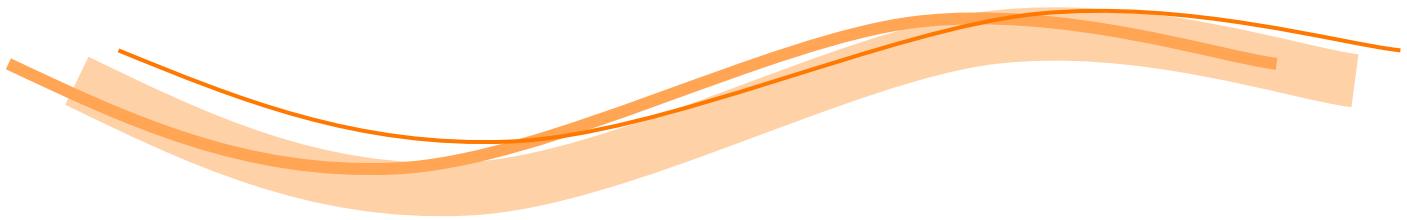




# GERMANY - THE RHINELAND





<b>GERMANY'S RHINELAND</b>	<p>Discover Activity Holidays in Germany as we explore the beautiful river valleys of the Rhine region. A UNESCO World Heritage site, and famous for riesling wine estates, you can hike the famous Rheinsteig trail through breathtaking scenery, peppered with fairy tale castles. And the lively arts capital of Cologne is a perfect stop for a river cruise.</p> <p>Plan your trip to Germany with the Globus family of brands - leaders in guided vacations worldwide – offering 40 fabulous coach tours in Germany alone. Book now with Globus to experience the 2010 Oberammergau Passion Play. Or discover Avalon Waterways' luxury, modern, small-ship river cruising on the German Rhine. The Rhine River is one of the longest and most important rivers in Europe, famous for the imposing medieval castles that line its banks. And Avalon passengers enjoy spacious staterooms offering incredible views, engaging on-ship activities, and insightful local guides.</p>
<b>Location</b>	Germany lies in the heart of Europe, bordered by Switzerland and Austria to the south; France, Luxembourg, Belgium, and the Netherlands to the west; Denmark to the north; and Poland and the Czech Republic to the east. It has a coastline of 2,389 km The Rhineland region is in the western part of the country and is centred around the Rhine River Valley.
<b>Geography</b>	Germany has the second largest population in Europe (after European Russia) and is seventh largest in area. The territory of Germany covers 357,021 km <sup>2</sup> , consisting of 349,223 km <sup>2</sup> of land and 7,798 km <sup>2</sup> of water. Elevation ranges from the mountains of the Alps (highest point: the Zugspitze at 2,962 metres) in the south to the shores of the North Sea (Nordsee) in the north-west and the Baltic Sea (Ostsee) in the north-east. Between lie the forested uplands of central Germany and the low-lying lands of northern Germany (lowest point: Wilstermarsch at 3 metres below sea level), traversed by some of Europe's major rivers such as the Rhine, Danube and Elbe. Because of its central location, Germany shares borders with more European countries than any other country on the continent. Its neighbours are Denmark in the north, Poland and the Czech Republic in the east, Austria and Switzerland in the south, France and Luxembourg in the south-west and Belgium and the Netherlands in the north-west.
<b>Name</b>	The Romans gave it the name of Germanus, meaning "neighbors," originally bestowed by the Gauls. The Rhine River - this name comes from the Celtic word "renos", meaning raging flow
<b>Population</b>	82 million
<b>Language</b>	German; but much English is spoken
<b>Currency</b>	The euro (€), the new single European currency, became the official

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	<p>currency of Germany and 11 other participating countries on January 1, 1999. However, the euro didn't go into general circulation until early in 2002. The old currency, the German mark, disappeared into history on March 1, 2002, replaced by the euro, whose official abbreviation is "EUR."</p> <p>Currently 1.00 Euros = 1.57 Canadian Dollars as at 31 January 2009</p>
<b>Tipping</b>	If a restaurant bill says "Bedienung", that means a service charge has already been added, so just round up to the nearest euro. If not, add 10% to 15%. Round up to the nearest mark for taxis. Bellhops get 1€ (\$1.50) per bag, as does the doorman at your hotel, restaurant, or nightclub. Room-cleaning staffs get small tips in Germany, as do concierges who perform some special favors.
<b>Government</b>	<p>The Federal Republic of Germany is a democracy with a liberal market economy, religious freedom and freedom of the press. It is a member of the European Union (EU) and of NATO.</p> <p>The Federal Republic of Germany is a federation of individual states. There are 16 "Bundesländer" which are federal states with their own government. They have their own regional constitutions which have to comply with the principles of a republican, democratic and social state governed by the rule of law as laid down in the Basic Law (Germany's federal constitution). This guarantees that all German people have the same rights, obligations and living conditions.</p>
<b>Documentation</b>	Your passport must be valid for at least another four months after entry into Germany or the Schengen area.
<b>Time zone</b>	Germany operates on Central European time (CET), which means that the country is 6 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time (EST)
<b>Health</b>	<p>Germany does not pose any major health hazards. The heavy cuisine may give some travelers mild diarrhea, so take along some anti-diarrhea medicine and moderate your eating habits. The water is safe to drink throughout Germany.</p> <p>German medical facilities are among the best in the world. If a medical emergency arises, your hotel staff can usually put you in touch with a reliable doctor. Medical and hospital services aren't free, so be sure that you have appropriate insurance coverage before you travel.</p>
<b>Safety tips</b>	Normal precautions required, otherwise Germany is considered a safe destination for travellers

<b>CLIMATE</b>	
<b>General climate</b>	Germany is not prey to dramatic climatic extremes, although there are regional differences. The most reliably good weather is from May to October, with high summer a good bet for mid 20°C shorts-and-t-shirt conditions, even in the north. Autumn is a good time to visit Germany. As the tourist scrum disperses and the forests turn golden, it's not too stifling to be active but still warm enough to leave you thirsty for a few

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	well-deserved steins. Winter is frosty and wet, especially in the south, with snow rarely settling for long except in the high country.
<b>Today's weather</b>	1 degree Centigrade and sunny in Frankfurt (31 January 2009)
<b>Best time to visit</b>	The most popular tourist months are May to October, although winter travel to Germany is becoming increasingly popular, especially to the ski areas in the Bavarian Alps. Germany's climate varies widely. In the north, winters tend to be cold and rainy; summers are most agreeable. In the south and in the Alps, it can be very cold in the winter, especially in January, and very warm in summer, but with cool, rainy days even in July and August. Spring and fall are often stretched out.

PLANNING	
<b>Flying time</b>	Approximately 7 hours Toronto to Frankfurt from Toronto
<b>Cities</b>	<p>The five largest cities in Germany:</p> <p>Berlin (capital of Germany) with 3,391,407 inhabitants</p> <p>Hamburg with 1,736,752 inhabitants</p> <p>Munich with 1,397,537 inhabitants</p> <p>Cologne with 975,907 inhabitants</p> <p>Frankfurt am Main with 657,126 inhabitants</p> <p><b>Cologne (Köln)</b>, the largest city in the Rhineland, is so rich in antiquity that every time a new foundation is dug, the excavators come up with archaeological finds. Devastating though the World War II bombing was, reconstruction brought to light a period of Cologne's history that had been a mystery for centuries. Evidence showed that Cologne was as important and powerful during the early Christian era as it was during Roman times and the Middle Ages. Cologne traces its beginnings to 38 B.C., when Roman legions set up camp here. As early as A.D. 50, the emperor Claudius gave it municipal rights as capital of a Roman province. In the early Christian era, a bishopric was founded here and a number of saints were martyred, including the patron of the city, St. Ursula. During the Middle Ages, as Cologne became a center for international trade, Romanesque and Gothic churches were built with prosperous merchants' gold. Today there is much to see from every period of the city's 2,000-year history - from the old Roman towers to the modern opera house. But Cologne is also a bustling modern city and is becoming the fine-art capital of Germany</p> <p><b>Düsseldorf</b> is a wealthy city - the richest in Germany. It's big and commercial, full of banks and industrial offices and skyscrapers, but it's also refreshingly clean. Düsseldorf got its start as a settlement on the right bank of the Rhine, but today it's spread out on both sides - the older part on the right, and the modern, commercial, and industrial part on the left. Five bridges connect the two sections, the most impressive</p>

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	<p>being the Oberkassel. Parks and esplanades line the riverbanks. After 85% of the right bank was destroyed in World War II, Düsseldorf followed a modern trend in reconstruction, and today it's the most elegant metropolis in the Rhine Valley.</p>
<b>The River Rhine</b>	<p>The Rhine River begins at the Rheinwaldhorn Glacier in the Swiss Alps and flows north and east approximately 1,320 km. The glacier is located northeast across the mountains from the town of Andermatt in the Uri canton (state/province). The Rhine begins as a tumultuous Alpine stream churning through deep gorges, and although the river's flow is moderated somewhat as it passes through the Lake of Constance (Bodensee), the river remains a torrent westward to Basel. Just south of Chur, Switzerland, the Hinter Rhine, flowing north-westerly from the glacier, joins the Voder Rhine streaming from Lake Tuma, to form the Rhine proper at Reichenau. The river then flows north to Lake Constance and west through Schaffhausen to Basel, Switzerland. Near Schaffhausen it plunges 23 m over a spectacular waterfall, the Rheinfall. At Basel the river turns north and enters the Rhine Graben, a flat-floored rift valley lying between the Vosges Mountains on the west and the Black Forest (Schwarzwald) on the east. Strasbourg, France, a focal point for merging water routes from the Paris Basin, is located at the valley's northern extremity.</p> <p>With the junction of the Main River at Mainz, in Germany, the Rhine's seasonal regime becomes more stabilized. Along its course from Bingen to Bonn is a beautiful stretch of the Rhine Valley. The river has cut the deep, steep-sided Rhine Gorge through the Rhineland Plateau and the Rhenish Slate Mountains. This picturesque gorge, with terraced vineyards and castle-lined cliffs, has often been called the "heroic Rhine," renowned in history and romantic literature. It is complete with fairy tale castles and vineyards snuggled in the overhanging rock face, known as the Mittelrhein. The river flows past Bonn, Germany and becomes the Lower Rhine and emerges onto the North German Plain before it empties into the North Sea. Leading cities on the stream's banks are Cologne, Düsseldorf, and Duisburg.</p> <p>At the Netherlands frontier, it divides into two parallel distributaries, the Lek and the Waal, as it crosses a wide, marshy plain and a great delta before entering the North Sea. Much of this area is at or below sea level, but dikes contributed to its becoming one of the most densely populated and important economic regions on the continent. Rotterdam, the leading port of continental Europe, is located near the river's mouth. It passes through or borders on the countries of Liechtenstein, Austria, Germany, France, and the Netherlands.</p> <p>It is navigable from the North Sea to Basel, Switzerland, a distance of some 800 km. Eighty percent of its ship-carrying waters pass through</p>

