in well-designed apartments. The residence which hosts our group is just a few years old and each apartment has full en-suite facilities, modern furniture, a small kitchen and workstations. The QE College is considered to be one of the best equipped residential colleges in the UK with facilities that continue to be upgraded and which now include, a new indoor sports hall, a magnificent 25-metre indoor swimming pool, an artificial surface track & field, several football pitches, tennis courts and a challenge course. And not forgetting "Muggles", the fantastic new area for campers to enjoy a drink and snack together, go gaming and enjoy the 3D cinema. It boasts more than 40 Xboxes with 200 games; an electric piano, digital drums, dj set and karaoke. There are also Lego and traditional board games, a Harley Davidson and a Rocking Horse!

### An outstanding choice of nine different programmes

Campers choose a two-week focus programme from nine great options. The English Language Camp, accredited by the British Council, offers three hours of lessons per weekday. The ever-popular David Rivers Basketball Camp as well as the outstanding Football, Golf and Riding Camps are high among the campers' preferences. For the artistically inclined, both the Creative Arts and Performing Arts Camps are ideal while the Activity & Adventure programme is for those who want a variety of activities on a daily basis. Finally, for the older teenagers, 15-17 years old, the award-winning Leadership Training Camp is the perfect pre-university programme.

### Fun's the thing, learning's the objective!

The typical Village Camps day is divided into four main activity periods, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. Campers are assigned to groups according to their particular choice, then by age and/or skill levels. Weekday mornings are devoted to the speciality camps. During the afternoon, campers join in a range of outstanding activities in their respective age groups, under the watchful eye of our dedicated, caring and experienced staff team. The supervision ratio at York as well as at the other VC sites is one counsellor for every six campers; safety and camper care are the top priorities. English is the official language at York and everyone is expected to make progress in their speaking skills, simply by attending this camp. Of course, for maximum progress the English Language Camp is recommended.



The historic Thorpe Underwood Hall on the Campus

### Facilities include

- ✧ Quality accommodation
- ✧ Modern sports hall
- ✧ 25-metre indoor heated pool
- ✧ All-weather artificial pitch for football, hockey and other field sports
- ✧ Football, rugby and hockey grass pitches
- ✧ Cricket pitch
- ✧ Outdoor tennis and basketball courts
- ✧ 'Village Green' with all-weather chess
- ✧ Mini Golf course
- ✧ All-weather foosball and ping pong tables
- ✧ Secret garden
- ✧ Internet
- ✧ Tuck-shop

### Afternoon Activities

- ✧ Aerobics
- ✧ Arts and crafts
- ✧ Badminton
- ✧ Basketball
- ✧ Cooking
- ✧ Cricket
- ✧ Dance
- ✧ Drama
- ✧ Field hockey
- ✧ Gaelic football
- ✧ Music
- ✧ Photography
- ✧ Rugby
- ✧ Football
- ✧ Softball
- ✧ Swimming
- ✧ Table tennis
- ✧ Ultimate Frisbee™
- ✧ Volleyball

### Evening Activities

- ✧ Awards Night
- ✧ Carnival Night
- ✧ Mission Impossible
- ✧ TEAM BIG DAY
- ✧ Talent Night
- ✧ Team challenges
- ✧ International Night

### Excursions

- ✧ Manchester - Cinema experience, famous Trafford Shopping Centre
- ✧ York - Historic walled city, York Minster, Shambles shopping street



## English Language Camp

Ages 10-17

Accredited by the



Where learning is fun and effective

Village Camps, working with qualified language teaching specialists, has developed a winning format based on using the spoken word, tasks, challenges, small-group and role-playing projects. Campers make unprecedented progress because they actually enjoy these innovative lessons! The York language camp is based on 12.5 hours of instruction each week in groups of 8-12 students and is suitable for all levels (see our website for more detail). Classes take place from Monday to Friday from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm. Students improve their understanding and their conversational skills by practicing speaking together, using a range of interesting subjects that become short but engaging projects that include role play, developing ideas and discussion. The work is serious but the instruction is light and informal, always aimed at retaining campers' interest with some sessions conducted outside in the campus grounds. The instructors pay individual attention to each student focusing on the areas which need improvement. A continuous assessment programme monitors performance and at the end of camp, a detailed progress report is sent to each family.



Capoeira - a Brazilian art form that combines elements of martial arts, sports, and music



## COMBOCAMPS

Extend your stay to four weeks and combine York Camp with Switzerland, France or Austria for a truly European experience. **Bonus:** No extra cost for transferring between the camps as Village Camps offers bus/train transfers, night between at a hotel and free plane ticket for accompanied flight!





## Adventure & Activity Camp Ages 10-17

**Action-Packed programme full of leading-edge adventure and sports activities!**

Village Camps has extensive experience in organising excellent Outdoor Adventure programmes in England and its other European centres. Based on this accumulated know-how, the York Camp team has developed quite an exceptional programme guaranteed to challenge mind, body and spirit! Safety is always the prime concern and the necessary measures are taken during each activity. Under the careful instruction of qualified staff, this busy programme mixes sports and team challenges with mountain and water adventure activities using the lakes, rivers and moorlands of the rugged Yorkshire Moors.

The schedule combines canoeing, kayaking, raft building, high ropes, abseiling and gorge walking at specialised activity centres with fun team sports and competitive games using the excellent facilities of the Queen Ethelburga's College. Undoubtedly, the eagerly awaited highlight of the session is the excursion into the Yorkshire Moors for an overnight camp and cook-out! This is an all out exciting and challenging course designed for campers who love the outdoors, new experiences, fun activities and sports of all kinds, whilst developing an 'esprit de corps' with other like-minded campers from all over the world. It is intended to test individual endeavour, teamwork and decision making. In order to balance the course, after the strenuous activities, there are chill-out weekends, excursions and fun evening programmes.



