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# GREAT SUMMERS WITH VILLAGE CAMPS

FIND THE PERFECT CAMP AND ENJOY OUR INNOVATIVE RANGE OF EXCITING SPECIALITY PROGRAMMES



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Village Camps has an impressive 49 years experience of organising high-quality residential camps for young people. With thousands of campers from all over the world travelling on fun-filled Village Camps programmes we offer what is simply the very best choice of top activities in stunning locations.



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# SPECIALITY CAMPS

OUR AIM - TO ENSURE THAT EVERY CAMPER HAS A REALLY GOOD TIME - EVERY MINUTE OF EVERY DAY!





## SPECIALITY CAMPS

**LANGUAGE LEARNING** is fun and a completely different experience from the traditional classroom-based routine. We have devised an innovative programme that campers truly enjoy.

- The concentration is on the spoken language built around fascinating projects and activities in which the campers are totally involved.
- Campers achieve excellent end-of-session results in our Language Courses in English, French and German.

**ADVENTURE THRILLS** with different programmes of challenging activities featured in each of the 5 countries to which Village Camps operates. Each adventure camp has its own individual activities but all boast the same meticulous, professional standards for which Village Camps is renowned.

- In the mountains with rock climbing, rope courses, gorge walking, abseiling, survival skills, orienteering and much more.
- On lakes and rivers with kayaking, canoeing, sailing and raft-building.
- On the sunny beaches and rugged countryside of the Atlantic Coast.

These are busy, action-packed courses that thrill and challenge, but importantly with safety and qualified staff at the heart of everything we do.

### ARDECHE ADVANCED ADVENTURE

is for campers who have attended our Adventure course and are aged 13 to 16 years. This third-year programme offers extra challenges to further develop outdoor adventure skills.



## SPORTS UNLIMITED

Football, Golf, Basketball, Horse-riding, Surfing, Tennis, Multi-sports.

Choose from so many different sports, all directed and organised by professional coaches backed up by enthusiastic, trained counsellors all with our outstanding facilities.

- Our Football Camp is unrivalled for its impressive, state-of-the-art pitches, professional facilities and the superb coaching programme designed by Neil O'Donnell, our top UEFA 'B' coach - now our Camp Director. Neil and his coaching team inspire so many of our young footballers to return to York to continue improving their skills year after year.
- Our established, professionally-led Golf Camp at York has introduced

hundreds of enthusiastic players to this great game for the first time. Equally it has helped many established, talented golfers to dramatically improve their skills and lower their handicaps.

- Basketball at York has continued to grow in popularity over the years, its success underpinned by a much-admired coaching team who all practise and compete in the superb air-conditioned courts at QE College.
- Horse-riding has doubled its numbers in recent years with riders benefiting from the patient, friendly encouragement of the highly regarded family team at the impressive Follifoot Riding Centre.



## SPECIALITY CAMPS & CAMP ROUTINE

At our popular **Surf Camp** young surfers enjoy safe instruction on the extensive sandy beaches with the big, exhilarating waves of the Portuguese Atlantic Coast.

The emphasis on excellence that characterises Village Camps sports programmes is perfectly demonstrated by the exceptional **Tennis Camp** in Leysin in the expert hands of its professional instructors.

Leysin is also the base for our **Multi-sports** programme offering a variety of indoor and outdoor team and individual sports. Every morning something new is offered by our team of counsellors and coaches.

[Find out more on Pages 16 to 18](#)

### THE ARTS & TECHNOLOGY

A fascinating mix of **Performing and Creative Arts** programmes – inspiring those campers with an artistic flair keen to develop their creative skills PLUS our intriguing **VC STEM-Robotics Camp** featuring a futuristic mix of robotics, scientific and technological initiatives.

The Leysin-based **Dance Camp** is a unique experience with the dancers fully involved with planning the choreography, choosing the music and developing a variety of dance routines.

Our ever popular and quite different **Film Academy** is available at our camps in both Austria and Switzerland. Our specialist professional film-makers direct every aspect of film making right through to the final edited film.

- The Creative Arts Camp in York offers a great choice of different media with a range of activities that may include

painting, drawing, sketching, ink doodles, clay sculpture, plaster and masks, a group canvas, theatre sets and costume-making.

- On the Performing Arts Camp both staff and campers collaborate enthusiastically to devise the storyline and the music for the end-of-camp gala show attended by the full camp and many parents. Outstanding specialist instructors teach singing, dance and drama, the three disciplines that make up our busy Performing Arts camp.
- The established VC STEM-Robotics Camp - science, technology, engineering and mathematics - is based in Leysin and will challenge and fascinate campers interested in robotics, programming and science.

[Find out more on Pages 14 & 15 and on our website](#)



## AFTERNOONS, EVENINGS AND THE WEEKEND

**SPECIALITY CAMPS** operate every weekday morning for about 3 hours (Session A & B) – including a short break. Some camps have occasional activities that last all day: certain other camps regularly use the first of the two afternoon sessions (Session C). Full details are available on our website.

**AFTERNOONS** are divided into two sessions (C & D) with campers able to choose optional activities from our varied selection available. Some campers will be free to choose from sessions C & D but others will only be free for session D. From time to time some activities may take campers out of camp for the whole day. For information on the optional

activities available – please refer to the pages for each country (see Contents on Page 3 or refer to our website.).

**EVENINGS** include an exciting range of activities that keep campers busy every evening. Some activities are planned for a particular age-group but others are 'All-Camp' activities for everyone. For more information please refer to the pages for each country or to our website.

**WEEKEND EXCURSIONS** - are a major highlight for campers. There is usually one full-day and one half day excursion on the middle Saturday and Sunday. Many speciality camps include a selected excursion as a part of the programme. We always offer interesting destinations with time to enjoy a mix of shopping, free time and cultural visits. For more information please refer to the pages for each country or to our website.





# LANGUAGE CAMPS

English - French  
- German

SUITABLE FOR AGES 10-17

Village Camps has developed an innovative and ingeniously crafted language-learning programme designed to fully engage the campers. An exciting range of projects, tasks, quizzes, competitions and games will inspire the interest and ensure the involvement of every camper. They are having fun together in small groups and will soon be using the words and phrases that they have been learning each day.



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## A NEW AND COMPLETELY DIFFERENT WAY TO TEACH LANGUAGES

- We deliver the English language programme in a way that is entertaining, interactive, engaging and challenging. We cleverly combine laughter and learning!
- The campers learn from new material that takes them outside their usual comfort zone but stimulates their interest providing them with new skills and knowledge that they can use during and after camp. Campers really enjoy learning to speak the target language together.
- Groups of students help choose their preferred lively projects.
- Emphasis is on gaining confidence and improving vocabulary so that they acquire fluency, engage in conversation and can aim at a presentation to an audience.

## CHOOSING THE PROJECTS AND TOPICS

- Campers choose projects in discussion groups which make language-learning more interesting and personal.
- Other times the Language Coordinator and team prepare projects from an innovative selection that the campers enjoy.
- Campers often choose something that simply interests them, a topic of the day or some element of the culture of their country.

## SOME TYPICAL PROJECTS

The following are used as a guide and may vary from country to country. Each project has different levels of difficulty and appropriate vocabulary.