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	<p>Germany. The entire distance cannot support ocean going vessels and they must end their journey in Cologne, Germany. Cologne is located between Koln and Bonn. From there cargo must go by barges pushed by smaller ships until the Rhine reaches the three point intersection of the borders of France, Germany, and Basel, Switzerland.</p>
<b>Boats</b>	<p>It is also possible to reach Germany by sea. A number of ferries and cruise liners ply the North and Baltic Seas. The most important North Sea ports are Bremen/Bremerhaven, Hamburg, Emden and Wilhelmshaven. The most important Baltic ports are Kiel, Rostock and Lübeck-Travemünde.</p> <p>Perhaps Germany's most beautiful features are its lakes and rivers. The mighty Rhine is the country's most traveled waterway. German cruise ships also run on the Main River between Mainz and Frankfurt; on the Danube from Nürnberg to Linz (Austria), going on to Vienna and Budapest; and on the Mosel between Cochem and Trier.</p> <p>Avalon Waterways river cruises are an ideal way of cruising the Rhine – see more detailed notes below</p>
<b>Trains</b>	<p>Whether you travel first or second class, you'll find that the trains of GermanRail (DB Rail; tel. 0800/1507090; <a href="http://www.bahn.de">www.bahn.de</a>) deserve their good reputation for comfort, cleanliness, and punctuality. All are modern and fast. A snack bar or a dining car, serving German and international cuisine as well as good wine and beer, can usually be found on all trains except locals.</p> <p>For city sightseeing, you can leave your baggage in a locker or check it at the station's baggage counter. In many cities, GermanRail provides door-to-door baggage service, allowing passengers to have luggage picked up at or delivered to their hotels. Accompanying baggage can be checked for a nominal fee. Suitcases, baby carriages, skis, bicycles, and steamer trunks are permitted as baggage. Insurance policies of various kinds, including a travel medical plan, are also available.</p> <p>About 20,000 InterCity (IC) passenger trains offer express service every hour between most large and medium-size German cities. IC trains have adjustable cushioned seats and individual reading lights, and often offer telephone and secretarial services. Bars, lounges, and dining rooms are available, too. A network of EuroCity (EC) trains connecting Germany with 13 other countries offers the same high standards of service as those of IC.</p> <p>Germany's <b>high-speed rail network</b>, known as InterCity Express (ICE) trains, is among the fastest in Europe, reaching speeds of 280kmph. One of these trains runs from Hamburg via Würzburg and Nürnberg to Munich; another from Frankfurt via Stuttgart to Munich; and yet another from Berlin via Frankfurt to Munich. Each train makes stops along the way. ICE significantly reduces travel time, making transits north to south across the country easily possible in the course of a single day. Some</p>

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	200 east-west connections have been added to the German Rail timetable to link the Deutsche Bundesbahn (west) and the Deutsche Reichsbahn (east). Additional connections make Leipzig and Dresden more accessible.
<b>Car Rental</b>	All major car rental companies are represented in the major cities and the larger airports
<b>Buses</b>	An excellent, efficient bus network services Germany. Many buses are operated by Bahnbus, which is owned by the railway. These are integrated to complement the rail service. Bus service in Germany is particularly convenient during slow periods of rail service, normally around midday and on Saturday and Sunday. German post offices often operate local bus services (contact local post offices for schedules and prices).
<b>Passes</b>	You can buy a <b>German Rail Pass</b> from a travel agent before you leave home. The pass allows 4 days of travel in 1 month and costs \$260 first class or \$180 second class. Additional days cost \$34 first class and \$24 second class. For Rail Europe: <a href="http://www.raileurope.ca">www.raileurope.ca</a>
<b>ACCOMMODATION TYPES</b>	Germany offers a range of accommodation to suit every taste and pocket, from youth hostels to castle stays, from guesthouses and inns to hotels in every category. See <a href="http://www.ComeToGermany.com">www.ComeToGermany.com</a> to get detailed information.

TARGET GROUPS	
<b>Kids</b>	Germany is ideal for family holidays - everyone feels at home here from toddlers to grandparents. Germany's major rivers, the Rhine, the Danube and the Elbe, are fascinating both by water and on land. Their banks are dotted with medieval castles and palaces where ancient myths and legends come to life. But family holidays on the smaller German rivers also appeal to all ages. There is the Moselle that flows through the historic, 2,000 year-old town of Trier, the Main that passes the modern city of Frankfurt, as well as the Weser, Havel and Nahe rivers. The conditions on the river Lahn are ideal for canoeing, and a cycle route runs through the magnificent scenery along the Neckar. <b>Taunus Wonderland</b> has lots of kids' attractions and is just half an hour's drive from Frankfurt. Time flies when you're climbing the padded tower, enjoying the fairytale forest or exploring the haunted castle. For animal lovers there is a petting zoo and a prehistoric forest with dinosaur show. Action-hungry youngsters can look forward to a whirlwind wildwater ski ride and the Taunus Lightning roller coaster <a href="http://www.taunuswunderland.de">www.taunuswunderland.de</a>
<b>Teens</b>	At Germany's theme parks teens can have the time of their lives. They can take their pick from the best roller coaster in the world, a flying

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	<p>carousel with spectacular sea views or breathtaking stunt shows packed with movie-style action.</p> <p>Visitors to the <b>Movie Park Germany</b> shouldn't be surprised to suddenly find themselves on a film set following film directors' instructions or witnessing spectacular stunts. The spot is on film here in Bottrop in the middle of the Ruhr Region. Who wouldn't have fun getting to the bottom of the mysteries of the Bermuda Triangle, or living to tell the tale of a hot pursuit in a flight simulator? And there are breathtaking roller-coaster rides for whoever's got nerves of steel. <a href="http://www.moviepark.de">www.moviepark.de</a></p>
<b>Romance</b>	The ruins of <b>Heidelberg Castle</b> rise majestically on the site of a medieval castle complex high above the lanes and the picturesque jumble of roofs of the old town. The architecture contains elements of the Gothic and Renaissance periods and have been rightly listed as one of the most romantic spots on the planet.
<b>Honeymoons &amp; Weddings</b>	Germany's romantic castles, rivers and scenery make it the ideal honeymoon destination for couples seeking a romantic break from it all. Why not become King and Queen of the castle and book into one of Germany's many castles and palaces for the night? Take a cruise along Germany's rivers and view picturesque castles perched on hilltops. Rent a car and follow Germany's Romantic Road, home to the fairytale "Disney" castle of Neuschwanstein. Or book into one of Baden-Baden's stunning hotel spas and relax with a His & Hers Massage before enjoying a night at the city's Casino. The list is endless and a honeymoon in Germany unforgettable
<b>Seniors</b>	The Globus tours and river cruises in Germany are a perfect way to see many of Germany's highlights in a stress-free, relaxed and convivial way – check out the details in the separate section on Globus in Destinations.

UNIQUES	
<b>Surprising</b>	There are over 500 galleries and 6000 museums in Germany!
<b>History</b>	9 B.C.-A.D. 9--Romans attempt to conquer Teutonic tribes. 486--Clovis founds Frankish kingdom, ruling from Paris. 496--Franks converted to Christianity. 800--Pope crowns Charlemagne in Rome. 962--Pope crowns Otto I as Holy Roman Emperor. 1152-90--Frederick Barbarossa's reign leads to a greater centralization of power, but his invasion of Italy is beaten back by the Lombard League. 1158--Munich founded by Henry the Lion, duke of Saxony. 1241--Hanseatic League founded to protect the trade of such cities as Bremen, Hamburg, and Lübeck. 1432--Maximilian I, "last of the German knights," becomes Holy Roman Emperor, the beginning of the hegemony of the Hapsburgs.

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	<p>1456--Johannes Gutenberg prints the first book in Europe using movable type.</p> <p>1517--Martin Luther nails his "Ninety-Five Theses" to a church door in Wittenberg, beginning the Protestant Reformation in Germany.</p> <p>1618-48--Thirty Years' War devastates Germany, as Protestant forces defeat Catholic Hapsburgs.</p> <p>1740-86--Prussian might grows under Frederick the Great in the Age of Enlightenment.</p> <p>1806--Armies of Napoleon invade Prussia, which is incorporated briefly into the French Empire.</p> <p>1813--Prussians defeat Napoleon at Leipzig.</p> <p>1815--At the Congress of Vienna, the German Confederation of 39 independent states is created.</p> <p>1862--Otto von Bismarck (1815-98) becomes prime minister of Prussia.</p> <p>1870-71--Germany invades and defeats France in the Franco-Prussian War.</p> <p>1871--Wilhelm I is crowned emperor of the newly created German Empire; Bismarck becomes chancellor.</p>
<b>History of the Rhine</b>	<p>During early historic times, Germanic tribes settled on either side of the lower Rhine and Celts alongside its upper sides. Julius Caesar bridged and crossed it in 53 and 55 BC. The Germanias were formed on the north and the Roman empire to the south and east. When the Western Roman Empire disintegrated around 400 AD, the Rhine was crossed along its entire length by Germanic tribes and formed the central backbone first of the Kingdom of the Franks and then of the Carolingian Empire. In 870, the Rhine again became the central axis of a political unit; the Holy Roman Empire. Over time, fighting and political events disintegrated this empire along the Rhine. Even with the fighting and changing hands of frontiers, a goal to connect the North Sea to the Black Sea had existed. It was first put into action by Charlemagne in 793, but it was never a success. The Thirty Years' War, 1618 through 1648, ended with the final separation of the Rhine headwaters and delta area from Germany. This territory would later become Holland. Louis XIV acquired Alsace for France along the eastern border, and in 1660, the European continent was at peace for a while. The borders of countries along the Rhine were just about formed as we know them today, but not exactly, and not permanently. The French Revolution, in the late 1700's through the early 1800's, shows borders were still changing.</p> <p>In 1832, the first steam boat came from the North Sea all the way to Basel, but this was not regular. Mannheim was an established port by 1840, and heavily travelled during the industrial revolution. In 1846 the Ludwig-Donau-Canal was completed after 9 years of work. It was</p>

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	<p>named after King Ludwig I of Bavaria.</p> <p>The Prussian armies in the Franco-German War of 1870-71 took Alsace from France and thus its Rhine frontier was gone. France regained it after World War I and built the fortified defensive system of the Maginot Line from 1927 through 1936. It adjoined the French bank of the Rhine from the Swiss border at Lauterbourg. The opposing Siegfried Line was built on the German bank from the Swiss border to near Karlsruhe from 1936 through 1939. Then came World War II, and the mass destruction of bridges, trains, and ships caused flooding because of blockades.</p> <p>After World War II the struggle for possession of the Rhine had been superseded by a trend toward economic and even political union of the rival countries. The Ludwig-Donau-Canal was also destroyed during World War II. A passage from Nuremberg to Kelheim was opened in 1992. Although the name is Rhine-Main-Danube, the primary canal work was done on the Main</p>
<b>Books</b>	Frommer's Germany 2009 Mark Twain's A Triumph Abroad (Hippocrene Books, 1989). The American humorist's travels through Germany are comically detailed.
<b>1000 Places to see before you die</b>	In Rhineland Germany: The Rhine Valley – legend and history Baden-Baden – the summer capital of Europe Cologne's cathedral Quarter – 1000 years of European art Heidelberg's Schloss – romance personified
<b>Must Sees</b>	It's so difficult with a country as rich in must-see's as Germany... There are 32 UNESCO World Heritage Sites alone! For more information: <a href="http://www.cometogermany.com/ENU/culture_and_events/unesco.htm">http://www.cometogermany.com/ENU/culture_and_events/unesco.htm</a> World heritage sites in the Rhine region include: <b>Upper Middle Rhine Valley (2002)</b> <b>Aachen Cathedral (1978)</b> <b>Castles of Augustusburg and Falkenlust at Brühl (1984)</b> <b>Cologne Cathedral (1996)</b> <b>Roman Monuments, Cathedral of St Peter and Church of Our Lady in Trier (1986)</b> <b>Speyer Cathedral (1981)</b> <b>Völklingen Ironworks (1994)</b> <b>Zollverein Coal Mine Industrial Complex in Essen (2001)</b> <b>Maulbronn Monastery Complex (1993)</b>

<b>SPORTS ACTIVITIES</b>	
<b>Golf</b>	Most German golf courses welcome visiting players who are members of courses at home. Weekday greens fees are usually around 45€ (\$56), rising to as much as 85€ (\$106) on Saturday and Sunday. For

