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Germany

US State Dept Travel Advisory	The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens DO NOT TRAVEL to Germany due to COVID-19. Exercise increased caution in Germany due to terrorism. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html
Passport/Visa Requirements	US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 2 blank pages in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as you do not stay in the country more than 89 days.
US Embassy/ Consulate	[49] (30) 8305-0; US Embassy in Berlin, Clayallee 170, 14191 Berlin, Federal Republic of Germany; https://de.usembassy.gov/; BerlinPCO@state.gov
Telephone Code	49
Local Emergency Phone	Ambulance and Fire: 112; Police: 110
Vaccinations	See WHO recommendations http://www.who.int
Climate	Temperate, and marine; cool, cloudy, wet winters and summers; occasionally warm mountain (foehn) wind
Currency (Code)	Euros (EUR)
Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)	230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C, F
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Major Languages	German
Religions	Roman Catholic 27.7%, Protestant 25.5%, Muslim 5.1%, Orthodox 1.9%
Time Difference	UTC+1 (6 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in March, ends last Sunday in October

Potable Water

Yes

International Driving Permit	Suggested	
Road Driving Side	Right	
Tourist destinations	Brandenburg Gate; Cologne Cathedral; Black Forest; Neuschwanstein Castle; Miniatur Wunderland & Historic Port of Hamburg; Heidelberg; Dresden; Nuremberg; Munich; Saxon Switzerland State Park; Rhine Valley; Berlin's Museum Island; Rothenburg and the Romantic Road	
Major Sports	Soccer, handball, basketball, ice hockey, volleyball	
Cultural Practices	Punctuality is considered a virtue in Germany. It is polite to telephone and let your host know if you will be more than 15 minutes late.	
Tipping Guidelines	Round up the bill in a restaurant. If the service is particularly good, you may add a few euros and/or leave a 5-10% tip. Tip taxi drivers 5-10% of the total fare. Tip porters 1-2 euros per bag. Leave 1-2 euros for housekeeping per night.	
Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.		
World Health Organization (WHO) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int		
US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html		
To obtain an international driving permit (IDP). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association (AAA) (www.aaa.com) and		
American Automobile Touring Alliance (AATA) (www.aataidp.com)		
How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:		

from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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