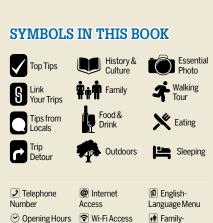




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My Favourite Trip 8 German Avenues Route I love how much this trip packs in without being exhausting, just a hop-skip-and-a-jump from the headiness of Berlin.



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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'.



Nicola Williams Border hopping is a way for life for British writer Nicola 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 motoring with her trio of trillingual 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 32 **The Swiss Alps** For outdoor action and top of-the-world views.

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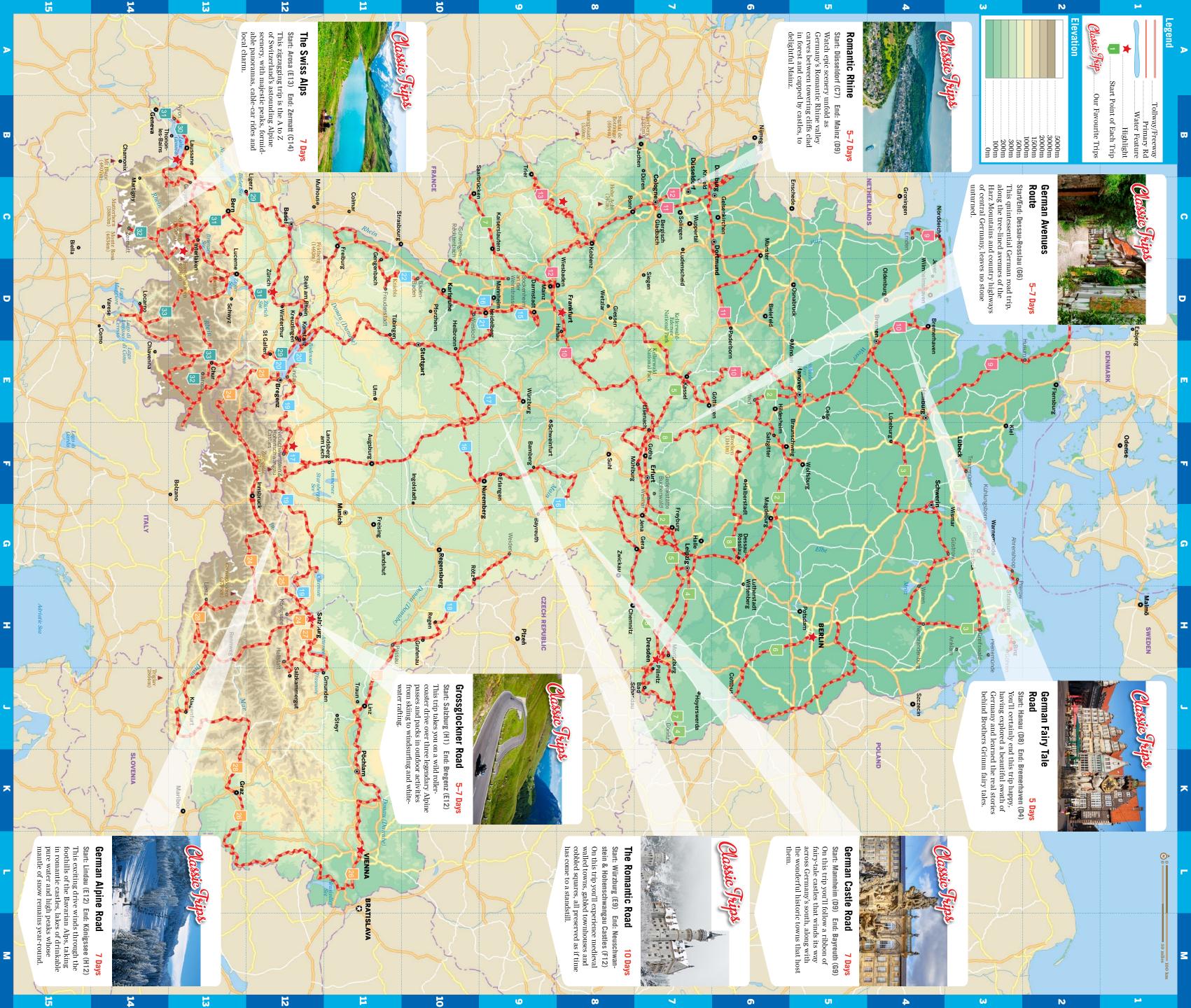
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Biella C15 Colmar C11 Binz **H3** Cologne C7 Como D14 Bockenheim an der Wein-Cottbus **J6** strasse **D9** Bodensee **D12**