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	information about the various golf courses, write to the Deutscher Golf/Verband, Victoriastrasse 16, 65011 Wiesbaden (tel. 0611/990200; <a href="http://www.golf.de/dgv">www.golf.de/dgv</a> ).
<b>Fishing</b>	<p>Wherever they go in Germany, anglers will come across plenty of places with large, varied fish stocks. All of Germany's regions have any number of lakes, rivers, brooks and canals offering a combination of excellent water quality and large, varied fish stocks. From a little rowing boat on a lake to some serious deep-sea angling - in Germany, you can do it all. For information about the choice of rivers and lakes - and about angling regulations, which vary from region to region (close seasons, etc.) - visit <a href="http://www.anglerverband.com">www.anglerverband.com</a> (German only) or contact the regional angling associations.</p> <p>Fishing permits: To go angling in Germany, you have to have a certificate of competence (fishing permit), though people whose permanent residence is outside Germany are exempt from this regulation. For more information, contact the fishing associations of the individual federal states. In addition to a fishing permit, you also need to have authorisation to fish in a particular stretch of water during a specific period. This can be purchased locally from the owner or leaseholder (generally an angling club). Local tourist information offices can tell you where to do this.</p>
<b>Sailing &amp; Windsurfing</b>	The North Sea and the Baltic have a whole string of places that could have been designed with sailing and windsurfing in mind. Top of the North Sea destinations - for experienced windsurfers especially - are Sylt, Amrum and St. Peter-Ording, resorts that also have plenty of après-surf. For sailors and windsurfers who prefer fewer waves, the Baltic is ideal: a true sailing paradise. Sailing on the Schlei is a real insider's tip. Kiel Bay, Lübeck Bay and the Flensburg Firth are good for combining sailing with some city sightseeing or one of many international sailing events.
<b>Hiking</b>	<p>Germany is a traveler's paradise with its romantic forests, picturesque hill and mountain landscapes, and tranquilly embedded seas. From hikes along tidal shores to trips through the low mountain regions all the way to mountain-top tours, everything is possible. Along many of these routes are hotels and inns that provide specialized accommodations for hikers. Many trip-organizers offer comfortable "hiking without luggage" packages.</p> <p>The <b>Rheinsteig</b> trail runs 320 km along the right bank of the river Rhine between Bonn, Koblenz and Wiesbaden along predominantly narrow paths and challenging inclines, uphill and downhill, leading to forests, vineyards and spectacular views. The Rheinsteig is a wonderful area for hiking. But it is also demanding: the steep paths are both challenging and pleasurable. This exceptionally well sign-posted and closely networked trail offers opportunities for ambitious long-distance walking</p>

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	<p>tours or for a variety of short tours. It can easily be reached by train, boat and car and is near several airports. The Rheinsteig offers the most beautiful portal to the cultural richness of the Rhine Valley. The cultural history of Middle-Europe the Rhine's romantic epoch and many historical landscapes all come together into this one small area. You will find 40 castles, stately homes and fortresses in the upper middle-Rhine Valley, between Bingen and Koblenz. This concentration of culture is unique in the world, and has been declared a World Human Heritage site by UNESCO since 2002. The Rheinsteig opens onto two wine producing areas, both rich in tradition: Mittelrhein and Rheingau. In the daytime the rambler enjoys the inns and rural wine cellars, in the evening the restaurants and the rambler-friendly hostels</p>
<b>Cycling</b>	<p>The brochure "Discovering Germany by Bike" presents a variety of offers on the most attractive routes and regions. Sign posts, bike-friendly overnight accommodations, good bicycle travel maps and main information centers are only some of the important points covered in this catalog.</p> <p>In Germany you can bike through green valleys and past rivers while enjoying rural landscapes and villages. Allgemeiner Deutscher Fahrrad-Club, P.O. Box 107747, 28077 Bremen (tel. 0421/346290; <a href="http://www.adfc.de">www.adfc.de</a> ), offers complete information on biking in Germany.</p>
<b>Diving</b>	<p>You might not think so at first, but diving in Germany can be an amazing experience. Wreck diving and cave diving in the Baltic are increasing in popularity (<a href="http://www.nordic-experience.de">http://www.nordic-experience.de</a> , <a href="http://www.kreidefelsen.de">http://www.kreidefelsen.de</a> ).</p>
<b>CULTURE</b>	<p><b>Beethoven House is Bonn's</b> pride and joy. Beethoven was born in 1770 in the small house in back, which opens onto a little garden. On its second floor is the room where he was born, decorated only with a simple marble bust of the composer. Many of Beethoven's personal possessions are in the house, including manuscripts and musical instruments. In the Vienna Room, in the front of the house overlooking the street, is Beethoven's last piano. The instrument was custom-made, with a special sounding board to amplify sound for the hearing-impaired composer.</p>
<b>Arts</b>	<p><b>Germany's Art, Music and History</b></p> <p>With over 5,000 art and exhibit houses there is something for everyone; Berlin's Museum Island is just one outstanding spot amongst many others. You can listen to classical music in stunning locations; follow in the footsteps of Goethe in Weimar, Bach in Leipzig and Luther in Eisenach. Or, you can tour one of Germany's many scenic routes, enjoy one of the many concerts and festivals well known in Germany's culture, or visit one of the country's internationally acclaimed museums.</p>

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	<h3>Germany's Culture</h3> <p>Get in touch with some of the great artistic thinkers and leaders in the early 20th century like Carl Spitzweg, Max Beckmann, and Franz Marc. You'll be able to learn more about different kinds of German music that can be heard at many opera houses, musical theaters, jazz clubs, and pop/rock events. And you'll get more information on the spectacular world-famous Museum Island in Berlin, which houses the Altes Museum, the first public museum in the Prussian state. Go to <a href="http://www.cometogermany.com">www.cometogermany.com</a></p>
<b>Music</b>	In the field of music, Germany's influence is noted through the works of, among others, Bach, Mozart, Händel, Telemann, Schütz, Beethoven, Mendelssohn Bartholdy, Humperdinck, Nicolai, Lortzing, Brahms, Schumann, Wagner, Pachelbel, Offenbach, Furtwängler, Eisler, Reger, Strauss, Hindemith, Orff, Stockhausen, Henze and Lachenmann. Today, the musical scene in Germany is as vibrant as ever. Every major city has an opera house and an orchestra, many of them world-renowned. New composers are encouraged, and productions are often at the cutting edge. <b>Cologne Philharmonic</b> is an architectural showcase was completed during the late 1980s. The concert hall features a soaring roof, enviable acoustics, and some of the finest classical music along the country's western tier. The building is the home of two separate orchestras, the Gürzenich Kölner Philharmoniker and the Westdeutscher Rundfunk Orchestra. Pop and jazz programs are also presented.
<b>Theatre</b>	<b>Theater der Stadt Frankfurt</b> , Untermainanlage 11 (tel. 069/1340400; U-Bahn: Willy-Brandt-Platz), has three stages. One belongs to the Frankfurt Municipal Opera, whose productions have received worldwide recognition in recent years. Two stages are devoted to drama. If your German is adequate, you may want to see a performance of Städtische Bühnen/Schauspiel (tel. 069/1340400), a forum for classic German plays as well as modern drama. A variety theater, Kunstlerhaus Mouson Turm, Waldschmidtstrasse 4 (tel. 069/40589520; U-Bahn/S-Bahn: Merianplatz), hosts plays, classical music concerts, and dance programs almost every night of the week.
<b>Museums</b>	From science and technology, cinematic history, photography and sculpture, to emigration and depictions of everyday life in the former GDR - the depth and breadth of the topics covered by Germany's prestigious museums is astounding. Thrilling worlds of discovery are revealed in its many interactive museums. Joining in and trying things out is all part of the fun. <b>Museum Ludwig in Cologne</b> is a stunningly upgraded museum and home of one of the world's largest collections of the works of Pablo Picasso, bested only by the Picassos in Paris and Barcelona. Irene Ludwig, widow of the late German art patron Peter Ludwig, for whom

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	<p>the museum is named, donated 774 works of Picasso to the museum.</p> <p><b>The Städel Museum, Frankfurt:</b> This is Frankfurt's most important art gallery, containing a fine collection of most European schools of painting. The first floor features French Impressionists such as Renoir and Monet, along with German painters of the 19th and 20th centuries. Note in particular Kirchner's Nude Woman with Hat. Also on the first floor is Tischbein's Portrait of Goethe in the Campagna in Italy. If you're short on time, go directly to the second floor to view the outstanding collection of Flemish primitives, 17th-century Dutch artists, and 16th-century German masters such as Dürer, Grünewald, Memling, Elsheimer, and many others.</p>
<b>Festivals</b>	<p><b>The Cologne Carnival</b> is one of the biggest street parties in Europe - the famous Altstadt (old town) is transformed into a dazzling and colourful celebration, with what seems like the entire population of the city in fancy dress. Prepare for lots of dancing and partying in the streets, pubs and bars and plenty of Kölsch, the delicious local beer. At 11.11am on 11 November, Germany's "fifth season", Karneval, begins and the whole country goes barking mad. But the craziness reaches its real climax the week before Ash Wednesday.</p> <p>At 11.11am on 19 February the main carnival week in Cologne is declared officially open with the Women's Carnival Day, when the women of Cologne are deemed in charge of the city. On Carnival Sunday (22 February) a parade of local school children takes place. Then on Monday 23 February it's the turn of the main event (known in Germany as Rosenmontag), when a cavalcade of 42 groups with 79 fabulously decorated lorries, 67 tractors and 126 bands (approximately!) starts out on a six-kilometre route through the centre of Cologne. Keep an eye out for the lorries carrying huge effigies lampooning Germany's politicians. The day after (Shrove Tuesday), various parades take place in Cologne's suburbs, but if you're unaccustomed to partying Cologne-style you should probably just prepare for a hangover instead! It all draws to a more sedate close on Ash Wednesday when the tradition is to eat fish - pick any pub or restaurant on this day and you'll find it on the menu.</p> <p><b>Carnival in Düsseldorf</b> is one of the biggest and most ebullient party seasons in Germany. The climax is the Rosenmontag parade, when more than 6000 revellers dressed in screaming colours and uniforms make their way around the city. One of the highlights is the Altweiberfastnacht on the Thursday before Ash Wednesday, when the women of the city storm the town hall at 11.11am, planning to take control of the city for a day. A street carnival through the Old Town follows. The following Sunday sees a carnival making its way along Düsseldorf's main shopping street. The more outrageous the costumes,</p>

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	<p>the better. To wrap it all up there's the main parade on the Monday (Rosenmontag), when sweets are thrown out into the crowds from the decorated floats.</p>
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ATTRACTIOnS	
<b>Beaches</b>	<p>Go north from the Rhine region to the rugged North Sea and the gentler Baltic: life at an island pace, bracing air, more than 1,000 kilometres of beach and plenty of sun. Add to that, a never-ending choice of sports, spectacular events and nightlife into the early hours...</p> <p>The North Friesian islands are the most north-westerly holiday destination in Germany, consisting of the three sunny islands of Amrum (with the widest sandy beach in Europe), Föhr (with a particularly mild climate due to the Gulf Stream) and Sylt (Germany's largest island), plus the unique, tiny Hallig islands.</p>
<b>Wildlife and National Parks</b>	<p>The National Parks are great places to view wildlife.</p> <p><b>Eifel National Park</b> - Majestic beech forests sweep across the Eifel National Park, interspersed with gnarled oak woods and secret ravines with babbling brooks. Situated in the north of the Eifel region, this national park closes the western gap in the existing network of national parks. It is the first to provide a protected habitat for the variety of upland beech forest which thrives on acid soils and is influenced by an Atlantic climate. Where trees were once commercially managed, wild, natural forests are now beginning to develop, providing a vital retreat for more than 230 endangered plant and animal species.</p> <p>Wild cats are now hunting for mice in the swathes of forest and beavers are building their lodges in the clean water. The kingfisher and several species of bat flourish in the peace and quiet of the national park, as does the wild yellow narcissus which delights nature lovers with its beautiful flowers in spring. Visitors can look forward to a unique blend of woodland and water.</p> <p>There is plenty to see and do here. You can explore the national park independently, or let the experts show you around. On "Ancient Forest Days" (every Sunday during school holidays), rangers give guided tours of the park, revealing some of nature's secrets. The well-equipped visitor centre, set in the charming hydrotherapy health resort of Gemünd on the edge of the Eifel National Park, offers a variety of interesting activities and exhibitions for every age group.</p>
<b>Parks</b>	<p><b>Frankfurt</b> has a lot of parks. Locals like to point out that while the city has no Central Park as New York does, it is itself a central park. A botanic city ring has replaced the enclosing city walls of old Frankfurt. Along the Main is a park landscape where you'll see bankers taking their lunch break beneath statues of heroes from the past.</p> <p>The <b>Palmengarten</b>, Siesmayerstrasse 61 (tel. 069/21233939; U-Bahn: Westend; bus: 32), is a park and a botanical garden. During the last</p>