## Football Camp

Ages 10-17

**An outstanding football experience with exceptional coaching!**

Football Director, Neil O'Donnell, one of the best qualified coaches working with young footballers at UK Summer Camps, personally leads a much admired, comprehensive coaching programme enjoyed by campers from all over the world. Our qualified coaching team leads training sessions every weekday morning, using the first class pitches of the campus, which now include an all-weather artificial surface pitch. Players are divided into ability groups and they work hard to develop individual skills and techniques as well as team tactics.

Sessions cover free kicks, corners, penalty taking, goalkeeper coaching, heading the ball and other essential skills, followed by a short competitive game on a five-a-side pitch, with time taken out to analyse tactics and pick up any points that need individual attention. The course will suit beginners and young players looking to make a start or improve their game, right up to gifted players dreaming of a professional career. On the last day of camp, an enthusiastic crowd attends the Campers vs Counsellors face-off. Other highlights include the much anticipated excursion to Old Trafford (home of Manchester United), the Awards Night with prizes and the presentation of the attractively designed Village Camps football kit for every player. The daily training lasts for 4½ hours and afterwards campers enjoy a range of exciting activities and cultural visits having the opportunity to speak English with their new friends during an unbeatable, fun-filled schedule.



## The David Rivers Basketball Camp

Ages 10-17



The name David 'Doc' Rivers is very special to basketball enthusiasts. David was a professional NBA player for the legendary Los Angeles Lakers with star teammates such as Magic Johnson, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Byron Scott. David continued his brilliant career with several of Europe's top clubs in Greece, France, Italy and Turkey, winning every major title from National Championships to first place in the prestigious Euroleague competition in 1997 with Olympiakos of Greece. David was voted 'Europe's Most Valuable Player'. Join David's sixth summer in York for what will undoubtedly be an unforgettable basketball experience with one of Europe's best coaches for young players. Every morning, and early afternoon (4½ hours per day), players learn how to get into great shape and perfect their basketball skills, from dribbling, to passing, to rebounding, to defence, and of course, shooting. Young players learn how to use their individual skills to become highly effective team players with the 'know how' to win games. The course demands hard work, dedication and application to develop personal and team skills. The training takes place at the College in a superb new sports hall with three courts at our disposal. In addition to the basketball, a wide range of other fun activities will guarantee a never-to-be-forgotten two-week experience. And for those of you who have not followed David Rivers' career, we invite you to visit our website for a video preview (or look for it on YouTube).



### English Language Add-On

Recommended for campers in the sports or art camps who still want to take some English language lessons. These campers participate normally in the morning and early afternoon programmes but instead of joining the sign-up activities during period D they have 90-minute English lessons focused on conversational skills. It takes place four times per week, making for a total of 12 hours in the two-week session.





## Leadership Training Camp (LTC)

Ages 15-17

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This is an award-winning programme which all teenagers should experience! Campers are involved in a thrilling range of tasks and challenges where teamwork, communication and problem-solving are put to the test. Each day is constructed around workshops at base camp as well as physical exercises, outdoor activities and 'thinking' challenges. Included are field excursions designed as rally type contests with campers given places to find, sites to visit, items to collect and missions to accomplish. The Leadership Training Camp is an innovative programme ideal for older teenagers who want to gain confidence and develop their 'life-skills' in preparation for university studies and their future adult life.

The 3-5 hour interactive workshops include truly inspiring presentations on a variety of topics using sophisticated resources. Internationally renowned speakers with impressive backgrounds attend the programme, delivering memorable, outstanding presentations with real take-home value. In recent years, some of the speakers have come from the US, Canada, Malta, Italy and South Africa.

Campers are often divided into teams with the task of making strategic plans to fulfill a series of objectives. For example, they could be asked to design and implement a special event activity for one of the younger groups at camp or they can be assigned the task of planning an excursion for the whole leadership group, using a limited budget. These are great fun, but of course challenging. The purpose is to provide campers with project work designed to enable them to understand the advantages of working together as a team, in partnership with other group members, in order to achieve set goals. By understanding that problems and obstacles are an inevitable part of life's experiences, they learn how to deal effectively with these issues.

The bottom line is that teenagers who go through the very special LTC experience gain self-confidence, motivation, a better understanding of themselves and an appreciation of the value of effective teamwork. LTC helps campers to 'raise their game' and think at a higher level, learning what it takes to become an inspirational leader in every aspect of their lives. At the same time, they make new friends from the world over and enhance their understanding of England and its culture.



Problem-solving challenges require close team cooperation



'Mr Phil', a leadership and team building 'Guru'



Working together to find solutions and complete tasks

## Creative Arts Camp

Ages 10-17

Over the past summers, the Creative Arts programme has proved to be a major success, directed by an experienced art educator. The course is dedicated to developing, stimulating and inspiring creativity in the visual arts. It is suitable for all abilities from the enthusiastic or curious beginner to the most talented artist. Campers are encouraged to explore, create and express themselves in a wide range of art forms including painting, sketching, drawing, and sculpting. Important aspects of the history of art are also covered in the course during a special visit to the prestigious York Art Galleries. The camp allows aspiring artists to try new experiences, learn techniques and improve existing skills. Although this is a challenging and intensive programme, it is fun all the way. Campers enjoy seeing their work displayed regularly throughout the session and at the end of camp exhibition; a perfect finish to what will be a memorable summer experience.