Bonn C8

F6

D4

C13

Brocken

Bregenz **E12**

Bremen **E4**

Brienzer See

(1141m) **F6**

(559m) **B8**

Buurgplaatz

Chamonix

Chemnitz **H8**

E14

G12

Chur **E13**

Chiemsee

Darmstadt **D9** Dessau-Rosslau **G6** Bratislava L11 Braunschweig Donau (Danube) D12-G10-**K11** Dortmund C6 Bremerhaven

Doubs **B12** Drau **H13** Dresden H7 Duisburg C6 Düren **B7**

Gelsenkir-Düsseldorf C7 chen C6 Geneva **B14** Eisenach F7 Gengenbach **D11** Elbe **G5** Gera G7 Emden C4 Giessen D8 Ems **C5** Enschede **C5** Gmunden **J12** Göhren **H3** Erfurt **F7** Görlitz **J7** Erlangen F9



HIGHLIGHTS

H5 It oozes glamour and grit, teems with top museums and world-famous landmarks that have to be seen. If you love great nightlife, you might dump the car and never leave.

Park up and indulge in pedestrian meanderings around imperial Habsburg palaces and castles of unimaginable grandeur. Talk, read, dream and indulge like Trotsky and Freud did in a Viennese offee house.

Visit Vienna on Trips 🛂 🛂

Lake Geneva

East along the shore of Europe's largest lake, nothing prepares you for the dazzling spectacle of emerald vines marching uphill from the water in the Lavaux wine region.

Visit Lake Geneva on Trips 30 31

The Swiss Alps

After a relentless succession of dramatic green peaks, Alpine lakes, glacial ravines and other hallucinatory natural landscapes, you finally pull into Zermatt, built around the iconic Matterhorn. Nothing prepares for that first unforgettable glance.

Visit the Swiss Alps on Trips 30 31 32

Schloss Neuschwanstein

King Ludwig II's crazy castle rises from Bavaria's mysterious forest like a storybook illustration. Inside, the makebelieve continues. Said to have inspired Walt's castle at Disney World, it now inspires tourist masses.

Visit Schloss Neuschwanstein on Trip 17

Lech F11 Landshut **G11**

Mritz **G4** Laussane **B13** Mt Blanc (4807m) Leeuwarden **B14** Mühlburg F7 Leipzig G7 Lienz H13 Mulhouse C12 Munich G11 Ligerz C12

Lindau **E12** Münster C6 Linz **J11** Mur **J13** Locarno D14 Lübeck F3 Neubranden Lucerne **D13** burg **H4**

Neuchatel

stein &

Hohen-

Neusiedler

See **L11**

Nijmegen **B6**

B13

Ludenscheid Lüneburg F4 Lutherstadt Wittenberg G6

Magdeburg G6 Main **F9** Norddeich C4 Lago di Como Mainz **D9** North See C2 Malmö **H1** Nuremberg Mannheim **D9**

F9 Maribor **K13** Nyon **B13** Martigny C14 Matterhorn (3883m) **C14** Odense **F1** Minden **E5** Monte Rosa (4634m)

Landsberg am Moritzburg H7 Moselle **B11**

Peenemünde **H3** Pforzheim **D10** Pillnitz J7 Plzeň **H9** Pöchlarn K11 Potsdam **H5** Prague **J9**

Paderborn **D6**

Passau H11

Prerow G3 Regen **H10** Regensberg **G10** Neuschwan-Rennweg H13 Rhein C11-C14-D13 schwangau Castles **F12** Rhine **B6** Rostock G3 Rötz **G10**

> Saarbrücken C10 Salzburg **H12** Salzgitter **F6** Salzkammergut **J12** Schilthorn

Visit Zürich on Trip 31 Salzburg Mozart's birthplace is also a baroque masterpiece and Austria's spiritual heartland. The city stands proud on the banks of the Salzach River, above which

> Visit Salzburg on Trips 24 25 26 Dresden

fortress Festung Hohensalzburg.

rise the Altstadt (old town) and clifftop-

This Saxon city is dubbed 'Florence on

the Elbe' for good reason Reconstructed architectural jewels pair with stunning art collections to justify Dresden's place in the pantheon of European cultural

H7

Visit Dresden on Trip 🛂

serpentine Moselle River is a go-slow curvaceous affair with gorgeous castles and storybook half-timbered villages. It's topped by exhilarating walks through some of the world's steepest vineyards.