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	<p>decade, the gardens have been renewed and the conservatories and historic greenhouses completely reconstructed. You can admire a perennial garden, an expanded rock garden, and a beautiful rose garden. A huge gallery that serves as an exhibition hall for flower shows and other botanical exhibitions surrounds the 1869 palm house. In recent years, new conservatories have been added: The Tropicarium is a complex for tropical vegetation; the Sub-Antarctic House displays plants from southern Chile, Argentina, and New Zealand; and the Entrance Conservatory houses insectivorous plants and bromeliads. Collections of orchids, palms, succulents, water lilies, and many others are also on display.</p>
<b>Gardens</b>	<p>Most German towns have gardens as an integral part of their urban life and this is particularly true in the Rhine region.</p> <p>The <b>Herrengarten in Darmstadt</b> was laid out at the end of the 16<sup>th</sup> century and is a particularly beautiful example.</p>
<b>Castles</b>	<p>The castles and palaces which Germany has to offer you are all original. There are not just a handful of well-preserved ones, but several hundred from all epochs and of every genre. Each has its own long and thrilling history, which is being kept alive within its walls.</p> <p>Set in an idyllic garden landscape, <b>Augustusburg Castle</b> (the sumptuous residence of the prince-archbishops of Cologne) and the Falkenlust hunting lodge (a small rural folly) are among the earliest examples of Rococo architecture in 18th-century Germany</p> <p>The <b>Grandhotel Schloss Bensburg</b> 14 km from Cologne offers a romantic stay in a 300 year old Baroque castle on top of a hill <a href="http://www.schlossbenzburg.com">www.schlossbenzburg.com</a></p>
<b>Cathedrals</b>	<p><b>Cologne Cathedral</b> is one of the world's great cathedrals - the spiritual and geographical heart of the city. It's the largest Gothic cathedral in Germany. From the top of the south tower, you get panoramic views of the city and surrounding area. Construction began in 1248, in order to house the relics of the three Magi brought to Cologne in 1164 by Archbishop Reinald von Dassel, chancellor to Frederick Barbarossa. After the completion of the chancel, south tower, and north-side aisles (around 1500), work was halted and not resumed until 1823. In 1880, the great enterprise was completed, and unlike many time-consuming constructions that change styles in midstream, the final result was in the Gothic style, true to the original plans.</p>
<b>OTHER ACTIVITIES</b>	
<b>Shopping</b>	<p>There are so many things that make a shopping tour around cities like Cologne particularly special: German "originals", for example, such as BOSS, Meissen porcelain, Faber-Castell and Adidas. Traditional</p>

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	<p>products such as Nuremberg gingerbread and the excellent German wines are also well worth seeking out.</p> <p><b>Cologne Water</b> - The word cologne has been a part of the common language since the introduction many years ago of the scented water called Kölnisch Wasser (eau de cologne). Eau de Cologne, Glockengasse 4711 (tel. 0221/9250450; U-Bahn: Neumarkt), sells the scented water first developed at this address by Italian chemist Giovanni Maria Farina in 1709. Originally employed to hide the stench of aristocrats who rarely bathed, cologne is now simply a sweet-smelling tradition and a cheap way to take home a little piece of Cologne. The smallest 25-milliliter flacon costs a mere 5€ (\$7.50).</p>
<b>Markets</b>	<p>In <b>Bonn</b>, a market called the Flohmarkt, at Rheinaue, Ludwig-Erhard-Strasse (tram: 66), is where you'll find all manner of secondhand goods and collectibles. It's held the third Saturday of each month April to October. A weekly market, Wochenmarkt, on the square of the same name, is held Monday to Saturday. You can enjoy a good lunch here, buying cooked food as you walk along inspecting the produce and various flea market items.</p> <p>Flea markets are held in <b>Cologne's</b> inner city. The most appealing are held within the Alter Markt (U-Bahn: Hauptbahnhof), at irregular intervals throughout the year, usually at least once a month (ask at the tourist office). More regular are the outdoor food and vegetable markets, the largest of which is held on the Wilhelmsplatz, in the Nippes district (U-Bahn: Florastrasse), Saturdays 8am to at least 2pm.</p>
<b>Nightlife</b>	<p>The place to go for nightlife in <b>Düsseldorf</b> is the Altstadt. This .8 sq. km (1/3 sq. mile) of narrow streets and alleyways, between Königsallee and the Rhine River, is jam-packed with restaurants, dance clubs, art galleries, boutiques, nightclubs, and some 200 song-filled beer taverns. Düsseldorfers refer to a night cruising the Altstadt as an Altstadtbummel.</p> <p>For <b>jazz in Cologne</b>, go to Klimperkasten (also known as Papa Joe's Biersalon), Alter Markt 50-52 (tel. 0221/2582132; U-Bahn: Hauptbahnhof). It is an intimate jazz and piano bar open from 11am to 3am, with live music every night beginning around 8pm. The jazz is also hot at Papa Joe's Jazzlokal, Buttermarkt 37 (tel. 0221/2577931; U-Bahn: Heumarkt).</p> <p>A 110-year-old bar in Cologne, Päffgen Bräuhaus, Friesenstrasse 64-66 (tel. 0221/135461; U-Bahn: Friesenplatz), serves its Kölsch brand of beer, along with regional cuisine. Seating is available indoors and out.</p>
<b>CUISINE</b>	<p>Out of over 1200 breweries, from the North Sea to the Alps, flow 5000 different kinds of beer on tap. A meal is also as versatile as the beer in Germany. Whether fresh fish from the traditional Hamburg fish market, or potatoes, the apples of the earth - which have been served either as</p>

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	<p>salt potatoes, stewed potatoes or as potato-cakes since the 18th century - nothing more could be missing from a menu. However, what would Germany be without sausage - with plenty of mustard - prepared plain-boiled, boiled with spices, raw or as bratwurst?</p> <p>For breakfast or at snack time, one of 300 healthy kinds of bread and fine pastries, made famous by German bakers, await you. You can also drink natural mineral water again and again. It bubbles here from 550 sources. The true connoisseur praises the German wine, some dry and some sweeter, but always smooth and filigree like nowhere else in the world.</p>
<b>Food</b>	Some of the best inexpensive places to eat (and drink) in Cologne are beer taverns. Come to <b>Bräuhaus Sion</b> , Unter Taschenmacher 5-7 (tel. 0221/2578540; U-Bahn: Heumarkt; tram: 5 or 7), if you want a traditional local tavern where the beer is good, the wood paneling smoky with time and frequent polishing, and the food portions generous
<b>Wine</b>	<p>German wine does not grow next to olive trees and cork-oaks. It grows on the same degree of latitude as Newfoundland. The difference is that it is nursed by the warm climate of the Gulf Stream. This results in wines with fruity acidity and a wide range of wonderful scents.</p> <p>These are already two of the 13 German wine growing regions of Rheinhessen, Palatinate, Baden, Mosel-Saar-Ruwer, Württemberg, Franconia, Nahe, Rheingau, Mittelrhein, Ahr, Hessische Bergstraße, Saale-Unstrut and Saxony: Mosel, Saar and Ruwer in the west with tangy Riesling and Müller-Thurgau, the Elbe in the east with Rivaner and delicately fruity Weißburgunder and Grauburgunder.</p> <p>You will find a true paradise for the wine connoisseur when you travel the Rhine route from Lake Constance in the south to north of Bonn. People drink solid Gutedel, powerful Rulander, which today is called Grauer Burgunder and in the sunny Kaiserstuhl region fruity Weißherbst (rosé wine). The fertile Rhineland-Palatinate tempts not only with Rivaner, but also with full-flavoured Morio, Muskat, Kerner and Scheurebe. Rheinhessen's Silvaner offers more than just Liebfraumilch - the white wines range from mild to spicy and elegant. These can also be found in the neighbouring Nahe region.</p> <p>Additionally red wine is cultivated between Landau and Mainz. Mainly smooth Portugieser but powerful Dornfelder as well. The volcanic and slate soil of the northern part of the Ahr region mainly yields the fruity Spätburgunder. Overall, general three quarters of the German wines are white wines.</p>
<b>Rhine Wine</b>	Most of Germany's vineyards owe their existence to the Rhine river. It flows past a wide fertile valley past the Baden vineyards. The Pfalz, on the east facing slopes on the Haardt Mountains is the most southerly of these Rhine wine regions. Next comes the Rheinhessen with its finest vineyard sites around the Neirstein on the so-called Rheinfront or

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	<p>Rheinterrasse. North of Mainz, the Rhine meets the mass of the Taunus Mountains and is forced west along a short stretch between Weisbaden and Assmannshausen. This area is called the Rheingau. At Bingen, the Nahe River flows in and along its banks where some of the best south-facing vineyards are located. North of Bonn is the tiny river Ahr, which is a tourist spot with its own vineyards. All of these German regions produce different styles of wine, but in general, Rhine wine is fuller and richer than Mosel wines. As in the Mosel, the primary grape is the Reisling, but there are other varieties of grapes too. There are a few Weissburgunder (pinot blanc) and some Chardonnay. The German wine research center at Geisenheim has created many new vine hybrids, such as Ehrenfelser, Scheurebe, and Kerner. They are not as popular as the native Rheingau.</p>
<b>Restaurants</b>	<p>So many to choose from! Here's a few suggestions for that special meal in the Rhine region:</p> <p><b>Frankfurt: Weinhaus Brückenkeller:</b> Located in the heart of the Altstadt, this is one of Frankfurt's leading restaurants and a favorite spot of well-heeled North American visitors. Tables are candlelit, and strolling musicians encourage singing. Here the age of Bismarck lives again. Franconian carvings adorn the alcoves, and huge wooden barrels are decorated with scenes from Goethe's Faust. The food is light and subtle. A typical meal may begin with cream of sorrel soup or more substantial roast gooseliver with green beans, perhaps a small salmon cake with caviar crème. The Tafelspitz (boiled beef) is the best in town. Filet of roast turbot with a white-wine cream sauce and a parsley risotto, or saddle of lamb served with mashed potatoes flavored with truffles and pimento, are also delicious. For a perfect finish, try the soufflé of strawberries with vanilla sauce. The evening meal includes homemade sourdough bread. The wine cellar holds 285 selections of German wines, including the Rhineland's best. Personal attention and efficient service are hallmarks.</p> <p><b>Zur Lese, Bonn:</b> This restaurant's polite service and outdoor terrace with a sweeping view over the Rhine attract many local residents, especially in the afternoon, when visitors drop in for coffee, cakes, and glasses of wine after strolling in the nearby Hofgarten. Elegant, well-prepared lunches are also offered. Dinner is served in the cafe. A menu of German specialties (with English translations) includes pork with curry sauce and the chef's superb Gulasch Lese (goulash).</p> <p><b>Düsseldorf: Rheinturm Top 180 Restaurant</b> - This futuristic restaurant is set atop the spool-shaped summit of the city's tallest tower (172m/564 ft.) and revolves slowly, affording a 360-degree panorama of Düsseldorf's buildings and parks. Most people come here for the view, but the food is good and includes grills, game dishes, fish, and soups. Try the slices of smoked duck breast with creamy savoy cabbage or</p>

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	rolls of salmon stuffed with turbot filling and served in Riesling and saffron sauce.
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Gorge is the most beautiful stretch of river. Pass the legendary rock of the Lorelei, where sweet songs of local beauties lured enchanted sailors to their doom. In Rüdesheim, Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum is a real surprise, then free time to explore the Drosselgasse and pick up some souvenirs.

