



## RASSIAS PROGRAMS 2009 APPLICATION HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

PROGRAM A – TOURS, FRANCE  
Departs June 20; returns July 20  
Price (including air fare): \$7,800

PROGRAM B – ARLES, FRANCE  
Departs June 22; returns July 24  
Price (including airfare): \$8,000

PROGRAM C – GIJÓN, SPAIN  
Departs June 22; returns July 22  
Price (including airfare): \$7,800  
Soccer Camp Option: \$650

PROGRAM D – SEGOVIA, SPAIN  
Departs June 26; returns July 26  
Price (including airfare): \$7,800

PROGRAM E –  
PONTEVEDRA, SPAIN  
Departs June 27; returns July 27  
Price (including airfare): \$7,800

PROGRAM F –  
GYALTHANG, CHINA  
Departs June 28; returns July 28  
Price (including airfare): \$7,800

Dear Applicant,

Once you have decided to apply to one of our programs, it's necessary to complete several steps. The first step is to call to inform us that you are applying and also to check on space availability. By doing this, we are alerted to your serious interest and can initiate the interview process and expect your essays and reference letters.

There are four pieces to the application process:

- 1) Application and deposit (\$800): Send us the completed application and deposit.
- 2) Two reference letters: Give one of the reference letter requests to your language teacher (unless a beginner; then choose another teacher) and the second to the academic head of your high school or your guidance person.
- 3) Your two essays: Please, please be candid in writing these.
- 4) The interview: This can take place before, during, or after you complete the application; in person or on the phone. If we haven't interviewed you when we receive the application, we will call you or feel free to call us.

Why do we ask for all this? Well, perhaps more importantly than helping us make an acceptance decision, the two essays and reference letters are significant pieces of getting to know you—your strengths and weakness. If you are accepted, we along with our family placers will use the information in these four documents (along with a lot of other information we get from you in the Spring) to help find you the best possible family.

The interview is an the essential part for each of us, and for your parents, in getting to know one another. Not only is it an opportunity for you tell us what your goals and strengths are, but we can tell you honestly who we are and what you can expect. And always remember that we want you to be selecting us, too—it's a match that we are after and not a one-way street.

Once we have all the parts of the application, and assuming we have met you in person or had the chance to talk to you in some detail on the phone, we will contact you with our decision based on the following schedule:

Material received by: November 30—notification by December 15th;  
December 31—notification by January 15th;  
thereafter notification within 15 days of the month following receipt of all materials

If all of your material is not in by the month end, we will either make a preliminary evaluation or roll your application over to the next month, at our discretion. Remember, we are not necessarily looking for "A" students, but rather motivated students who have displayed or whom we can anticipate having a willingness and maturity to be absorbed into a foreign culture, its language, and a new group of students and staff.

If you have any questions, please call us anytime, or look us up on the web at our new address, [www.rassias.com](http://www.rassias.com). We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Bill Miles, Helene Rassias-Miles, and Pam Miles

## WHAT'S INCLUDED IN OUR PRICES

Our prices include almost everything that is a normal program expenditure — admissions, food, lodging, transportation, educational materials, plus round trip air fare from the U.S. (on normally scheduled flights, not charters!). Items of a personal nature (e.g. candy, beverages over the norm, gifts) are not included.

Note also that when you are poking around town with your host family you might offer to chip in for a coffee, movie, etc. The financial impact of these personal expenditures costs anywhere from \$100 to \$200 per week.

## AIR FARES

The air fares included in our prices are for round-trip flights from the US (normally JFK or LAX) to and from our France, Spain and China destination cities. Most students prefer to fly over with their group and one of our staff members, but other arrangements can be made. Air fares are subject to changes . . . by the airline, not us!

