

On the Road



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Wherever you go in Berlin, you're surrounded by an enormous sense of history, from medieval times to reunification. You may be rushing off to dinner with friends or to a frenetic club when suddenly you find yourself ensnared by something of monumental importance to the world. Here, in the warped labyrinth of the Holocaust Memorial (p115), I feel an extraordinary stillness and the presence of uncounted souls.

KERRY CHRISTIANI On one of the hottest days of summer, we'd headed into the woods close to home in Villingen (p462) to pick bilberries and take a cool stroll among the fir trees. Recent thunderstorms made the Black Forest seem greener and wilder than ever. This is me soaking up the day's last sun.



MARC DUCA As a Lonely Planet author I've been to some pretty spectacular places, but nothing I've seen around the world quite compares to the drama of the Alps. While hitting the trails takes you into some magnificent back-country, you're never really far away from a cosy tavern and a hot meal. Here am I, fresh from a bracing ascent of Germany's highest mountain, the Zugspitze (p356). But I have to fess up – I cheated. I took the train.



ANTHONY HAYWOOD Seagulls cried in the darkness of evening: 'Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.' This guy was not the most talkative fellow passenger at Bremerhaven's German Emigration Centre (p670), but perhaps he had good reason to be so contemplative: he was about to board a ship and sail to an unknown future in the New World. The lifelike models on the dock are part of the interesting recreation of events in the centre's exhibition.



CATHERINE LE NEVEZ Germany is synonymous with awe-inspiring castles and frothy beer. But beach-fringed islands? Not so much. Yet Germany's North Sea and Baltic islands, like Rügen (p747), behind me in this photo, are idyllic end-of-the-earth retreats. In true German style, ultra-efficient and ecofriendly public transport makes them a cinch to reach from the mainland.



DANIEL ROBINSON Interviewing locals – especially old-timers – for tips on their favourite eateries is an important part of researching a guidebook. I ran into this particular fellow outside Frankfurt's Senckenberg Museum (p534) and, feeling that day like a Frankfurter, decided to ask him where he goes for the city's tastiest *Worscht* (known elsewhere in Germany as *Wurst*). He said he had something in mind – and then took out a giant bottle of curry sauce.

Germany Highlights

No matter whether you seek an adrenaline-fuelled foray on the autobahn or a leisurely ride on its latest-generation trains, Germany is a land that demands exploration. Just pack your curiosity and an open mind and we guarantee you'll have a ball. Here's what our authors, staff and travellers loved most about it.



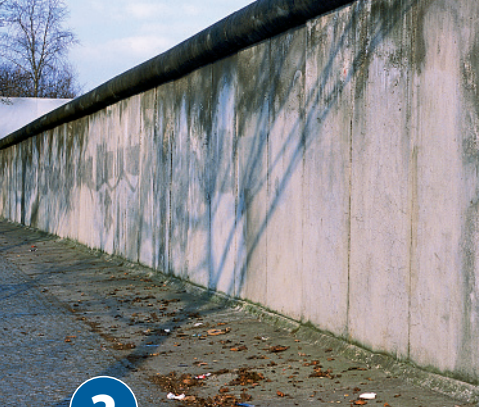
RICHARD NEBESKY

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BRANDENBURG GATE, BERLIN

The city of Berlin is utterly amazing. There's history everywhere, whether it is something you didn't know or something sad and horrible. I love being able to walk everywhere, enjoying an amazing building or other piece of architecture, like the Brandenburg Gate (p114), at every corner, or being part of history everywhere you stop and just open your eyes and look. The amalgamation of the old and new works so well – your heart wants to cry for the history and smile for the present and future.

Fabre Aurelien,
Traveller, France



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BERLIN WALL

RICHARD NEBESKY

It's been 20 years since the Berlin Wall (p126) collapsed but you can still sense the ghosts of the Cold War when standing in the shadow of a surviving section of this grim and grey divider of humanity.

Andrea Schulte-Peevers,
Lonely Planet Author, Germany



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STASI MUSEUM, BERLIN

A EASTLAND / ALAMY

They hid tiny cameras in watering cans and flowerpots, stole keys from schoolchildren to install listening devices in their homes and collected body-odour samples from suspects' groins. East Germany's Ministry for State Security, better known as the Stasi, was truly an all-pervasive power with an all-out zeal and twisted imagination when it came to controlling, manipulating and repressing its own people. Get the full low-down at the exhibit set up inside the original Stasi headquarters (p129) in Berlin.