Day 6 - Excursion to Heidelberg: Heidelberg is Germany's oldest university town. The ruins of the imposing red sandstone castle tower above the city. Of particular interest is the Giant Vat, an 18th-century wine cask holding 49,000 gallons!

Day 7 - Strasbourg, France: Situated on the border of France and Germany, Strasbourg is influenced by the culture of both countries and is the capital of the Alsace region. It is the seat of the Council of Europe and the European Parliament. Noteworthy sights are the Gothic Cathedral, the lovely La Petite France district, Place Kleber, and Place Gutenberg with the statue of the inventor of the printing press. An optional excursion to the Alsace wine region is available today.

Day 8 - Breisach, Germany. Excursion to the Black Forest: Located at the foot of Kaiserstuhl Mountain on the French-German border, Breisach is the gateway to Germany's BLACK FOREST region, an area of unrivaled natural beauty with its forests of thick pine trees. Surely the most well-known products from this region are Black Forest ham and Black Forest cherry cake.

Day 9 - Basel, Switzerland (Disembarkation) : Homebound flights should not leave Zürich Airport before 10 am.

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<b>CURRENT DEALS</b>	Toronto to Dusseldorf one way is currently available with Air Canada from <b>\$236 each way</b> when booked by 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2009
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<b>PERSONAL EXPERIENCES</b>	Rhine Valley; Frankfurt; Heidelberg; Berlin; Dresden; Black Forest; Cologne; Trier; Hamburg; Munster; Munich; Munster
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<b>Why Globus?</b>	<p>With Globus, you'll always visit the key sights - the Sistine Chapel, the Colosseum and the Forum in Rome, the Prado Museum in Madrid, Michelangelo's David in the Academy of Fine Arts in Florence, and many others. You'll enjoy many more inclusions like cruises, high-speed trains, local guides, and in Italy's main cities, headsets for clear commentary. They offer twice the number of included features as many competitors, without any additional cost to you. Look for the complete list of their special included features on each tour page in their brochure.</p> <p>Globus not only brings you experience that others simply don't offer, they also ensure that you end up with more time to enjoy the rest of your destination. Most competitors require you to take extra optional excursions to see these important sights, costing you additional time and money. And if you don't join their excursion, you'll spend most of your time waiting in line. But with Globus, these sights are already</p>

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	<p>included, freeing up the remainder of your time for exactly what you'd like to see.</p> <p><b>European River Cruises</b></p> <p>River Cruises are an increasingly way to explore castles, cathedrals and villages. Travel hassle-free aboard Europe's most modern fleet of luxury river cruise ships with Globus' <b>Avalon</b> brand. This is a great way to see some of the best sights that Germany has to offer in a luxurious and relaxing way.</p>
<b>Hotels with Globus</b>	<p>Globus understand the importance of hotel quality to your vacation. That's why, unlike most competitors, Globus hotels are First Class and above. And they stand behind their ratings, as confirmed by the hotel &amp; travel Index or national tourist board. For reference they have included hotel rating totals for each vacation in their brochure.</p> <p>The hotels selected are chosen not only for the superior quality but also for their convenient location, and their volume buying power worldwide means unparalleled value for you. For example, all hotels listed on the <b>Monograms Independent Vacations</b> and Leisurestyle vacations are located in the heart of your destination, so you're close to what you want to see. On the Castle villa stays they have special accommodations that are destinations in their own right. You'll be treated like royalty at unbeatable value.</p>
<b>Tour Directors</b>	<p>One of the greatest advantages of travelling with Globus is your Tour Director. Never underestimate the importance of experience. On average, each of their several hundred European Tour Directors has completed more than fourteen seasons on the road, successfully conducting an average of nearly 140 vacations. Globus Tour Directors are experts who have honed the art of taking you inside a destination, so you can rest assured that you're seeing the sights like a local. When you've been travelling as long as they have, you have operations down to an art form. They have spent more than 75 years refining itineraries and procedures and their Swiss Heritage ensures that your trip is trouble free to the last detail. With over 30 offices around the world, they have support when and where you need it, under any circumstances.</p>
<b>Globus Value</b>	<p>Globus includes all the main features of a destination without extra cost. Their volume buying power saves you money. In fact, a whole day of touring with Globus generally costs what you'd pay for just a hotel alone if you plan the trip on your own. Yet they also provide a Tour director, a great variety of transportation, many meals, a rich sightseeing program and much more. Here's a few more value-added items:</p> <p>Free airport transfers: book your scheduled transatlantic flight with Globus and benefit from free transfers</p>

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	<p>Low Airfares: compare their competitive air-inclusive prices, and business class is also available.</p> <p>Discounts abound: group reduction, child reduction, triple room reduction, multiple tour reduction.</p> <p>Globus has fifty hosts in London alone to assist you at the airports and hotels</p> <p>Professional Tour director while touring, cruise director on River Cruises, local hosts for Monograms</p> <p>Hotels listed on tour page. Twin-bedded rooms with private bath and shower, hotel taxes service charges, and tips for baggage handling</p> <p>Private Deluxe motor coach with air-conditioning, extra leg room, and emergency washroom while touring</p> <p>All tours London- Paris/Brussels &amp; Paris/Brussels-London travel are on the Eurostar</p> <p>Globus travel bag and travel documents; Monograms wallet and travel documents</p> <p>Headsets included for sightseeing with local guide in Rome, Florence, Venice and Pompeii</p>
<b>Journeys Club</b>	Journeys Club is an exclusive fellowship created for past Globus passengers. It invites you to share your passion for travel with a group of like-minded, experienced Globus globetrotters. Benefits include: Exclusive journeys with upgrades, extras amenities and welcome gifts Member-only discounts, Insider information regarding new, upcoming Globus vacations, Quarterly newsletters and E-mail updates with Journeys Club information and promotions, Journeys Club travel merchandise and Travel & destination tips and articles
<b>Children</b>	An adult must accompany travelers who are less than 18 years old on the tour departure date; the child receives a 10% discount on the land tour price. Children under the age of 8 are not accepted on escorted tours, because they are considered too young to enjoy these vacations.
<b>German Highlights Tour</b>	12 days including flights from \$2989 per person in 2009 For those who want to see the highlight cities of Germany, this 12-day vacation is a perfect fit. A Rhine cruise, a visit of Cologne's Gothic Cathedral, and a picture stop at Checkpoint Charlie in the once divided metropolis of Berlin are included in your engaging itinerary. After visiting

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	<p>Leipzig you can walk the medieval streets of charming Nuremberg. Fortified Rothenburg, along the Romantic Road, should not be missed, and then you can tackle a stein of beer at the Hofbräuhaus in Munich or in the mountain resort of Garmisch in the Bavarian Alps. Other included highlights are King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein Castle, the Passion Play town of Oberammergau, Heidelberg Castle and an overnight stay in the Black Forest.</p>
<b>The Best of Germany</b>	<p>15 days including flights from \$3659 in 2009</p> <p>This 15-day trip is for those who wish to see more of this fascinating country. You'll enjoy overnight stays in Frankfurt, Cologne, Hamburg (with an included harbor cruise), Berlin, Dresden, Erfurt, Würzburg, Munich, and the Black Forest. All two-night stays have guided sightseeing included, and local guides will accompany you in Weimar and in the Wartburg and Heidelberg Castles. In Dresden The Rhine Valley (with a scenic cruise), the Romantic Road, Bavarian Alps and Black Forest guarantee a great variety of magnificent scenery, and included stops in Remagen, Bremen, Celle, Leipzig, Weimar, Rothenburg, Nuremberg, and Heidelberg show you the most of the real Germany.</p>
<b>Other Vacations in Germany from the Globus Family of Brands</b>	<p><b>Avalon 2009 Germany River Cruises</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- River cruises offered from as short as 7 days to as long as 21 days and include: Romantic Rhine, The Legendary Danube, Blue Danube Discovery, Central European Experience, European Splendor, Windmills Vineyards &amp; Paris, The Rhine &amp; The Moselle, Magnificent Europe, Jewels of Central Europe, Grand Black Sea Cruise, North Sea</li><li>- Black Sea Cruise, Christmastime on the Danube (featuring the Rhine, Main, Neckar, Moselle &amp; Saar Rivers, &amp; Main Danube Canal).</li><li>- New for 2009 – Christmas in the Heart of Germany includes a 5 day cruise on the Main River onboard the new 2009 Affinity ship</li><li>- Additionally, there are 9 Globus European Panoramas (general tours of Europe, multi-country) which feature stops and overnights in Germany.</li></ul> <p><b>Cosmos 2009 Germany Tours</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- New 9 days Historic Eastern Germany by Rail – Berlin/Berlin, Dresden &amp; Leipzig</li><li>- 10 days Prague, Vienna, &amp; Budapest with Munich &amp; Nuremberg</li><li>- 13 days – Highlights of Germany - Frankfurt/ Frankfurt</li><li>- 12 days – Alpine Adventure &amp; Glacier Express – featuring Munich, Linderhof Castle</li><li>- 14 days – Bohemian Rhapsody – including Munich &amp; Nuremberg</li><li>- New 9 days - Grand Tour of Austria featuring Munich</li><li>- 16 days – Central Europe featuring Frankfurt, Berlin &amp; Munich</li></ul> <p>There are also 13 Cosmos European tours with stops in Germany,</p>

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	<p>these are multi-country tours from 11 to 30 days.</p> <p>Cosmos 2010 Oberammergau Tours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 17 days Bohemian Rhapsody &amp; 11 days Grand Tour of Austria</li><li>- 14 days European Jewels</li><li>- 11 days Six Countries</li><li>- 15 days From St. Paul's To St Peter's</li><li>- 12 days Grand Tour of Switzerland</li><li>- 13 days Highlights of Germany</li><li>- 14 days Alpine Adventure</li><li>- 17 days – Central Europe</li></ul>
<b>The Globus Brand</b> “Every journey tells a story”	<p>The Globus brand provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- More Selection, More Included Features, More Leisure Time, More Superior Hotels</li><li>- More once-in-a-lifetime opportunities, such as the Passion Play in 2010 in conjunction with a Globus &amp; Cosmos tour</li><li>- More Experience – their story began over 80 years ago and ever since they've been refining their itineraries and procedures to ensure that clients get the most out of their vacation.</li><li>- Many Globus vacations include a welcome dinner to introduce one to the cuisine of the region being visited.</li><li>- More Great Ways to Travel - to give you even more vacation options, many Globus &amp; Monograms Independent Vacations are combinable with River Cruises or with Monograms (on selected departures)</li><li>- No other Tour Operator offers as many means of included transportation as Globus:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- All high-speed trains in Europe</li><li>- Vignette vacations feature at least one train as a mode of transportation from city to city, so getting there is part of the adventure</li><li>- The newest fleet of deluxe river cruise ships on the main European rivers, the Nile, and Portugal's Douro River</li><li>- Sea cruises in the Mediterranean and the northern seas (including Hurtigruten cruises)</li><li>- Globus offers many vacations for the wine connoisseur - In Oporto enjoy a wine tasting in a Port wine cellar, or at Tuscany's Verrazzano Castle, learn about the fine art of making Chianti.</li></ul></li></ul>

#### **Globus Offers Six Vacation Styles:**

- 1. Monograms Independent Vacations** – Independent travel without the hassles that typically come with travel on your own. Let us handle all the details – we handle reservations to transportation, even down to directions and local insight – leaving clients to relax, have fun, and soak up all their vacation was meant to be.
- 2. European Panoramas** – Ideal for the traveler who wishes to see all – at just the right pace. Choose from Europe in-depth or an area of

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Europe . These vacations familiarize clients with European culture while they handle all the details.

