



Our Travels to Germany

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Germany

- I have spent around 6 months in Germany—4 months on military temporary duty, the rest traveling on vacation. It is my favorite European country.
- Some of the wonderful places we have been include Berlin, Frankfurt, Munich, Rhine River Cruises, Garmisch, one of Mad Ludwig's castles, Trier, Cochem, Freiburg, Heidelberg, Passau, Regensburg & Rothenberg.

Berlin

- Berlin is the capital of Germany.
- Berlin is famous for the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag & is a leading economic & cultural center.
- Berlin was a divided city after WW II. In 1962, the Soviets decided to wall off their sector from the rest of the city. The Berlin Wall became a symbol of the clash of Communism vs. Democracy in the Cold War.
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Berlin wall 1986; Its fall in 1998



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Brandenburg Gate, Berlin

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Checkpoint Charlie

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Russians & US face off at Checkpoint Charlie

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Reichstag—the German Parliament building

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Rothenberg

- This is a unique medieval walled city that is unusually well preserved.
- The walls still remain today along with timber framed buildings & ancient churches.
- It is also Christmas here 365 days a year—several famous shops have only Christmas items all year long.
- Photos—Anne Schrader.

Rothenberg

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Rothenberg

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Walled city—Rothenberg

Photo Anne Schrader



Munich

- Munich is the capital of Bavaria.
- It is famous for Oktoberfest—a festival of food & beer.
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Munich City Gates

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Munich

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Munich Town Hall

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Nuremburg

- Nuremburg's old city has some very large protective walls. It also has a impressive Gothic churches & a castle.
- Nuremburg is where the Nazi War Crimes Tribunal took place in 1946.
- Nuremburg has a special sausage—the Nuremburg sausage. It is prepared several different ways—don't miss it!

Walled City— Nuremberg

Photo Anne Schrader



Street Market Nuremberg

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Nuremberg Castle Walls

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Frieburg

- Frieburg is located on the extreme southwest of Germany.
- It is in the heart of a major wine growing region & unique gem.
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Freiburg—Historic Merchant's Hall

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McDonald's in Friburg

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Market at Munster Square, Freiburg

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Old Watch Tower Freiburg

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Heidelberg

- Heidelberg is Germany's oldest university town. The town is separated by the Neckar river—the new town on one side; the old town on the other.
- The red walled castle, the old bridge, & the Great Vat are the main sights.
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Heidelberg

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Old Bridge Gate Heidelberg

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Heidelberg Castle

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One of Mad Ludwig's 3 Castles-- Neuschwanstein

- Ludwig II was the king of Bavaria in the late 1800s.
- A reclusive person, he built 3 unbelievable castles in Southern Germany.
- Neuschwanstein is the castle that was the idea for the Disney Castle.
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Neuschwanstein

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Mad Ludwig's Throne Room Neuschwanstein

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Trier

- Trier is the oldest city in Germany.
- Its history includes a being Roman trade center, where there are ruins of a Roman amphitheatre & Roman Baths.
- The most famous site is the Porta Nigra Gate built around 180 AD.
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Hauptmarkt, Trier

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“Porta Nigra”—the black gate, Trier

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Trier Palace

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Garmisch

- Garmisch is a resort town in the Alps.
- It was the site of the winter Olympics in 1932.
- Garmisch is in the valley of the Zugspitze—the tallest mountain in Germany.
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Garmisch

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Baden-Baden

- Baden-Baden is famous for its Roman Baths that are still in use today.
- It also has a famous casino.
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Stiftkirche, Baden-Baden

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Regensburg

- Regensburg is located at the confluence of the Danube & Regan rivers.
- This Bavarian city has a very large medieval city center.



Regensburg
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Passau

- Passau is noted for its Gothic & Italian Baroque architecture.
- We walked cobblestone streets to see St. Steven's Cathedral, home to the largest cathedral organ in the world.



Passau
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Helpful Travel Info

- **Capital**
 - **Languages**
 - **Currency**
 - **Size**
 - **Best Buys**
- Berlin
 - German
 - Euro
 - 137,766 square miles
 - Fine porcelain, crystal stemware, Birkenstocks, wood carvings, cuckoo clocks, Christmas ornaments

More Travel Info

- **Drive On**
- **Tipping Practices**
- **Phone County Codes**
- **Long distance within**
- **From US to**
- **From other Europe country**
- Right; International Driving Permit required
- Restaurants:
- Taxis:
- Hotel Staff:
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- Local number
- 011+49+Local number
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