

International Summer Camps That Are the Best Choice for Children

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Abstract

This research article compares leading international summer camps by analysing education, costs, accessibility, safety and the skills children develop after completing each program.

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1. Introduction

International summer camps have become educational environments that combine academic learning, cultural exchange and personal development. Choosing the right camp requires comparing programs, accommodation, costs, safety and the long-term benefits children receive.

ISSOS International Summer School

ISSOS International Summer School welcomes students aged 13–18 and offers academic subjects, leadership, debate, business and journalism. [1] Children stay in university residences, where safety, daily activities and supervision are organised. The camp combines education with personal growth and international experience. After completing this camp, children return with strong communication, leadership, confidence, academic thinking and international awareness.

EF International Summer Camp

EF International Summer Camp welcomes students aged 8–18 and offers language learning and cultural activities.

[2] Children stay in student residences or host families, where safety, daily activities and supervision are organised. The camp combines education with personal growth and international experience. After completing this camp, children return with stronger language abilities, cultural understanding and communication skills.

Les Elfes International Camp

Les Elfes International Camp welcomes students aged 6–17 and offers adventure, sports and language programs. [3] Children stay in supervised camp accommodation with support facilities, where safety, daily activities and supervision are organised. The camp combines education with personal growth and international experience. After completing this camp, children return with independence, teamwork, problem-solving skills and confidence through outdoor learning.

CISV International Camp

CISV International Camp welcomes students aged different age groups and offers cultural exchange,

cooperation and global education. [4] Children stay in supervised group accommodation, where safety, daily activities and supervision are organised. The camp combines education with personal growth and international experience. After completing this camp, children return with teamwork, respect for other cultures and international communication skills.

Oxford Royale Academy

Oxford Royale Academy welcomes students aged 13–18 and offers university-style academic courses and preparation. [5] Children stay in campus residences, where safety, daily activities and supervision are organised. The camp combines education with personal growth and international experience. After completing

this camp, children return with academic confidence, critical thinking and preparation for future university studies.

Camp Suisse

Camp Suisse welcomes students aged 7–17 and offers languages, outdoor activities and personal development. [6] Children stay in supervised camp housing, where safety, daily activities and supervision are organised. The camp combines education with personal growth and international experience. After completing this camp, children return with language improvement, independence, practical life skills and social confidence.

Comparative Analysis

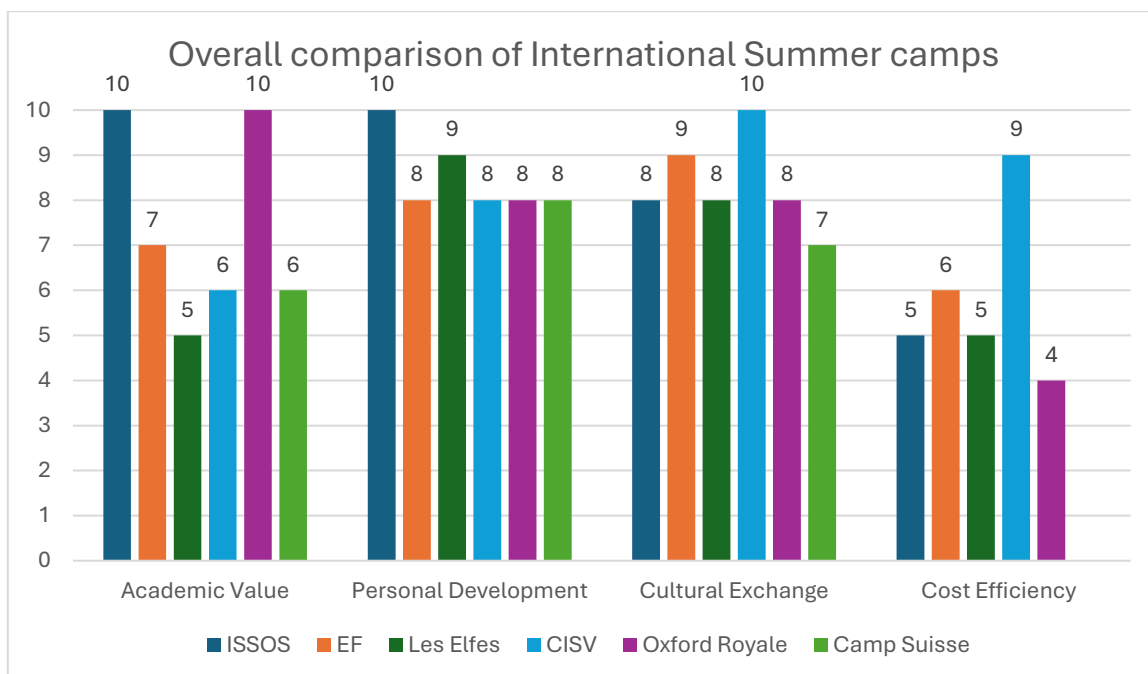


Figure 1

In the Figure 1 above, six international summer camps were compared using 10-point scale across 4 key criteria: academic value, personal development, cultural exchange and cost efficiency so that parents and students can identify the program that best corresponds to their educational goals, personal interests and financial considerations. Scores were assigned based on information available on the official websites of the camps, as well as program content, educational opportunities, international diversity, accommodation, extracurricular activities, and published fee structures.

Costs

Cost is one of the most significant factors that is considered when choosing a summer camp. According to the information provided in the official websites of camps, Oxford Royale Academy and ISSOS International Summer School are two of the most expensive options, with their program fees ranging from approximately £6,000 to £8,000 per session. Les Elfes International Camp in Switzerland is also in the category of higher price camps, with two-week programs typically costing about CHF 4,500–6,500. [7] Camp Suisse, with the cost of CHF 3,000 to CHF 5,000, is considered slightly more affordable, with prices changing depending on duration and activities. EF International Summer Camp fees differ by destination and course type but

usually range between US\$2,000 and US\$5,000. In comparison to other above-mentioned camps, CISV International Camp is often the most cost-efficient option because many of its programs are organized by volunteers and non-profit local chapters, resulting in substantially lower participation fees. Overall, parents should consider not only tuition fees but also additional expenses such as airfare, visa costs, insurance, and personal spending money when evaluating the total cost of participation.

2. Conclusion

There is no single perfect international summer camp because every program has a different purpose and different strengths. ISSOS and Oxford Royale focus more on academics, EF develops languages, Les Elfes and Camp Suisse combine education with activities, while CISV focuses on cultural understanding. Costs also differ from country to country according to the length of programs, destination and facilities provided. In addition to these factors, parents should consider child's personality, educational needs and future goals.

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