

The Best Road Trips & Destinations

for U.S. Military Members Stationed in Germany

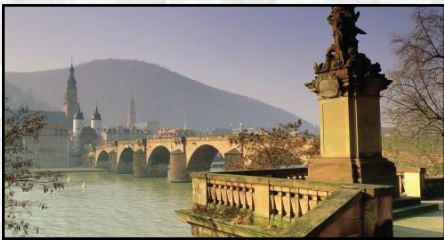


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This guide highlights the best road trips and destinations such as castles, museums, coastal views and more.

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THE BEST ROAD TRIPS



The German Castle Road: Over 625 miles long, this route has 70 castles and palaces to visit. The journey starts in Mannheim and leads to Prague. If you want to make this into a multiple day trip, then you might be interested in staying at a bed & breakfast or castle. Many of the castles have sections that were turned into a hotel. Be sure to book ahead of time, as not all of the castles have this accommodation.



Germany Fairy Tale Road: Within the country of the Brothers Grimm, enjoy activities such as parades, hiking, museums, concerts and statues of your favorite fairy tale characters. The road stretches through 50 towns starting in Hanau, then goes through Steinau, Schwalm Region, Göttingen, Trendelburg, Hameln, Bremen and many others.



Alpine Road: Starting in the island town of Lindau, this road goes through the beautiful Bavarian Alps. Along the way are small towns and villages such as Oberstaufen, Oberammergau, Ettal, Garmisch-Partenkirchen and Bad Tölz.



The Romantic Road: The road is 248 miles long from Würzburg to Füssen in southern Germany and has been one of Germany's best scenic routes for over 60 years. There are many towns to make a pit stop in along the way with events and activities such as art museums, festivals, castles, and much more. The Romantic Road truly is a romantic sight to see.



The Black Forest Panoramic Route: This forest route is located in Feldberg to Waldkirch on B500 and is just over 40 miles long. On a clear day you can see astounding views across the Rhineland Plains to the Vosges Mountains. There are a few charming towns you can stop in that are on the route.



Allgäu Cheese Route: This route starts in the countryside of the Alpine foothills in the district of Oberstaufen. Along the way are taverns, milk dairies, cheese dairies and of course the gorgeous landscape. It's a little over 90 miles long and ends in Isny. If you make a pit stop be sure to taste some fresh and delicious food.



The German Football Route: This 500 mile route is all about football. Starting in Aachen and ending in Wuppertal, you can visit past and present stadiums, monuments and a football museum. The drive is heaven for all sports lovers, so put on your jersey and get ready for the ultimate sports drive.



German Toy Road: Known in German as the Deutsche Spielzeugstrasse, this 186 mile long trip will make you feel like a kid again on a road all about toys. It starts in the city of Erfurt then goes through Waltershausen, Ohrdruf, Arnstadt, Ilmenau, and Oberweißbach. Throughout these cities you will find doll factories, toy museums, Christmas toys, Puppet Museums, a Playmobil Fun Park and even a doll and teddy bear doctor.



The Porcelain Route: Starting in Bamberg is the Land of Porcelain route. Drivers will experience so much beauty along the way. Throughout the entire drive are porcelain displays, along with many museums, specialist stores and factories showcasing the elegance. You will never look at porcelain the same way.



Garden Art Route: The route is between the Rhine & Meuse Rivers, in the Dutch province of Limburg an der Lahn. It is a showcase of 60 gardens in north Rhineland. On display are over 300 years of European garden art. Each garden is beautiful and unique from the others. You will leave wanting to start your own garden at home.

THE BEST DESTINATIONS



Munich, Germany: This is a must-see destination, especially during Oktoberfest in late September throughout early October. There are many other activities such as bike tours, farmer's markets, The English Garden, museums, helicopter tours and much more.



Schönau am Königsee, Germany: Enjoy panoramic views of the Berchtesgaden Alps while hiking or biking around the fairytale town. You can take a gondola ride to top of the Alps or relax on a boat tour of the Königssee Lake while viewing the St. Bartholomew's Church.



Neuschwanstein Castle: This castle inspired the Fairytale Sleeping Beauty, built in 1869. Ludwig II of Bavaria had it constructed as a summer retreat. It is located 73 miles southwest of Munich, near Füssen in southwest Bavaria and is open to the public year-round.



Rothenburg ob der Tauber: This picturesque town transports you back into Germany's past. With medieval streets, forgotten architecture, numerous fountains and towers, you will get lost in the amazing views and charm of this town.



The Eifel Volcano Land: Located between Bonn and Trier, this GeoPark offers a 173 mile tour of the top volcanic sites. From the River Rhine to the Eifel Mountains, this is for all adventure seekers.



Nürburgring: This is one of the longest and most legendary racetracks in the world. Home of the German Touring Car Masters and the Superbike World Championships, every auto lover will find this destination exciting. Take racing classes on the historic circuit and the regular track, which are open every day. Nürburgring also entertains with concerts and sporting events on certain days. Get a taste of the thrill on this track!



Nuremberg Christmas Market: In the old town of Hauptmarkt, the Christmas Market opens on November 27th until December 24th and has a medieval Christmas atmosphere. Enjoy everything from nativity plays, arts & crafts, lamp light carriage rides and amazing Christmas inspired food. Nuremberg is a holiday experience you won't want to miss.



Heide Park Resort: Located near Soltau in Lüneburg Heath is Heide Park Resort. It opened in 1978 and has been one of Germany's biggest theme parks since. Well-known for its heart-racing thrill rides including Germany's first ever dive coaster, the fastest wooden rollercoaster in the world and one of the Germany's largest whitewater trails! If thrill rides aren't your thing, don't worry, there are plenty of shows, events and rides that won't make your heart pop out of your chest.



Berlin Zoo: Every animal lover should take time to stop at the Berlin Zoo. There are more than 13,000 animals in captivity and it is the most bio-diverse zoo in the world. There is also an aquarium within the location. Even if it's only for a couple of hours, be sure to swing in to see all of the exotic wildlife.



LEGOLAND: Within the town of Günzburg, there is a place called LEGOLAND Deutschland Resort. It was awarded the Parkscout Public Award for the 'most child-friendly theme park' and is truly ideal for all ages. Feel like a kid again while walking through attractions such as the Knights' Kingdom, Little Asia, LEGO City, Pirate Land and The Kingdom of the Pharaohs. If you are looking for a fun experience you can't find anywhere else, then you must visit LEGOLAND.

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