Andrea Schulte-Peevers,
Lonely Planet Author, Germany



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ZWINGER, DRESDEN

RICHARD NEBESKY

I was on my first visit to the history-filled city of Dresden with my *Lonely Planet Germany* guide in hand and not too sure what there was to see! Well, if you are like me and enjoy art, architecture and history and want to be blown away, then the Zwinger (p181) is a must-do. It is truly a jaw-dropping sight to see – I was in awe. If it wasn't a beautiful fountain (and there are many), then it was a cute cherub to look at. You can walk around or just sit and stare or do both. The Zwinger has so much going on and it's so easy to get lost in time – make sure you have lots of time in this city because there is a lot to see at the Zwinger alone.

Clara Monitto,
Traveller, Germany



MANFRED GOTTSCHALK

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SCHLOSS NEUSCHWANSTEIN, FÜSSEN

We were stoked to get our rental car upgraded to a Mercedes – what could be more perfect for the autobahn? We quickly discovered that while the car was comfortable at very high speeds, our nerves were not and we had to frequently let old jalopies whiz past us. The other lesson we learned was to not ignore umlauts – those two dots above vowels. Typing Fussen instead of Füssen into our GPS cost us a few hours. But ever since I saw a picture of Schloss Neuschwanstein (p352) 10 years earlier, I was determined to make it there. When we finally arrived, the sheer magnificence (and gaudiness) of the castle was all the more amazing.

Michaela Caughlan,
Lonely Planet Staff, USA



JEAN-PIERRE LESCOURRET

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SANSSOUCI, POTSDAM

This glorious park and palace ensemble (p157) is what happens if a king has good taste, plenty of cash and access to the finest architects and artists of the day. I never tire of the view of Frederick the Great's petite retreat atop the vine-draped terraces or of discovering yet another romantic corner in the rambling park.

Andrea Schulte-Peevers,
Lonely Planet Author, Germany



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HOFBRÄUHAUS, MUNICH

A quintessentially Bavarian experience, a night out on the steins at the celebrated Hofbräuhaus (p309) is unmissable. Even the most ubercool, kitsch-hating teetotaler will sooner or later gravitate to the world's most famous beer hall out of sheer curiosity. Order a large wet one, have a sway to the oompah band and watch as the tourists and *Stammgäste* (regular patrons) become ever tipsier and more boisterous as the evening progresses. Raucous laughter, compulsory; red-faced antics, a must.

Marc Di Duca,
Lonely Planet Author, United Kingdom

EDDIE GERALD / ALAMY

EATING WURST FROM A SAUSAGE STAND

Every time my husband and I travel back to Germany, visiting a sausage stand is one of our top priorities. There are lots of varieties (see p79), but my favourite is *Currywurst*, pork sausage cut into slices and topped with ketchup and curry powder, best enjoyed with *Pommes rot-weiss* (French fries with mayonnaise and ketchup).

Birgit Jordan,
Traveller, Australia

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JOEFOXBERLIN / ALAMY

BAUHAUS BUILDINGS, DESSAU

Chances are you have a little Bauhaus in your house: perhaps the chair you sit on or the table at which you dine. 'Form follows function' was the main credo of the Bauhaus school, perhaps the most influential movement of architecture and design in the 20th century. Come to Dessau (p223) to see where Gropius, Klee, Kandinsky and their colleagues did their best work.

Andrea Schulte-Peevers, *Lonely Planet* Author, Germany

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KEITH VAN LOEN / ALAMY

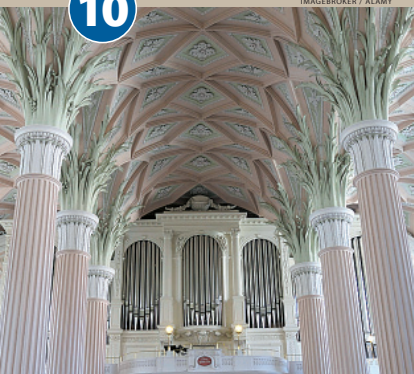
NIKOLAIKIRCHE, LEIPZIG

The first time I walked into the Nikolaikirche (p197), I was mesmerised. I'm not sure what impressed me more – the arched ceiling painted like a frosted, pastel wedding cake or the palm-like pillars towering above me. Then I found out about the peace prayers it has hosted since 1982 and the infamous demonstrations in 1989, and it all came together: this church is an exquisite element of history, and a constant source of tranquillity.

