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# Discover Germany

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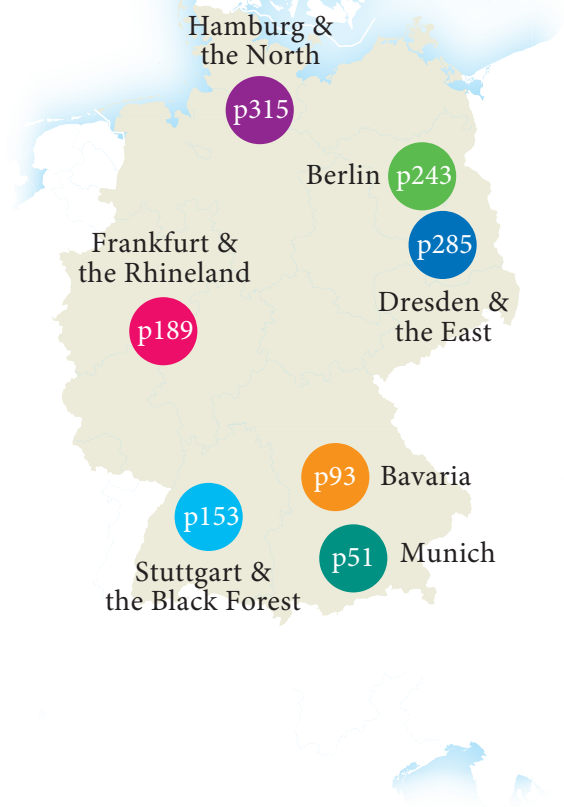


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# This Is Germany

Prepare for a roller coaster of feasts, treats and temptations as you take in Germany's soul-stirring scenery, spirit-lifting culture, beautiful cities, romantic palaces and walled medieval towns. As much fun as it may be to rev up the engine on the autobahn, do slow down to better appreciate the incredible historical and cultural kaleidoscope that is one of Europe's most fascinating countries.

There's something artistic in the way Germany's scenery unfolds from the corrugated coasts of the north to the moody forests, romantic river valleys and vast vineyards of central Germany.

The icing on the cake is the off-the-charts splendour of the Alps, carved into rugged glory by the elements.

The story-book landscapes of Germany are equalled in grandeur only by the country's fascinating history. You'll see the past in towns whose streets were laid out long before Columbus set sail, and in sturdy castles looming above prim, half-timbered hamlets. You'll find vestiges of the Roman empire in Trier and Cologne and reminders of Hanseatic power in Hamburg and Lübeck. And then there's Berlin – exciting, forward-looking, yet still coming to terms with its unique past as a divided city.

Germany's great cities come in more flavours than a jar of jelly beans. Their cultural smorgasbord spans the spectrum from art museums and opera to cabaret and techno clubs. And wherever you go, you'll see Romanesque, Gothic and baroque classics rub rafters with the architectural creations of modern masters such as Daniel Libeskind and David Chipperfield.

German cuisine is so much more than sausages, pretzels, schnitzel and roast pork accompanied by mugs of foamy beer. Beyond the clichés awaits a cornucopia of regional and seasonal palate teasers. Be sure to sample the world-class wines, most notably riesling, the most famous and typical German varietal, while exploring wine estates and ancient cellars.

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