- 'Personality Poster' - on the first morning the campers make up a 'personality poster' about themselves and use adjectives that they think describes their personality. A great way to get to know new friends and to take the first steps in language learning.

- 'The Great Survival Debate' is an imaginary debate on the equipment necessary for survival in the desert. Everyone has to discuss the issues and learn the vocabulary.
- 'The Food Tasting Festival' encourages campers to learn words to describe food smell, texture and flavours. The reward for learning the vocabulary is to taste some delicious traditional dishes of the country, served by the teachers. Campers love it!
- 'The Song Project' - campers choose a contemporary well-known song BUT together make up some humorous new words that will change the lyrics.
- 'Holiday Brochure' - the group discusses and selects holiday destinations finally designing a holiday brochure.
- 'Film Project' - campers decide on an original idea, write the script, design a film poster and then go out and actually shoot a short film.

## MAKING THE PROJECTS WORK

- Every morning starts with a warm-up in the language with teachers and campers talking together - and a song in the target language playing in the background. The teachers introduce the campers to 'tongue-twisters' and word games such as Scrabble. Teachers start conversations in groups about what they liked about the previous day, their favourite music and the activities to which they are looking forward.
- Learning vocabulary in an 'inter-group' way - using new words talking as a group about past and future projects and later working on projects initially in groups and then on their own as they gain confidence.
- At the end of all projects the groups present their results often using one of their 'products' (e.g. the film, travel brochure or a song).

## LANGUAGE LESSONS - INFORMATION

- On the first morning of camp students are carefully assessed and placed into groups of about 7-10 campers according to ability and age.

- There are 4 ability levels: beginner/ elementary - pre-intermediate - intermediate - upper intermediate/ advanced.
- We operate a 'continuous assessment' system - so students may be upgraded at any time as they progress.
- Lessons are Monday to Friday for 3 hours from 09.00 to 12.00 with a short mid-morning break of about 10 minutes.
- At the end of camp, certificates are awarded to each student and a full progress report sent independently to each family.

## VCTV

In York, for students who do NOT wish to take the speciality English programme, Village Camps operates an add-on programme during the afternoon period (session D) at a supplementary cost. Please refer to the Price Information for details of the cost.

## SPECIAL NOTES

- In Leysin, Switzerland, the language courses can be combined with tennis - except for the last session in August. Please see website for further details.
- VCTV - Village Camps TV in York, England is a programme for campers who would like to add a fun and interactive language course to their speciality programme. VCTV runs four days a week for 1.5 hours each day.

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# ADVENTURE

THRILLING OUTDOOR CHALLENGES  
AT OUTSTANDING LOCATIONS IN  
SWITZERLAND, ENGLAND, AUSTRIA,  
FRANCE AND PORTUGAL

Village Camps is one of Europe's most experienced outdoor adventure operators, having organised successful adventure camps since the early 1970s. Today our adventure programmes are more popular than ever, attracting hundreds of campers each year to learn new skills in mountains and on rivers, lakes and sandy beaches.



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## ADVENTURE

Each of our adventure programmes has its own unique specialisations but all the camps have common features too. Fun is at the heart of everything but we ensure that there is always a careful balance between testing activities that demand hard work on the one hand, contrasting with days for team-building, orienteering and outdoor living skills.

### SWITZERLAND LEYSIN Ages 10-17

The alpine village of Leysin is the perfect base for an adventure programme. It stands on a sunny south-facing shelf with walks, trails and paths through alpine summer pastures that climb high into the mountains above.

Working from our Leysin base the adventure outdoor activities usually include:

- Orienteering
- Rock-climbing
- Hiking
- Mountain-biking
- Ropes course
- Outdoor living skills
- White-water rafting (15+)

and so much more!

For indoor activities Leysin has two state-of-the-art Sports Centres offering a generous choice of facilities that accommodate so many different sports.

The undoubted highlight of the two-weeks is the scenic trek into the mountains to stay overnight in a traditional mountain hut above the alpine village of Les Mosses. Here campers enjoy a 'cook-out' barbecue dinner before sharing stories and enjoying laughter and games around the blazing fire.

[For more information on Leysin – see Pages 22 to 24.](#)

### ENGLAND YORK Ages 10-17

The Adventure Camp is an interesting mix of thrilling activities using the rugged moorland hills, rivers and lakes of the challenging North Yorkshire Moors as well as the vast open spaces and wooded areas in the grounds of our base at Queen Ethelburga's College. Off-site activities

include canoeing and kayaking, a ropes course, a climbing wall, rock-climbing, abseiling and a thrilling gorge walking experience.

Back at the Queen Ethelburga's campus the group enjoy a testing session on the superbly designed Assault Course, a survival skills course, a hike along the nearby River Ouse and a fun 'water challenge' session.

However, the campers' vote for the highlight is the overnight stay and camp-fire in parkland close to a lake. The camp fire is fun and everyone enjoys a hot barbecue dinner and roasting marshmallows, followed by games, songs and laughter under the stars. Then it's bed!

[For further information on York – see Pages 19 to 21](#)

### AUSTRIA ZELL AM SEE Ages 10-17

The pretty village of Piesendorf is just a short drive from the internationally famous resort of Zell am See, situated on the shores of the beautiful lake. High above are stunning mountains dominated by the Kitzsteinhorn Glacier. This is an impressive base for our action-packed mountain and lake adventure camp which is linked with a contrasting variety of team sports that take place in and around our exceptionally well-equipped hotel in Piesendorf!

One of the early thrills is the sailing and kayaking on Lake Zell where campers acquire new skills under the watchful eye of the qualified instructors. In the spectacular mountains around Zell campers are introduced to rock-climbing, a ropes course and both trekking and mountain-biking on challenging descents in glorious scenery. We feature a popular overnight stay in a mountain hut with everyone enjoying the camp fire and cook-out.

This memorable overnight stay experience shares highlight status with the thrilling water-sports time on the lake. After all the busy action of the lake and in the mountains campers enjoy some 'chill' time back at Piesendorf with tennis, swimming, football, basketball, volleyball and other fun team games.

[For further information on Zell am See – see Pages 28 & 29.](#)

## SAFETY MATTERS -

### QUALIFIED STAFF ON ALL OUR ADVENTURE CAMPS

Our trained counsellor team work under the leadership of an experienced Village Camps Coordinator who ensures a vital emphasis on:

- Overall safety
- High-quality equipment
- Appropriate clothing, drinking water supply, sunscreen etc
- Briefing campers in advance on essential safety matters

Where appropriate, the Village Camps team joins forces with fully-qualified local specialist staff who have first-hand knowledge of the local terrain.







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## ADVANCED ADVENTURE

### Ardèche Ages 13-16

Our innovative programme for experienced campers with more challenges!!

Our ADVANCED ADVENTURE option is a demanding programme exclusively reserved for campers in the 13 to 16 age-range who must have completed at least one session of our Ardèche Adventure programme in a previous year. Features of the Advanced Adventure programme can include:

- Canyoning
- Cave exploration with abseiling
- An extended 3-day descent of the river
- Via Ferrata
- Leadership projects – including team-building
- Acting as a role model to campers with less experience.

Another challenging, innovative adventure programme from Village Camps!

