

Dear Future Host Family,

My name is Ann-Charlotte, and I am very excited to write this letter to you. I am 15 years old and I live with my family in Pattensen, which is a small town near Hannover, Germany. In my family, I have two siblings. My brother Christian is 18 years old, and he is currently preparing for his Abitur, which is very important for his future studies. My sister Isabelle is 20 years old, and she is studying medicine. I admire both of them a lot; they motivate me to do well in my studies too.

I am looking forward to my year in Portugal and getting to know you all! I'm very much interested in Portuguese culture and the way of living in Portugal. I like to experience new countries, last year, for example, I did an exchange with a girl from France and I was living with her family for 3 months. That was a great experience and motivated me, to do the one year abroad in Portugal.

I have a lovely home on a farm, where we live with a few animals. We have three rabbits, and I love spending time with them. They are very cute and playful! My aunt also has some goats, which can be quite funny and entertaining. Living on a farm gives me a lot of joy, as I really enjoy being around animals. I believe that caring for them teaches me responsibility. But I also find Life in the City very cool and would like to experience it.

In addition to animals, I have many hobbies. I play the piano and the violin. Swimming is another passion of mine. I swim three times a week, and it helps me to stay fit and healthy. I enjoy the feeling of being in the water. On Fridays, I also take a couple dance class. Dancing is so much fun, and I love to learn new moves and styles. I often practice dancing with my friends, and we have a great time together.

I really enjoy being outdoors. Exploring new places and spending time in nature makes me happy. I find it refreshing to be outside, especially when the weather is nice. I have a very open personality, so I am always ready to try new activities and meet new people. I believe that every day is an opportunity to learn something new.

On weekends, I often have swimming competitions, which are very important to me. Competing makes me feel excited and gives me a chance to show my progress. I also love swimming in the sea. The feeling of the waves and the sun on my skin is amazing! Beach holidays are my favorite, and I enjoy relaxing by the water with my family and friends.

I am very disciplined and always try to do my best in everything I do. In school, my favorite subjects are biology and maths. I find them interesting, and I enjoy learning about how the world works. I always try to get good grades because I believe education is important for my future. I also enjoy to learn new languages. For now, I speak English and French and I am eager to learn Portuguese.

When I am not studying or practicing my hobbies, I enjoy cooking and baking. I love to experiment in the kitchen and try out new recipes. Cooking with friends is always a great time, and we enjoy tasting each other's creations. I also like to spend time with my family. Sometimes we play board games or watch movies together.

Also I like to spend the holidays with my family. During the last years we went to Spain, England, Croatia and Sweden. With my swimming club I went to a training camp in Egypt and Cyprus and this summer I experienced Italy together with my brother and his exchange student from the US.

Shopping in Hannover with my friends is another activity I enjoy. It is fun to explore different shops and find new clothes or accessories. We often spend a whole day in the city, laughing and having a good time.

I am excited to learn about your culture and traditions in Portugal. I hope we can go on adventures together, visiting cities, explore the beautiful nature, and perhaps spend some time at the beach.

I am also very eager to try new foods and learn to cook some Portuguese recipes. Cooking is a wonderful way to connect with people, and I look forward to sharing meals with you.

As I prepare for this new adventure, I am filled with joy and anticipation. I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of your family and to experience life in Portugal. I believe this year will be filled with amazing memories, laughter, and friendships.

Thank you for welcoming me into your home. I am ready to learn, explore, and create wonderful moments together.

Warm regards,

Ann-Charlotte