**3. Regional Discoveries** – These are in-depth vacations that go beyond the expected to let one experience the character, personality, and stories of a specific country or carefully selected combination of countries.

**4. Platinum Collection** – These exceptionally guided vacations feature superior hotels selected for their premium comfort and central locations. You'll also appreciate a more leisurely pace that lets one soak up their destination and savor the local culture.

**5. Cruise & Tour** – Enjoy the best of both worlds by combining a big-ship cruise with a Globus land vacation. Greece & Portugal come to life through these two wonderful points of view.

**6. River Cruises** – Discover Europe the way she grew up – along her waterways. Step aboard the newest ships on Europe's most famous rivers, accompanied by legendary Globus land excursions

#### **More Choice Vacations to fit your style:**

- Family Vacations, European Panorama, Vignettes, Regional Discoveries, Platinum Collection, Cruise & Tour, River Cruises, Monograms Independent Vacations
- New for 2009 are Vignettes: designed for a new generation of touring, these exciting vacations deliver a comprehensive overview of your destination—with more time in each city, centrally located hotels, and at least one train as a mode of transportation

#### **Awards:**

- “Best Tour Operator to Europe” Travel Weekly’s Reader’s Choice Awards – (2004, 2005, 2007)
- “Best Tour Operator to Europe” TravelAge West magazine (2007)
- “Top Tour Operator to Europe” Recommend magazine (1999-2007)

#### **Also:**

- Discounts available for group travel, young travelers, and triple rooms.
- 50 Hosts in London alone to assist you at airports and hotels.
- Professional Tour Directors, Cruise Directors, local hosts, and local guides.
- Twin-bedded rooms with private bath or shower, hotel taxes, service charges, and tips for baggage handling.
- Private deluxe motor coach with air conditioning, extra leg room, and emergency washroom while touring.
- Travel by Eurostar train for all trips London-Paris/Brussels and Paris/Brussels- London (porterage included).
- Convenient Globus travel bag and travel documents; Monograms

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	<p>wallet and travel documents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Headsets included for sightseeing with local guide in Rome, Florence, Venice, and Pompeii.</li><li>- Low airfares.</li><li>- Discount for young travelers: 10% off land arrangements</li><li>- Pay less for your second and subsequent vacations: \$70 off subsequent Globus vacations</li></ul>
<b>The Cosmos Brand</b> “Turning travel dreams into reality”	<p><b>Cosmos tours features:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- For more than four decades Cosmos has offered savvy, value-minded travelers the most affordable travel packages to the world's most fascinating places - places like the snow-capped peaks of Switzerland, sunny Spain, the ancient splendor of Greece and Egypt, festive France, and the beautiful British Isles.</li><li>- For as little as \$75 per day, you can enjoy the benefits of escorted travel, a greater choice of activities, plenty of free time to explore your destination the way you want, and longer stays in key cities so that you can truly immerse yourself in the local culture. So you could be on your way to the vacation experience of a lifetime.</li></ul> <p><b>Cosmos offers three Vacation Styles:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Regional Discoveries – Focus on a one specific region, in depth packages.</li><li>- Panoramas – Multi-country packages, absolutely the best way to get an overview of Europe</li><li>- Escapes – Vacations of 9 days or less</li></ul> <p><b>Stretch Your Vacation Dollar:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Value-packed vacations at down to earth prices</li><li>- They make it easy for singles to travel - they accept reservations on a “guaranteed share” basis</li><li>- Discount for young travelers: 10% off land arrangements</li><li>- Pay less for your second and subsequent vacations: \$50 off subsequent Cosmos vacations</li></ul> <p>Fascinating Sightseeing &amp; Plenty of Leisure Time Discover the best ways to see Europe – train rides, cable car ascents, Aegean cruise ships, scenic day ferries, walking tours with local guides, private first class motor-coaches.</p> <p><b>Cosmos Vacations offer flexibility:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Joining late and leaving early options with various reductions</li><li>- A professional team takes care of you in London</li><li>- Extra nights</li><li>- Many meals are included in the vacation price</li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Cosmos takes care of your hotels, which are superior tour class &amp; tourist-class, however we also feature some first-class hotels.</li><li>- In 2010 Cosmos Tours feature the Oberammergau Passion Play as an inclusion</li></ul>
<b>Avalon Waterways</b>	<p><b>Avalon Waterway feature:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Part of the Globus family of brands, Avalon is backed by 80-plus years of travel expertise, more than 200 professional support staff members in Europe, and 37 offices worldwide, an ongoing collaboration to ensure guest satisfaction that continually raises the bar when it comes to small-ship cruising.</li><li>- Offering the newest, quietest, and most spacious ships, state-of-the-art resort-style amenities, and incomparable service by English-speaking crews, Avalon lets you discover Europe, Egypt, China, and the Galápagos Islands in a world-class way.</li><li>- Deluxe cruise in an outside stateroom with hotel style beds</li><li>- Services of a professional Cruise Director</li><li>- Onboard lectures, activities &amp; nightly piano music (Europe)</li><li>- Sightseeing with local guides</li><li>- Headsets for all guided shore excursions in Europe &amp; Egypt</li><li>- Inside visits, including admission charges where applicable</li><li>- Dedicated website <a href="http://www.avalonwaterways.ca">www.avalonwaterways.ca</a></li></ul> <p><b>Travel in Style on the Youngest Fleet:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- With Avalon Waterways you will sail with the newest ships on the European Waterways, an impressive fleet that averages just two years in age, in fact each year Avalon adds more award winning vessels – 2009 sees the launching of Avalon Affinity and Avalon Creativity</li><li>- Also enjoy modern, luxury cruising onboard the Victoria Anna and Victoria Jenna in China, the Royal Lotus in Egypt, and the La Pinta and Santa Cruz in the Galápagos Islands</li><li>- These ships all feature elegant interiors with abundant glass, polished metal, and vibrant colors, modern designs with contemporary appointments, state-of the-art technology, personalized service, fine dining, remarkable amenities, and spacious outside staterooms.</li><li>- Avalon has a 96% traveler satisfaction rating.</li></ul> <p><b>Avalon Ships &amp; Launch Dates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Offering the most modern cruising on Europe's legendary rivers are the Avalon Affinity (2009), Avalon Creativity (2009), Avalon Scenery (2008), Avalon Imagery (2007), Avalon Tranquility (2007), Avalon Tapestry (2006), Avalon Poetry (2005), and Avalon Artistry (2004).</li><li>- “Ship Pax Award for Outstanding Cruise Concept” (2007) Recognized for the innovative Silent Drive System (SDS) ship design, the Avalon Tranquility, Avalon Imagery and Avalon Tapestry were the 2007</li></ul>

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	<p>recipients of the prestigious ShipPax Award for Outstanding Cruise Concept. This ground breaking design separates the vessel's passenger and propulsion sections, reducing noise and vibrations and delivering a smoother cruise experience.</p> <p><b>Classic Style, Modern Luxury:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- As experts in travel, Avalon continues to raise the bar when it comes to small-ship cruising. Their fleet of contemporary-designed vessels provide the luxury and amenities you desire most in a warmly welcoming and comfortable environment. Whether you're seeking quiet spaces for relaxing, lively common areas for meeting new friends, or a combination of both, Avalon Waterways' well-appointed ships will meet your needs.</li></ul> <p><b>Ship features &amp; amenities include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Elegant polished metal &amp; glass throughout</li><li>- Revolutionary engineering</li><li>- Non smoking interiors – Internet access – Fine dining</li><li>- Wine included with dinner – Spacious Sky Decks for sunning</li><li>- Spacious Sky Decks for sunning – Panoramic picture windows for landscape viewing</li><li>- The largest staterooms on the European waterways today (172 sq.ft.) – the majority of staterooms have floor-to-ceiling-sliding glass doors with French balconies</li><li>- Hair Salon – Fitness Center</li><li>- 6-person whirlpool (select vessels)</li><li>- Lounge &amp; Bar</li><li>- Complimentary coffee &amp; tea available throughout the day</li><li>- Elevator (select vessels)</li></ul> <p>Features exclusive to Avalon's European vessel staterooms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors in most staterooms - French balconies in most staterooms</li><li>- Flat screen satellite TV &amp; radio - Private bathroom with shower</li><li>- Comfortable, hotel-style beds - European-style duvets Egyptian super-combed cotton linens</li><li>- Large closets- Mini bar, hairdryer &amp; safe</li><li>- Individual climate control</li><li>- Outstanding Service &amp; Exceptional Cuisine - The very best land programs – the best local guides</li><li>- Theme Cruises – 2009 Festive France theme on Flavors of Burgundy &amp; Provence, Music Theme Cruise on the Magnificent Europe, Wine Theme Cruises on Flavors of Burgundy &amp; Provence, The Legendary Danube, The Blue Danube Discovery</li><li>- Cruising on the great rivers of Europe – Rhine, Main, Moselle, Rhone &amp; Danube Rivers</li><li>- Egypt Nile River Cruises, China's Yangtze River Cruises, Galapagos Islands Cruises</li></ul>
<b>Monograms</b> "Get more vacation from your vacation"	Monograms is a new way to travel independently: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Monograms is independent travel without the hassles that typically come with "ordinary" independent travel. With Monograms you never</li></ul>

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have to worry about whether or not your hotel will have your reservation, how to get from here to there, or where to go once you get to your destination.

- Monograms is ideal for vacationers who want the freedom of independent travel but who prefer the convenience of a package that takes care of all the details, such as reserving hotels, air arrangements, airport transfers, and even guidance at your destination.
  - Unlike ordinary independent travel where all the details are left for you to plan, Monograms packages remove the logistical guesswork. They pre-select hotels for you in the heart of your destination and provide you with the services of a local host or service on call.
  - In Europe, South America, Asia, and the South Pacific their local hosts provide area expertise and insider information, and are available to help answer questions, arrange excursions and city sightseeing, give directions, and direct you to the activities that interest you most for a truly personal, one-of-a-kind vacation.
  - In North America, Monograms provide you with Service On Call, a toll-free helpline to assist with anything you need throughout your journey—24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
  - **Hotels:** Monograms' carefully selected hotels provide the comfort and convenient locations you desire.
  - Choose from two different levels of hotel packages: Standard or Premium. Then, once you've selected your package, it will be the same throughout your entire trip, regardless of which city you are in.
  - **Packages:** Just as the world is wonderfully diverse, so too are Monograms vacations and the memories they create. They offer single- and multi-city packages around the world, including Europe, North America, South America, Australia & New Zealand, and Asia. Their single-city stays are perfect for a short getaway and our multi-city stays are prepackaged in the combinations that are right for you
  - **Flexibility:** Monograms vacations deliver ultimate flexibility, so you can travel when you want and at your own pace. Vacation packages vary in length and offer frequent departures, in some cases daily departures, to fit your busy schedule.
  - You'll also benefit from plenty of free time so you can experience each destination in your own way.
  - Dedicated website: [www.monogramstravel.ca](http://www.monogramstravel.ca)
- Monograms Europe Vacations include
- Services of a Local Host • City map - • Centrally located hotels • Transportation between cities • Guided sightseeing • Ability to add flights to your package • Breakfast daily • Airport transfers when you purchase air from them
  - Add more vacation to your vacation: to give you even more options, several Monograms vacations are combinable with another Monograms

