



Our Travels to Germany

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Germany

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

Berlin

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



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Brandenburg Gate, Berlin

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Checkpoint Charlie

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Russians & US face off at Checkpoint Charlie Photo Wikipedia Public Domain

Reichstag—the German Parliament building Photo Anne Schrader



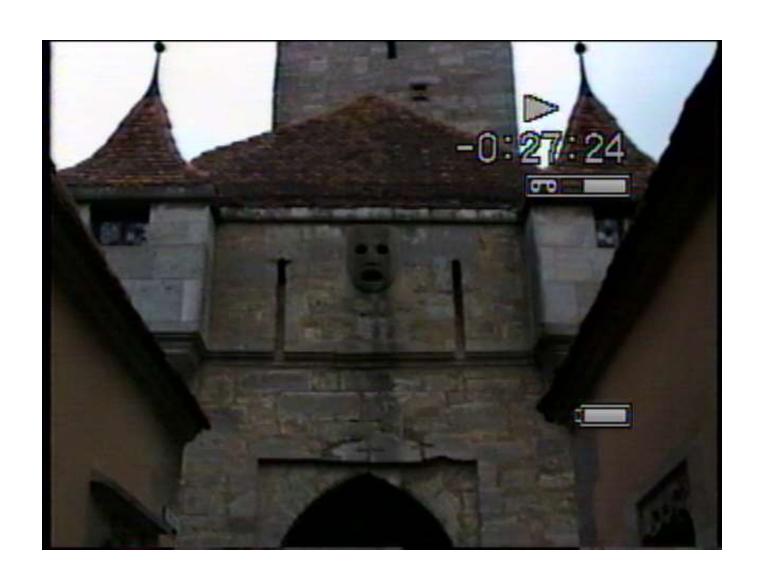
Rothenberg

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

Rothenberg



Rothenberg



Walled city—Rothenberg



Munich

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



Munich Photo Anne Schrader



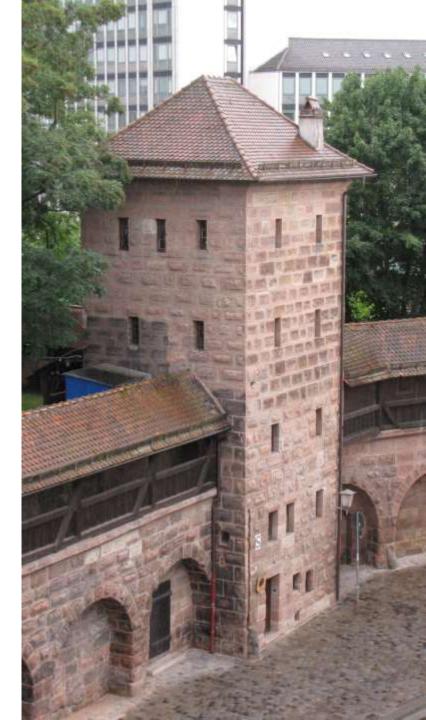
Munich Town Hall



Nuremburg

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

Walled City— Nuremberg Photo Anne Schrader



Street Market Nuremberg



Nuremberg Castle Walls



Frieburg

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



McDonald's in Frieburg Photo Anne Schrader



Market at Munster Square, Freiburg



Old Watch Tower Freiburg Photo Anne Schrader



Heidelberg

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



Old Bridge Gate Heidelberg



Heidelberg Castle



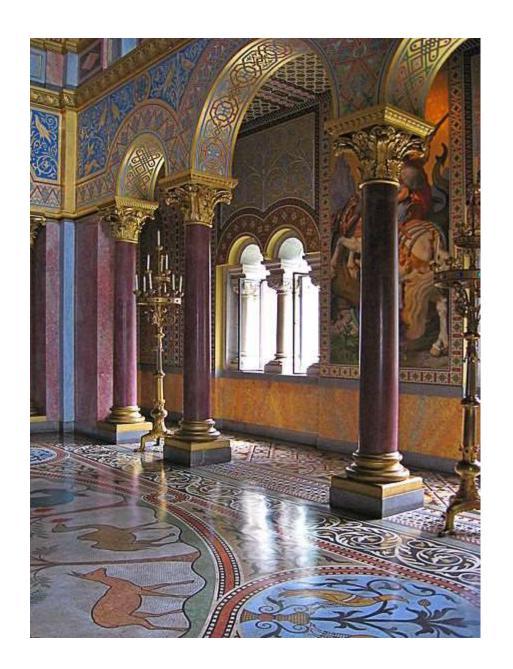
One of Mad Ludwig's 3 Castles-Neuschwanstein

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



Mad Ludwig's Throne Room Neuschwanstein Photo Wikipedia Creative Commons Attribution



