



SYLT (p719)

Enjoy a ramble among the sandy dunes, hit the crashing surf or quite literally walk on the ocean floor on this glamorous, windswept North Sea island

HAMBURG (p674)

Let your hair down on a tour of this vibrant city's eclectic bar and pub scene

NORTH SEA

Lower Saxony Wadden Sea NP

East Frisian Islands

Norddeich

Groningen

BREMEN (p660)

Savour the relaxed spirit of this 'metropolis in miniature' with its lovely red-brick and art-nouveau architecture and sizzling alternative nightlife

NETHERLANDS

NORTH RHINE-WESTPHALIA

Düsseldorf

Dortmund

Hagen

Wuppertal

Solingen

LÜBECK (p701)

Catch the Hanseatic spirit in this Unesco-recognised town known for its delicious marzipan confections

DENMARK

BALTIC SEA

Vorpommersche Boddenlandschaft NP

Rügen Island

Jasmund NP

RÜGEN ISLAND (p747)

Explore the many faces of this fascinating island, including its rugged chalk cliffs, windswept beaches, Romantic-era spa architecture and tree-lined country roads

MÜRITZ NATIONAL PARK (p733)

Hit the slow lane on a leisurely paddling-and-camping trip around this watery paradise teeming with birds

POLAND

BERLIN (p99)

Visit world-class museums by day and bustling bars, pubs and clubs by night

BRANDENBURG

Lutherstadt Wittenberg

Leipzig

Halle

Görlitz

SAXONY-ANHALT

Harz NP

Quedlinburg

Göttingen

Mühlhausen

Kassel

Salzvedel

Stendal

Wolfsburg

Braunschweig

Hildesheim

Goslar

Bad Harzburg

Bad Harzburg

Quedlinburg

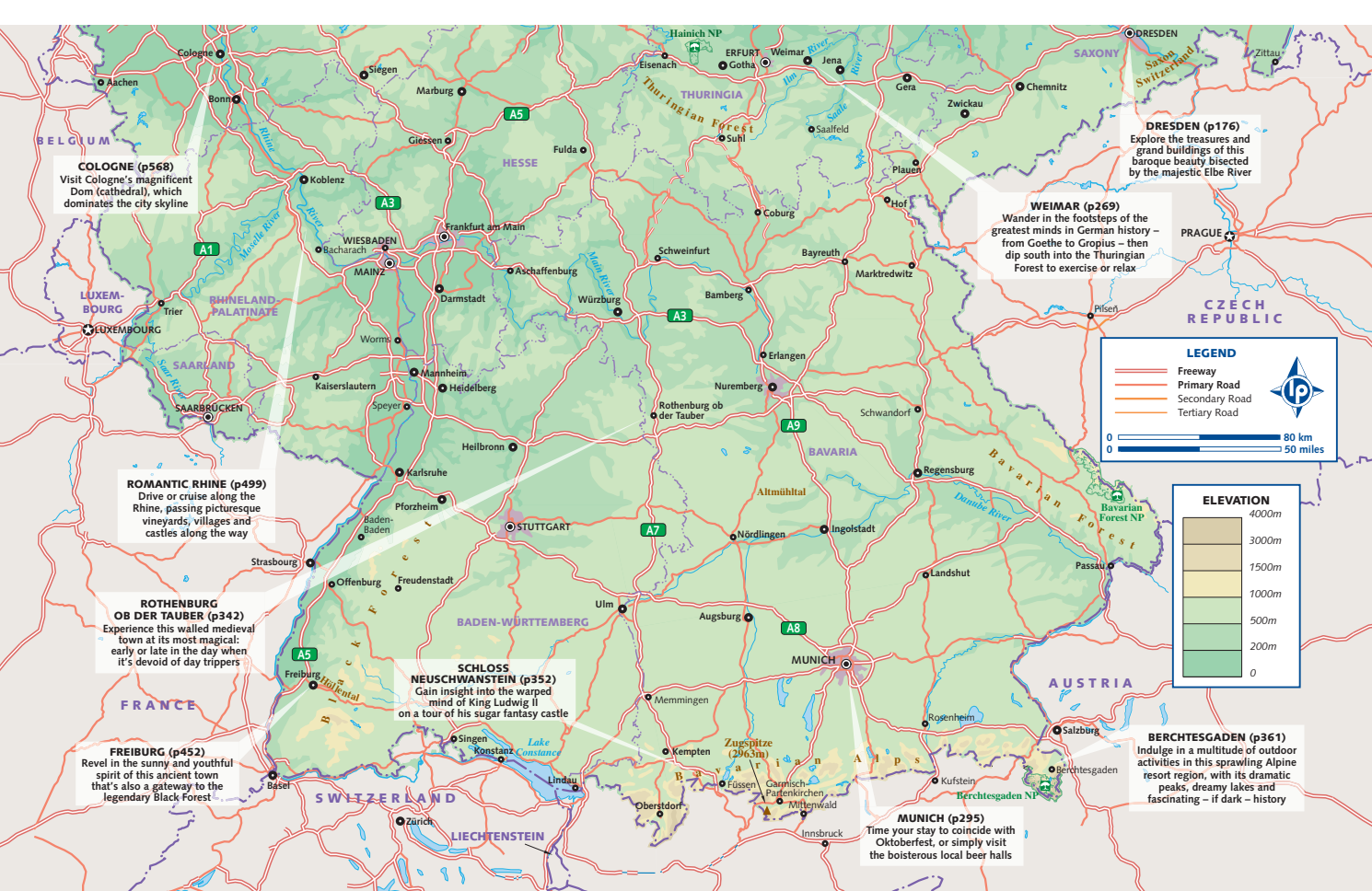
Göttingen

Mühlhausen

Kassel

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COLOGNE (p568)
Visit Cologne's magnificent Dom (cathedral), which dominates the city skyline

ROMANTIC RHINE (p499)
Drive or cruise along the Rhine, passing picturesque vineyards, villages and castles along the way

ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER (p342)
Experience this walled medieval town at its most magical: early or late in the day when it's devoid of day trippers

FREIBURG (p452)
Revel in the sunny and youthful spirit of this ancient town that's also a gateway to the legendary Black Forest

SCHLOSS NEUSCHWANSTEIN (p352)
Gain insight into the warped mind of King Ludwig II on a tour of his sugar fantasy castle

MUNICH (p295)
Time your stay to coincide with Oktoberfest, or simply visit the boisterous local beer halls

WEIMAR (p269)
Wander in the footsteps of the greatest minds in German history – from Goethe to Gropius – then dip south into the Thuringian Forest to exercise or relax

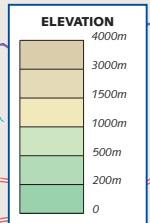
DRESDEN (p176)
Explore the treasures and grand buildings of this baroque beauty bisected by the majestic Elbe River

BERCHTESGADEN (p361)
Indulge in a multitude of outdoor activities in this sprawling Alpine resort region, with its dramatic peaks, dreamy lakes and fascinating – if dark – history

LEGEND

- Freeway
- Primary Road
- Secondary Road
- Tertiary Road

0 80 km
0 50 miles



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