### ARDECHE, FRANCE Ages 11-16

The Ardèche and its famous gorge set amongst the green forests, blue skies and summer sunshine of the South of France is simply a dream location. Importantly, Village Camps owns and manages the delightful site in a spectacular situation right on the banks of the River Ardèche!

The mountainous terrain above the river and close to our camp is forested and here campers are introduced to rock climbing, caving, a ropes course and trekking. Of course, everyone is soon focused on the highlight – the dream 30km breathtaking 2-day descent of the river through the stunning scenery of the Ardèche Gorge. Part of the excitement is an overnight half-way stop with a camp-out in bivouacs and an evening cook-out on the riverbank. From the start of camp everyone will have worked on their canoeing and kayaking techniques on the river under the expert guidance of our qualified instructors. It's worth the effort as even beginners get to make the thrilling descent! This really is a quite unforgettable experience! Please note that camp capacity is only 40 campers. Camp fills up quickly - so early booking is recommended.

[For further information on the Ardèche - see Pages 25-27](#)

### SANTA CRUZ, PORTUGAL Ages 10-17

This challenging programme introduces campers to a thrilling range of water sports and beach activities as well as into the forests and trails that surround the camp. The programme alternates each weekday between activities in and around the beaches of Santa Cruz and alternative non-beach adventures both close to the hotel and further afield.

Campers on this programme spend about 3 hours each weekday enjoying the planned adventure activities, usually in the mornings. However, times may vary when the activity is surfing. Adventure campers enjoy many of the same water and beach activities as campers on the Surf programme. The principal activities on the Adventure camp are selected from:

- An introduction to surfing as well as surfing lessons
- Water-sports and beach activities
- Catamaran sailing
- Windsurfing
- Kayaking
- Long board dancing
- Paddle boarding in Obidos Lagoon
- Mountain biking
- Tree-top ropes course
- Cliff Walk

[For further information on Santa Cruz - see Pages 30-31.](#)



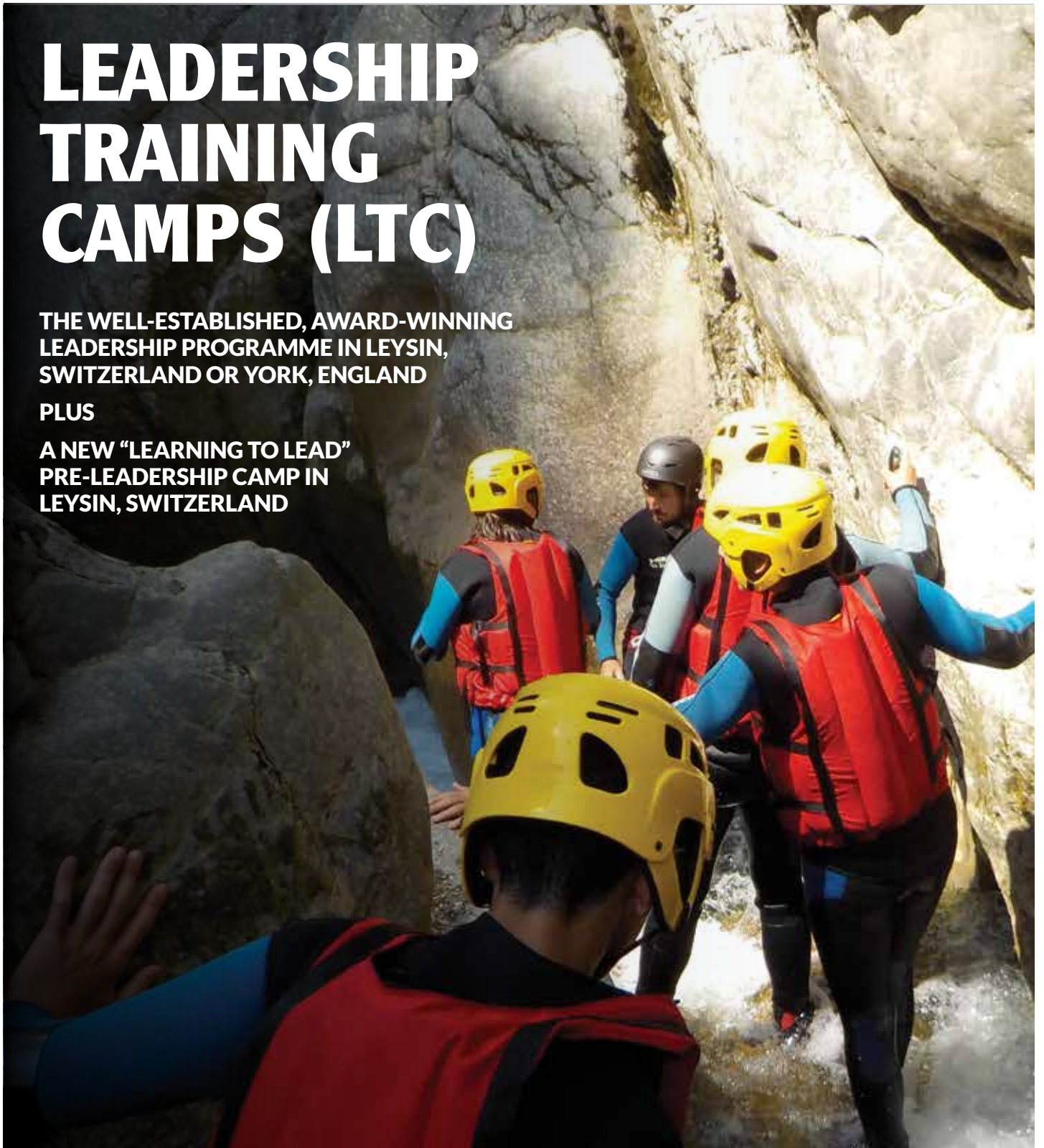


# LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMPS (LTC)

THE WELL-ESTABLISHED, AWARD-WINNING LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME IN LEYSIN, SWITZERLAND OR YORK, ENGLAND

PLUS

A NEW "LEARNING TO LEAD" PRE-LEADERSHIP CAMP IN LEYSIN, SWITZERLAND



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## NEW LEARNING TO LEAD

LEYSIN, SWITZERLAND  
Ages 13-15

Aimed at empowering younger campers by developing leadership skills this programme combines focused workshops and activities with all of the fun of the main camp.

For full details of our new camp please refer to our website:  
[www.villagecamps.com](http://www.villagecamps.com)

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMP - LTC

LEYSIN, SWITZERLAND  
Ages 15-17

YORK, ENGLAND  
Ages 15-17

A great choice of two locations.

This award-winning camp is regarded by many as the flagship Village Camps programme! Consequently both the Leysin and York camps are quickly oversubscribed. So early booking is really essential!

The structure of the programme in both locations is very similar with Course Director, Dave Allen, the specialist LTC staff and most of the speakers starting their Village Camps summer in York before flying over to Leysin. At the point when children move into their mid and late teens our innovative and comprehensive leadership training camp can play a vital part in their:

- Personal development.
- Preparation for university.
- Life and career ahead.

The much-acclaimed LTC programme is designed to:

- Build confidence.
- Raise self-esteem.
- Encourage motivation.
- Improve communication skills.
- Develop individual leadership qualities.