## Performing Arts Camp

Ages 10-17

**A brilliantly conceived and unique programme integrating dance, theatre, singing and music building throughout the session to an impressive last night performance.**

This unique Village Camps programme for aspiring performers with 'stars in their eyes' is headed by a talented and charismatic musician, drama and theatre specialist who works closely with an outstanding team that includes a dance specialist, voice and singing coach and a production manager. During the first few days, campers, along with the teaching team, discuss ideas in order to decide on the main theme and context of their end-of-session performance. The coaching team works with the enthusiastic actors, actresses, singers and dancers to improve their individual skills, building their efforts into what is always a superb show for the end of the session. It takes place in the new 1 million pound King's Theatre which was designed in conjunction with consultant Chris Baldwin and provides an impressive stage and rehearsal space and a new 330-seat auditorium.

The centre also provides generous storage facilities for props and an excellent sound system and comprehensive lighting rig. Back stage there are dressing rooms with the trademark illuminated mirrors and air conditioning throughout to keep the temperature down and the nerves at bay. Every camper steps into the spotlight and also learns about back-stage production, lighting, scenery, make-up, costuming, stagecraft and voice projection. After the summer, a DVD of the performance is mailed to each participant.

The Performing Arts programme is quite intensive, taking up 4½ hours per day, but campers also have the opportunity to participate in various other sports and activities in the afternoons and evenings with their new friends from all over the world.





## Riding Camp

Ages 10-17

**An exceptional riding programme for young riders with top instruction and great facilities at the renowned Follifoot Riding Centre**

The Follifoot Riding School has been run for the past 27 years by Chris and Julie Pedley – now joined by their son Toby and daughter Ellie-Jay. Julie not only heads up the team of instructors at Follifoot but sits on the Association of British Riding Schools (ABRS) Executive Committee and holds the ABRS TC, Principles Diploma and BHS AI status.

Safety always comes first! The centre has a strict assessment process and rules in place which are followed at all times. Riders coming in from different countries and with varied levels of riding experience have to patiently prove themselves with 'easy' horses and simple exercises before moving onto more challenging ones. At the beginning, campers are assessed and divided into levels but the assessment continues throughout the session and those who are making solid progress are moved to higher levels and have the chance to work with different horses.

Instruction includes walking, trotting, cantering, jumping of logs and small fences as well as practice in the famous English dressage style. Campers also learn about safety matters, the care of horses, plaiting, bandaging, tacking up, brushing and washing the horses after work, cleaning the tack, all important tasks of stable husbandry. Throughout the session there are fun competitions and games for everyone to enjoy.

The centre has a variety of facilities available to our group:

- ✦ a spacious indoor arena with a sand and rubber surface, sprinkler system and a viewing area
- ✦ an outdoor floodlit manege with a sand and rubber chipping Charles Britain all-weather surface
- ✦ a paddock of 35 acres
- ✦ space to hack in Follifoot
- ✦ access to country trails
- ✦ horse-walker for 4 horses
- ✦ an on-site working forge

When the riders return to camp, they join the exciting afternoon and evening activity programme in their respective age groups.



I would like to express my gratitude and congratulations for the quality of the holiday my daughter spent in York.

She was initially very worried as she is extremely timid but she came back full of happiness. She said to me that the two weeks spent in York were the best holiday in her life ever.

I kindly ask you to pass my best thanks to the Campus Director and his Team for their important and outstanding job in managing the whole village.

THANK YOU AGAIN

*Agostino Sacconi*





## Golf Camp

Ages 10-17

The Easingwold Golf Club, Village Camps's new base for its reputable golf camp, boasts 18 holes with a beautiful woodland and heath terrain. A short 20 minute ride from the residence, this historical course that was built in 1903 by the famous Hawtree architects is sure to be a rewarding course for all campers of all levels.

The course has a mixture of greenery and water, with over 15,000 mature trees, the beauty of the course makes for a challenging but pleasant experience.

This much-acclaimed, intensive programme is for committed golfers of all abilities, serious enough to spend 4 to 5 hours each weekday learning to play the game or work on improving their handicap. Lessons take place every weekday morning and during the first part of the afternoon. In charge is the well-known PGA qualified instructor and club professional, Alastair Grindlay. Alastair has 18 years of teaching experience in England, Germany and Spain; using modern teaching methods with physical screening, in-depth putting analysis and 'Mind Factor' teaching he delivers a top-quality programme. At lunchtime golfers enjoy a packed lunch or a meal at the clubhouse and take some time to relax before going on to the afternoon session.

Village Camps always strives to provide the absolute best programme possible for its campers. This year, the Golf Programme will introduce the FlightScope, a powerful tool used to measure a golfer's swing and position, as well as continuously measures the entire trajectory of the ball, including the distance, the angles at which it is ascending or descending and the ball spin. According to its website "FlightScope is considered by industry experts as the leader in 3D Doppler Radar tracking." This will be an exciting new addition for new or returning golfers!



## English Language Add-On

Recommended for campers in the sports or art camps who still want to take some English language lessons. These campers participate normally in the morning and early afternoon programmes but instead of joining the sign-up activities during period D they have 90-minute English lessons focused on conversational skills. It takes place four times per week, making for a total of 12 hours in the two-week session.



The golfers are divided into ability groups with friendly putting and chipping competitions as well as opportunities to play a full 9 or 18 holes. Every golfer can expect to make significant progress over the two-week session. Sets of clubs are available for hire, for those who will not bring their own. Golf is great fun but is also hard work and requires dedication! This is a must-attend camp for those who really want to experience top instruction by leading pros and a superb course on their way to improving skills and lowering handicaps.

