

# Germany

<b>US State Dept Travel Advisory</b>	The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Germany due to terrorism.  <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html</a>
<b>Passport/Visa Requirements</b>	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.  <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html</a>
<b>US Embassy/Consulate</b>	[49] (30) 8305-0; US Embassy in Berlin, Clayallee 170, 14191 Berlin, Federal Republic of Germany; <a href="https://de.usembassy.gov/">https://de.usembassy.gov/</a> ; BerlinPCO@state.gov
<b>LGBTQIA+ Travelers</b>	<a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html</a>
<b>Telephone Code</b>	49
<b>Local Emergency Phone</b>	Ambulance and Fire: 112; Police: 110
<b>Vaccinations</b>	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.
<b>Climate</b>	<a href="http://www.who.int/">http://www.who.int/</a>
<b>Currency (Code)</b>	Euros (EUR)
<b>Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)</b>	230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, F   Type C  Type F
<b>Major Languages</b>	German
<b>Major Religions</b>	Roman Catholic, Protestant, Muslim, other, none
<b>Time Difference</b>	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
<b>Potable Water</b>	Yes
<b>International Driving Permit</b>	Suggested
<b>Road Driving Side</b>	Right
<b>Tourist Destinations</b>	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
<b>Major Sports</b>	Soccer, handball, basketball, ice hockey, volleyball
<b>Cultural Practices</b>	Punctuality is considered a virtue in Germany. Being on time is not just a social nicety: it's considered a matter of respect.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	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.
<b>Souvenirs</b>	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
<b>Traditional Cuisine</b>	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