We believe that at the end of the session, apart from enjoying the fun and companionship of their new-found friends from all over the world, participants gain a better understanding of themselves and their sense of leadership. The LTC campers learn how to work more effectively as a team under the inspiring guidance of the specialist Village Camps Course Leader and his staff.

Each day is constructed around:

- Leadership training sessions.
- Individual initiatives and effective team-work.
- Inspiring talks from our top international guest speakers followed by open question and answer sessions.
- Thought-provoking discussions that stretch the mind before inviting the group to reach conclusions.
- Tasks and challenges that demonstrate the advantages of working together as a team.
- A programme of off-camp visits to great outdoor locations to engage in challenging tasks and physical activities.
- Workshops and de-briefs.
- Goal-setting exercises and acquiring time management skills.

The LTC leader, Dave Allen, is an impressive and inspirational role-model who has led a quite extraordinary and colourful life. He spends most of his time as an in-demand international adviser, which he combines with running his own outdoor adventure camp in KwaZulu, Natal, South Africa.

## TWO TYPICAL EXAMPLES OF COURSE HIGHLIGHT DAYS

### Emergency Rescue Experience

**Instant, calm decision taking; good judgement; speed; lateral thinking - and TEAM WORK!**

This challenge is a dramatic and intensive team-building day. The action takes place at an outdoor adventure centre. Campers are divided into teams and start by using ropes and poles in rough terrain before building a raft and then constructing a temporary bridge. This is all part of an exercise to use speed, initiative and the skills of the team to simulate the 'rescue' across water of an injured pilot from a crashed (real!) plane. For the camper teams, fast, accurate decisions have to be made on-the-spot in a 'life-death' situation. The dramatic challenge vividly illustrates what a team can achieve by working together. Brilliant!

### The award-winning T.A.L.E

**A competitive series of challenges that demand skills, application, and multi-tasking whilst operating to a strict financial budget!**

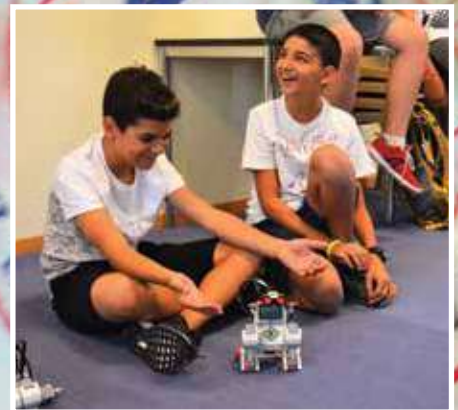
Everyone takes part in the Village Camps T.A.L.E - 'the amazing leadership experience'. The programme is designed around competitive contests with camper teams given places to find, sites to visit, items to collect and missions to accomplish. Teams are restricted to the constraints of a limited financial budget which promotes the understanding of the R.O.I. principle (Return on Investment), one which guides corporate investment in today's world.

[See pages 22-24 for more information on Leysin.](#) [See pages 19-21 for more information on York](#)



# THE ARTS & TECHNOLOGY

AN INNOVATIVE CHOICE OF INTRIGUING PROGRAMMES EXPERTLY DESIGNED TO INSPIRE AND CHALLENGE CAMPER'S WITH EITHER ARTISTIC FLAIR OR TECHNICAL SKILLS.



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- **Film Academies in Austria & Switzerland**
- **Dance in Switzerland**
- **Performing Arts PLUS Creative Arts in England**
- **VC STEM Robotics Camp in Switzerland**

## FILM ACADEMY

**ZELL AM SEE, AUSTRIA & LEYSIN, SWITZERLAND**  
**Ages 10-17**

Under the direction of an experienced Producer, the film team using all the on-site campers as the cast, learn the basics of film-making. The process starts with an original script before moving on to filming, editing and directing. The programme embraces all the essential technical processes including sound, lighting, special effects and production. The young film-makers collaborate with the producer to develop a script, produce a storyboard and select locations. Then it's time for the last tasks – the final shoot, editing, choosing the music and introducing the special effects for the soundtrack and dubbing.

Everyone involved in the team works on their individual project each weekday morning and occasionally in the afternoon or evening. It's a fascinating combination of dedication, fun, teamwork and sheer enthusiasm from the film campers who are thrilled to use their energy, creative instincts and emerging technical skills to produce a completed film - from start to finish. Campers receive a link to access their final movie as well as those of their classmates via the VC Google Drive.

## DANCE CAMP

**LEYSIN, SWITZERLAND**  
**Ages 10-17**

A programme designed for campers who want to create, rehearse and ultimately perform 'on-stage' at camp. Our popular, experienced and highly qualified Dance Coordinator and her team deliver an outstanding dance

experience, exploring many different types and styles of the dance repertoire. The programme runs for 3 hours every weekday morning. From the very start the specialist dance teachers and the young dancers work together to jointly develop their routines, choose the music, frame the choreography and rehearse enthusiastically in the build up to the show. Each end-of-session show is a complete one-off with the campers' individual ideas, music, moves and dances ensuring an impressive performance.

## PERFORMING ARTS

**YORK, ENGLAND**  
**Ages 10-17**

A brilliantly conceived and established programme combining drama, dance, music and singing! The course has been skilfully designed to improve individual performance and encourage teamwork. It is suitable for enthusiastic participants of all abilities. This consistently successful programme is directed by a highly experienced team chosen from drama and production specialists, singing teachers and a dance coach.

The team works on developing the main skills of each camper but everyone is encouraged to work in all three disciplines. During the first few days ideas are discussed and a basic theme is agreed. The young performers are shaped into a slick unit with everyone participating - actors, actresses, singers and dancers. Everyone has the chance to shine and step into the spotlight. Campers learn about the inner workings of theatre production, stagecraft, stage production, scenery, make-up, costuming, voice production and the role of humour. The state-of-the-art, air-conditioned College Theatre is used for practice and is an Impressive venue for the highlight Final Night Gala Performance attended by the whole camp. Campers and parents receive a link to access the Gala Night Performance on the Village Camps Google Drive Channel.

## CREATIVE ARTS

**YORK, ENGLAND**  
**Ages 10-17**

A successful, established and highly original programme encouraging

campers to explore, create and express themselves in a wide range of art forms – all under the expert professional guidance of our art-coordinator. This programme is dedicated to developing, stimulating and inspiring creativity in the Visual Arts for youngsters with any level of talent from curious beginners to experienced artists. The art group works both in the well-equipped Art Studio or 'plein air' amongst the flowers, gardens and sculptures of the extensive College grounds. Creative Art is a diverse subject so each session may slightly vary according to the interests and abilities of each group. Campers work as individuals and as a group on a variety of projects including a collaboration with the Performing Arts group to design and produce large sets for the Gala stage show at the end of camp.

## VC STEM-ROBOTICS CAMP

**LEYSIN, SWITZERLAND**  
**Ages 10-17**

VC STEM Science – Technology Engineering and Mathematics – all part of this intriguing programme that concentrates on Robotics.

This innovative programme has been designed by Village Camps to capture the imagination of campers keen to explore fascinating developments in science programming with a concentration on ROBOTICS. The programme uses a variety of state-of-the-art tools suitable for everyone from the curious beginner with a penchant for technology right through to campers with existing skills, seeking to expand their knowledge. For full details of the VC STEM programme please refer to the Village Camps website.

