

# Germany

## Travel Facts



### US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Germany due to terrorism.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

### US Embassy/Consulate

[49] (30) 8305-0; US Embassy in Berlin, Clayallee 170, 14191 Berlin, Federal Republic of Germany; <https://de.usembassy.gov/>; [BerlinPCO@state.gov](mailto:BerlinPCO@state.gov)

### LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

### Telephone Code

49

### Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance and Fire: 112; Police: 110

### Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Germany: hepatitis A, polio, tick-borne encephalitis, rabies, hepatitis B, influenza, COVID-19, pneumonia, meningitis, chickenpox, shingles, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and measles, mumps and rubella (MMR). <http://www.who.int/>

### Climate

Temperate, and marine; cool, cloudy, wet winters and summers; occasionally warm mountain (foehn) wind

### Currency (Code)

Euros (EUR)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, F



Type C



Type F

### Major Languages

German

### Major Religions

Roman Catholic, Protestant, Muslim

### Time Difference

UTC+1 (6 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in March, ends last Sunday in October

### Potable Water

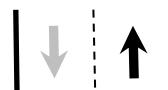
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### International Driving Permit

Suggested

### Road Driving Side

Right



### Tourist Destinations

Brandenburg Gate; Cologne Cathedral; Black Forest; Neuschwanstein Castle; Miniatur Wunderland & Historic Port of Hamburg; Heidelberg; Dresden; Nuremberg; Munich; Saxon Switzerland State Park; Rhine Valley; Berlin's Museum Island; Rothenburg and the Romantic Road

### Major Sports

Soccer, handball, basketball, ice hockey, volleyball

### Cultural Practices

Punctuality is considered a virtue in Germany. Being on time is not just a social nicety: it's considered a matter of respect.

### Tipping Guidelines

Round up the bill in a restaurant. If the service is particularly good, you may add a few euros and/or leave a 5-10% tip. Tip taxi drivers 5-10% of the total fare. Tip porters 1-2 euros per bag. Leave 1-2 euros for housekeeping per night.

### Souvenirs

Carved wooden cuckoo clocks, music boxes, nutcracker figurines, and Christmas ornaments; crystal, porcelain, and glassware; traditional clothing, beer steins and glasses, Steiff teddy bears, Hummel figurines, antiques

### Traditional Cuisine

Sauerbraten — beef braised in a marinade typically consisting of red wine vinegar, cloves, nutmeg, peppercorns, cinnamon, ginger, and juniper berries and simmered in a pot for several hours; typically served with potato dumplings and red cabbage

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