# Austria Zell am See



The hills are alive with the sounds of laughter at Piesendorf, home of Village Camps in Austria. This pretty, traditional village is 90 minutes from Salzburg and four hours from Munich's international airport. The family run Notburgahof Chalet is a wonderful base with its own sports hall, two tennis courts, playing field and a brand new ropes course! High standard rooms comfortably accommodate 2-5 campers and all have full en-suite facilities. The family atmosphere of the cosy chalet and the fact that this is a relatively small camp (capacity is for 75 campers) make Village Camps Austria a very personalised experience, ideal for meeting new friends and having an exceptional time!

Very close to the chalet are great facilities like a swimming pool, trampoline, beach volleyball, more tennis courts, soccer pitch, 'snooker-golf' course, inline skating park and climbing tower. The famous resort of Zell am See with its beautiful lake is just 15 minutes away and campers have the opportunity to try an exciting choice of water sports. Moreover, the scenic mountains that tower above the village offer an even greater variety of challenging outdoor activities, making this camp endless fun! For the morning sessions campers choose the speciality programme they want to join: German or English Language, Mountain & Lake Adventure or the renowned Film Academy. Each afternoon a wonderful selection of sports and activities is planned while the fun continues in the evenings when the whole camp joins in the special events. Irrespective of the chosen morning programme, everyone is at some stage involved in the Film Academy projects. The Zell am See camp offers an exceptional two-week schedule of activities, excursions and events in a magnificent setting assuring a wonderful summer experience!

## Facilities include

- ✧ Olympic-style swimming pool
- ✧ Water slides
- ✧ Beach volleyball court
- ✧ Football pitch
- ✧ Tennis courts
- ✧ Trampolines
- ✧ Evening campfire site
- ✧ Great hiking and biking trails
- ✧ Climbing wall
- ✧ American football field
- ✧ Low ropes course
- ✧ Gym
- ✧ Movie room
- ✧ Yoga studio



## Afternoon Activities

These activities are the core of the Austrian Mountain & Lake Adventure Camp and are also available to the Language and Film Camps:

- ✧ Abseiling
- ✧ Archery
- ✧ Arts and crafts
- ✧ Badminton
- ✧ Basketball
- ✧ Kayaking
- ✧ Mini golf
- ✧ Mountain biking
- ✧ Mountain hut overnight
- ✧ Paddle Boarding
- ✧ Rodelbahn
- ✧ Rock climbing
- ✧ Ropes course
- ✧ Sailing
- ✧ Football
- ✧ Softball
- ✧ Swimming
- ✧ Table tennis
- ✧ Tennis
- ✧ Trekking
- ✧ Volleyball

## Evening Activities

- ✧ Bowling
- ✧ Talent Night
- ✧ Disco
- ✧ Movie Madness
- ✧ Egg Drop
- ✧ Super Team challenge
- ✧ Go-karting for the Blues
- ✧ Capture the Flag

## Excursions

- ✧ Salzburg – Birthplace of Mozart
- ✧ Bishop's Palace at Hellbrun
- ✧ Shopping in Salzburg
- ✧ Grossglockner Hochalpenstrasse – through woods and pastures with the final view of the Grossglockner, Austria's highest mountain (3798m)
- ✧ Krimml Waterfalls – dropping 380 metres in three stages
- ✧ Mountain Hut Overnight – a hike through the Austrian Alps finishing with an overnight stay in a mountain hut

## English Language Camp Ages 10-16

The goal is to ensure that campers learn English in an engaging and fun way with the emphasis being on comprehension and conversational skills. The curriculum and evaluations are based on the "Common European Framework of Reference for Languages" as set out by the European Council and British Council. Thirty hours of instruction in the two weeks are constantly reinforced in the hours outside the classroom, as the main camp language is English. Following a placement test, small groups for different levels are formed and the instruction is personalised to the needs of each student. Students are encouraged to work hard, participate enthusiastically and make progress but the idea is for them to also enjoy a really fun time in a warm and friendly environment. This is a very successful and popular way of teaching campers to appreciate the learning process and the results have been unprecedented. At the end of the summer a progress report is sent to the parents. In the afternoons and evenings the English Language students join the rest of the campers for a variety of exciting sports, activities, excursions and special events.



## German Language Camp Ages 10-16

The main objective is for the students to improve their speaking skills and comprehension while attention is also given to vocabulary development. Like in all the language courses at Village Camps, the philosophy is based on learning a new language by enjoying the experience. Games, field projects, video and music exercises are often a part of lessons in an effort to maximise interest and involve the students as much as possible. In the two-week session, there are thirty hours of practical instruction in small groups of 8-12 students.

Whenever the opportunity is there, language campers are encouraged to use their German during other activities and visits while instructions from activity leaders are frequently given in German as well. Of course the main camp language in this international environment is English.

After the morning lessons, campers from the different programmes join together to enjoy a variety of activities, some planned by staff members and others chosen by the campers themselves from our list of suggestions. In addition, everyone has the chance to take an active part in the Film Academy's movie making projects.



# ZELL AM SEE



## Mountain & Lake Adventure Camp

Ages 10-16

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This is an extraordinary programme with a wide range of exciting and challenging activities that take place in spectacular surroundings. A non-stop adventure based around the resort of Zell, its beautiful lake and stunning mountains dominated by the Kitzsteinhorn Glacier with its year-round snow.

Under the watchful guidance of specialist instructors and with the caring, friendly Village Camps counsellors working alongside, campers enjoy exciting water sports and outdoor adventure activities including sailing, climbing, kayaking, trekking, mountain biking, ropes course and an overnight stay at a mountain hut. In addition, the choice of sporting activities, which take place on site and at nearby facilities, includes football, tennis, swimming, basketball, badminton, volleyball and team games.