[See pages 19-21 or more information on York](#)

[See pages 28-29 for more information on Zell am See](#)

[See pages 22-24 for more information on Leysin](#)



# SPORTS

A COMPREHENSIVE  
RANGE OF SPORTS WITH  
TOP CLASS INSTRUCTION  
AND OUTSTANDING  
FACILITIES



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## SPORTS AT VILLAGE CAMPS

- Football
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Golf
- Horse Riding
- Multi-Sports
- Surfing

All sports camps are available to boys and girls

## MULTI-SPORTS LEYSIN, SWITZERLAND Ages 10-17

Non-stop action enjoyed by campers seriously interested in sport. The objectives of the programme are to introduce campers to new sports and to encourage them to develop existing skills in both team and individual sports.

For 3 hours every weekday morning campers will enjoy something new and interesting with daily choices made from football, basketball, swimming, archery, beach volleyball, climbing, street hockey, tennis, badminton and outdoor fitness trails. There is also a fun element with team games, challenges and competitions. It adds up to a busy action-packed programme where every camper will have fun and learn so much under the guidance of our enthusiastic and talented team of counsellors and coaches.

[See pages 22-24 for more information on Leysin,](#)

## TENNIS LEYSIN, SWITZERLAND Ages 7-17

Our established tennis programme is operated by Leysin Tennis and sets out to provide each player with an unforgettable tennis experience. The Head Coach, Christine Suard, has over 20 years of top class, international coaching experience. She has been an integral part of the Village Camps tennis family for over 16 years during which time she coached our summer tennis campers as

part of the California Tennis Academy. Christine currently trains top-10 Swiss junior players in Leysin and is recognized nationally for her young players tennis programme.

Christine and her team of experienced Swiss and international coaches work with campers of all levels and offer a perfect mix of high-quality instruction, match play, fun and surprises! Our programme is organised with three general categories of players:

- **Club 10 to 17 years**

For beginners and intermediates aimed at developing techniques, tactical skills, fitness and match play and encouraging a love for the game.

- **Competition 10-17 years**

For advanced players already competing in tournaments.

This programme is challenging with high intensity tennis, physical conditioning training, mental strength and match play alongside some of Switzerland's TOP junior players.

- **Greenies - Juniors - 7 to 9 years**

This programme is based on the award-winning Kids Tennis High School programme by Swiss Tennis, of which Christine Suard is a national representative. Using an adapted court, balls and materials, campers learn to play tennis through a fun, motivating and team-oriented programme.

- **Tennis combined with other programmes**

Afternoon tennis each weekday can be combined with any other programme. Please refer to the Village Camps website for further details including the supplementary cost.

[See pages 22-24 for more information on Leysin](#)

## FOOTBALL YORK, ENGLAND Ages 10-17

This is an outstanding Village Camps Football programme that has set a top standard for over 40 years. Much of this success has been due to the excellence of the highly qualified Neil O'Donnell, our much admired UEFA qualified Football Director for the past 14 years. Neil has now been promoted to Camp

Director but the exciting, modern coaching programme that he developed will continue to be enjoyed by our young footballers.

Coaching takes place for 3-hours every weekday morning with the players assessed and divided into age and ability groups. Our state-of-art training and playing facilities have been transformed with a multi-million pound upgrade to the same standard surface as the Wembley stadium, home of the England national team. The pitches are maintained regularly to the highest of standards. Most mornings the footballers enjoy popular, short competitive games where players show their skills and the coaches assess and discuss individual performance team tactics.

Every camper eagerly awaits the visit to Manchester to visit Old Trafford, Manchester United, OR the Ethiad Stadium, Manchester City with the campers making the choice. We visit the Trophy Room, Club Shop, dressing rooms and everyone can 'dream away' walking down the players' tunnel to step on to the famous pitch.

## HORSE RIDING YORK, ENGLAND Ages 10-17

This will be our 8th year working with Follifoot, a long-established family-run Riding Centre with excellent outdoor and indoor facilities and pretty country trails. The experienced instructor, under the guidance of the owner Julie Pedley, use a caring and patient approach encouraging beginners to progress with confidence. More experienced riders right up to advanced and competition standards, improve their skills under professional guidance.

The Riding Centre offers a sensible choice of well prepared ponies and horses to suit all levels. In addition to improving their riding skills, campers will also learn about the care of horses, tacking up and stable husbandry. We include the cost of the official test for the ABRS Assessment & Certificate where an independent instructor will test each rider and give them an official grading.

[See pages 19-21 for more information on York](#)



# MORE SPORTS



## **BASKETBALL** YORK, ENGLAND Ages 10-17

This well established, intensive but fun coaching programme is suitable for all abilities from enthusiastic beginners right through to talented club players. Instruction is on weekdays with 3 hours in the morning and a further 90 minutes in the afternoon. The expert coaches assess the players and place them into appropriate age and ability groups. During the course every player is re-assessed each day so that improvers are identified and promoted.

The camp enjoys a quite magnificent on-site fully air-conditioned basketball arena, purpose-built for basketball training, full matches and competitions .

Village Camps engages a small, select team of qualified, international European coaches. For the fifth summer the highly successful and popular top-coach, Max Gvozdenovic, will be the Director of the Basketball Development Academy.

[See pages 19-21 for more information on York](#)

## **GOLF** YORK, ENGLAND Ages 10-17

Learn the game or improve your handicap with lessons from top teaching professionals. This much-acclaimed, intensive golf camp is for golfers of all abilities who either want to make a confident start to learning the game or already play golf but want to make rapid improvement. Next summer we are delighted to be back at the welcoming Forest of Galtres Golf Course, a fantastic location perfect for VC golfers! Lessons are held every weekday morning from about 09.00 through to 14.00 and for the 11th year will be in the safe hands our much admired Advanced PGA professional golf instructor, Alastair Grindlay and his long-time colleague, Nick Marchant, now the senior full-time PGA professional at the Forest of Galtres Club.

[See pages 19-21 for more information on York](#)

## **SURF** SANTA CRUZ, PORTUGAL Ages 10-17

The west coast of Portugal is one of the world's top surf destinations and Village Camps is pleased to base its Surf Camp in this legendary area. The local Surf School, with its professional instructors, has the expertise to constantly monitor the tides and sea conditions always choosing the safest and best places for our surfers to learn and improve. The timing of the lessons is flexible and will average 2-3 hours each weekday. All campers whilst surfing will be provided with quality equipment including a surf board, rash guard and wet suit. Santa Cruz offers perfect conditions for beginners right through to intermediate and advanced level surfers. Safety is our main concern with fun and excitement ranked closely behind.

[See pages 30-31 for more information on Santa Cruz](#)



# YORK ENGLAND

A GREAT CHOICE OF 10  
DIFFERENT PROGRAMMES  
BASED AT THE MAGNIFICENT  
QUEEN ETHELBURGA'S  
COLLEGE (QE) WITH STATE-OF-  
THE-ART ACCOMMODATION  
AND FACILITIES - JUST A  
SHORT DRIVE FROM THE  
HISTORIC CITY OF YORK.



