

What to Bring to AIS-Salzburg: Boarding Students

Important Pre-considerations:

I *Climate:* The Salzburg region is warm and pleasant in the summer, early fall, and late spring. However, temperatures during the winter months can often be around or below zero degrees. Precipitation occurs throughout the year with rain in the Fall and Spring and snow during the winter months. [Information here.](#)

II. *Space:* Each student will be given adequate (but not generous) closet and storage space in the dormitory rooms which must be equitably shared with their roommate(s). Personal items which cannot be stored in the space provided must be marked and deposited in storage areas specified by the resident-care staff and available on request only. Additional or replacement furnishings are not allowed in the school's dormitory rooms and all personal items must fit neatly in the rooms without violation of any health, safety, or fire codes.

III. *Academic Attire/Dress Code:* Students at AIS-Salzburg will spend the majority of their time each day (M-F) under the requirements of “academic attire” or “casual attire” within the parameters of the school's dress code ([link](#)). Therefore, students and parents should be certain that the clothing brought to the school meet the expectations of this code. It is recommended that all students have a minimum of five or six outfits that meet the expectations of “academic attire” and an appropriate number of casual clothing items; none of which are in violation of the school's expectations. This means that young men should bring a minimum of four or five pairs of pants which are not of denim and do not have patch pockets and at least four or five shirts with collars (dress or polo shirts). Girls should have slacks or pants which are also not made of denim and do not have patch pockets, as well as dresses, tops, and other items of clothing which are in agreement with the school's expectations for academic attire.

Items you must bring...

- clothes which meet the school's academic and casual attire expectations
- a warm coat, winter hat and gloves
- dress shoes which are durable, comfortable, and weatherproof and can be worn inside and out
- a raincoat or light jacket and umbrella
- athletic shoes for physical education classes as well as specific footwear for competitive sports
- bath towels (2-3) and bathing suit; toiletries; electronic charging cables; laptop computer
- a suit or jacket and slacks with necktie for more formal occasions and events (male boarders)
- a dress or outfit with appropriate shoes for more formal occasions and events (female boarders)
- valid passport and visa (for those who require one) as well as updated health records and other personal documents to be deposited in the front office upon arrival

Items you should bring...

- small lock for your books locker - either keyed or combination; small backpack or book bag
- a small, lockable case for valuables and personal items (safe boxes are available in the front office)
- photos of family and friends
- sports equipment: tennis racquets; work-out clothing; football cleats; ski/snowboard equipment (to be placed in storage); required sports safety equipment including helmets (required by law for skiing, snowboarding, and cycling in Austria)
- portable, bluetooth® listening devices—headphones or ear pods
- eyeglasses, contacts (with prescription)
- personal smartphone or telephone (note: may not be used during academic hours)

Items you may consider bringing...

- musical instrument, carrying case, and music stand
- a bicycle with good lock
- a personal pillow and pillowcase and/or blanket
- personal grooming appliances (*Note: Must function on 210 volts!*)

Please do NOT bring...

- clothing that is in violation of the school's dress code
- large appliances (desktop computers, televisions, Xbox® or similar gaming consoles
- water cookers, heaters, toasters, stereo systems, speakers (music must not be audible outside of room), electric blankets, hot plates, or electrical appliances which will not function on 210 volts
- expensive jewelry or watches
- weapons of any sort
- candles, matches, lighters, incense or other flammables (fire code and disciplinary violation!)
- pets or live animals
- bed linen (supplied by the school)
- prescription medication (only if deposited with the school office staff)
- furniture of any kind
- motorized or electric vehicles of any kind, including electric scooters or mopeds

If you are uncertain as to whether or not a particular personal item is allowed in the school dormitories or on campus, please call and speak with the school staff before packing.

Note 1: Accommodation Details

All dormitory rooms are equipped with shower, sink and toilet; single or bunk beds with mattresses and bedding; desk and chair for each resident; closet; storage unit or dressers; window curtains, and shelving.

Note 2: Laundry Service

The school house staff is responsible for the laundering of student clothing. Laundry is dropped of on an assigned day each week and is returned within 48 hours to the students.

Note 3: Lockers

Small book lockers are assigned to all boarding students and are found on the ground floor of the school buildings, outside of the classrooms. These are to be kept clean and orderly and a small keyed or combination lock should be brought with the student to keep their lockers safe.

Note 4: Room Tidiness

The house staff will clean the rooms and bathrooms and change the bedding on a weekly basis. All resident students, however, are responsible for keeping their rooms tidy. Tidy-room checks are done regularly throughout the week and each room must meet the following criteria:

- lights turned off; door closed and locked
- desktops and floors cleared and tidy (nothing on the floors which hinders cleaning/vacuuming)
- beds made
- windows kipped open (if windows are equipped with this possibility)
- bathrooms and bathroom floors tidy
- closet shelves tidy and all clothes, shoes, etc. put away