Zell am See is an exceptional starting point for wonderful excursions, like the unforgettable day in Salzburg, the Krimml Waterfalls and a trip to the top of the Grossglockner Pass, one of Europe's best summertime drives. The evening programme lives up to the daytime activities with special events such as the Mystery Night at a castle, International Night, Treasure Hunt and Prom Night. The bottom line is that campers enjoy a fascinating two-week programme in an idyllic setting!





## Film Academy

Ages 10-16

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Campers are inspired to learn what it takes to make a film from script writing to shooting, editing, directing, and organising sound and light. Film Academy director Edward McDougal is a renowned producer and director of a number of award-winning films as well as a university professor who travels worldwide to deliver expert seminars in screenwriting and production. Campers are taught the technical side of filming, production, editing and special effects. Their involvement is total, first developing a script and then modifying a story board, selecting locations, shooting, editing and dubbing. The cast of the final film consists of the entire camp community and each participant in this programme will receive instructions on how to view their very own short movie on the special Village Camps YouTube channel after returning home! Traditionally, mornings, and occasionally afternoons and evenings, are devoted to the film project.

Using the group's creativity skills, an existing script will be modified, locations investigated and campers interviewed to determine individual roles. This is an inspiring camp which encourages enthusiasm, energy, dedication and real creativity. During the afternoons there is a choice of other activities, always provided that campers are able to finally tear themselves away from their cameras and computers! Incidentally, these are all iMACs with first class editing capabilities.



## COMBOCAMPS

Combine the Zell am See experience with another two great weeks in Leysin, York or the Ardèche and travel between the camps **for free!** All the expenses such as bus/train transfers, night at a hotel and the plane ticket for the group flight are offered without charge to campers choosing a four-week Combo Camp.

For details please see [www.villagecamps.com](http://www.villagecamps.com) or call our camp advisors on +4122 990 9400.





What a wonderful location for a summer camp experience - a spectacular gorge in the heart of the Ardèche Nature Park in the sunny climate of southern France!

Village Camps is privileged to own one of the few Ardèche campsites with a fantastic riverside position. The setting is simply idyllic and the site has just undergone a major refurbishment including new tents, improved shower and toilet facilities, a new outdoor sitting area for meals, renovated classrooms and common areas as well as new activity equipment! Campers in the summer of 2014 are among the first to enjoy this fantastic campsite and its comfortable amenities.

At the Ardèche, campers will try outstanding river activities, explore some of the most fascinating caves in Europe, go on exciting biking trips and learn to climb. On the banks of the Ardèche River, our site is superbly placed for water sports enthusiasts and the highlight of the session is the 30 km, two-day descent of the river with an overnight bivouac under the stars. Not far from the campsite is the world-famous Chauvet complex of caves with their wall paintings and prehistoric relics dating back 35,000 years, the oldest proof of man's existence in Europe! Those who wish to learn or improve their French, can join the French Language Camp and have 24 hours of lessons in the two-week period, while still being able to enjoy all the major activities and events of the River Experience Camp. Everyone will also improve their English which is the main camp language at this international setting. The adventure activities are supervised by qualified, specialist instructors and caring Village Camps counsellors at a superb ratio of one for every six campers.

Accommodation is in new, modern, all-weather tents, equipped with sprung beds with mattresses, table, chairs and ground cover. The onsite chef produces excellent, nutritious meals based on French and international cuisine.

This appealing programme is the perfect way for outdoor and water-sports enthusiasts to spend quality summer fun time and challenge themselves to new limits!

## Facilities include

The central building houses a reception and activity area, a dining room, nurses office, and multi-purpose common room. There are modern and ample toilet and shower facilities.

A sweeping terrace, overlooking the river, serves as dining area and has first-rate barbecue facilities.

Other facilities include

- ✧ Volleyball court
- ✧ Table tennis tables
- ✧ Petanque
- ✧ Football pitches
- ✧ Teaching areas



## Afternoon Activities

- ✧ Abseiling
- ✧ Archery
- ✧ Arts and crafts
- ✧ Bouldering
- ✧ Canoeing
- ✧ Canyoning
- ✧ Caving
- ✧ Gorge walk
- ✧ Kayaking
- ✧ Mountain biking
- ✧ Rock climbing
- ✧ Ropes course
- ✧ Football
- ✧ Swimming
- ✧ Table tennis
- ✧ Trekking
- ✧ Volleyball

## Evening Activities

- ✧ Talent night
- ✧ Campfire
- ✧ Sports tournament
- ✧ Visit to local night market
- ✧ Egg shoot
- ✧ Mini olympics
- ✧ Capture the flag
- ✧ Video night
- ✧ Super team challenge

## Excursions

- ✧ Cultural visit to Montpellier and local waterpark
- ✧ Vallon Pont d'Arc on market day
- ✧ Chauvet Pont-d'Arc cave replica museum.

Excursions may vary depending on camper numbers and weather.



## COMBOCAMPS

After the excitement at the Ardèche join one of the camps in Austria, Switzerland or England for a spectacular European month. **Special Offer:** All the costs for the transfers between the camps, including the plane ticket for the escorted group flight, are free of charge for Combo Campers!



## French Language Camp

Ages 10-16

In addition to the breathtaking river activities, campers may choose to enrol in the French Language Camp. This fun learning experience will greatly improve their ability to understand and communicate in French. Students are divided into appropriate group levels for the 24 hours of devoted instruction by professional teachers who are committed to achieving significant progress in the French language skills of the group during the two-week period. The learning process is reinforced during visits and excursions when campers are regularly encouraged to take initiatives and speak French at every opportunity. Moreover, French, together with English, are the two official camp languages and instructions at all the major meetings are given in both. Naturally, as this is a very international environment, English is the main camp language. After the lessons, students join their camper friends from the River Experience programme and everyone enjoys the exciting outdoor activities and sports.