**Caroline Sieg, Lonely Planet
Author, Germany**

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IMAGEBROKER / ALAMY



ADINA TOVY AMSEL

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FREIBURG

I returned to Freiburg (p452) 30 years after studying there, fulfilling a promise to myself to go back some day. Upon my return, I proposed to my wife, who also studied there 30 years before – but we never met until 25 years later when we discovered we shared an interest in Freiburg and Germany. We now travel there for several weeks each year, visiting friends in Freiburg and all over Germany. A promise fulfilled!

**Robert Purrenhage,
Traveller, USA**



MANFRED GOTTSCHALK

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HEIDELBERG

The first glimpse of the bridge over the Neckar River in Heidelberg (p414), the university city that inspired Turner's paintbrush with its whimsical castle and Mark Twain's pen with its raucous nightlife.

**Kerry Christiani,
Lonely Planet Author, Germany**

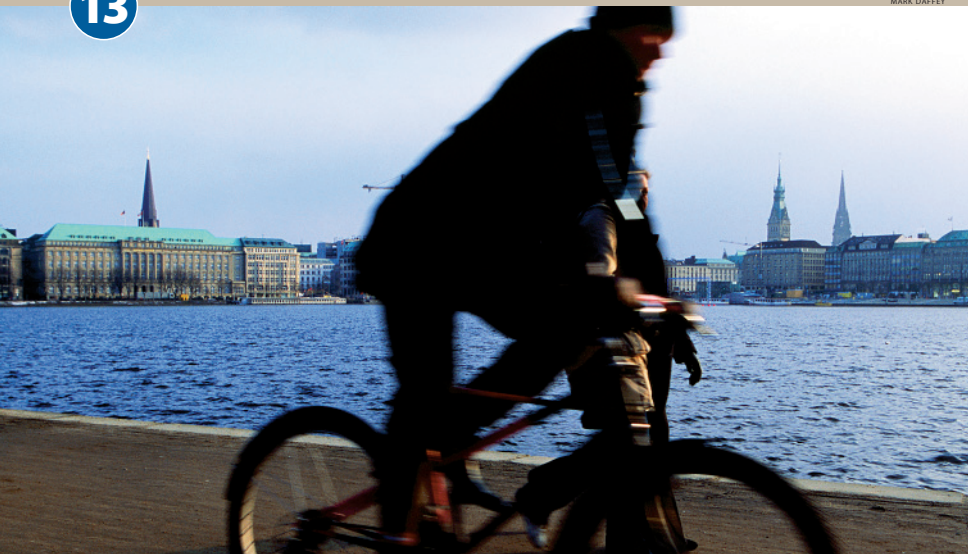
CRUISIN' AROUND HAMBURG ON A BIKE

Getting around Germany's sprawling 'harbouropolis' (p674) is a breeze, thanks to simple, cheap and often wonderfully scenic transport options, including boat, rail and bus networks. But perhaps the most enjoyable way to explore the country's second-largest city is under your own steam.

Catherine Le Nevez,
Lonely Planet Author, France

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MARK DAFEY



AACHEN CATHEDRAL

Charlemagne's palace chapel and burial site (p586) is one of Germany's most famous churches and is a rare example of Carolingian architecture. No matter how many times I set foot inside this majestic space, I'll always be awed by the harmony of its design, the iridescent stained-glass windows, the precious works of art and the momentous sense of history that hangs above it all.

Andrea Schulte-Peevers,
Lonely Planet Author, Germany

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EYEWAVE / ALAMY





MARTIN MOOS

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OKTOBERFEST

Are you a beer lover? Well, Munich's Oktoberfest (p314) is the festival for you! Twenty-odd beer halls hold thousands of like-minded beer lovers. Once you settle in for your first stein, you realise this is more about the people than the beer. I spent my first day in the company of some locals who were here for their 27th straight year and after 10 minutes they treated me like a life-long friend. Then with three hours sleep, I woke up and did it again, only to find another amazing bunch of friends.

Damian Hughes,
Traveller, Australia



WELCOME TO GERMANY

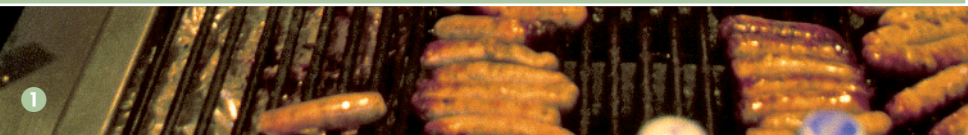
Whether you're meandering along the Romantic Road, cycling through the magnificent rolling dunes of the North Frisian Islands or sipping a cocktail at one of Berlin's sizzling beach bars, Germany is one fascinating playground of traditional half-timbered villages and sultry, stimulating cities, where bratwurst stands flank busy street corners and time is earmarked for afternoon *Kaffee und Kuchen* (coffee and cake). Weave your way through the old and the new, and be prepared for the unexpected at any given turn.





