



Welcome to Germany and to the 7TH EN BDE

Day 1:

This is what you should expect within the first 24 hours of arriving. Please note that most will arrive after 1800, everything on base in Ansbach closes at 1800. It is important to bring the following items if possible due to the policy often referred to as plane to house:

Bed sheets, pillows, blankets, towels, toiletries

We can set you up with a hotel room if needed, but it will only be authorized one day. Do not get a hotel room in Ramstein, it will not be reimbursed, anything over the one day will also not be reimbursed. The hotel used is Army Lodging Ansbach, Brainard Hall Urlas Housing, Bldg. 8152, Germany, 91522. The hotel has to be booked in advance and your sponsor can help you get set up with your hotel. If you arrive after 1800 and you reserved a room then you will need the code for the hotel key lock box. You will receive once you reserve your room. The coded lock box is located inside the hotel lobby and will have your room key.

We encourage you to have euros on hand when arriving so your sponsor can take you off post to get basic items, including food, if necessary, but ATM's (Geldautomat) on-post and off post are available. Most major retailers take Master and Visa credit cards in the event that you do not have any euros.

If you have kids, we encourage you to get sports physicals prior to arriving in Ansbach. Sports Physicals are appointment only and could take up to 30 to 60 days to book an appointment. Your kids will not be able to take part in any organized school/intermural sports if that sports physical is not completed.

Day 2:

Your sponsor will pick you up the next day between 0900-1000 and take you to drop off your paperwork with in-processing so you can be scheduled for in-processing (expect it to take 8-10 days to complete in-processing). It is highly encouraged you complete you JKO U.S. Forces Driver's Training Program for Europe training prior to your arrival. If you completed your driver's training on JKO prior to arriving then you will go upstairs to the driver's license office to fill out your paperwork and receive your temp license (pay with card, no cash accepted) and then you will go over to the post office and have the opportunity to get any packages you send prior to arriving. It is highly recommended that you send stuff to your mailbox prior to arriving, your sponsor can help you get set up with your Ansbach APO Box. Ensure you check what is allowed through customs as that could quickly get you into trouble.

Next, you will be taken to the PX and commissary to buy anything you may need. This will also give you the chance to set up phone (home and cell), internet, and cable. For the cable it works best if you have a streaming device (it works best when you have an ethernet connection on your device). The next day you will fully start the 8-10 Garrison in-processing process with support from your sponsor.