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	<p>vacation or a river cruise with the sister company, Avalon Waterways.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- North America Monograms: Single City &amp; Multi-City Getaways offering single- and multi-city packages in North America's most popular cities. The following is included:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Service On Call helpline</li><li>• Transportation between cities (Multi-City Getaways)</li><li>• Conveniently located hotels</li><li>• Ability to add flights to your package</li><li>• Sightseeing</li><li>• Airport transfers when you purchase air</li><li>• City guide &amp; Map</li></ul></li><li>- <b>Rail Getaways:</b> enjoy time exploring popular cities in Western Canada then sit back, relax, and take in the beautiful scenery. The following are included:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Service On Call helpline</li><li>• Rail transportation between cities</li><li>• Conveniently located hotels</li><li>• Ability to add flights to your package</li><li>• Sightseeing</li><li>• Airport transfers when you purchase air</li></ul></li><li>- <b>Hawaii Island Getaways:</b> relax and experience Hawaii's most popular sights and hidden treasures at your own pace. The following is included:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Service On Call helpline</li><li>• Rental car (if needed)</li><li>• Conveniently located hotels</li><li>• Hawaii map</li><li>• Sightseeing</li><li>• Ability to add flights to your package</li></ul></li><li>- <b>On The Road Driving Vacations:</b> experience the spectacular landscapes that connect North America's most popular destinations. The following is included:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Service On Call helpline</li><li>• Detailed driving directions, mileage, and maps</li><li>• Conveniently located hotels</li><li>• Information about attractions</li><li>• Rental Car (if needed)</li><li>• Ability to add flights to your package</li></ul></li></ul> <p>Your Monograms South America, China &amp; Asia, and South Pacific vacation include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Services of a Local Host,</li><li>• City maps,</li><li>• Centrally located hotels,</li><li>• Transportation between cities,</li><li>• Guided sightseeing,</li><li>• Ability to add flights to your package,</li><li>• Breakfast daily,</li><li>• Airport transfers when you purchase flights</li></ul>
<b>Three Different Ways of Touring Germany with the Globus Family of Brands</b>	<p><b>1. Monograms</b></p> <p>Land Package Munich &amp; Berlin – 2009 – 8 Days</p> <p>Vacation Overview: Enjoy a week in Germany's most popular cities. Enjoy centrally-located hotels, the services of a Local Host, and half-day guided sightseeing in both cities. Transportation from Munich to Berlin is by train (first-class). In Munich, visit Marienplatz with its Old and New City Hall and gothic Frauenkirche. You have plenty of time afterwards to visit famous Hofbräuhaus or to explore Munich's many attractions and restaurants. In Berlin, enjoy vistas of the restored Reichstag, Checkpoint Charlie, Kaiser Wilhelm's Memorial Church, and monumental Brandenburg Gate. You have time to further explore the capital of once-divided Germany on your own.</p> <p>Overnights: 3 nights in Munich and 3 nights in Berlin</p> <p>Accommodations &amp; Meals:</p> <p>Buffet breakfast daily and Superior hotels</p> <p>Munich: Platzl - set in the heart of Munich's historical Old Town, this</p>

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hotel offers the perfect blend of maximum comfort with traditional Bavarian charm. The 167 air-conditioned guestrooms are equipped with all modern amenities, including safe and mini bar. The hotel's restaurant, which is housed in restored medieval vaults, and the traditional tavern-style inn both serve authentic regional cuisine. Other recreational facilities include a sauna, steam bath, and fitness room.

Berlin: Concorde Berlin - this sleek modern hotel is in the heart of the city, just off the famous Kurfürstendamm, Berlin's most fashionable street. The Concorde Berlin has a distinct flair of savoir-vivre, from the 303 spacious guestrooms—all equipped with air-conditioning, safe, and mini bar—to the brasserie-style restaurant that offers outside terrace dining during the summer. There is also a stylish bar and a wellness area featuring sauna, plunge pool, and gym.

Included features:

Local Host service in each city; city maps; half-day morning sightseeing in Munich & Berlin, transportation by first class train Munich to Berlin

**Per Day Cost: – Peak Season - \$316.00 per person**

## **2. Avalon Waterways**

2009 Romantic Rhine – 9 Days Vacation Overview:

One of Europe's most legendary rivers awaits on this fascinating journey. Enjoy guided sightseeing in Strasbourg, Koblenz, and Cologne, as well as a full-day excursion to majestic Heidelberg and a canal cruise in picturesque Amsterdam. Sail through the dramatic Rhine Gorge, take pictures of the famous Lorelei rock, and sample the area's famous Riesling wines in the quaint wine village of Rüdesheim.

Ship Information – Avalon Affinity, Avalon Creativity, Avalon Tapestry Cruise Overnights on ship – 7 nights

Cities Visited – Amsterdam, Cologne, Koblenz, Rudesheim, Heidelberg, Starsbourg, Breisach, Basel

Superb dining with all meals on board daily featuring full breakfast, lunch, and dinner, including a welcome reception, welcome dinner, and Captain's dinner; quality wines from Europe's most famous wine regions with every dinner; one sitting with open seating arrangements

Included features:

Deluxe 7-night cruise from Amsterdam to Basel in an outside stateroom with hotel-style beds

AMSTERDAM: Welcome reception; canal cruise

COLOGNE: Guided sightseeing

COBLENZ: Guided sightseeing

RÜDESHEIM: "Winzerexpress" mini train; visit Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum

HEIDELBERG: Guided visit of the castle

STRASBOURG: Guided sightseeing, visit La Petite France district and

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the Gothic cathedral  
BREISACH: Excursion to the Black Forest  
**Per Day Cost: \$345.00 per person (Peak Season)**

### 3. Globus Tour

German Highlights – 12 Days    Vacation Overview:

For those who want to see the highlight cities of Germany, this 12-day vacation is a perfect fit. Start and finish in Frankfurt and enjoy overnight stays in Cologne, the once divided metropolis of Berlin, in Nuremberg, Munich, in the Passion Play town of Oberammergau, and in the Black Forest. Highlights are an included Rhine cruise, a first-class train ride on the fast Eurocity train from Cologne to Berlin, a visit to Leipzig and Bach's Thomaskirche, a stop in romantic Rothenburg, a woodcarving demonstration in the Black Forest, and a visit to Heidelberg Castle. Of course a visit to King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein Castle has been included as well.

Overnights: 2 nights Frankfurt, 1 night Cologne, 2 nights Berlin, 1 night Nuremberg, 1 night Munich, 2 nights Oberammergau, 1 night Black Forest

Meals: 10 buffet breakfasts; 8 three-course dinners, including welcome and farewell dinners in Frankfurt

Hotels:

FRANKFURT Sheraton Congress, COLOGNE Renaissance, BERLIN Mövenpick, NUERMBERG NH Nürnberg-City, MUNICH Clarion Ambiance Rivoli or Holiday Inn City North, OBERAMMERGAU Böld, BLACK FOREST Carlton at Donaueschingen

Included features:

FRANKFURT: Welcome and farewell dinners

RHINE CRUISE

REMAGEN: Picture stop

COLOGNE: Visit the cathedral

COLOGNE-BERLIN: By Eurocity Train (first-class)

BERLIN: Guided sightseeing, visit Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church

LEIPZIG: Orientation including Bach's Thomaskirche

NUERMBERG: Orientation incl the Old Town and St.Sebald Church

ROTHENBURG: Orientation

MUNICH: Guided sightseeing, visit Marienplatz

OBERAMMERGAU: Excursion to Neuschwanstein including a guided visit of King Ludwig's Castle

LINDAU: Lunch stop

BIRNAU: Visit the baroque church

BLACK FOREST: Woodcarving demonstration

HEIDELBERG: Orientation of the Old Town, visit the castle

**Per Day Cost: \$212.00 per person**

### Globus Special

Great Offers from the GLOBUS Family of Brands. Visit

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<b>Deals</b>	<p><a href="http://www.globusfamily.ca">www.globusfamily.ca</a> for more details on the Globus family of brands vacations. To book contact your travel agent today! Ask your travel agent about these outstanding special offers!</p>
	<p><b>Great Offers from the GLOBUS Family of Brands</b></p>
	<p>Ask your travel agent about these outstanding special offers!</p>
	<p>Save \$400 per couple off of any GLOBUS FAMILY OF BRANDS EUROPE AIR-INCLUSIVE VACATION!*</p>
	<p>Or</p>
	<p>Save \$200 per couple off of any GLOBUS FAMILY OF BRANDS LAND ONLY VACATION TO ALL DESTINATIONS!**</p>
	<p><b>Terms and Conditions</b></p>
	<p>*Above offer applies to the air-inclusive price on any 2009 Globus, Cosmos, Monograms or Avalon Europe vacation. Book and deposit from 02 January 2009 to 03 March 2009, travel must be completed by December 31, 2009. Savings can be applied also as \$200 per person off. This offer is not combinable.</p>
	<p>**Above offer applies to the land only price on any 2009 Globus, Cosmos, Monograms or Avalon vacation to any destination. Book and deposit from 02 January 2009 to 03 March 2009, travel must be completed by December 31, 2009. Savings can be applied also as \$100 per person off. This offer is not combinable.</p>
	<p><b>AVALON WATERWAYS - Intimate River Cruises</b></p>
	<p>AVALON WATERWAYS Offers Intimate River Cruising onboard the Youngest Fleet on Europe's most famous rivers, accompanied by legendary Globus land excursions. Quality wines are included with all onboard dinners. Contact your travel agent for more information!</p>
	<p>Tulip Time Cruise 8 days Amsterdam/Amsterdam April 04 departure on the Avalon Poetry ship, starting from \$1817 per person cruise only based on Category E Twin Cabin, Port charges are extra at \$99 per person.</p>
	<p>Flavours of Burgundy &amp; Provence 11 days Paris/Nice August 08 departure on the Avalon Scenery ship, starting from \$3141 per person cruise only based on Category E Twin Cabin, Port charges are extra at \$99 per person.</p>

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"New" Windmills, Vineyards & Paris 14 days Amsterdam/Paris July 18 departure on the New Avalon Affinity ship, starting from \$3817 per person cruise only based on Category E Twin Cabin, Port charges are extra at \$156 per person.

Egyptian Splendor Nile Cruise and Tour 9 days Cairo/Cairo February 13 to December 25 departures starting from \$1930 per person land only

### **MONOGRAMS - Independent Vacations with no hassles**

MONOGRAMS brings you Independent Vacations without the hassles that typically come with travel on your own. MONOGRAMS handle all the details—from reservations and transportation to directions and sightseeing—leaving you to relax and have fun.

A sampling of the most popular MONOGRAMS Independent Vacations are listed below - book through your Travel Agent today!

Rome, Florence & Venice, 10 days March 14 to Dec 19 departures starting from \$2819 per person for the Premium Package and from \$2309 for the Standard Package, land only for both.

Two Weeks in London & Paris, 13 days March 14 to October 17 departures starting from \$2289 per person for the Premium Package and from \$2069 per person for the Standard Package, land only for both.

### **Sample GLOBUS First Class Escorted Vacations**

GLOBUS Offers First Class Escorted Vacations to Worldwide Destinations. Contact your travel agent for more information on how to book these vacations at great prices.