Food & Drink

Waistlines be damned, this is one exceptional place to indulge in gut-filling meat and potatoes. Recent influxes of immigrants mean tastes are eternally evolving, and Germany's own version of the doner kebab is a fixture all across the country. Get a dose of your favourite staples, but be sure to branch out and try the abundant foreign flavours.





1 Sausages

Go ahead and indulge in a monstrous plate of German wurst (p79). This simple comfort food is always served in a convivial atmosphere with a satisfying dollop of fresh mustard.

2 Beer

It really is all about the beer (p84) here. Pilsner, dark or wheat, it's all a gulp of sheer bliss topped off with masses of fluffy white froth. Don't worry if you end up with a white moustache – it's all part of the delicious experience.

3 Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte

Black Forest gâteau is simple – moisten chocolate cake with cherry schnapps, layer it with cherries and hefty slabs of whipped cream, and then top it all off with more whipped cream and maraschino cherries. Finally, unbutton those trousers and ponder why diets were invented.



4 Doner Kebab

Freshly sliced lamb straight off the spit with chopped cabbage, lettuce, onions, tomatoes and cucumber, topped off with a dollop of hot sauce and cooling yoghurt sauce, all rolled into a toasted flat bread – it's the supreme street food.



Cities

With clubbing for every age group, avant-garde art, traditional beer gardens and a zest for life, German cities pulsate and move to their own special beat – see what the fuss is all about.





1 Cologne

Be it at Carnival time or just on a lazy mid-summer's day, the Dom in Cologne (p568) wows all senses. Take a rest beneath the remarkable Gothic towers and marvel at the amazing detail.

2 Hamburg

Take culture and flair, add a hedonistic red-light district and waterways everywhere you turn, stir it all up in a stylish bar shaker and ta-da! – out pours the exhilarating media capital of Germany, Hamburg (p674).

3 Berlin

Edgy art, throbbing clubs and vibrant cafes – it's all happening in Berlin (p99). The city that dismantled the wall 20 years ago keeps reinventing itself with an intoxicating energy that'll keep you up until dawn.

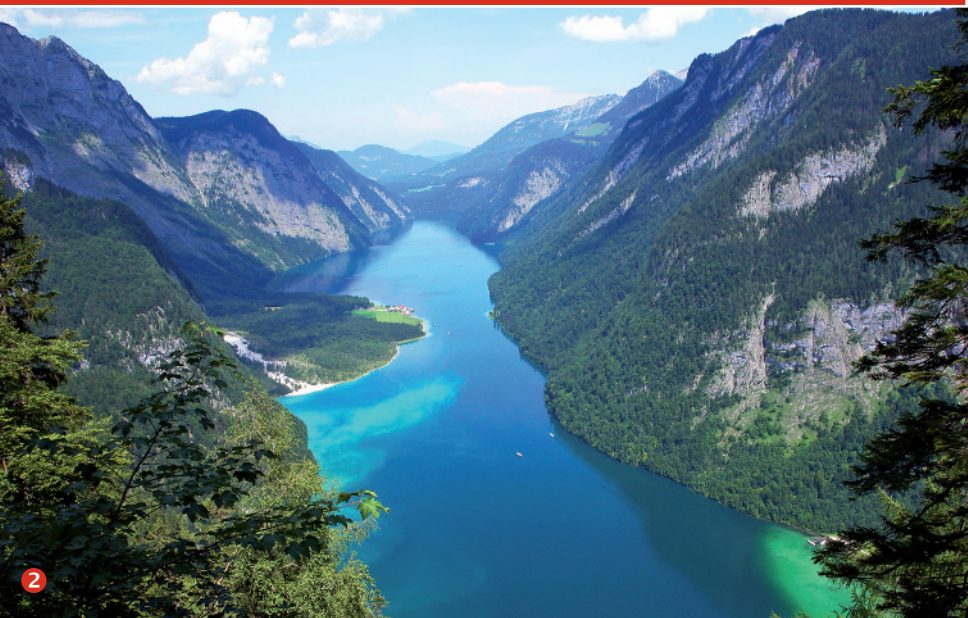
4 Munich

Sophisticated yet villagelike (OK, a very large village), Munich (p295) takes you from the gargoyle-covered neo-Gothic Neues Rathaus (New Town Hall) to the exquisite Englischer Garten (English Garden) to the most famous beer hall in the world, the Hofbräuhaus.



