



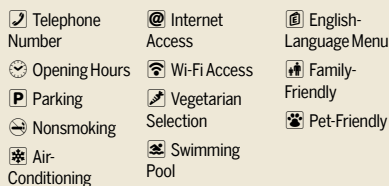
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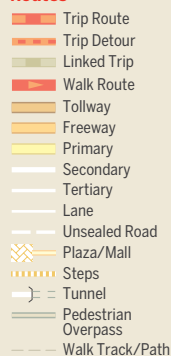


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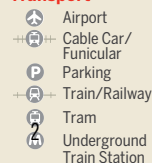
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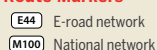
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# Classic Trips

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### My Favourite Trip 8 German Avenues

**Route** I love how much this trip packs in without being exhausting, just a hop-skip-and-a-jump from the headiness of Berlin.





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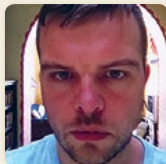
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**My Favourite Trip** 13 **Moselle Valley** This is Germany at its most magical: hilltop castles, half-timbered villages, vineyards in every direction, and truly exceptional wines.

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## OUR STORY

A beat-up old car, a few dollars in the pocket and a sense of adventure. In 1972 that's all Tony and Maureen Wheeler needed for the trip of a lifetime – across Europe and Asia overland to Australia. It took several months, and at the end –

broke but inspired – they sat at their kitchen table writing and stapling together their first travel guide, *Across Asia on the Cheap*. Within a week they'd sold 1500 copies. Lonely Planet was born.

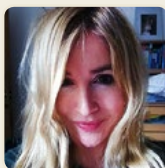
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**My Favourite Trip** 32 **The Swiss Alps** For outdoor action and top of-the-world views.

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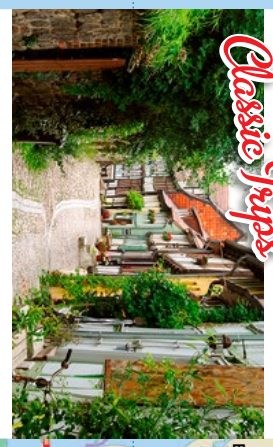
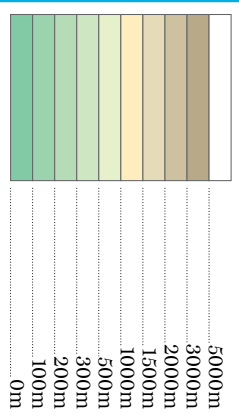
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Legend

- Tollway/Freeway
- Primary Rd
- Water Feature
- Highlight
- Start Point of Each Trip
- Our Favourite Trips

Classic Trips



Classic Trips

German Avenues

5-7 Days

**Route**  
Start/End: Dessau-Rosslau (G6)  
This quintessential German road trip, along the tree-lined avenues of the Harz Mountains and country highways of central Germany, leaves no stone unturned.



Classic Trips

Romantic Rhine

5-7 Days

**Start:** Disselford (C7) **End:** Mainz (D9)  
Watch epic scenery unfold as Germany's Romantic Rhine valley carves between towering cliffs clad in forest and capped by castles, to delightful Mainz.



Classic Trips

German Fairy Tale Road

5 Days

**Start:** Hanau (08) **End:** Bremen/Haven (04)  
You'll certainly end this trip happy, having explored a beautiful swath of Germany and learned the real stories behind Brothers Grimm fairy tales.



Classic Trips

German Castle Road

7 Days

**Start:** Mannheim (D9) **End:** Bayreuth (G9)  
On this trip you'll follow a ribbon of fairy-tale castles that winds its way across Germany's south, along with the wonderful historic towns that host them.



Classic Trips

The Romantic Road

10 Days

**Start:** Würzburg (E9) **End:** Neuschwanstein & Hohenschwangau Castles (F12)  
On this trip you'll experience medieval walled towns, gabled townhouses and cobbled squares, all preserved as if time has come to a standstill.



Classic Trips

Grossglockner Road

5-7 Days

**Start:** Salzburg (H1) **End:** Bregenz (E12)  
This trip takes you on a wild roller-coaster drive over three legendary Alpine passes and packs in outdoor activities from skiing to windsurfing and white-water rafting.



Classic Trips

The Swiss Alps

7 Days

**Start:** Arosa (E13) **End:** Zermatt (C14)  
This zigzagging trip is the A to Z of Switzerland's astounding Alpine scenery, with majestic peaks, formidable panoramas, cable-car rides and local chianti.



Classic Trips

German Alpine Road

7 Days

**Start:** Lindau (E12) **End:** Königssee (H12)  
This exciting drive winds through the foothills of the Bavarian Alps, taking in romantic castles, lakes of drinkable pure water and high peaks whose mantle of snow remains year-round.







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