Frankfurt

cultural and culinary excitement beneath a corporate demeanour. Discover its soul museum-hop along the riverbank, or wash down local fare in an old-world tavern.

Visit Frankfurt on Trip 🔽

Zürich See **D12**

(321m) **B7** Varese **D14**

Weimar F7 Weser **E5**

Wiesloch D10 Wilmhelmshaven D4

D12

Würzburg **E9**

GERMANY, AUSTRIA & SWITZERLAND'S BEST TRIPS 1 9 15 23 29 Colours indicate chapter region

Along the Baltic Coast 5 Days Start: Lübeck (F3) End: Binz (H3) From Lübeck to Rügen Island, celebrate

Design for Life: **Bauhaus to VW**

the bracing, beautiful Baltic.

Start: Weimar (F7) End: Hanover (E5) Drive through the evocative industrial heart of the old East Germany (GDR).

Lakes & Treasures of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania

Start: Lüneburg (F4) End: Greifswald (H3) Palaces and jewel-box towns dot land that's also dotted with lakes.

4 Highlights of Saxony 5-7 Days Start: Görlitz (J7) End: Leipzig (G7) Follow one of Germany's great rivers past palaces and fortresses to Dresden.

Central Germany's **Castles & Palaces**

Start: Leipzig (G7) End: Kassel (E7) Through Germany's heartland from Leipzig to Kassel, with castles and lavish palaces.

Berlin & the Jewels of Eastern Brandenburg

Start: Berlin (H5) End: Gedenkstätte & Museum Sachsenhausen (H5) A tantalising tour to a watery forest. WWII sites and medieval marvels

Via Regia

Start: Saarbrücken (C10) End: Görlitz (J7) The German portion of the longest historic road link across Europe.

5-7 Days

B German Avenues Route 5-7 Days Start/End: Dessau-Rosslau (G6)

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

North Sea Coast

Start: Emden (C4) End: Sylt (D2) A summer jaunt from Emden along the Wattenmeer coast to Sylt.

German Fairy Tale Road 5 Days

Start: Hanau (D8) End: Bremerhaven (D4) Learn the fantasies and the horrors in the stories of the Brothers Grimm

🔟 Cologne & the Ruhr Valley

Start: Cologne (C7) End: Paderborn (D6) From Romans to titans, iron to culture. this drive is about power.

12 Romantic Rhine

Start: Diisseldorf (C7) Fnd: Mainz (D9) Fall under the spell of the castle-lined riverscape along the world-famous Rhine.

13 Moselle Valley

Start: Trier (B9) End: Koblenz (C8) Wind through the winery-filled Moselle from historic Trier to the river's end.

German Wine Route 2–4 Days

Start: Schweigen-Rechtenbach (D10) End: Bockenheim an der Weinstrasse (D9) Bookended by twin gates, this picturesque route links up charming vine-draped villages.

Bergstrasse

Start: Darmstadt (D9) End: Wiesloch (D10) A diverse route following an old Roman

German Castle Road

Start: Mannheim (D9) End: Bayreuth (G9) Castles, palaces and fortresses galore along this route from Mannheim to Bayreuth.

The Romantic Road

Start: Würzburg (E9) End: Neuschwanstein & Hohenschwangau Castles (F12) A ribbon of historical quaintness running through Bavaria's western reaches.

Glass Route

Start: Passau (H11) End: Weiden (G9) A glass-themed drive through eastern Bavaria's under-visited and thickly forested border regions.

19 German Alpine Road

Start: Lindau (E12) End: Königssee (H12) Take the high road through Germany's slice of Europe's top peaks.

20 Lake Constance

Start: Lindau (E12) End: Bregenz (E12) A circular tri-state route around one of Europe's most attractive lakes

21 Fantastic Road 4-6 Days Start/End: Heidelberg (D9) Fascinating ring through Baden-Württemberg running through a chunk of

Schwarzwaldhoch-

the Black Forest.

strasse Start: Baden-Baden (D10) End: Freudenstadt (D11)

magnificent landscapes of the Black Forest.

High-altitude motoring through the

23 Along the Danube

Start: Passau (H11) End: Vienna (L11) Follow the Danube River as it flows through forests and vineyards.

Grossglockner Road 5–7 Days

Start: Salzburg (H12) End: Bregenz (E12) Twist and turn along three of Austria's most spectacular mountain passes.