## River Experience Camp

Ages 10-16

Canoeing, kayaking, cave exploration, ropes courses, mountain biking, rock climbing, outdoor living skills, trekking, and even learning to cook – French cuisine – are all part of this spectacular outdoor adventure programme. In addition there are sports, team-building challenges, competitions, excursions and special camp events; it's all happening at Village Camps Ardèche!

Towards the end of the two-week period and after several days of practice, the group departs on the exciting 30km descent of the Ardèche River by canoe/kayak, which requires two days to complete and includes an overnight bivouac under the stars – what an experience! Other highlight activities include the exploration of the impressive prehistoric caves in the area and a full day biking trip. In the schedule are interesting excursions with visits to a local market and a traditional French château among other attractions. The River Experience Camp is certainly going to challenge and impress all participants! Importantly, make a note that early registration is essential as this private Village Camps site has a maximum capacity of just 50 campers.



Nadia, Hana and Karim have had a wonderful experience and a fantastic time and are eager to return next year!

They not only made good friends, but really liked their instructors. We could follow their daily movements through the photographs the Camp downloaded daily, but to receive a written report detailing their very individual involvements, was something I wasn't expecting, and is lovely to receive. What a lot of hard work and attention you put into the camp and the campers!

Thank you all! We much appreciate all your hard work and kindness.  
*Issa and Louisa Halabi*



The welcoming island of Cyprus in the Eastern Mediterranean is known as the island of Aphrodite (Venus), the goddess of love and beauty. According to Greek mythology Aphrodite arose from the sea foam onto the island which was then blessed with beauty, a reputation that Cyprus certainly stands up for!

The small, traditional village of Droushia is the base for our camp. Situated 35kms from the city of Paphos, Droushia is just a few minutes drive from a gorgeous seafront and right on the outskirts of the Akamas national park, one of Cyprus' natural treasures. This exceptional area has an impressive array of activities to propose, allowing for an exciting and balanced schedule. As for the travel arrangements, campers are met at the airports of Larnaka (2 hours) and Paphos (45 min) and transferred to camp by taxi/bus without any extra charge. The name Droushia means 'cool and fresh' – it comes from the fact that the village is situated in a high-lying area and thus benefits from fresh mountain breezes during the hot summer months. The daily schedule has been adapted to the weather conditions with the introduction of an obligatory rest time after lunch where campers can either relax in their rooms or stay indoors in one of the games rooms avoiding direct sunlight during the hottest hours of the day.

The camp is housed at the comfortable, family-run Palates Hotel on an exclusive basis, providing the precious privacy we need to run our programmes. Built in a traditional village style, the hotel is barely 5 years old; hence it is in an excellent condition. Welcoming rooms, equipped with new furniture, a small kitchen, tv, air-conditioning and full en-suite facilities





## Afternoon Activities

- ✧ Archery
- ✧ Badminton
- ✧ Basketball
- ✧ Beach Tennis/Volley
- ✧ Beach Olympics
- ✧ Canoeing
- ✧ Dance
- ✧ Donkey / Horse Riding
- ✧ Football
- ✧ Mosaic-making
- ✧ Pottery
- ✧ Rock Climbing
- ✧ Stone-painting
- ✧ Snorkelling
- ✧ Swimming
- ✧ Trekking
- ✧ Yoga

comfortably host 3-4 campers. Boys and girls are housed separately in the independent wings of the hotel and supervised at all times by our experienced staff. Most of the meals are taken at the hotel; there are always several options for the main dish as well as a healthy salad and fruit bar. The Cyprus cuisine is famous for its excellent Mediterranean tastes while the Palates Hotel prepares very high quality meals which campers will greatly enjoy.

Safety always comes first! In order to ensure the safety and well-being of the campers, Village Camps maintains an enviable rate of 1 counsellor for every 6 children and the counsellors participate in an intensive training week before the summer starts. Because the camp is new, most of the staff members selected as part of the Cyprus team, have significant camp experience from previously working at other Village Camps sites; they are reliable and have proven leadership skills. The team includes several certified lifeguards and a full-time nurse. During every activity, the necessary safety measures are strictly implemented by our counsellors and any outside providers.

## Evening Activities

- ✧ Cypriot & Greek Dancing
- ✧ Football Tournament
- ✧ Competitions & Special Events
- ✧ Teambuilding Challenges
- ✧ International Night
- ✧ Mini-golf
- ✧ Bowling/Laser Tag
- ✧ Talent Night
- ✧ Disco & Prom Nights

## Excursions

- ✧ Rock & Baths of Aphrodite
- ✧ Kourion - Ancient Amphitheatre
- ✧ Paphos - Medieval Castle and Port
- ✧ Limassol Water Park
- ✧ All-camp Cruise to Blue Lagoon
- ✧ Zoo visit with educational tour

Excursions may vary depending on camper numbers and weather.



# Cyprus Paphos



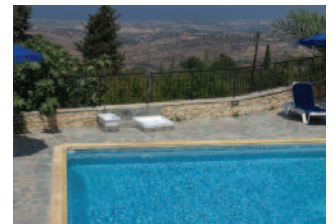
## Mediterranean Adventure Camp

Ages 12-17

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This is the ideal programme for water sports and outdoor adventure enthusiasts. The beach is easily accessible on a daily basis, just 10-15 minutes from camp while the Akamas natural reserve is in close proximity. The aim is to introduce campers to the pleasures of life that the beach and sea have to offer when appreciated and respected. Campers come in close contact with nature and develop useful outdoor adventure skills while discovering new hobbies that can become life-long interests. The programme is all about promoting an active and healthy life style together with respect and love for the environment. The schedule includes water activities like canoeing, paddle boarding, snorkelling, banana boat, various beach games/sports and a trip with kayaks to some impressive sea caves (very safe conditions under the supervision of expert guides). In terms of outdoor adventure activities there's a half-day mountain biking trip, trekking, rock climbing, hiking, outdoor living skills, orienteering etc. During the afternoons and evenings campers from the Mediterranean Adventure join those from the English Language Camp and continue with exciting activities, competitions, special events and excursions.