The Great Outdoors

Germans love being outside, and they've blazed meticulous walking and cycling trails throughout the vast countryside and mountains. Cliffs aching to be scrambled, rivers begging to be kayaked – there's a pursuit for nature seekers of all kinds.





1 Sylt

Salt-clogged wind whips you along your beach stroll right around the corner from a Louis Vuitton shop – Sylt (p719) is the island of extremes. Cycle your way through the undulating dunes and warm up afterwards with a piping-hot mug of Frisian tea.



2 Bavarian Alps

Whiz down the slopes of this prime skiing and snowboarding territory or scale jagged cliffs – either way, finish off the hard day's work with a mug at one of the oompah-music-playing watering holes in Garmisch-Partenkirchen (p355).

3 Berchtesgaden National Park

Don those hiking boots and ascend the stunning terrain flanked by sparkling lakes and jagged mountain peaks – Berchtesgaden National Park (p361) is where you'll snap countless photos of divine, natural splendour, with a hefty dose of pure, fresh air.

4 Spreewald

Punting in the canals near Lübbenau (p168) is like floating through a sea of bucolic green – you glide past ancient houses under a canopy of trees and wonder if life can get much more sublime than this.

5 Black Forest

Thick and dense, with green, velvety landscapes flanked by inky swathes of trees, the Black Forest (p443) is a cycling and hiking utopia – and the region's sublime thermal baths are the perfect antidote to those aching muscles.



Festivals & Events

Germany's vibrant festivities range from rambunctious beer-tent action, rollicking street parties and jazz and pop-music celebrations to a film festival rivalling Cannes and gingerbread-bedecked markets sure to put the holiday spirit into any Scrooge's soul.

1 Oktoberfest

Wooden tables stretched out beyond your line of vision, hundreds of festive beer drinkers clinking glasses – this festival (p314) is the quintessential image of Germany. And yes, that matron of the golden potion really is carrying six 1L mugs of happiness on tap.

2 Cologne's Carnival

Young, old and everything in between, everyone comes together for Germany's most entertaining party (p575). Don a fuchsia wig, wriggle into a pair of feather-studded trousers and join the merry revellers in the streets. You only live once.

3 Christmas Markets

Tree ornaments, arts and crafts, a hand-made wallet – you name it. There's a gift for everyone among the cosy wooden stalls of Germany's Christmas markets (p25). And you can peruse them all with a mug of steaming *Glühwein* (mulled wine).

4 Christopher Street Day

A fixture of every Berlin summer since 1979, this LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) celebration (p135) welcomes anyone ready to rejoice and boogie their way across town.

The Authors



ANDREA SCHULTE-PEEVERS

Coordinating Author, Berlin, Brandenburg, Saxony-Anhalt, Thuringia, North Rhine–Westphalia

Andrea has logged countless miles travelling in nearly 60 countries on five continents and carries her dog-eared passport like a badge of honour. Born and raised in Germany and educated in London and at UCLA, she's built a career on writing about her native country for almost two decades. She's authored or contributed to more than 40 Lonely Planet titles, including all six editions of this book as well as the *Berlin* city guide, the *Berlin Encounter* guide and the *Munich, Bavaria & the Black Forest* guide. For this trip she again traded her house in Los Angeles for a teensy rooftop apartment in Berlin – and didn't regret a day of it.



KERRY CHRISTIANI

Baden-Württemberg

Big wilderness, the promise of snow in winter and a husband born in Villingen lured Kerry from London to the Black Forest four years ago. When not on the road, Kerry can be found hiking, cycling or cross-country skiing in the woods and hills close to her home. For this edition, she was delighted to rediscover Baden-Württemberg, from canoeing on Lake Constance to testing – well it would be rude not to! – Black Forest cake in Triberg. Kerry's incurably itchy feet have taken her to some 40 countries, inspiring numerous travel articles, online features and around 15 guidebooks, including Lonely Planet's *Austria, Switzerland, Munich, Bavaria & the Black Forest* and *Portugal*.



