

Important Points to Remember

List compiled by a former participant

- Remember to bring your adapters/converters! It isn't easy to get these in Vallendar if you forget them. You would need to go to Koblenz, which is pretty easy, but takes a bit of time and the first couple of days are pretty busy with activities.
- It is helpful to bring a water bottle. There aren't drinking fountains and water costs money in Europe, so a few of the people currently here have found it helpful that they brought their own water bottles to fill in their rooms.
- Stores are closed on Sundays (when some of you arrive). There will be restaurants open, but keep in mind that if you need anything from a store you will likely need to wait until Monday (or purchase it at the airport).
- There is a supermarket walking distance from campus where you can buy groceries and basic toiletries - it is open Monday-Saturday from 7am-10pm (it's called REWE).
- Remember that your room is an apartment (not a hotel) and you will likely need to purchase things like hand soap, garbage bags, etc. Also, keep in mind that there is Wi-Fi on campus, but NOT in most of the housing.
- As a general rule, lunch is provided on weekdays at WHU, but you are responsible for all other meals. There are a few dinners on the schedule that are included as well.
- WHU provides you a complimentary bus pass to get from Vallendar to Koblenz - it is great to have!
- It is important to be on time. Germany is a very punctual culture, so it is not unlikely that you will be left behind if you are late. Please try to eliminate Michigan time from your mindset while you're here and make sure the school is represented favorably among your peers from the other schools and the faculty/staff at WHU by your actions and conversations.
- If you miss the shuttle from the airport, there is a train station in Frankfurt airport where you can book a train to Koblenz (there is a travel center in the airport that can help you). From Koblenz, you can either take a taxi (about 20 euros) or a bus (line 8) to campus. If you take taxis, I'd suggest telling the taxi driver to take you to either REWE (the supermarket by campus) or Sparkasse (a bank next to WHU) in Vallendar - every taxi driver I've had knew exactly where to go when I told them that.
- There is a bakery on a corner between the housing buildings and the building where we have classes. It is called Thier and is AMAZING (although probably typical of most German bakeries). I go there literally every day for breakfast. The sandwiches, pretzels, croissants, and other baked goods have all been delicious! – WHU staff recommends the bakery Klingseisen (Heerstraße 30, on the way to WHU): it's even better and has amazing chocolate bread and chocolate rolls – be sure to try them!