



## IAESTE App: Country Information

### General information:

- Country: Germany
- Capital: Berlin
- Population: 83,1 Mio
- National language(s): German
- Currency: Euro
- Time zone: Central European Time (CET, UCT+01:00)
- Voltage: 230 volts
- Phone country code: +49
- Cities with IAESTE LCs:  
Aachen, Augsburg, Berlin, Bochum, Bonn, Bremen, Cottbus, Darmstadt, Dresden, Erlangen, Freiberg, Freiburg, Freising, Göttingen, Greifswald, Halle, Hamburg, Hannover, Heidelberg, Ilmenau, Jena, Kaiserslautern, Karlsruhe, Kiel, Koblenz, Köln, Konstanz, Leipzig, Lübeck, Lüneburg, Mainz, München, Potsdam, Rostock, Saarbrücken, Stuttgart, Wernigerode
- Climate: *(What's the average weather like during each season?)*
  - In most of Germany: moderately continental, unstable weather
  - northernmost area: humid, rainy, windy, cloudy
  - southcentral, Alps: mountainous climate, snowy in winter

### Travel tips:

- Fun facts about the country: *(around 5, a few sentences each):*
  - More than 800 million "Currywürste" (sausages served with a spicy sauce) are eaten in Germany each year.
  - According to the German "Brotregister" (bread register) there are about 3200 different bread specialties in Germany.
  - Beer is considered as food in Bavaria
  - The longest word published in German is Donaudampfschiffahrtselektrizitätenhauptbetriebswerkbauunterbeamtengesellschaft. (Please don't ask for the English translation!)
  - The Christmas tree (Tannenbaum) tradition came from Germany.

- Cities/towns that you recommend visiting: *(short description for each, pointing out the most important landmarks people should visit):*
  - Berlin
    - German capital
    - 3,77 million residents from about 190 nations
    - largest train station in Europe
    - 9 times bigger than Paris and has more bridges than Venice
    - More museums (180) than rainy days per year (106)
    - There are 1,000 Spätis (late night stores) at which you can buy beer at all hours
    - annual International Berlin Beer Festival = 2.2 kilometers of beer
    - Watch out for Berliner Bär (statues)
    - Food & drinks: Berliner Pfannkuchen, Döner, Currywurst, Kassler mit Sauerkraut, Eisbein, Splitterbrötchen, Club Mate, Berliner Luft
    - Landmarks
      - Brandenburg Gate
      - Rebuilt Reichstag
      - Museum Island
      - German Museum of Technology
      - East Side Gallery
      - Berlin's Television Tower
      - Berlin Opera and Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra
  - Dresden
    - Saxony's capital at the Elbe river
    - 560 000 residents
    - Food: Eierschecke, Quarkkeulchen, Fettbemme, Dresdner Pfefferkuchen, Dresdner Sauerbraten mit Rotkraut, Dresdner Stollen, Dresdner Kartoffelsuppe
    - Landmarks:
      - Frauenkirche
      - Semper Opera House
      - The Zwinger
      - The Elbe and the Dresden Elbe Valley
      - Brühl Terrace
      - Christmas Market
      - The Georgentor and the Procession of Princes
  - Hamburg
    - Germany's largest port city, located in northern Germany
    - 1,9 million residents
    - Food & drinks: Fischbrötchen, Labskaus, Franzbrötchen, Aalsuppe, Rundstück warm, Rote Grütze mit Vamillesoße, Fritz Cola, Astra (Rakete), Küstennebel, Helbing, Mexikaner, Möwenschiss
    - Landmarks
      - Port of Hamburg & Speicherstadt
      - Elbphilharmonie
      - Hamburger Rathaus (City Hall) and Mönckebergstraße
      - International Maritime Museum
      - Alster Lakes
      - Planten un Blomen
      - St. Pauli's Reeperbahn
      - Alsterarkaden
      - Fischmarkt