Students taking their own flights, are met at Paris, Toulouse, Madrid, or Kunming airports at no additional cost if they arrive or depart on their group's arrival/departure date. If you are arriving or departing on another date or at another airport, we can usually arrange to meet you or take you to the airport (Paris, Toulouse, Madrid, Barcelona, or Kunming), but there is a charge for transportation, time and any expenses incurred. If you do book your own flights there is a reduction of \$700 for European flights and \$1,000 for China in the prices shown. Please let us know your plans early so we can best meet all our needs.

## TO OUR NON-US STUDENTS

We will always make appropriate currency adjustments. Air fare (\$800 Europe; \$1,000 China) should be deducted from those prices if you plan to fly directly to Europe or China. Please call us for details.

## APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS

### 1) Essays

Please enclose with the application two short (1 to 2 pages) essays, in English, on the following topics:

#### Essay 1:

What has been your most exciting academic class? Explain why—the teacher, the content, the subject, your interest; and tell us what you brought and added to the class.

#### Essay 2:

What are your goals for the summer? How will you help us achieve them. What can we do to best help you reach those objectives?

### 2) Reference Letters

Please give each of your two references the appropriate half of the two sections below. Each reference should direct a short letter to us (which can be mailed or emailed) covering what is outlined in the information below. Please have them call us if there are questions.

#### The two references are:

- a) Your current language teacher or if a beginner (Chinese) select another teacher;
- b) The academic head, guidance person, or head of school

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Dear Language Teacher,

This student is applying to one of our homestay/language study programs in France, Spain or China. Would you please provide us with a reference letter for your student? You may either mail it directly to us or email it. We are primarily interested in the student's motivation, classroom demeanor, strengths and weaknesses in the target language, and interpersonal attributes. You may also provide us with her/his current grade and/or class rank if you wish.

Thank you very much for taking the time to correspond with us. If you have any questions, please call or email us.

Sincerely,

Bill Miles, Helene Rassias-Miles, and Pam Miles

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Dear Academic Head, Guidance Person, Principal, or Head of School,

This student is applying to one of our homestay/language study programs in France, Spain or China. Would you please provide us with a reference letter for him or her? You may either mail it directly to us or email it. We are interested in this student's academic seriousness and inspiration as well as his or her social and extracurricular pursuits. His or her sense of humor, anecdotes that might illustrate personality, etc. are all useful in helping us help this student have the best possible summer experience.

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## I. APPLICATION

Student information (Please enclose two recent photos of yourself)

Legal (exact passport) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Expiration \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Issue \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

gender  male  female Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_ current grade \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent(s)/Guardian Information

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

tel (h) \_\_\_\_\_ cell (h) \_\_\_\_\_ tel (w) \_\_\_\_\_ cell (w) \_\_\_\_\_

email (parent's) \_\_\_\_\_ email (w) \_\_\_\_\_

email (student's) \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete if parents living separately and other parent is to receive copies of all information.**

**Emergency address and telephone (if parents unavailable)**

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

tel (h) \_\_\_\_\_

tel (h) \_\_\_\_\_

### Applicant's school information

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

tel \_\_\_\_\_

As of June 2009, what level the target language will you have completed? \_\_\_\_\_

And what have you done for the past three summers?

2008

2007

2006

How did you hear about us?

## II. TRIP CHOICE (Please number choices 1, 2 and 3, but only if you will accept your 2nd or 3rd choice)

Program A – Tours, France; June 20 to July 20; \$7,800

Program B – Arles, France; June 22 to July 24; \$8,000

Program C – Gijón, Spain; June 22 to July 22; \$7,800

Soccer Camp Option: \$650

Program D – Segovia, Spain; June 26 to July 26; \$7,800

Program E – Pontevedra, Spain; June 27 to July 27; \$7,800

Program F – Gyalthang, China; June 28 to July 28; \$7,800

• In signing this application, the student and his/her parents/guardians accept and agree to all terms and conditions as outlined in this brochure and the accompanying application.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* In signing this application, the student and his/her parents/guardians accept to agree to all terms and conditions as outlined in this brochure and the accompanying application, including the terms of the release.

