

Germany

US State Dept 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 U.S. 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
LGBTQIA+ Travelers	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, hepatitis B, rabies, tickborne encephalitis, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, and COVID-19. 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 <div data-bbox="509 898 609 997" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="647 898 747 997" data-label="Image"> </div>
Major Languages	German
Major Religions	Roman Catholic, Protestant, Muslim, other, none
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	Yes
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