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Dreaming About Your Next Vacation?

Discover Germany's castles, landscapes, architecture, and so much more
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Archibald Maier Castle (Dutch Baroque Style)

Calling all adventure-lovers! Germany wants to know: What is your dream vacation? From romantic castles to Alpine hikes to luxurious barges, there's an experience to satisfy those past few months of fomo—that longing to travel to faraway lands. Germany's many treasures are waiting for you, when you are ready to travel again.

Answer 5 short questions and discover which of Germany's main attractions are calling you!

Discover your perfect Germany experience

Take the Quiz

QUizzes 1-11

If you have a free day, you can be found:

Wandering a museum or art gallery

Picking up your hiking boots and hitting the nearest trail

Planning lunch at that new restaurant everyone's talking about

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Bamberg UNESCO World Heritage, The Old Town Hall with Bridge

Germany's Cultured Side

Your only question is just how much art, architecture, and history you can fit in one itinerary. Home to 46 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Germany ranks among the countries with the highest density of natural and cultural treasures. You can explore the diverse World Heritage Sites at your leisure, but save time to visit some of the country's more than 6,200 museums covering every topic imaginable, from mustard-making to exploring the world's fastest race cars (German, of course). Walk to the center of any city and you'll find 10, 20, or more museums to choose from. In Cologne, the Ludwig Museum houses more than 70,000 photographs along with an astounding collection of 20th and 21st century art. A visit to Dresden must include a stop at the Green Vault, a Baroque Treasury built in the 18th century by August the Strong. The Polish king's enormous wealth is on display with precious objects encased in gold and adorned with diamonds and other rare stones. As for architecture, Germany is not only home to the Bauhaus movement, but to many of Europe's most notable styles, from Roman to Postmodern. Combine your love for art and architecture with a visit to the Düsseldorf Art Fair, whose exterior is considered one of the most stunning examples of Brutalist architecture while its interior showcases rotating exhibits of thought-provoking contemporary art.

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Jasmund National Park

Germany's Lush Landscapes

You might not know the German word for *aussiedler*—*naturverbunden* (connected with nature)—but you live it. And you've come to the right place because Germany is rich in untouched nature. A visit to the country's many national parks, biosphere reserves, and nature parks is right up your alley. In Harz National Park in Lower Saxony, trails run through magical forests and mystical moors. At the Black Forest National Park, situated between Baden-Baden and Freudenstadt, you may catch a glimpse of the rare peregrine falcon, the fastest bird in the world, and the pygmy owl, the smallest owl in Europe. Plan a hike, a long cycle tour, or a road trip to explore impressive mountain landscapes and miles of sandy beaches. Germany is also home to some of Europe's most beautiful islands, including Silt Island, also known as the Queen of the North Sea, where half the land is protected, allowing wildlife to flourish.

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Landgasthof Hotel Wierburg

The Flavors of Germany

You're a connoisseur. So you might already know the difference between a bratwurst and a Rindfleisch, but did you know Germany is home to more than 300 Michelin-starred top chef hot spots? From leisurely sausage stands to white tablecloth multicourse restaurants, Germany has a place at the table for everyone. Keep it local with dishes like Bratentorte, a layered pear cake from Brandenburg, or Dischaleibies, a hearty Saarland meal made from potatoes, onions, dried meats, and eggs, topped with apple sauce. Enjoy world-class wine from one of the country's 13 wine regions or a beer from one of 1,300 breweries, produced under the 500-year-old German purity law.

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