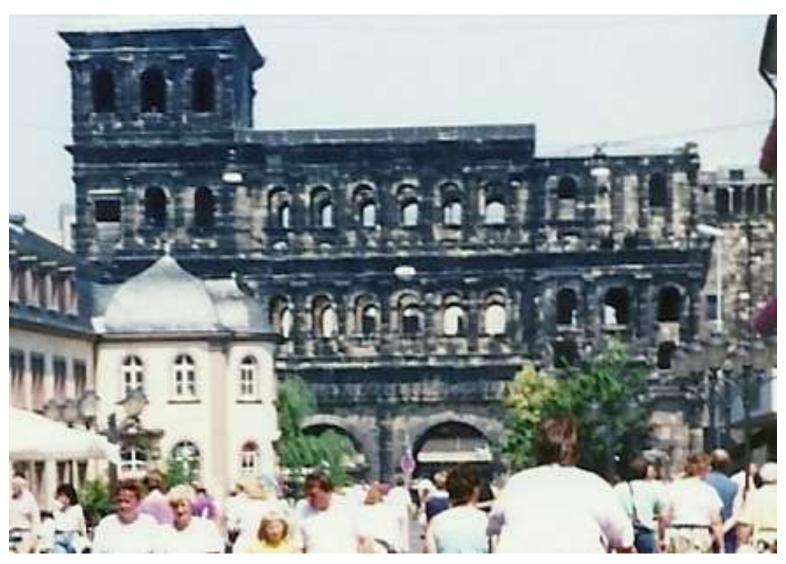
Trier

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



"Porta Nigra"—the black gate, Trier



Trier Palace

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Garmisch

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

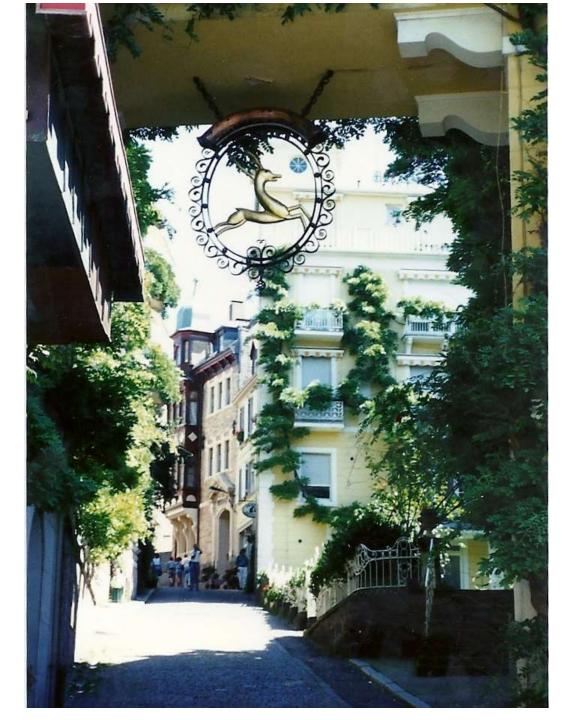
Baden-Baden

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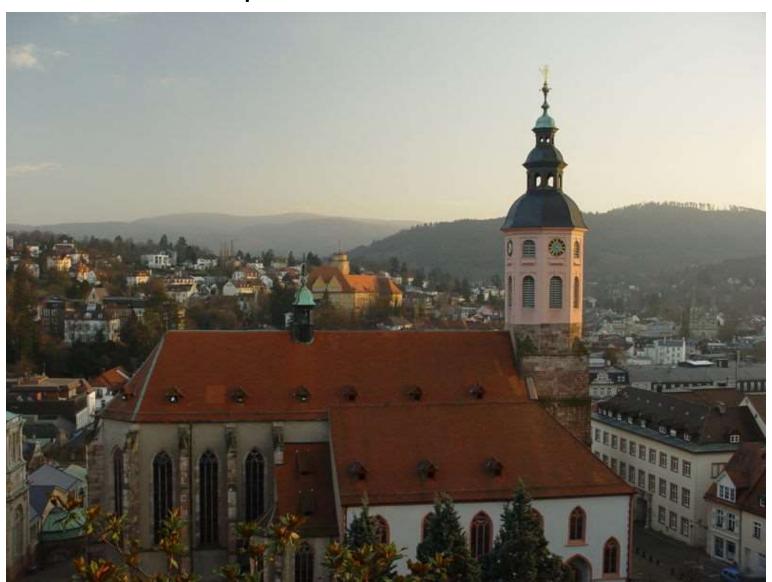


Baden-Baden

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Stiftkirche, Baden-Baden

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Regensburg

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



Regensburg Photo Anne Schrader

Passau

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



Passau Photo Anne Schrader

Helpful Travel Info

- Capital
- Languages
- Currency
- Size
- Best Buys

- Berlin
- German
- Euro
- 137,766 square miles
- Fine porcelain, crystal stemware, Birkenstocks, wood carvings, cuckoo clocks, Christmas ornaments

More Travel Info

- Drive On
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