Note: Rassias Programs reserves the right to alter or cancel any portion of the itineraries.

Please return this portion of the application with your deposit (\$800.00).

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### III. PROGRAM DETAILS

**Housing:** Housing during home stays will be with carefully selected hosts. For the traveling portion of the program, accommodations will be simple and comfortable.

**Age requirements:** Participants range in age from approximately 14 to 17 and are current 9th through 11th graders (12th graders accepted in China).

General requirements: Students are expected to have a keen desire to learn the target language and to explore the culture of the host country. Successful applicants will be chosen on the basis of their interests and commitment to the ideals of the program.

**Conditions that will be strictly observed:**

No drugs permitted (resulting in immediate dismissal at parent's/guardian's expense). No drinking permitted, with the exception of small amounts during certain meals, social gatherings, and food tasting which are part of the program, and then only in the presence of staff and/or parents of the host families. Any violation of the rules as well as behavior improper to our trips could result in dismissal at parent's/guardian's expense.

### IV. TUITION AND FEES

Our prices include all necessary program expenses, such as airfare from New York- JFK, LAX, or Newark to our destination city and back, teaching fees, educational materials, land transportation, and entry fees to all planned excursions. Fees do not include: student's medical expenses and student's incidental expenses, such as spending money, gifts, postage, etc.

Program A: \$7,800 June 20 to July 20 Program B: \$8,000 June 22 to July 24 Program C: \$7,800 June 22 to July 22; Soccer Camp: \$650

Program D: \$7,800 June 26 to July 26 Program E: \$7,800 June 27 to July 27 Program F: \$7,800 June 28 to July 28

Special Note: Trip itinerary and/or price may vary depending on rates of exchange, travel regulations, airline tariffs, and taxes at time of payment. Airline refunds are subject to the carrier's regulations.

### V. TERMS OF PAYMENT

1. \$800 Deposit submitted with application

2. Tuition Balance due not later than March 31 or 2 weeks after acceptance whichever is later

3. Refund policy – \$50 Processing fee is non-refundable, balance of deposit refunded only if applicant is not accepted by Rassias Programs.

\$100 is nonrefundable in case of client cancellation prior to March 31.

For withdrawal (date based on receipt by us of written notification)

Prior to March 31 – 100% refundable less \$50 or \$100 (see above) Prior to May 1 – 50% refundable

After April 30 – non refundable

Applications received after March 31 must be accompanied by full payment. This amount is fully refundable less \$50 processing fee if rejected.

### VI. ADMISSIONS POLICY

Rassias Programs has a rolling admissions policy. Our application deadline is March 31 but our programs typically fill up much earlier. Late applications are accepted, space permitting. Please call us at (603) 643-3007 before making a late application.

### VII. TRIP CANCELLATION AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE

We strongly recommend that you purchase tuition/trip cancellation and emergency illness and accident insurance. We will provide you information from a tuition/travel insurance company in the Spring as a convenience to you. However, we are not insurance experts—it is your responsibility to properly research and purchase this insurance.

### VIII. PERSONAL SIDE TRIPS

Participants may visit with family or friends provided we have received written permission from their parents or guardians on file with us preferably before the start of the trip. These trips should be limited to day trips and are not our policy during family stay. Any additional cost this may entail is the responsibility of the participant's family. Rassias Programs is relieved of all responsibility over the student while on such visits.

### IX. EMERGENCY FUNDS

If it becomes necessary to wire money to a participant, funds and a \$25 service charge must first be received by our Hanover, NH office.

### X. MEDICAL CARE

The cost of medical services, including expenses for both the participant and the staff person who accompanies him or her, will be the responsibility of the parents/guardians.