- Cologne (Köln)
  - largest city in North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW), located at the river Rhine
  - 1,1 million residents
  - Cologne carnival, 12 great Romanesque churches, university is one of the oldest and largest in Europe
  - Food & drinks: Halve Hahn, Himmel un Ääd, Decke Bunne met Speck, Muuzemändelcher, Kölsch
  - Landmarks
    - Cologne Cathedral
    - Cologne's Old Town
    - Groß St. Martin
    - Hohenzollern Bridge
    - Chocolate Museum
    - The Wallraf-Richartz and Ludwig Museums
- Munich (München)
  - located at the river Isar, in the south of Bavaria, in the Northern Alpine Foreland
  - 1,56 million residents
  - Food & drinks: Weißwurst, Lerberkäs Semmel, Schweinsbraten mit Knödel, Hendl, Schweinshaxn, Obazda, Beer (Paulaner, Spaten, Löwenbräu), Kässpätzchen, Dampfnudel,
  - Landmarks:
    - Marienplatz
    - Englischer Garten
    - Frauenkirche
    - Alter Peter
    - Olympiapark
    - Schloss Nymphenburg
    - Oktoberfest
- Smaller cities: Goslar, Heidelberg, Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Wernigerode, Bamberg, Schwerin, Regensburg, Cochem, Bonn, Trier, Monschau, Lübeck, Kiel, Lindau,
- Other places you recommend visiting: *(short description for each. This can include national parks, historical landmarks, beaches, mountains, museums or anything else):*
  - The Black Forest
    - southwestern corner of Germany, densely-wooded hills, one of the most visited upland regions in all of Europe
  - Neuschwanstein Castle
    - Ultimate Fairytale Castle, situated between the Ammergau and Allgäu Alps
  - Rhine Valley
    - Europe's most important waterway, river stretches from Switzerland through Germany all the way to the Netherlands
  - Zugspitze Massif
    - Part of the Wetterstein mountain range,
  - Nordseeinseln
  - Island of Rügen
  - Königssee (King's Lake)
  - Insel Mainau: The Flower Island of Lake Constance
  - Christmas market

Airports with budget airlines (*Ryanair, EasyJet, Eurowings, etc*):

Hamburg (HAM), Lübeck (LBC), Bremen (BRE), Hannover (HAJ), Rostock (RLG), Frankfurt- Hahn (HHN), Düsseldorf (DUS), Köln-Bonn (CGN), Weeze (NRN), Dortmund (DTM), Munich (MUC), Memmingen (FMM), Nürnberg (NUE), Stuttgart (STTR), Berlin Tegel (TXL), Berlin Schönefeld (SXF), Dresden (DRS), Leipzig Halle (LEJ)

Website(s) with travel connections inside the country (*train, bus, public transportation, ridesharing*):

- Train: <https://www.bahn.de/>
- Busses: <https://www.flixbus.de/>
- Ridesharing: <https://www.blablacar.de/>
- public transport: check local companies

Traditional food and drinks you recommend trying: (*short description for each*)

- Wurst: estimated 1,500 varieties of sausages (Currywurst, Weißwurst, Bratwurst, etc)
- Rouladen: consists of bacon, onions, mustard, and pickles wrapped in thinly sliced beef or veal which is then cooked
- Grünkohl:
- Käsespätzle: soft egg noodles are made from wheat flour and egg and are often topped with cheese
- Eintopf: steaming bowl; literally means 'one pot'; basic ingredients: broth, vegetables, potatoes or pulses, and pork, beef, chicken, or fish
- Sauerbraten: meaning 'sour' or 'pickled' roast; different types of meat, which you marinate in wine, vinegar, spices, herbs, and then season for up to ten days
- Kartoffelpuffer: pan-fried pancakes made from grated or ground potatoes mixed with flour, egg, onion, and seasoning
- Brezel: baked pastry that is made from dough commonly shaped into a knot; usually sprinkled with salt
- Schnitzel: Coated in breadcrumbs and often served with a slice of lemon; thin, boneless cutlet of meat
- Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte: Alternating layers of rich chocolate cake, cherries, and whipped cream are topped off with more cream, maraschino cherries, and chocolate shavings for a luxurious finish
- Lebkuchen: Gingerbread cookies
- Apfelkuchen: Apple Cake
- Stollen: served at Christmas; basically a fruit cake chocked full of powdered sugar and candy

Tipping in the restaurants: (*is it common or unusual, how much should you leave?*)

Common, 5 – 10%

Discounts for transportation (*do you know about any way of getting discounts for transportation? - e.g. in Belgium is cheap train Go Pass ticket if you are under 26, but you have to ask for it*):

Student discounts, group discounts, discounts for regions, BahnCard25 or 50

What is the common greeting in your country (*do you only shake hands, or you kiss on both cheeks...?*):

Shake hands, hugging

**Emergencies - numbers:**

Police: 110

Ambulance: 112

Fire brigade: 112

**Any other interesting or useful information:**

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