**English Language Camp** Ages 12-17

The English Language Camp offers 3 hours of lessons per day, for a total of 30 hours in the 2-week period. The programme is suitable for all abilities and following a placement test, students are divided into small level-appropriate groups, made up of 8-10 students. This allows time for personalised attention to each student's individual needs. The teachers are native speakers and certified to teach English as a Second Language. The programme emphasis is on comprehension and conversation, encouraging the campers to speak and understand the language better. In addition to the classic lesson structure, a more creative teaching approach includes topic discussions, role playing, group projects and local visits – this makes the lessons more pleasant – helping to maintain a high student interest and to produce impressive results. The only official camp language is English which means that practice continues throughout the day. At the end of the summer, campers are assessed and a progress report is sent to the parents.



After their morning lessons, campers enjoy a healthy lunch based on the local and international cuisine followed by some rest time or indoor activities, avoiding the outdoors during the hottest hours of the day. At mid-afternoon, campers gather for the popular All-Camp Meeting and then take off for a variety of sports and activities taking place at the hotel, the beach, the village and the gorgeous surrounding area (see lists on page). The balanced schedule is completed with exciting evening activities and fascinating excursions with cultural visits to archaeological sites, time for shopping and endless fun; some of the highlights include the visit to a large water park and the all-camp half-day cruise to the stunning Blue Lagoon!



# USA Boston



Boston is the most historical city in America, founded in 1630, nearly 150 years before the formation of the new nation. It's a beautiful mixture of tradition and modernity both in terms of architectural structures and with regard to the values it represents. Serving as the base to numerous prestigious universities, Boston has come to be known as the educational capital of the United States. It's also home to a number of historic sports franchises in all the major North American sports: the New England Patriots (NFL), the Bruins (NHL), the Boston Red Sox (MLB) and the legendary Boston Celtics (NBA).

Village Camps is very fortunate to be able to provide yet another amazing camp in a fantastically fitting destination! In collaboration with its trusted partners, CISS Canada, the two organisations have an invaluable combined experience of 75 years in the camp industry; the substantial know-how accumulated through this period assures top quality.

Boston boasts exceptionally beautiful summer weather and with its green-covered environment, the numerous parks and the

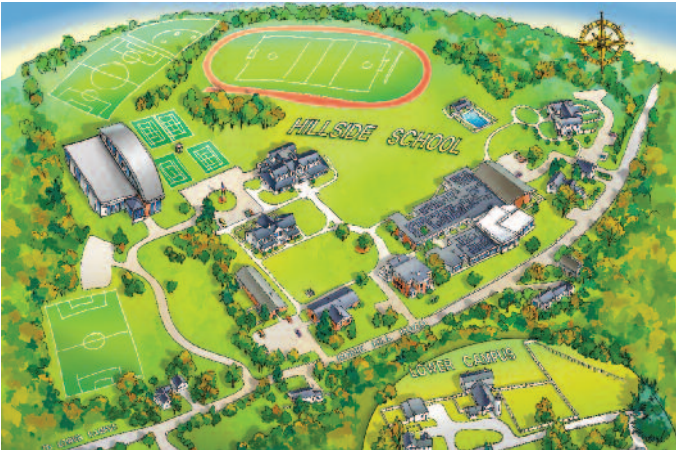


imposing Charles River, it makes for an ideal summer camp location. Campers choose between the English Language Camp (ESL) and the TOEFL Prep Course for the morning modules while the rest of the day includes exciting activities, fascinating visits, and endless fun with new friends from around the world. Furthermore, after a very successful first summer and positive feedback from campers and parents alike, the schedule is being adapted to include the most popular, highly-rated activities and excursions such as the visits to the Six Flags Amusement Park and to Cape Cod.

Our camp is located on the marvelous campus of the Hillside Middle School in Marlborough, a delightful Boston suburb 30 minutes from the city centre. Founded in 1902, this private boarding school for boys has picturesque grounds surrounded by lush forests and 150 acres of undisturbed landscape. The schools' teaching and sporting facilities are impeccable featuring numerous sports fields, modern classrooms, tennis courts, a swimming pool and an indoor sports hall.

The accommodation residence hosts 2-4 campers per room with shared bathroom facilities available on every floor. Boys and girls are housed in different sections of the residence and supervised at all times by staff members at the enviable ratio of 1:6 maintained at all the Village Camps Sites.





## English Language Camp

Ages 12-17

This is a challenging and very beneficial English language programme offering 3 hours of lessons every day totalling 15 hours per week. Following a placement test, campers are divided into small, level-appropriate groups of 6-12 students allowing for personalised instruction. To assure top quality, all teachers are certified and native English speakers. The lessons emphasise comprehension and conversational skills while the surrounding environment, which is completely English-speaking, adds to the experience and helps participants achieve significant progress through immersion. A typical day consists of the language learning module in the morning, followed by either an afternoon activity or an excursion. The afternoon activities include sports, arts and adventure activities, often making use of the great campus facilities. The well-rounded schedule is completed with the age-appropriate evening activities and special events prepared by our carefully selected counselors.

