

# Let's Visit: Germany

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Intermediate (B1-B2)



## WARM UP

### Part 1. Discuss the following questions.

1. Have you ever been to Germany?
2. What comes to mind first: cities, castles, forests, or food?
3. Would you travel for history, scenery, or cuisine? Why?

### Part 2. How much do you know about Germany? Test your knowledge!

1. What is the capital city of Germany?
2. What currency is used in Germany?
3. Name one major German river.
4. What is the famous fairy-tale castle in Bavaria called?
5. What does the Pfand system relate to?



## VIDEO ACTIVITY & PICTURE MATCHING

**Part 1. Watch a short video showing different places and highlights in Germany. After watching, answer the questions.**

1. Which scene grabbed you and why?
2. What mood did the video create?
3. Where would you like to go first?

**Part 2. Look at some of Germany's famous places and landmarks below. Match the name to the picture.**

Brandenburg Gate

Reichstag Dome

Neuschwanstein Castle

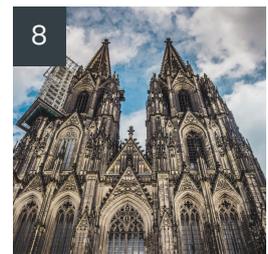
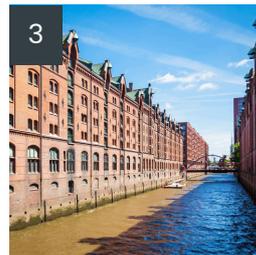
Cologne Cathedral

Black Forest & Triberg Waterfalls

Miniatur Wunderland & Speicherstadt

Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Königssee & St. Bartholomew's



**Part 3. Match each place or landmark to the correct description.**

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ Emerald lake with a red-domed chapel and steep cliffs.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Huge model world inside red-brick warehouse district.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Perfectly preserved medieval old town.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Fairy-tale castle on a hill above alpine lakes.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Glass rooftop with city views and a spiral walkway.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Iconic city symbol and historic gateway.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Gothic twin spires towering over the Rhine.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Pine forests, trails and cuckoo-clock villages.

**Part 4. Discuss the following questions.**

1. Which would you visit first and why?
2. Which looks most photogenic?
3. City icons or natural scenery – what's your pick?
4. Which seems the most unique?



**Part 5. Look at some of Germany's famous food below. Match the name to the picture.**

Bratwurst

Currywurst

Schnitzel

Pretzel

Käsespätzle

Sauerbraten

Döner Kebab

Black Forest Cake



**Part 6. Match each dish to the correct description.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Cheesy egg noodles with crispy onions.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Slow-marinated roast (often beef) with rich gravy
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Spit-roasted meat in flatbread with salad; a Berlin favourite.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Grilled sausage, often served with mustard and bread.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Sliced sausage topped with curry-spiced ketchup.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Chocolate sponge, kirsch cherries and cream.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Chewy knot bread with a salty crust.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Breaded, pan-fried cutlet with lemon.

**Part 7. Discuss the following questions.**

1. Which dish would you try first?
2. What looks unusual to you?
3. How hearty/spicy/sweet do you like your food?
4. Which dish would you recommend to a friend, and why?

## READING ACTIVITY

### Part 1. Read this dialogue between two travellers who recently visited Germany.

**Lena:** Berlin put us right in the thick of it – history on every corner and cafés everywhere.

**Tom:** The Reichstag dome had a cracking view; we took our time on the spiral.

**Lena:** Neuschwanstein's been on my radar for ages, and it didn't disappoint.

**Tom:** Rothenburg was a breath of fresh air – quiet lanes and half-timbered houses.

**Lena:** Lunch was simple but perfect: schnitzel and a pretzel. Then Black Forest cake for dessert – the cherry on top.

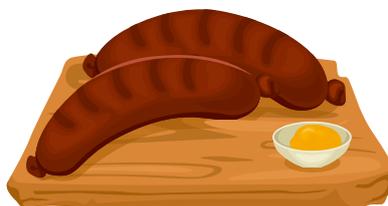
**Tom:** We made a day of it at Miniatur Wunderland. Could've watched those tiny trains for hours.

**Lena:** Cologne Cathedral felt immense – the scale is unreal.

**Tom:** And finishing at Königssee? Glassy water and cliffs – Germany's variety surprised me in the best way.

### Part 2. Answer the questions below based on the dialogue.

1. Where did they feel right in the thick of it, and why?
2. Which landmark offered a cracking view, and how did they experience it?
3. Which place had been on Lena's radar for ages, and what was her reaction?
4. What food moment was described as the cherry on top?
5. Which two contrasting places did they enjoy for calm scenery?



### Part 3. Match the expression to its meaning.

Right in the thick of it

A cracking view

On my radar for ages

A breath of fresh air

The cherry on top

Make a day of it

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Spend a whole day enjoying one place/activity
2. \_\_\_\_\_ An especially good or impressive view
3. \_\_\_\_\_ In the centre of the action
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Something extra that makes a good thing even better
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Refreshing change; clean, reviving feeling
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Something you've wanted to do for a long time

### Part 4. Discuss the following questions.

1. Tell us about a time you were **right in the thick of it** on a trip.
2. Where did you see **a cracking view**?
3. What's been **on your radar for ages**, and why?
4. A place that felt like **a breath of fresh air** — describe it.
5. When did you **make a day of it**, and what did you do?
6. What was the **cherry on top** of a recent holiday?

### FINAL THOUGHTS...

Discuss the questions below to reflect on what you've learnt during this lesson.

1. Would you plan Germany around cities, castles, or mountains/forests?
2. Which one landmark and one dish are top of your list?
3. If you had five days, how would you split your time?