YORK  
ENGLAND





## SPECIALITY PROGRAMMES AT YORK

### So much to choose from!

This is a really TOP Village Camps location with an unrivalled choice of as many as 10 different programmes - with something to suit everyone. The York camp offers exceptional on-site facilities as well as high quality accommodation in beautifully-designed state-of-the-art apartments. QE is one of the best equipped residential colleges in the UK with a comprehensive and unrivalled range of leisure, sports and arts facilities. Campers also have a generous selection of afternoon activities, fun events every evening and two fascinating excursions on the weekend, with shopping time.

Village Camps in York has a superb selection of programmes from which parents and campers can choose. These programmes use the extensive on-site facilities and those nearby and, for the most part, take place for 3 hours on weekday mornings leaving the afternoons and the weekends free for optional activities and excursions.

[See pages 4-5 for more information,](#)



## QUEEN ETHELBURGA'S COLLEGE

- The College is perfectly situated in glorious open countryside just 30 minutes from the ancient City of York.
- Open-plan apartments that usually accommodate up to 5 campers – all with air conditioning.
- Each apartment has en suite facilities with a walk-in shower, separate WC, a small kitchenette area, a sitting area and workspace.
- Free internet and SKYPE telephone calls at permitted times of the day.
- Well equipped, comfortable, individual in-house common rooms for relaxation/games for the Junior Adventures Camp and for Yellow, Blues and Red age-groups respectively.
- Meals are served in-house in a new restaurant in the spectacular 'Atrium' space.
- Spacious air-conditioned Sports Hall with state-of-the-art basketball courts.
- Superb 25-metre heated indoor swimming pool and 'Jacuzzi' area.
- Impressive air-conditioned theatre with a large stage, sprung floors, quality acoustics, rehearsal rooms and 300+ comfortable seats.
- 'Muggles' entertainment centre with 3D cinema, Xboxes with 200 games and an array of digital games and music.
- New, state-of-the-art all weather sports pitches right up to football Premier League and International standards. Full-size 5-a side and practice pitches This is the impressive base for our popular football programme. The entire sports area has top-grade floodlighting.
- Artificial athletics track, top standard pitches for rugby, cricket and field hockey as well as outside practice tennis and basketball courts.
- The celebrated 'Secret Garden' with its impressive original statues, lawns and flowers. The Garden is ideal for outdoor events, open-air meetings and BBQs.

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All Camps are for campers aged 10-17 years apart from the exceptions listed above.



## MEALS

- Meals are arranged in-house in the newly designed restaurant in the dramatic surroundings of the Atrium.
- Efficient self-service counter with a varied choice of nutritious dishes at each meal time - with substantial portions.
- Vegetarian and vegan options (by arrangement) and a fresh-salad bar are always available for every lunch and dinner. In addition most other diets are catered to with prior notice.
- Subject to weather there is a popular once-a-week BBQ in the Secret Garden.

## EXCURSIONS

### FULL-DAY EXCURSION TO MANCHESTER - SATURDAY

Manchester with a visit to the extensive Trafford Shopping & Leisure Centre. Time for shopping in this large complex with most of the major UK and International shopping chains represented as well as restaurants, coffee bars and leisure facilities. Possible cinema visit and various games available. The choice of

activities depends on what new films may be available - and their suitability for each age-group.

### HALF DAY EXCURSION TO NEARBY YORK - SUNDAY

Late morning/early afternoon excursion to York - with a photographic challenge that ensures campers visit the main attractions of this ancient city, including York Minster and the old fortified city walls. Supervised free time and just another chance for any supplementary shopping.

## AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Here are some of the activities from which the afternoon activities are usually selected.

- Aerobics
- Arts and crafts
- Basketball
- Cooking
- Cricket
- Zumba Dancing
- Field hockey
- Football
- International Frisbee

- Gaelic football
- Music
- Photography
- Rugby
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Yoga
- Chess
- Volleyball

## EVENING PROGRAMME

A real mix of house nights for each colour group as well as popular, favourite all-camp special nights.

- Carnival Night
- Mission Impossible
- Team 'BIG DAY
- Talent Night
- Team challenges
- International Night
- Pool Party
- Last night Awards Night & Disco



## JUNIOR ADVENTURE CAMP

### Age 7-9

The perfect first introduction for our younger campers to experience a residential Summer Camp. This programme is only available in York and Leysin, Switzerland.

[For full information on the Junior Adventure Camp see Page 24.](#)

## COMBO CAMPS SPEND 4 GREAT WEEKS IN TWO DIFFERENT COUNTRIES!

Combine your York experience with two more weeks of fun and learning at Village Camps locations in either Leysin, Switzerland or in the Ardèche in France. For further information please contact the Village Camps office.



# LEYSIN SWITZERLAND

WELCOME TO LEYSIN - THE SWISS HOME  
OF VILLAGE CAMPS FOR ALMOST 50 YEARS.  
CAMPERs STAY IN THE INVIGORATING  
MOUNTAIN AIR OF THIS DELIGHTFUL  
ALPINE VILLAGE WITH SPECTACULAR VIEWS  
TOWARDS MONT BLANC.



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CAMPERs LEARN BEST WHEN THEY ARE HAVING FUN!





## **SPECIALITY PROGRAMMES AT LEYSIN**

**There's something for everyone!**

Leysin is the perfect base for a comprehensive choice of engaging programmes covering sports, arts and technology, languages and leadership. Most speciality programmes take place for 3 hours on weekday mornings, leaving the afternoons and the weekend free for campers to enjoy our busy programme of fun optional activities and popular excursions.

See below and on pages 4-5 for further information.

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All Camps are for campers aged 10-17 years apart from the exceptions listed above.

## **ENGAGING, EXCITING PROGRAMMES FROM OUR ALPINE MOUNTAIN BASE, THE PERFECT LOCATION**

This picturesque village is perched in a dramatic alpine setting with spectacular views across the Rhone Valley to Mont Blanc and the French Alps in the distance.

Campers stay at the welcoming Swiss Alpine Centre, owned and professionally managed by Village Camps. The Centre provides high-quality en suite accommodation and a fine range of spacious in-house facilities. The Leysin camp typically attracts young people from over 30 different countries each summer, so making new friends from new places becomes part of the adventure.

Our speciality programmes are based in and around the Alpine Centre and also take full advantage of the wide-ranging facilities of this well-equipped village. Right outside the Alpine Centre are local walks and hikes into the green alpine meadows with flowers, local wildlife and the invigorating fresh mountain air.

### **SWISS ALPINE CENTRE**

- Great location – exceptional facilities.
- Breathtaking views from the hotel terraces.
- Rooms with en suite facilities for up to 4 campers.
- Spacious dining areas.

- Classrooms.
- Music & dance studio.
- Arts & Crafts studio.
- Large, well-equipped theatre/auditorium.
- Common rooms with games.
- Table tennis, pool table, foosball & board games.
- Snack bar-gift shop.
- Climbing Wall.

### **MEALS**

- 3 warm, nutritious meals a day.
- Great breakfast choices.
- Salad bar.
- Vegetarian, vegan and other dietary options available on request.

### **LEYSIN FACILITIES**

- Regular free shuttle-bus to facilities.
- Two state-of-the-art Sports Centres
- Indoor swimming pool.
- Multi-sports gymnasium.
- Covered ice-rink - basketball court.
- Outdoor football pitch – Indoor and outdoor tennis.
- Volleyball – beach volley ball – squash -mini golf.
- Archery targets- climbing walls.
- Hiking & adventure trails- cycling paths - rock-climbing.
- A mountain hut and camp-fire.