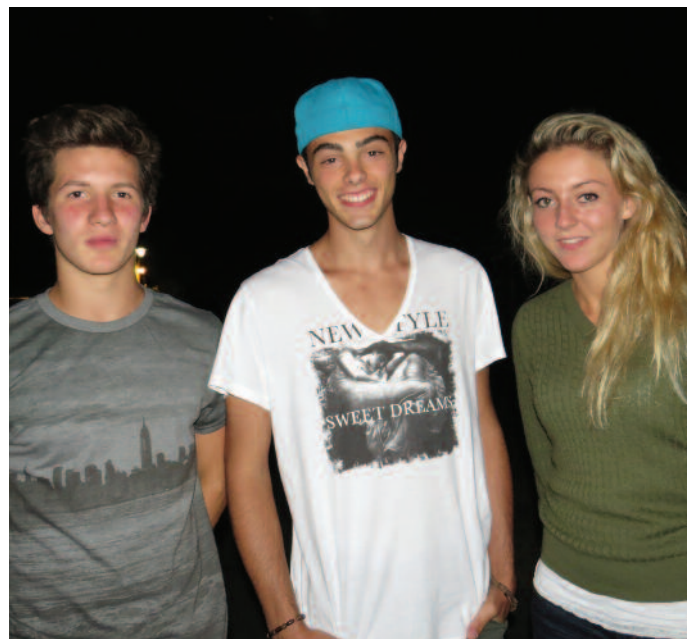


## TOEFL Prep Course

Ages 16-17

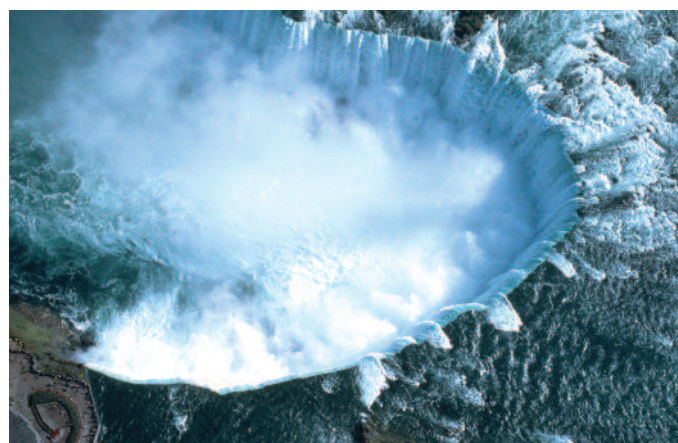
Recognised by 8500 universities in 130 countries (<http://www.ets.org/toefl>), the TOEFL exam is a pre-requisite proficiency test for non-native speakers who want to study at a US or Canadian university. Designed for the older students aged 16-17, the TOEFL Preparation Course is a great opportunity to improve grammar and syntax skills while learning useful test-taking techniques and time-management methods. These are equally important as the actual language knowledge when taking the TOEFL or similar tests. Students are assessed through a mock test at the beginning and at the end of the session to measure their progress and help them evaluate the areas requiring improvement.

The immense presence of some 50 colleges and universities in the area has earned Boston the reputation of being the educational centre of the United States; among them, Harvard, MIT, Boston College, Boston University and TUFTS. Our groups will be able to visit the famous Harvard University, set foot in the impressive Harvard Square, and possibly visit some of the other famous institutions. Taking place in a wonderful city with a great programme, amazing excursions and under the watchful eye of two experienced organisations, the Boston Camp promises to be an enriching experience for every camper!





St. Michael's College



Niagara Falls

## St Michael's College Campus Ages 13-17

Operating since 1997 and located on the historical and picturesque University of Toronto downtown campus, the St. Michael's College Campus programme is ideally situated within walking distance of Toronto's main attractions. This is the perfect choice for students aged 13-17 who love the city life and are looking to improve their English as well as make a load of new friends with students from all around the world. This programme combines the ESL (English as a Second Language) experience with an exciting array of fun activities.

### Accommodation

Students are accommodated in the St. Michael's residence in either single or twin bedrooms and toilets and showers can be found on each floor. The university campus is very large and accommodating with common rooms, a library, language labs, internet café, and an on-site security system. Students are furthermore provided with a membership for the local sports complex giving them access to great sporting facilities.

### Camp organisation

The St. Michael's College programme can be divided into three parts; morning, afternoon and evening. Students receive 20 hours of ESL instruction per week. This is taught by qualified native speakers who are specialists in their field and takes place in the morning. During the afternoon, students are provided with a wide variety of activity choices. They can either use the campus facilities, or take advantage of being in Canada and immerse themselves in the culture by sightseeing and/or spending time within the community. Evening programmes can take place either on or off campus.



## Lakefield Camp

Ages 9-16

Lakefield Camp International is operated on the grounds of Lakefield College School, one of Canada's most prestigious private boarding schools founded in 1876. Located 150kms from Toronto, Lakefield Camp features a calm and beautiful lake, and extensive open countryside in a clean, safe and natural environment.

### Accommodation

Campers at Lakefield are accommodated in the College's comfortable modern 'house' style residence, all of which are equipped with toilet and shower facilities. Each room comes complete with a bed, desk, and closet for each camper. Boys and girls are accommodated separately and roomed according to age. CISS staff stays in the residences with the campers to maintain supervision.

### Camp organisation

The daily programme is structured around five 1-hour activity periods. Two of these five are spent consecutively in the classroom for language study. On arrival, campers are assessed and allocated to classes appropriate to their language ability. All instruction at camp is in English and provided by qualified staff.

In the remaining periods, campers will be able to select from a wide variety of activities that Lakefield has to offer. Some of these include sailing, windsurfing, kayaking, canoeing, archery, tennis, soccer, and the list goes on. Once settled in, campers choose their activities for the week.



Lakefield Camp



Canoeing on the lakes and rivers of Ontario



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