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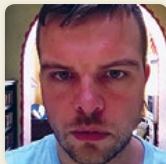
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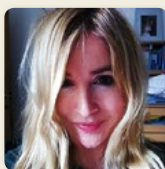
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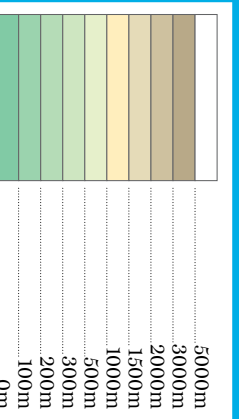


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Classic Trips



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Romantic Rhine

Start: Disselfdorf (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 Avenues

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

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German Fairy Tale Road

Start: Hanau (08) End: Bremen/Heaven (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.



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German Castle Road

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.

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The Romantic Road

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.

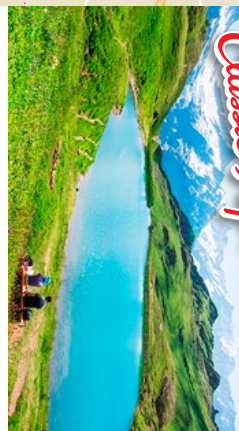
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Grossglockner Road

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

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The Swiss Alps

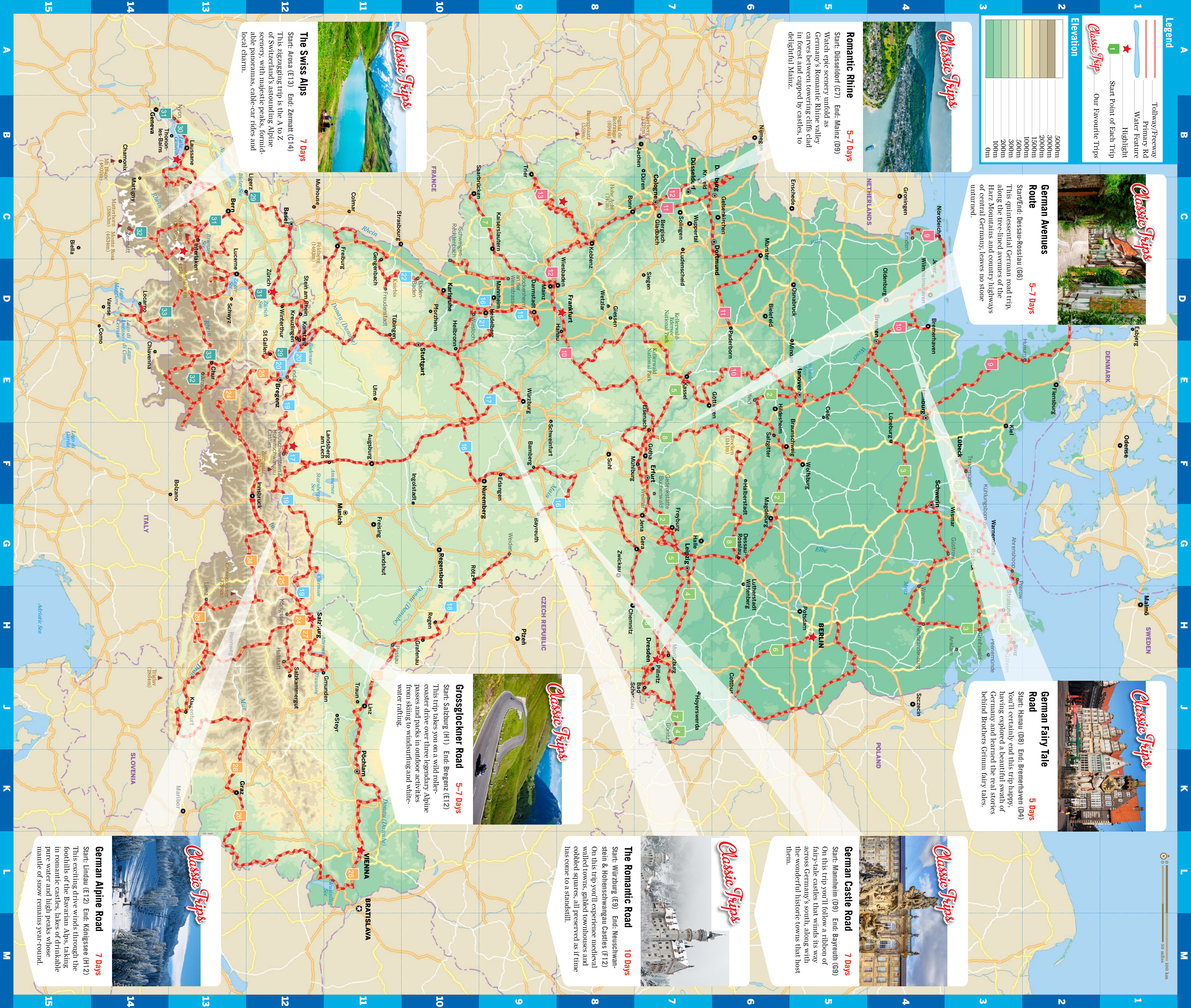
Start: Arosa (E13) End: Zermatt (C14)
 This zigzagging trip is the A to Z of Switzerland's astounding Alpine scenery, with majestic peaks, formidable panoramas, cable-car rides and local charm.