Best of Italy 11 days Rome/Rome April 11, July 11, August 01 to 29 departures starting from \$2849 per person land only

Essential Europe 11 days Rome/London June 01, June 29 & July 27 departures starting from \$2909 per person land only

Essential Britain and Ireland 10 days London/London August 03 to August 20 departures starting from \$2059 per person land only

The Best of Italy & Greece 15 days Rome/Athens April 11 & June 13

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	<p>departures starting from \$3169 per person land only</p> <p>Canyon Country Adventure 7 days Scottsdale/Las Vegas April 22, May 20, June 17 and July 22 departures starting from \$1829 per person land only</p> <p><b>COSMOS Great Value Escorted Vacations</b></p> <p>The Splendors of Italy 9 days Rome/Rome April 02 to April 30 &amp; May 07 to May 30 departures starting from \$1443 per person land only</p> <p>European Introduction 10 days London/Paris May 21, June 18, July 02, Sep 10, departures starting from \$1443 per person land only</p> <p>Irish Explorer 9 days Dublin/Dublin June 10, July 15 &amp; August 19 departures starting from \$1374 per person land only</p> <p>Central Europe 15 days Frankfurt/Frankfurt April 11, May 02, July 04, 25, September 05, and October 17 departures starting from \$1914 per person land only</p> <p>New England Charm 9 days Boston/Boston September 25 departure starting from \$1259 per person land only</p> <p>Golden West Adventure 14 days Los Angeles/Los Angeles July 16 &amp; Sept 03 departures starting from \$1509 per person land only</p>
<b>New Tours</b>	<p><b>2009 Avalon Waterways:</b></p> <p>New Cruises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• European Splendor (Amsterdam to Vienna)</li><li>• European Splendor (Vienna to Amsterdam)</li><li>• Blue Danube to the Black Sea (Vienna to Bucharest) / with Istanbul extension</li><li>• Black Sea to the Blue Danube (Bucharest to Vienna) / with Istanbul pre cruise extension</li><li>• Windmills, Vineyards &amp; Paris (Paris to Amsterdam)</li><li>• Windmills, Vineyards &amp; Paris (Amsterdam to Paris)</li><li>• North Sea – Black Sea Cruise (Amsterdam to Bucharest) / with Istanbul extension</li><li>• North Sea – Black Sea Cruise (Bucharest to Amsterdam) / with Istanbul pre extension</li><li>• Christmas in the Heart of Germany (Frankfurt to Prague)</li><li>• Christmas in the Heart of Germany (Prague to Frankfurt)</li><li>• Fascinating China &amp; Mongolia with Yangtze River Cruise</li><li>• Guided shore excursions in Europe and Egypt include headsets</li></ul>

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- Many cruises list an option to add a Monograms vacation as a pre or post add a tour extension; Monograms vacation itineraries listed in back of brochure
- New ships and categories
- Europe – Avalon Affinity and Avalon Creativity
- Yangtze – Victoria Jenna
- Galapagos – Santa Cruz now offers 6 different cabin categories

### **2009 NEW Globus Europe & Britain:**

all Monograms independent stays

- Paris & London – 8 days
- Amsterdam, Paris & London – 11 days
- Venice Getaway – 5 days
- Sorrento Getaway – 5 days
- Rome, Istanbul & Athens – 11 days
- Venice, Florence & Rome – 11 days
- Venice, Florence, Rome & Sorrento – 14 days
- Budapest, Vienna, Prague & Berlin – 14 days
- Vienna & Munich – 8 days
- Vienna, Munich & Zurich – 11 days
- Munich & Berlin – 8 days
- Zurich, Interlaken & Lucerne – 10 days
- Rome, Istanbul, & Athens – 11 days
- Istanbul & Athens – 8 days
- Northern Italy's Highlights & Cinque Terre – 10 days
- Umbria's Treasures – 9 days
- Italian Splendor – 8 days
- Viva Espana – 10 days – Family Vacation
- A Taste of Greece – 8 days
- Portugal Cruise – 12 days (includes Deluxe 7 nt cruise on the Douro Cruiser)
- Essential Britain – 13 days

New Cruises:

- European Splendor (Amsterdam to Vienna)
- European Splendor (Vienna to Amsterdam)
- Blue Danube to the Black Sea (Vienna to Bucharest) / with Istanbul extension
- Black Sea to the Blue Danube (Bucharest to Vienna) / with Istanbul pre cruise extension
- Windmills, Vineyards & Paris (Paris to Amsterdam)
- Windmills, Vineyards & Paris (Amsterdam to Paris)
- North Sea – Black Sea Cruise (Amsterdam to Bucharest) / with Istanbul extension

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- North Sea – Black Sea Cruise (Bucharest to Amsterdam) / with Istanbul pre extension
- Christmas in the Heart of Germany (Frankfurt to Prague)
- Christmas in the Heart of Germany (Prague to Frankfurt)

### **2009 NEW Globus Worldwide Religious Travel**

- Journey Through the Holy Land
- European Reformation plus Oberammergau 2010
- Catholic Germany & Alps plus Oberammergau 2010
- Grand Catholic Italy plus Oberammergau

### **2009 NEW Globus/Monograms Asia:**

- Fascinating China & Mongolia w/Yangtze River Cruise (was new in River Cruise brochure)
- Essential Thailand w/Siem Reap extension
- Southeast Asia & Mekong River Cruise w/Laos extension

### **2009 NEW Globus/Monograms South America**

- Amazonia Voyage with Rio & Iguassu
- Amazonia Voyage with Rio & Iguassu, with 4 additional nts on cruise
- Mexico's Colonial Cities
- Mexico's Colonial Cities with Puerto Vallarta extension
- Cruising the Galapagos
- Cruising the Galapagos with Tropical Forest pre-extension
- Cruising the Galapagos with Peru
- Cruising the Galapagos with Peru Tropical Forest pre-extension
- Patagonia & Chilean Fjords (Replaces SF – same itinerary)
- Patagonia & Chilean Fjords with Buenos Aires extension
- From the Amazon to the Inca Empire with Galapagos Cruise

### **2009 NEW Globus/Monograms South Pacific**

- Cruising the South Pacific (reverse itinerary)

### **2009 NEW Globus Italy**

- Northern Italy's Highlights & Cinque Terre
- Umbria's Treasures
- Italian Splendor

### **2009 Monograms Europe**

- Paris & London
- Amsterdam, Paris & London
- Venice Getaway

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- Sorrento Getaway
- Rome, Istanbul & Athens
- Venice, Florence & Rome
- Venice, Florence, Rome & Sorrento
- Budapest, Vienna, Prague & Berlin
- Vienna & Munich
- Vienna, Munich & Zurich
- Munich & Berlin
- Zurich, Interlaken & Lucerne
- Rome, Istanbul, & Athens
- Istanbul & Athens

#### **2009 Monograms North America**

- Chicago Getaway – 4 days
- New Orleans Getaway – 4 days
- Boston & New York – 7 days
- New York & Washington DC – 7 days
- Boston, New York & Washington DC – 10 days
- Montreal & Quebec City – 7 days
- Montreal, Quebec City, & Toronto – 10 days
- Vancouver & Victoria – 7 days

#### **2009 NEW Cosmos Europe:**

- European Treasures – 22 days
- A Taste of Britain – 7 days
- Historic Eastern Germany by Rail – 9 days
- Grand Tour of Austria – 9 days
- Tunisian Adventure – 9 days

#### **2009 NEW Cosmos North America:**

- Fraser Discovery Route – 13 days
- Pacific Coast Explorer – 15 days
- Native Southwest & Rocky Mountains – 12 days
- California's Historic Trains – 10 days

#### **2009 NEW Globus Family Vacations:**

- Viva Espana – 10 days

#### **2009 NEW Globus North America Vacations:**

- Christmas in San Antonio – 5 days
- Great Resorts of the Canadian Rockies – 7 days
- Majestic Rockies Plus Rocky Mountaineer
- Mexico's Colonial Cities – 8 days

#### **Globus 2009**

Their 2009 brochure portfolio includes no less than 15 brochures!

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## Brochures

### Globus

- **European Winter Vacations** (including 18 Christmas Vacations & 11 River Cruises, all fully escorted)
- **Europe & Britain** (including Monograms Independent Vacations, Escorted Vacations, Cruise & Tour Vacations & River Cruises, and vacations also to Egypt, Morocco & Turkey) New for 2009 - 8 new fully escorted tours, & 10 new river cruises – launching brochure October
- **Italy** (including 3 new Italy tours bringing total Italy Vacations to 15) – launching brochure September
- **River Cruises** (including 10 new Europe river cruises, & 1 new China Yangtze river cruise, this brochure also includes cruises to the Galapagos) – also in this brochure Globus are bringing awareness to booking a Monograms Vacation along with a River Cruise, this is a great combination
- **Religious Travel** – Faith Based Vacations (including 3 - 2010 Oberammergau vacations, 4 Travel the Lands of the Bible vacations, 2 Travel the Lands of Protestant/Evangelical Christianity vacations, and 6 Travel the Lands of Catholicism vacations, new for 2009 – Israel, Medjugorje & Malta)
- **South America, Asia, & South Pacific** (including Escorted Vacations, Cruise & Tour, and Monograms Independent Vacations, and also vacations to Hawaii, Central America, Mexico & Costa Rica) – brochure being launched September
  - For South America new for 2009 – escorted Amazon cruise & tour, cruise onboard the Iberostar Grand Amazon 5 star ship, 1 new fully escorted Mexico tour and 3 new Monograms South America Independent Vacations.
  - For China & Asia new for 2009 – China & Mongolia with Yangtze River Cruise, and 1 new Thailand fully escorted tour.
- **Africa** (including 3 fully escorted tours to Tanzania, South Africa with Victoria Falls on Zambia side and 2 Egypt Nile river cruises onboard the MS Royal Lotus ship operated by Movenpick Line )
- **United States & Canada** (including fully escorted vacations & Monograms Independent Vacations, also offered are Alaska Cruise extensions operated by Holland America Cruise Line, Train journeys

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onboard Rocky Mountaineer daytime train, and Via across Canada journey and tours of Hawaii. In addition, unique travelling styles which include:

- Platinum Collection vacations including Superior hotels in central locations and a Choose Your Experience sightseeing option giving clients a choice of sightseeing options.
  - **Special Event vacations** – which offer a close up view & behind the scenes glimpses of North America's famous celebrations e.g. Pasadena's Tournament of Roses Parade, Calgary Stampede, Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta.  
Also featured are Family Vacations with tours geared to families,
  - Food & Wine vacations.
  - Traditional Globus travelling styles are still features such as Regional Discovery which are in depth vacations of a particular region, Panoramas – see it all at the right pace, Cruise & Tour vacations.
  - For USA/Canada New for 2009 – 4 new fully escorted vacations which include, the Canadian Rockies, Christmas in San Antonio, and a new Mexico tour
  - brochure launch is October 2008
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- **Family Vacations** (including 4 fully escorted Europe vacations, & 4 United States vacations) These vacations are geared to families with children under the age of 21, vacations are designed to offer families travelling flexibility, choice and a pace that best fits the demands of a family travelling together. Children under the age of 18 to 8, receive a 10 % discount on the land cost, also special discounts are offered on Optional Excursions 50% discount for children 8 – 11 years of age and 25 % discount on children 12 – 17 years of age - brochure is being launched in October.
  - **Food & Wine** (including 5 fully escorted vacations and 3 escorted river cruises, these vacations are epicurean-themed vacations & river cruises that reveal the very heart of a region through its magnificent foods and wines. These vacations have recommendations from Burt Wolf on his favourite foods, wines, destinations and unique experiences. Burt is an award winning host of several internationally syndicated food and travel television series.) Destinations features in this brochure include – Italy, France, Germany, Austria, Special Wine feature cruise Flavors of Burgundy & Provence, Special Wine feature cruise on The Legendary Danube, Special Wine feature cruise on the Blue Danube Discovery, Culinary New England and a San Francisco & California Wine Country tour – brochure launch date is Nov
  - Platinum Collection (including 6 fully escorted vacations to Europe, 3 Canada & 6 United States vacations) - vacations include, more included

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features, Superior hotels in central locations and a Choose Your Experience sightseeing option giving clients a choice of sightseeing options, and a more relaxed pace - brochure will be launched in Nov

### **Monograms (Independent Vacations):**

- Destinations – Europe, North America (including Hawaii), South America, China & Asia, South Pacific

### **2009 Avalon Waterways Worldwide River Cruises**

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#### **Cosmos:**

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- United States & Canada (including Hawaii & Alaska)

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