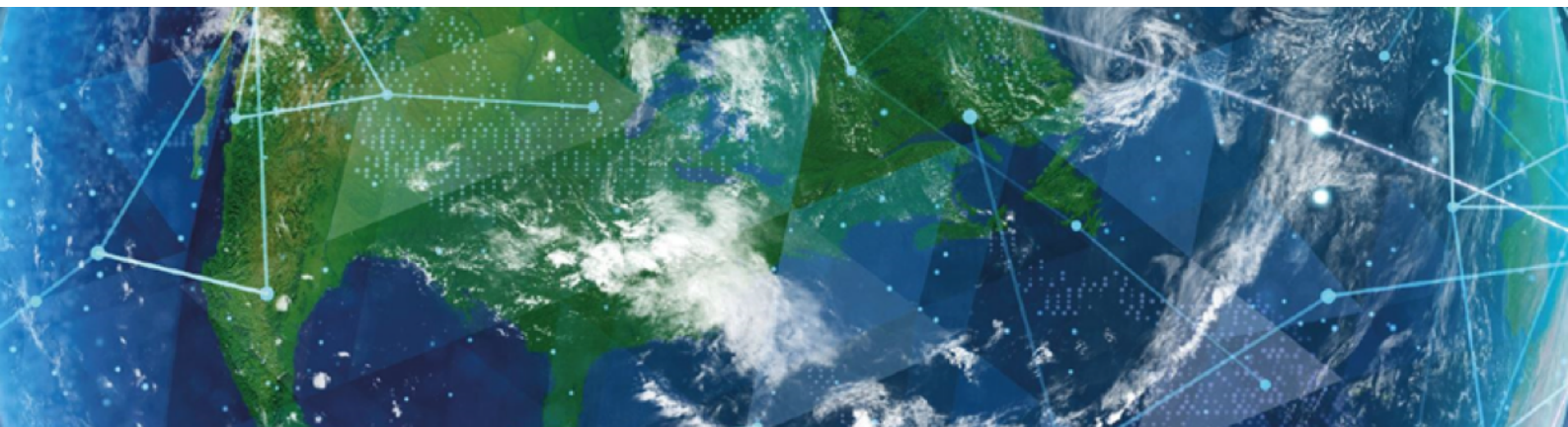


Country Travel Advice Report

Germany

Overall Risk Rating: **Low | 2.00**



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Country Risk Rating Breakdown

Country Overall Risk Rating				Low 2.00
Security	Environmental	Infrastructural	Political	Medical
Low 2.00	Low 2.00	Low 2.00	Negligible - Low 1.50	Moderate 3.00

Country Overview

Low | 2.00

Germany is a developed and highly industrialized country located in Western Europe. It is the most populated country in the European Union and has the third-highest number of international migrants in the world. The government is a highly stable federal republic, and transfers of power occur peacefully. Germany has a robust democracy which contributes to stability and political legitimacy. However, democratic freedoms likewise allow expression of a wide range of ideologies, often in the form of passionate and occasionally violent demonstrations.

The primary threat to foreign travelers is from petty theft. There is growing concern over terrorism, particularly from the Islamic State (IS), which has claimed several attacks against civilians, including in Berlin; further attacks are likely. Germany's infrastructure is highly developed and technologically advanced, with safe and reliable transportation, advanced health care and reliable communication services throughout the country.

Security

Low | 2.00

Overview

Criminal activity in Germany directed at foreigners most commonly consists of non-confrontational street crime such as purse-snatching and pickpocketing. Violent crime is rare, but it does occur. There is a latent terror threat, including from Islamist militants. IS has both threatened Germany and been involved in recent attacks in the country. Protests occur occasionally in city centers over various political and socio-economic grievances. The EU-wide migrant crisis has been a recent trigger for unrest, with both pro- and anti-migrant protests occurring. Rallies are typically peaceful.

Political

Negligible - Low | 1.50

Overview

Germany is politically stable. Corruption is not a significant concern or obstacle for businesses in Germany. Police are well-trained and competent.

Infrastructural

Low | 2.00

Overview

There are no safety concerns over air travel.

Utilities are very good.

Roads in Germany are generally in excellent condition, with the exception of some older, rural roads in the eastern parts of the country.

There are increasing concerns over the threat from cyber-attacks, which can cause damage to the country's economy and public services.

Environmental

Low | 2.00

Overview

Germany's climate is moderate with seasonal variations in temperature, including warmer summers and colder winters. Explosive remnants of war (ERW) from the Second World War are periodically found, especially in the country's western industrial regions. Earthquakes occur periodically, especially in the seismically active zone associated with the Rhine Rift Valley, but are usually low-level. Flooding can be a problem in low-lying areas following storms and heavy rains. Dangerous avalanches occur regularly in Germany's mountainous regions in winter.

Medical

Moderate | 3.00

Overview

Medical care is of excellent quality in Germany. Pharmacies are prevalent in major urban centers. Most ordinary prescription drugs are widely available. Tap water is safe to drink. Travelers' diarrhea is the most common ailment among travelers to Germany.