# LEYSIN, SWITZERLAND cont...

## OPTIONAL AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Most speciality programmes take place in the morning from Monday to Friday, leaving time for campers to enjoy a range of activities in the afternoon. On two days each week campers can choose a preferred activity from the daily list available. Highlights include:

- Mountain biking
- Orienteering
- Trekking
- Volleyball
- Street hockey
- Beach volleyball
- Dance
- Swimming
- Bob-sled
- Archery
- Yoga
- Cooking

For further information see Pages 4 & 5.

## EXCURSIONS

Campers enjoy two excursions over the weekend.

**SATURDAY** – a full-day excursion that varies depending on camper age-group. There are many fascinating options, but we usually choose from:

- Geneva, United Nations
- Cailler Chocolate Factory and Lausanne
- Lausanne, Olympic Museum

**SUNDAY** – an all-camp fun-day excursion with lots of fun at the Aigle Outdoor Water Park.

All admission fees are included.

On one of the excursions we include a visit to the attractive lakeside town of Vevey.

There will be visits to other local places of interest, some free time and a chance to shop.

## EVENING PROGRAMME

A busy all-action programme usually chosen from:

- Camp Fire
- Amazing race
- Camp Olympics
- Carnival Night
- Sports Night
- Ice Skating
- Dodgeball
- Quiz Night
- Discos
- International Night
- Finale Friday
- Team Challenges

## JUNIOR ADVENTURE CAMP AVAILABLE IN LEYSIN, SWITZERLAND & YORK, ENGLAND

**Ages 7-9**

These popular and well-established camps are the perfect introduction to a residential summer-camp for young children!

- A generous counsellor to camper ratio with patient, caring counsellors who enjoy working with the 7-9 age group.
- Junior Adventure is run as a friendly club.
- In Leysin the programme has its own separate accommodation adjacent to the main group. In York the junior group has its own accommodation area.
- Junior campers enjoy their own club-room, a base for many of the evening activities or just to chill out after busy days.
- The programme is specially adapted for the age-group and is mainly a combination of the activities featured in the respective Sports and Adventure Camps (see Pages 10-13 and 16-18).
- The evening activities are a mix of evenings either just for the juniors or alternatively are combined with others where they join the older campers for spectacular, fun 'All-Camp' events.
- Much of the programme takes place in the open-air with hikes, games, sports, ice-skating, music and dance.
- The Junior Adventure Camp is ideal for a "first-time-away" experience!



## COMBO CAMPS SPEND 4 GREAT WEEKS IN TWO DIFFERENT COUNTRIES!

Combine your Leysin experience with two more weeks of fun and learning at Village Camps locations in either York, England or in the Ardèche in France. For further information please contact the Village Camps office.



# ARDECHE FRANCE

AN IDYLIC SETTING ON THE  
BANKS OF A STUNNING RIVER  
GORGE WITH BRILLIANT  
SUNSHINE IN THE GLORIOUS  
SOUTH OF FRANCE



ARDECHE  
FRANCE





## SPECIALITY PROGRAMMES IN THE ARDECHE

What a wonderful location for a summer camp! A spectacular gorge in the heart of the Ardèche Nature Park in the sunny climate of southern France! Village Camps is privileged to own and manage one of the few Ardèche camp-sites with the advantage of a superb position directly on the river bank.

The comfortable camp-site caters for about 40 international campers which makes for an easy-going family ambience. The riverside location and the Village Camps team inspire campers to make the most of exciting adventures, fun language learning and opportunities to explore the local culture. The small camp numbers give our counsellors both the overall flexibility and generous time to accommodate the special interests of every individual. The core mission is to develop the personal growth of each camper.

Life is friendly and relaxed on the river bank with mountains and forests all around and guaranteed warm sunshine. French is taught at camp but the day-to-day official language is English.

An action-packed, integrated programme for three different camps - Adventure, Advanced Adventure and the French Language.

A fully supervised and varied schedule is organised for each age-group that allows every camper to choose from a generous selection of activities. And everyone at camp, whether on the Adventure or French language programmes, receives comprehensive canoeing instruction in order to prepare for the camp highlight - the 2-day thrilling descent of the river.

The whole camp enjoys this unforgettable canoeing experience, all under the close supervision of Village Camps counsellors and/or qualified local guides (see pages 8 - 11 for more details). During the descent there is time for some optional supervised activities - cliff-jumping and rapids-swimming (weather dependent). Everyone really enjoys the open-air riverbank barbecue and sleeping under the stars!

### PROGRAMME PAGE

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Adventure (11-16 years)	8-11
Advanced Adventure (13-16 years)	8-11

## ARDECHE RIVER CAMP

- Accommodation is in modern, all-weather tents with sprung beds, mattresses and ground cover.
- Shower facilities, a comfortable outside seating area for meals and practical, rustic style but well-equipped classrooms.
- Spacious common areas and excellent quality specialist equipment and canoes.
- Each camper is assigned to a tent according to age and gender with an experienced counsellor responsible for taking special care of the campers in each tent.
- The central building houses a reception and activity area, an attractive terrace dining space, nurse's office and multi-purpose common area.
- The sweeping terrace dining area and a barbecue area overlook the river.

### MEALS

- Campers enjoy their meals in a great setting overlooking the river.
- Healthy, varied dishes are prepared by our resident chef.
- Usually all diets can be catered for with prior notice.

### CAMP & PROGRAMME FACILITIES

- Volleyball court
- Table tennis tables
- Petanque
- Football practice area
- Teaching areas



### EXCURSIONS

Excursions may vary according to local events, weather and the group composition.

- Avignon - visit this famous town with time for shopping.
- Water Park.
- Vallon Pont d'Arc on market day.

## ADVANCED ADVENTURE ARDECHE, FRANCE Ages 13-16

In 2020 suitably qualified campers will enjoy the third summer of an extra challenge for experienced adventurers - our ADVANCED ADVENTURE option. This demanding programme is exclusively reserved for campers in the 13 to 16 age-range who must have completed at least one session of our Ardèche Adventure programme in a previous year.

[For further details of the programme and other important information - see pages 8.](#)





### OPTIONAL AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

- Abseiling
- Arts and crafts
- Basketball
- Beach Party
- Caving
- Cliff jumping
- Football
- Kayaking
- Ropes course
- Stand Up Paddle Boarding
- Survival
- Swimming
- Volleyball

### EVENING ACTIVITIES

- Talent night
- Camp fire
- Sports tournament
- Visit to a local night market
- Egg shoot
- Mini Olympics
- Capture the flag
- Video night
- Super team challenge



## COMBO CAMPS

### SPEND 4 GREAT WEEKS IN TWO DIFFERENT COUNTRIES!

Combine your Ardèche experience with two more weeks of fun and learning at Village Camps locations in Leysin, Switzerland or York, England.

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# ZELL AM SEE AUSTRIA

FUN CHALLENGES IN A SPECTACULAR  
ALPINE MOUNTAIN AND LAKE LOCATION



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## PIESENDORF

Our base is the pretty village of Piesendorf, nestling in the spectacular mountain and lakeside scenery of the Austrian Alps just a 15-minute drive from the famous resort of Zell am See. Imagine boating on the tranquil Lake Zell and looking up high into the mountains above to see the permanent snows of the Kitzsteinhorn, a real glacier! The camp is run family-style by the Village Camps' counsellor team. It all adds up to a friendly, fun time with so much to do.

