

Dear Host Family,

I am Adele from Germany and I am 15 years old. I live in Celle, near to Hanover.

My parents are called Frank and Christiane and I have one brother and one sister. Their names are Tilman and Luise and they are 21 and 18 years old. I live together with my parents and my sister, my brother already lives in Hanover because he is studying medicine. My mother is a doctor in the hospital of Celle and my father works with refugees voluntarily. We all have a good relationship and I love it to spend time with my family.

My parents worked for a long time in Brazil with the indigenous there, that's why my siblings and I are born in Brazil. I understand Portuguese (the Brazilian one) but I don't speak much and well because I just was four years old when we moved to Germany. This is one of the reasons why I want to go to Portugal. I hope that I can practice my Portuguese while I am with you.

I have a lot of hobbies: I play violin and the piano, I dance ballet, I sing in my school choir and I play violin in my school orchestra. I play violin and dance since I am 6 years old and I really love it. In addition to my regular hobbies I am interested in photography and baking or cooking. One and a half year ago I bought a camera with my own money. It was expensive but worth it. All of my friends have to model for me because I always get new ideas for pictures. Photographing my friends is very fun. As I said I love it to cook or bake. When someone has a birthday it is always my job to make the birthday cake. I also often cook for my family. So when I spend a half of a year at your's house you must be prepared that I would cook some German food for you :) But I am also very interested to try typical Portuguese food.

I already was in Portugal for a few times, always in holidays and I love it there. The landscape is beautiful and the food is also good. But the main thing is that the people there always have been so friendly and helpful. I hope that I can meet new people in Portugal and make new friends. I am absolutely a person who needs to have people around me. Obviously not all the time but most of. I love it to try new things and activities

In my free time I often do different activities, like shopping, swimming, eating etc with my friends and family. In summer I nearly spend all my time at the river in our city with my friends. There you can go swimming, lay in the sun or play some games. But I also like it to meet just one of my friends, sit in my room and just talk about a lot of things. Surely there are some days I just do my homework and stay the whole day at home. In addition to that I work as a volunteer in our church. I do different activities with other teenagers and confirmants. I don't go to church every week but the belief is important for me. I also love it to do sports and I am very interested to try out a new sport in Portugal. I workout three to four times a week together with my sister and it is very fun. It is a great opportunity to get your mind free.

I want to go to Portugal because I think that this would be a great experience for me. I hope that we will build up a great relationship. I would like to learn and maybe see as much as possible about Portugal and the traditions. I am sure that there are very different traditions in Portugal and Germany. I just hope for a great time which we will miss when it is over.

When I asked my friends to describe me they said things like „always in a good mood“, „cute laugh“, „motivated for new things“, „crazy and funny“ or „our little sunshine“. So yes I think that I am the one in my friend group who brings up the good mood. At least mostly :)

So now I would say something about my school. Most of the time I am motivated at school and I would say that I have good marks. But marks are not everything for me. Since I am a little girl my parents told me that I don't have to learn for my marks rather for my life. This is always my motto in school. My favourite subjects are politics, geography, math and art but I don't have a subject I really hate. I don't have any problems with my teachers and honestly I am very lucky with my class. I am in a music class. This means that we have more music lessons in a week than the other classes. We do more practical things in music and once a year we have a class concert. We have to play at least one instrument. I like it but the music class just exist until 10th grade. So this is my last year in a music class.

Honestly I don't know what to write about me now. So here are some random facts about me:

- I go nearly everywhere by bike
- I love animals but I have respect for horses
- I love the Marvel movies, Harry Potter and Pirates of the Caribbean
- when I have the time for it I love it to read books especially fantasy books
- I really like food
- I am just 1,60 meters high
- I love it to be outside (more when it is warm outside)

É isso, que queria contar de mim. Espero que tenham gostado da minha carta e que possamos passar um semestre maravilhoso juntos e experimentar coisas novas. Eu ficaria muito feliz em morar com vocês.

Anteciosamente

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