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German Alpine Road

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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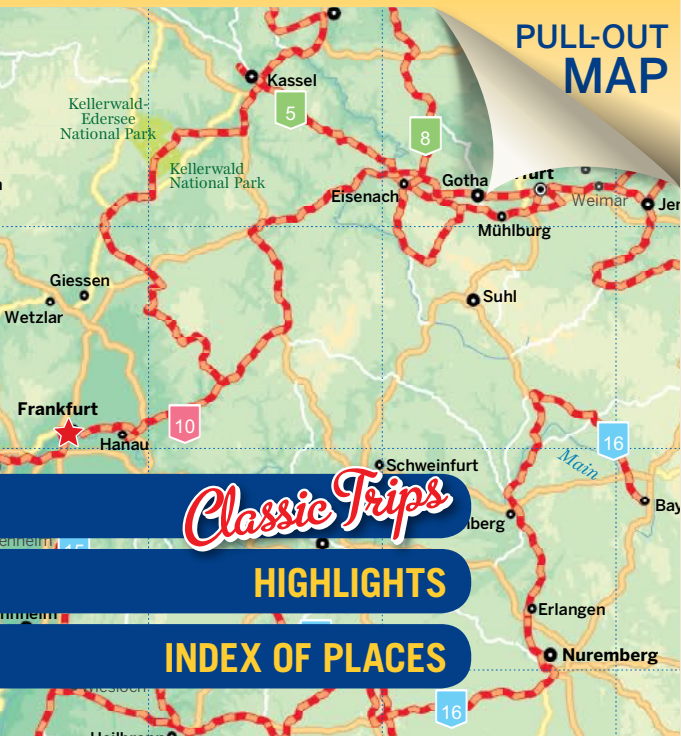
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Berlin H5

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.

Visit Berlin on Trip **6**



Vienna L11

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 coffee house.

Visit Vienna on Trips **23 27**



Lake Geneva B14

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 C14

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 F12

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

Visit Schloss Neuschwanstein on Trip **17**



Zürich D12

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.

Visit Zürich on Trip **31**



Salzburg H12

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 rise the Altstadt (old town) and cliff-top fortress Festung Hohensalzburg.

Visit Salzburg on Trips **24 25 26**



Dresden H7

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 capitals.

Visit Dresden on Trip **4**



Moselle Valley C8

The downstream drive along the 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.

Visit the Moselle Valley on Trip **13**



Frankfurt D8

Germany's financial capital brims with cultural and culinary excitement beneath a corporate demeanour. Discover its soul with an espresso in an old-time cafe, museum-hop along the riverbank, or wash down local fare in an old-world tavern.

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