Tyrol & Vorarlberg 5–7 Days

Start: Bregenz (E12) End: Salzburg (H12) Walk through wildflower-filled pastures and sayour local produce on this alpine

Castles of Burgenland

Start: Vienna (L11) End: Graz (K13) Visit castles and palaces along with celebrated wineries between Vienna and

Salzkammergut 5-7 Days Start/End: Salzburg (H12)

Spin around the Salzkammergut's jewellike lakes beneath towering snow-capped mountains.

Carinthian Lakes 2-4 Days

Start: Graz (K13) End: Lienz (H13) Swim, boat, water ski or just unwind along 'Austria's Riviera', the Carinthian Lakes.

29 Northern Switzerland Start: St Gallen (E12) End: Ligerz (C12)

Architectural marvels and epic water features colour this oft-overlooked northern delight.

30 Lake Geneva & Western **Switzerland**

Start: Geneva (B14) End: Gruyères (C13) A glorious lake, stunning vineyards, enchanting villages and fairy-tale castles.

Geneva to Zürich

Start: Geneva (B14) End: Zürich (D12) Mountains, pastures, lakes and smalltown charm, book-ended by Switzerland's

32 The Swiss Alps 7 Davs

biggest cities.

Start: Arosa (E13) End: Zermatt (C14) The greatest of the great outdoors: perfect peaks, gorgeous glaciers, verdant valleys.

Graubünden & Ticino 5 Days

Start: Chur (E13) End: St Gotthard Pass (D14) Big-sky wilderness, off-the-beaten-track beauty, pretty towns and unique local



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Esbjerg **D1**

Graz K13

(1493m) **C11** Groningen **C4**

Feldberg

Finste-

D13

raarhorn

(4274m)

Flensburg **E2**

Frankfurt D8

Freiburg C11

Freising **G11**

Freudenstadt

Freyburg G7

Gedenkstätte

Buchenwald

D11

F7

Gotha F7

Greifswald **H3**

Grossglock-

H13

ner (3798m)

Gruyères C13

Güstrow **G3**

Halberstadt

Hallstatt **H12**

Hamburg **E4**

Hanau **D8**

Hanover **E5**

Heidelberg **D9**

Heilbronn **E10**

Hildesheim **E6**

(747m) **C8**

Hoyerswerda

Ingolstadt F10

Inn **G12**

Jena G7

Jever C4

Göttingen **E7** Innsbruck **F12**

Grafenau **H10** Interlaken **C13**

Hohe Acht

Husum **E2**

J7

Halle G7

Kaiserslau-

tern C9

Kassel E7

Kellerwald

National

Park E7

Kellerwald-

Edersee

National

Park D7

Klagenfurt J13

Kniebis **D11**

Koblenz C8

Königssee **H12**

Konstanz **D12**

Krefeld C7

D12

G3

D14

D14

Lago Mag-

giore **D15**

Lake Geneva

Lago di Luga-

no -Ceresio

IJsselmeer **A5** Lago di Garda

Kreuzlingen

Kühlungsborn

Kiel F3

Karlsruhe **D10**

Visit Berlin on Trip 🛭 6

L11

B14

C14

Moselle Valley The downstream drive along the

Visit the Moselle Valley on Trip 🔢

D8 Germany's financial capital brims with with an espresso in an old-time cafe,

Vaalserberg

G3

Wismar **G3** Wolfsburg **F5** Wuppertal C7

Traunsee H12 Zermatt C14 Travemünde F3 Zuger See D13 Triglav

Zwickau **G8**

Waren **H4** Warnemünde Weiden **G9**

Wetzlar **D8** Wiesbaden D8

Winterthur

(2864m) **J14 F12** Tübingen **D11** Zürich **D12**

Siegen D7 Signal de Botrange

(694m) **B8** Solingen C7 St Gallen **E12** Stanserhorn

D13

E9

Starnberger See **F12** Stein am Rhein D12

Steinhuder Meer **E5** Steyr **J11** Stralsund **H3**

Suhl F8 Szczecin J4

Traun **J11**

D12

Zürich This German-speaking Swiss city is a hipster delight with a quaint Old Town, great art and shopping, waterfront bars and dancing till dawn in Züri-West.

Schweinfurt Ulm E11 Schwerin G4 Schwyz D13

Vienna L11

Strasbourg C11 Stuttgart **E10**

Thonon-les-Bains **B13**

Zugspitze (2963m)

(2970m) **C13** Oldenburg **D4** Osnabruck **D5** Schweigen-Rechten-C14 bach **D10**

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