MARC DI DUCA

Saxony, Bavaria

From a library job in the Ruhrgebiet during the summer of '89 to scrambling up the Alps for this guide, Germany and German have been with Marc throughout his adult life. Marc has explored many corners of Germany over the last 20 years, but it's to the variety and friendliness of Bavaria that he returns most willingly. During research, Marc also enjoyed the opportunity to explore Saxony where he became smitten with the Trabant. When not Trabi hugging in Zwickau or leaving beer rings in Munich, Marc can usually be found in Sandwich, Kent, where he lives with his Kievite wife, Tanya, and son Taras. This is Marc's fourth Lonely Planet title after *Russia, Trans-Siberian Railway* and *Cycling Britain*.



ANTHONY HAYWOOD

History, The Culture, Harz Mountains, Lower Saxony, Bremen

Anthony was born in the port city of Fremantle, Western Australia, and pulled anchor early on to hitchhike through Europe and the USA. Aberystwyth in Wales and Ealing in London were his wintering grounds at the time. He later studied comparative literature in Perth and Russian language in Melbourne. In the 1990s, fresh from a spell in post-Soviet, pre-everything Moscow, he moved to Germany. Today he works as a German-based freelance writer and journalist and divides his time between Göttingen (Lower Saxony) and Berlin. Anthony worked on the first and most subsequent editions of *Germany*.



CATHERINE LE NEVEZ

**Hamburg, Schleswig-Holstein,
Mecklenburg–Western Pomerania**

Catherine road-tripped across Europe aged four and has been hitting the road at every opportunity since, completing her Doctorate of Creative Arts in Writing, Masters in Professional Writing, and postgrad qualifications in editing and publishing along the way. Catherine has authored or co-authored over a dozen Lonely Planet guidebooks, including two editions of *Munich, Bavaria & the Black Forest*. For this book, she jumped at the chance to celebrate Hamburg's Hafengeburtstag, head into northern Germany's national parks, and soak up the sea air and scenery on the spectacular Baltic and North Sea coastline and islands.



DANIEL ROBINSON

Hesse, Rhineland-Palatinate & Saarland

Brought up in Northern California, Illinois and Israel, Daniel holds degrees from Princeton and Tel Aviv University and now lives with his wife Rachel in Los Angeles and Tel Aviv. In his two decades with Lonely Planet, he has covered both sides of the Franco–German border and has had his work translated into 10 languages. The Moselle's medieval wine villages and the area's many *Radwege* (cycling paths) keep bringing Daniel back to Rhineland-Palatinate, but he's equally enchanted by the trains that slither along both banks of the Romantic Rhine, past cargo barges and car ferries. In the Saarland he's as captivated by the hulking Völklinger Hütte ironworks as he is at peace on the leafy Saar River.



CAROLINE SIEG

**Food & Drink,
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Half-American and half-Swiss, Caroline has spent most of her life moving back and forth across the Atlantic Ocean, with lengthy stops in Zürich, Miami and New York City. When not cycling around Berlin's Tiergarten or Hamburg's waterways in an effort to work off a daily dose of *Kaffee und Kuchen*, Caroline spends her days writing and editing, with a focus on anything involving travel and food.

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THE LONELY PLANET STORY

Fresh from an epic journey across Europe, Asia and Australia in 1972, Tony and Maureen Wheeler sat at their kitchen table stapling together notes. The first Lonely Planet guidebook, *Across Asia on the Cheap*, was born.

Travellers snapped up the guides. Inspired by their success, the Wheelers began publishing books to Southeast Asia, India and beyond. Demand was prodigious, and the Wheelers expanded the business rapidly to keep up. Over the years, Lonely Planet extended its coverage to every country and into the virtual world via lonelyplanet.com and the Thorn Tree message board.

As Lonely Planet became a globally loved brand, Tony and Maureen received several offers for the company. But it wasn't until 2007 that they found a partner whom they trusted to remain true to the company's principles of travelling widely, treading lightly and giving sustainably. In October of that year, BBC Worldwide acquired a 75% share in the company, pledging to uphold Lonely Planet's commitment to independent travel, trustworthy advice and editorial independence.

Today, Lonely Planet has offices in Melbourne, London and Oakland, with over 500 staff members and 300 authors. Tony and Maureen are still actively involved with Lonely Planet. They're travelling more often than ever, and they're devoting their spare time to charitable projects. And the company is still driven by the philosophy of *Across Asia on the Cheap*: 'All you've got to do is decide to go and the hardest part is over. So go!'

MARC DI DUCA

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