**Policies:**

I understand the travel and physical requirements of the Rassias Programs. I state that \_\_\_\_\_ is in good physical health to participate in all aspects of the program. (At various times this may include but is not limited to bicycle riding, wind surfing, hiking, sailing, kayaking, and horseback riding.) Also, \_\_\_\_\_ has had a medical examination within the last six months, has been found in good health, and is fully covered by our medical insurance carrier: \_\_\_\_\_. If there are any health conditions (mental or physical) that the program should be aware of, I/we will so inform Rassias Programs of all details. I further understand that any expenses directly or indirectly related to any accident, injury or illness, incurred by \_\_\_\_\_, during or as a result of the trip will be our sole responsibility. I further agree to assume all responsibility for any or all debts incurred on the trip by myself, or \_\_\_\_\_, including but not limited to the cost of telephone calls, faxes, cables and transportation provided by Rassias Programs. I have also read, understand and accept the Rassias Programs Terms of Payment, Release, and Further Policies. Trips begin and end at designated meeting places. The seasonal nature of summer trips precludes rebate of tuition for late arrival, early withdrawal, or dismissal for cause.

**Release:**

Each applicant, parent, and/or guardian is aware, and acknowledges that awareness by execution of the application, of the risks of injury which are associated with travel in foreign countries and participation in a study abroad program. Each applicant and his or her parents and/or guardian, in consideration of the applicant's acceptance and enrollment in this language study program, assume all risks in connection with all participation and activities in said program, and release Helene Rassias Miles, William Miles, Rassias Language Programs Abroad, Inc., d/b/a Rassias Programs, and all agents and instructors thereof from any damages resulting from any injury or damage which may befall the applicant in connection with his or her participation in the program, including all risks connected therewith, whether foreseen or unforeseen. Each applicant further agrees to waive and hold harmless Helene Rassias Miles, William Miles, Pam Miles, Rassias Language Programs Abroad, Inc., d/b/a Rassias Programs, and all officers, directors, employees, agents, instructors, and host families thereof from any liabilities, losses, claims (including but not limited to contract and tort claims, except tort claims based on specific intentional conduct) and damages resulting from any injury or damage which may befall the applicant in connection with his or her participation in the program, including all risks connected therewith, whether foreseen or unforeseen, and whether arising from the negligence of any of the released parties or otherwise. Each applicant and his or her parents and/or guardian further agrees to waive and hold harmless Helene Rassias Miles, William Miles, Rassias Language Programs Abroad Inc., d/b/a Rassias Programs, and all officers, directors, employees agents, instructors and host families thereof from any and all liability associated with participation by the applicant in this language study program. Each applicant and his or her parents and/or guardian acknowledge that the host families are not employees of and/or agents of Rassias Language Programs Abroad, Inc. In the event of injury, each applicant and his or her parents and/or guardian authorize and consent to reasonable emergency treatment for such injuries. I also permit my photo, videos and/or audio/videos and comments to be used in future literature. Any and all legal issues and/or claims will be construed in accordance with the laws of the state of New Hampshire without regard to choice of laws principles and/or will be brought and/or tried solely in the state of New Hampshire. Any modification of this release must be signed in writing by all parties. Furthermore, in applying for a Rassias Programs we hereby understand and accept the following terms and conditions:

- No drugs permitted (offenders will be immediately dismissed at parental/guardian expense).
- No drinking of alcohol permitted, with the exception of small amounts during social gatherings, certain meals, and food tasting parties which are part of the program, and only in the presence of staff and/or home stay families.
- All participants must adhere to all rules of safety and conduct at all times.
- Students and parents accept and understand the risks inherent in all programs which may include injury or death.
- Any violation of the rules as well as behavior incompatible with the programs could result in dismissal at parents'/guardians' expense.
- No refunds are available for any cause [Note: this may change if the limitation of liability provision is used]. Trip insurance is recommended.
- Trip itinerary and/or prices may vary depending on rates of exchange, travel regulations, airline tariffs, and taxes at time of payment.  
All airline refunds are made subject to the carrier's regulations.