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Classic Trips

Germany, Austria & Switzerland Highlights

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Need to Know

City Guide

Germany, Austria & Switzerland by Region

ON THE ROAD

NORTHEASTERN GERMANY

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   - 5 Days
2. Design for Life: Bauhaus to VW
   - 2–4 Days
3. Lakes & Treasures of Mecklenburg–Western Pomerania
   - 2–3 Days
4. Highlights of Saxony
   - 5–7 Days
5. Central Germany’s Castles & Palaces
   - 3–5 Days
6. Berlin & the Jewels of Eastern Brandenburg
   - 4 Days

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Secondary
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BOUNDARIES

International
State/Province
Cliff
Wall

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Benedict Walker
Benedict got his driving licence a little later than most and made up for lost time fast: he’s at his happiest behind the wheel on a country road, music blaring. Having lost a few years buzzing around the backroads of Australia, NZ, Japan, Canada and the US, he found it was an honour to get back to Germany’s jaw-dropping history, culture and verdant nature.

My Favourite Trip

My Favourite Trip 8 German Avenues
Route I love how much this trip packs in without being exhausting, just a hop-hop-and-a-jump from the headiness of Berlin.

Andrea Schulte-Peevers
Born and raised in Germany and educated in London and at UCLA, Andrea has travelled the distance to the moon and back in her visits to some 75 countries. She has written about her native land for two decades and authored or contributed to some 80 Lonely Planet titles, including all editions of the Germany country guide and the Berlin city guide. Andrea discovered her love for road trips while living in California for nearly 20 years and now puts pedal to the metal crisscrossing Europe from her home base in Berlin.

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Marc Di Duca A well-established travel guide author, Marc has explored many corners of Germany over the last 25 years but it’s to the quirky variety and friendliness of Bavaria that he returns most willingly. When not hiking Alpine valleys, eating snowballs in Rothenburg ob der Tauber or brewery hopping in Bamberg, he can be found in Sandwich, Kent, where he lives with his wife, Tanya, and their two sons.

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Catherine Le Nevez Catherine’s wanderlust kicked in when she first roadtripped across Europe – including Germany and Austria – aged four, and she’s been roadtripping here ever since, completing her Doctorate of Creative Arts in Writing, Masters in Professional Writing, and post-grad qualifications in Editing and Publishing along the way. A freelance writer for decades, over the last dozen-or-so years she has written scores of Lonely Planet guides and articles covering destinations all over Europe and beyond.

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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Tom Masters Tom hails from London, but has lived in Berlin since 2009 and has travelled widely all over Germany in that time. During research for this book, he particularly enjoyed his time discovering Leipzig’s secret life beyond the Altstadt, walking in Saxon Switzerland, the gorgeousness that is Görlitz and getting to know Dresden. More of Tom’s work can be found online at www.tommasters.net.

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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. Today, Lonely Planet has offices in Franklin, London, Melbourne, Oakland, Beijing and Delhi, with more than 600 staff and writers. We share Tony’s belief that ‘a great guidebook should do three things: inform, educate and amuse’.

OUR WRITERS

Nicol Williams Border hopping is a way for life for British writer Nicole Williams, who lives on Lake Geneva’s southern shore. Every journey from her lakeside home begins with a boat ride across Europe’s largest lake or a drive around its vine-stitched shore. When not road-tripping for work, she can be found motorising with her trio of trilingual kids to Germany to visit family in Cologne (and celebrate Karneval), to Switzerland to ski beside the Aletsch Glacier, to Austria to hike childhood haunts … Follow her travels at @Tripalong.

My Favourite Trip THE SWISS ALPS For outdoor action and top-of-the-world views.

Kerry Christiani Having lived for six years in the Black Forest, Kerry returned to this neck of the woods (her second home) to write her chapters. Summer hikes in the forest, bike rides on Lake Constance and going on the trail of Mozart and Maria in Salzburg kept her busy for this edition. She tweets @kerrychristiani and lists her latest work at www.kerrychristiani.com.

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**Highlights of Saxony**

- **5-7 Days**
  - Visit: Bautzen (D13) → Görlitz (D17)
  - Through one of Germany's finest rivers and castles and fortress towns.

**Central Germany's Castles & Palaces**

- **3-5 Days**
  - Start: Leipzig (D17) → Gotha (D5) → Celle (D11)
  - Follow one of Germany's greatest rivers and palaces and fortresses to Celle.

**German Alpine Road**

- **7 Days**
  - Start: Passau (B13) → Munich (B15) → Salzburg (H12)
  - Take the high road through Germany's slice of Europe's top peaks.

**Lake Constance**

- **7 Days**
  - Visit: Lindau (D12) → Memmingen (D13)
  - Cross to Switzerland's most spectacular mountain passes.

**German Alpine Road**

- **3 Days**
  - Start: Passau (B13) → Munich (B15) → Salzburg (H12)
  - Visit castles and palaces along with the most spectacular mountain passes.

**German Alpine Route**

- **5-7 Days**
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  - Follow one of Germany's most picturesque tree-lined driving routes, which includes Dresden and Leipzig.

**North Sea Coast**

- **7 Days**
  - Visit: Enden (C4) → Shiel (D2)
  - A summer journey from Enden along the Wattenmeer coast to Shiel.

**German Fairy Tale Road**

- **5-7 Days**
  - Visit: Hausen (D8) → Breitbrunn (D14)
  - A circular trio of state around one of Germany's most picturesque tree-lined driving routes.

**Fantastic Road**

- **4-6 Days**
  - Start/End: Heidelberg (D9)
  - Facinating ring through Baden-Württemberg running through a clank of the Black Forest.

**Schwarzwaldhochstrasse**

- **2-4 Days**
  - Visit: Schiltern (D10) → Baden-Baden (D10)
  - High-altitude driving through the magnificent landscape of the Black Forest.

**Along the Danube**

- **5-7 Days**
  - Visit: Passau (B13) → Nötsch (A14) → Vienna (C11)
  - Follow the Danube River as it flows through forests and vineyards.

**Grossglockner Road**

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  - Start: Salzburg (H12) → Bregenz (E12)
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**Tyrol & Vorarlberg**

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**Castles of Burgundy**

- **2-3 Days**
  - Start: Vienna (B11) → Graz (B15) → Salzburg (H12)
  - Visit castles and palaces along with charming medieval cities.

**Carinthian Lakes**

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  - Visit: Knittelfeld (B12) → Klagenfurt (C16)
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**Northern Switzerland**

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**Lake Geneva & Western Switzerland**

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  - Visit: Geneva (B14) → Montreux (E14)
  - A beautiful lake, stunning vineyards, enchanting villages and fairy-tale castles.

**Geneva to Zürich**

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