



## Mariana aus Portugal (Städtewahl HAMBURG)

**Alter bei Ankunft:** 16 Jahre alt

**Programmlänge:** 24.08.2024- 21.06.2025

**Hobbies:** Nähen, Lesen, Trainieren

**Allergien:** keine

**Vegetarier:** Nein

### Dear Potential Future Host Family,

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Mariana, I'm 16 years old, and I'm from Portugal. I'm thrilled to get to know you, but first, I'd like to share a bit about myself.

In my free time, I enjoy sewing. I started because I sometimes find it hard to get clothes that fit me well or match my style even though my style is not extremely unique or out of the ordinary, so I decided to start creating my own or even to change a couple of things from regular clothes that I bought in any shop. I find the process of sewing both relaxing and fun. I also enjoy baking and cooking, which began as a way to have more control over what I ate. I wanted to make some healthier versions of my favorite snacks, like muffins. Soon, it became something I really loved to do. I also attend community gatherings at my church aside from the regular mass on Sundays. I'm Catholic, and my church has two gatherings a week. One is for Bible study, and the other is for the Eucharist, though this can change depending on the time of year. I find that these gatherings are uplifting as well as a great way to connect with others in my community.

My family life is typically quite busy. My parents work a lot and don't always have as much time to spend with us as they'd like. When my sister and I were younger, we spent our afternoons at our grandparents' house after school. Now that we're older, we usually wait at home. I usually make dinner but depending on what time my parents get home we might just not have time to dine together. Although my parents have busy schedules, they always try to drive us to and from school, which gives us a good chance to catch up. They also make an effort to take us to football matches. We support Benfica, even though our stadium is quite far, and we're not having the best season, we always try to make an effort to go watch the games. On weekends, we often have movie marathons, taking turns choosing which movies to watch, although it usually ends up being me and my sister who make the final decision.

When it comes to my personality, I might seem shy at first, but once I warm up, I can be quite talkative. There are times when I appear quiet



but usually, it's just because I'm lost in thought. I can drift off sometimes, but I assure you that I'm not bored or sad—I just have a lot on my mind. I also consider myself adaptable. I've changed schools quite a few times because of my dad's work as a civil engineer, so I've found myself having to adjust to new environments and making new friends quite often. Luckily, Portuguese people are generally very friendly and welcoming, which helped a lot.

I'm really looking forward to meeting you and learning more about your family and culture.

Warm regards, Mariana

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