## CHALET NOTBURGAHOF

- The very special Austrian home for Village Camps groups for many years.
- Friendly, welcoming traditional-style hotel.
- Spacious, high standard multi-bedded rooms (2-5 per room) all with en suite facilities.
- Sports hall/gymnasium, two all-weather tennis courts, an outdoor challenge course and ropes course.
- A relaxing room for board games added to the 'Star Trek' chill out space.
- Meals are provided in the family-style dining room.
- Vegetarian, vegan and other diets are catered for with advance notice.
- Once-a-week barbecue on the terrace.

## ZELL AM SEE FACILITIES

### SPORTS COMPLEX

Within easy-walking distance of the hotel is a superb well-equipped sports complex with its wide-ranging facilities freely available to Village Campers. These include:

- A beautiful swimming pool
- Water slides
- Beach volleyball court
- Football pitch
- 4 clay tennis courts
- Outdoor snooker
- Trampolines
- Evening camp-fire area

## OTHER FACILITIES

- A variety of biking and hiking trails.
- Every camper has a role in the Film Academy production.
- An American Football pitch.

## EXCURSIONS

There is an exceptional choice of visits and excursions from our Piesendorf base. Some of the excursions are for every camper and others just for campers on the speciality programmes – Adventure, Language and the Film Academy:

- Salzburg with a visit to Hellbrunn Castle, 'Sound of Music' film location sites, city sightseeing and shopping time in Salzburg.
- Sigmund Thun Klamm – an impressive, giant gorge and lake with a chance to swim.
- Krimml Waterfall - Europe's highest waterfall.
- Mountain Hut overnight - an exciting hike through the scenic Austrian Alps culminating with an overnight stay in a traditional mountain hut with fun and games a camp fire and cook-out. Campers in the 9-11 Age-group ('Yellows') stay in comfortable tents at a Sports Camp site with a camp fire and cook-out, trampolines, mini-golf, a lake for swimming and a pool complex with sides.
- Language campers - visit a 360° cinema to explore the Alpine Natural World.
- Film campers - go behind the scenes at a state-of-the-art cinema to learn about state-of-the-art projector and 3D technology.
- Adventure campers - take the 'Mountain Goat Challenge' with magnificent views including the dramatic Krimml waterfall.

## OPTIONAL AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Many of these activities provide the core of the Adventure Camp but are also available to Language and Film campers:

- Abseiling
- Arts and crafts
- Basketball
- Football

- Kayaking
- Mini golf
- Mountain biking
- Paddle boarding
- Rodelbahn
- Rock climbing
- Ropes course
- Sailing
- Swimming
- Table tennis
- Tennis
- Trekking

## EVENING ACTIVITIES

A quite exceptional programme of exciting and imaginative games, spectacular events and relaxing activities chosen from some of the following:

- Final Night Disco
- Indoor Olympics
- Team-building challenges
- Games - geared to age-group levels
- Camp-fire
- Carnival Night
- Escape Room Challenge
- Piesendorf - village outings
- Zell Lake Fest
- Bowling Night in Salzburg (for older campers only)

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All camps are for campers aged  
10-17 years



# SANTA CRUZ PORTUGAL

A POPULAR, STUNNING SURF CAMP TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE GREAT ATLANTIC ROLLERS AND THE BEAUTIFUL SANDY BEACHES OF SANTA CRUZ. CAMPERS OPTING FOR THE ALTERNATIVE ADVENTURE CAMP WILL ALSO ENJOY THE BEACHES AND SURFING - AS WELL AS EXCITING CHALLENGES IN THE HILLS AND FORESTS CLOSE BY.



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## SANTA CRUZ

### A GREAT BEACH LOCATION IN SUNNY PORTUGAL!

Santa Cruz and its sandy beaches enjoy a perfect location on the dramatic Costa de Prata coast of Portugal just an hour from the capital, Lisbon. The majestic cliffs and numerous beautiful beaches make this sun-drenched Atlantic coast what many experts consider to be Europe's premier surfing destination. Of the 20 or so beaches in and around Santa Cruz the nearest and best surfing beach is the 'Blue Star' rated Praia de Santa Cruz, just a 15-minute walk from our accommodation.

#### PROGRAMME PAGE

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Both camps are for campers aged 10-17 years.

### RESIDENCE POUSADA DE JUVENTUDE DE SANTA CRUZ

Superbly positioned just a 15-minute walk from the main surfing beaches and Santa Cruz town-centre!

This newly constructed Residence provides comfortable, modern accommodation and nutritious meals. The fresh and spacious apartments have en-suite facilities for 4-6 campers. Our campers have open access to a large, private swimming pool and exclusive use of two activity rooms to chill out and to enjoy our busy evening programme.

### SANTA CRUZ FACILITIES

- A delightful coastal resort with sandy, surf beaches and dramatic, rocky cliffs.
- Campers will enjoy the palm-tree lined promenade full of colourful shops, cafés and restaurants.
- An interesting collection of picturesque 16th century buildings and an impressive church.
- After energetic days surfing, swimming, playing games and adventure activities much of the evening entertainment is based at the Residence.

### OPTIONAL AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

The Surf and Adventure programmes take priority. Surf lessons average between 2 and 3 hours each weekday and take place mainly in the mornings but at times that may vary at the discretion of the local Surf School who take fully into account weather conditions, local tides and general safety matters. This may influence the timing and availability of some of the optional activities on certain afternoons.

Here are some of the amazing, fun activities from which we choose for our campers:

- Abseiling
- Aqua volley
- Archery
- Beach Volleyball
- Body boarding
- Cliff walks (chance to look for fossils)
- Football
- Introduction to surfing
- Kayaking
- Mountain Biking
- Paddle Boarding
- Rock Climbing
- Ropes Course
- Skim boarding
- Surfing
- Tree-top ropes course

### EVENING PROGRAMME

Lots of fun for our campers with the evening entertainment programme selected from the following:

- Discos
- Indoor Olympics
- Instagram Scavenger Hunt
- Talent Night
- Camp-fire
- Carnival Night
- Karaoke evening
- Board Games

### EXCURSIONS

Santa Cruz is a perfect base for a range of outstanding excursions. These are the excursions and visits from which we will make our selection, depending on the interests of the campers and the weather.

**Lisbon** - a very special day to this great capital city. Sightseeing at Belem and its iconic tourist attraction; Pavilhaodo Conhecimento (Lisbon Science Museum); Parque das Nacoes and its impressive shopping mall with free time for shopping.

**Obidos** - a charming, walled medieval city, renowned as one of the '7 Wonders of Portugal.

**Lagoon of Obidos** - a busy, fun adventurous time with activities selected from catamaran sailing, windsurfing, stand-up paddle-boarding, kayaking and canoeing.

**Setubal (Dolphin-watch)** - Troia National Park - Sado Estuary - a real 'highlight' day starting with a sailing catamaran to spot the indigenous Sado Dolphins - an afternoon in the National Park of Troia - on to the Sado Estuary with its unspoiled beaches and Roman ruins.





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