Fact Box

Government Type	Federal Parliamentary Republic
Population	81,413,145 (2015)
Currency	EURO
Languages	German (official) 100%
Time Zone	UTC+1
Religions	Protestant 34%, Roman Catholic 34%, Muslim 4%, unaffiliated or none 28%
Traffic	Drives on the right
Plug Types	Type C and Type F
Ethnicities	German 92%, Turkish 2%, other 6%
Drinking Water	Safe to Drink
Additional Information	<p>2019 Significant Dates:</p> <p>January 1 - New Year's Day January 6 - Epiphany April 10 - Good Friday April 13 - Easter Monday May 1 - Labour Day May 21 - Ascension Day June 1 - Whit Monday June 11 - Corpus Christi Day August 15 - Assumption Day October 3 - Reunification Day October 31 - Reformation Day November 1 - All Saints' Day December 24 - Christmas Eve December 25-26 - Christmas Holiday December 31 - New Year's Eve</p>
International Country Code	+49

Travel Risk Advice

Vaccinations and Key Health Risks

You should visit a health care professional at least four to six weeks prior to the trip. Travellers should ensure that they have routine vaccination courses and boosters. Routine vaccines include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR), diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis, varicella (chickenpox), polio, and annual flu vaccine.

Dependent on work, reason for travel, or underlying health conditions, some travellers may require vaccines from:

- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Rabies

Pre-departure

Travellers should provide friends and family a copy of their travel itinerary and carry any important travel and identification documents on their person.

On Arrival

There are no significant measures to undertake when arriving in Germany.

In Transit

Public transport is generally safe, and self-driving may be conducted without any non-standard precautions.

At Your Hotel

There are no extraneous measures that should be undertaken at the hotel.

In the Street

While the terrorism threat is generally low in Germany, Islamic extremist groups, including the Islamic State (IS), pose a threat to travellers in the country. Terrorist activity should be monitored using intelligence sources and local media. Travellers should exercise increased vigilance in crowded areas. If travellers observe anything suspicious they should leave the area immediately and subsequently report their concerns to the authorities. Travellers should heed all advice issued by the police and security services.

Demonstrations and protests can occur in most major German cities, although these are rarely violent. Travellers should avoid demonstrations, protests and rallies, particularly those that involve far-right groups such as the AfD and counter protesters as there represent a volatile environment. Travellers should also be aware that such incidents may disrupt local transport networks.

Crime rates are generally low, although travellers are sometimes targeted by opportunistic thieves. They should avoid overt displays of wealth and dress discreetly and appropriately to environment. Do not publicly display money, jewellery or other valuables and keep a low profile.

Travellers should use only small denominations of currency, and keep large amounts of cash and cards in a separate place on your person. Reduce the contents of your wallet or purse contents, particularly cards which may denote affiliations, memberships and accounts.

Travellers should ensure that their mobile phone is carried with sufficient battery life and programmed with appropriate emergency numbers. Travellers should also carry an ID card or passport and emergency medical information.

Travellers should be aware of their location and surroundings. Avoid high-crime areas and walking on through dimly lit streets after dark. Travellers should know their planned route and carry a map if necessary, but keep it concealed.

In crowded situations and busy tourist locations, travellers should be aware of jostling as this may be a ploy for pick-pockets. They should also be aware of people loitering, and that attackers may first pass their victim to attack from behind.

COVID-19 Information

Total Cases (ECDC) (Updated on Monday): 24,251,569

Weekly percentage increase in cases:3.45%

Travel Restrictions: Internal Restrictions Authorities in Germany are maintaining COVID-19 related international entry restrictions as of April 7, domestic restrictions are decided at the regional level.

Domestic Measures Authorities previously removed most federal level restrictions including the requirement to show evidence of vaccination or recovery to access nonessential services, limits imposed on gatherings, and the requirement to wear a facemask in most public spaces. Private companies can still decide to request evidence of vaccination or recovery and facemasks remain mandatory on local public transport and for healthcare facilities.

State-level authorities are granted the power to maintain previous measures if they deem it appropriate; as of April 7 states are not imposing tougher restrictions than those required by federal authorities. For details on specific measures in effect in each state.

International Travel Restrictions

All travelers over the age of six arriving in Germany via air or land must provide proof of vaccination, proof of recovery, or a negative result from a PCR or rapid antigen test taken no more than 48 hours before departure; this requirement does not apply to cross-border commuters or travelers transiting Germany via land.

Germany prohibits entry by unvaccinated individuals from outside the EEA, except for those from Hong Kong, Indonesia, Macao, New Zealand, South Korea, and Taiwan. Fully vaccinated travelers from other countries can enter Germany for nonessential purposes, provided at least 14 days have passed since receiving a full dosage of an approved vaccine. Only travelers inoculated with vaccines approved by German authorities are allowed entry; for a full list of approved vaccines, [click here](#).

As of April 7, no countries are classified as high-risk or virus variant areas.

Authorities could ease, tighten, or otherwise amend restrictions with little-to-no notice based on disease activity over the coming weeks.

Additional Information: <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/einreiseundaufenthalt/coronavirus>

Threat Scale Reference

Threat Rating	Implication
1 - Negligible	The operating environment is benign and there are only isolated threats to business and/or travel.
2 – Low	The operating environment is generally permissive, although there are a limited number of threats to business and/or travel that requires basic mitigations.
3 – Moderate	The operating environment is challenging and there are serious threats to business and/or travel that requires some mitigations.
4 – High	The operating environment is hostile and there are significant threats to business, personal safety and/or travel, requiring comprehensive mitigations and planning.
5 – Extreme	The operating environment is characterised by pervasive direct threats to business, personal safety and/or travel, requiring strict risk management procedures.

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