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Germany forms part of the Schengen Area. Australian passport holders are usually allowed to enter the Schengen Area for Tourism or Business purposes for up to 90 days in any 180 day period without a visa. The countries which make up the Schengen Area are Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

Travellers should ensure their passport is valid for at least six months beyond their intended stay. Travellers are also recommended to be able to provide documentation confirming their ability to financially maintain themselves during their stay, travel insurance covering the period of stay in the Schengen Area as well as tickets and entry documents for their onward destination. Additional conditions may apply to minors. Travellers are recommended to contact a German mission on the details below for further information and to ensure their specific circumstances make them eligible to enter the Schengen Area without a visa.

Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against hepatitis B should be considered by frequent travellers or those intending on a long stay in Germany. Tick-borne encephalitis is present throughout many areas in Europe, predominately in forested regions. Whilst no vaccine is available in Australia, travellers visiting risk areas and planning outdoor activities during summer might consider vaccination once in Europe.

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations, including a recent annual influenza vaccination. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures.

Australians travelling to Germany should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues visit www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips.

Current DFAT Travel Advice

Current for Mon, 5th November 2018.

Exercise normal safety precautions in Germany. Use common sense. Look out for suspicious behaviour. There is a high threat of terrorist attack. In March 2017, police closed a shopping mall in Essen due to a threat against the mall. In December 2016, there was an attack on a Christmas Market in Berlin. See [Safety and security](#). We continue to receive information terrorists may be planning more attacks in Germany. Exercise particular caution around locations that could be terrorist targets. Public locations, including shopping malls, cultural, religious and sporting events remain vulnerable. Maintain a clear exit plan in the event of a security incident. See [Safety and security](#).

Follow local laws and customs and behave responsibly if you visit Oktoberfest in Munich. See [Partying safely](#). While the risk of crime is low, be alert in public places, particularly at night. Monitor local sources of information on crime. See [Safety and security](#).

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Germany at www.smartraveller.gov.au.

German Representation in Australia

German Embassy, Canberra

119 Empire Circuit
YARRALUMLA ACT 2600

Tel: (02) 6270 1911
Fax: (02) 6270 1951

Web: www.australia.diplo.de

German Consulate, Sydney

Level 17, 100 William Street
WOOLLOOMOOLOO NSW 2011

Tel: (02) 8302 4900
Fax: (02) 8302 4940

Web: www.sydney.diplo.de

German Honorary Consulate,
Melbourne

Level 4, Suite 8, 118 Queen St
MELBOURNE, VIC 3000

Tel: (03) 9642 8088
Fax: (03) 9642 8482

Germany also maintains
consulates in the following
states:

- NT - Tel: (08) 8981 2010
- QLD - Tel: (07) 3221 7819
- SA - Tel: (08) 8224 0682
- TAS - Tel: (03) 6235 5112
- WA - Tel: (08) 9321 2926



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Time Differences between Germany and Australia

Germany is Greenwich Mean Time +1 hour (+2 during daylight saving). The applicable time zone is Central European Time (CET) or Central European Summer Time (CEST). Daylight saving is observed from the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in October.

Germany, 12 noon, Winter (Dec) = Perth 7pm, Darwin 8:30pm, Brisbane 9pm, Adelaide 9:30pm, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 10pm.
Germany, 12 noon, Summer (Jun) = Perth 6pm, Darwin, Adelaide 7:30pm, Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 8pm.

Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Germany: +49

To Dial Australia Call: 00 61 <City> <Number>

Australian Reverse Charges Direct:
0800 0800 061. Users may need to insert phone cards or coins.

Travelex Card Services:
Visa - 0800 1800 756
MasterCard - 0800 181 4595

Visa Global Assist: 0800 182 2891

MasterCard: 0800 819 1040

American Express Travellers Cheques & Cards:
0800 101 2362

Emergency Services: 112 (110 for Police)

The emergency services may not always have English speaking staff. In this case, you should have a local call on your behalf or contact the Australian Embassy on the details below.

Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals, and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

Passports

Name: _____ Passport #: _ _ _ _ _

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Credit Cards

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _ _ _ _ _

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _ _ _ _ _

Travel Insurance

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Australian Representation in Germany

Australian Embassy, Berlin

Wallstrasse 76-79
BERLIN 10179

Tel: (+49 30) 8800 88-0
Fax: (+49 30) 8800 88-210

Web: www.germany.embassy.gov.au

Australian Consulate General, Frankfurt

Main Tower, 28th Floor
Neue Mainzer Str. 52-58
60311 FRANKFURT

Tel: (+49 69) 90558-0
Fax: (+49 69) 90558-119

Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61 2) 6261 3305.

Australians in Germany are encouraged to register their presence with the Australian Embassy in Berlin, or online with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.



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Duty Free Allowances

Allowances when entering Germany from a non EU state:

Alcohol: 1 L spirits (>22% alc vol) or 2 L other beverages; as well as 4 L of still wine and 16 L of beer.

Tobacco: 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 250 g of tobacco.

Other Goods: Up to a value of €430 for air and sea travellers, €300 for others and €175 for those under 15 years.

Allowances when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 L.

Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.

Other Goods: Up to a value of \$900 (\$450 if under 18 years).

Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply when entering/exiting Germany and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before crossing the borders of either country. For information on German customs please visit www.zoll.de, or for information on Australian customs visit www.homeaffairs.gov.au.

Electrical Adaptors and Voltage

Electrical Socket type: European (type C).

Supply: 220-240 V, 50 Hz (same as Australia).

A voltage converter will usually not be required to use appliances designed for Australia.

A socket converter is usually all that will be required for these appliances.

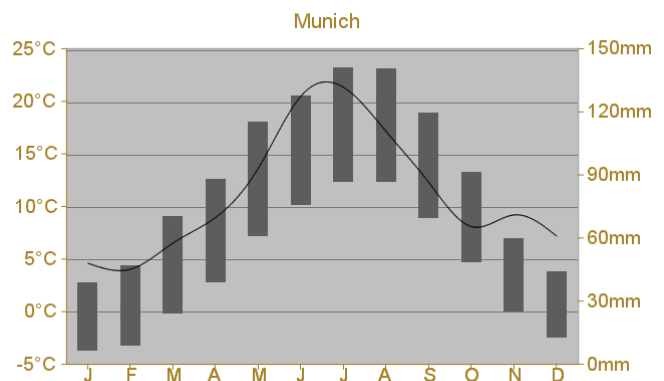
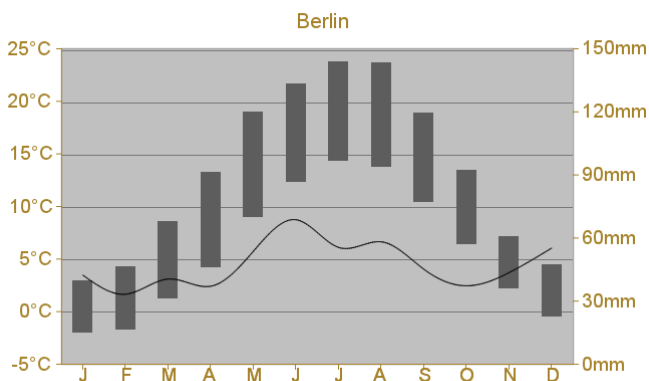


German Public Holidays 2018

01 Jan:	New Year	31 May:	Corpus Christi*
06 Jan:	Epiphany*	15 Aug:	Assumption*
30 Mar:	Good Friday	03 Oct:	Day of Unity
02 Apr:	Easter Monday	31 Oct:	Reformation Day*
01 May:	Labour Day	01 Nov:	All Saints Day*
10 May:	Ascension Day	21 Nov:	Repentance Day*
21 May:	Whit Monday	25-26 Dec:	Christmas

Dates marked with an * do not apply in all regions.

Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Germany



For local forecasts see the German Meteorological Service website at www.dwd.de or go to www.bbc.co.uk/weather.

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Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 0.63 Euro
 1 Euro (EUR) = 1.58 Australian Dollars

Buy Rate (average rate when buying EUR cash in Australia)

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) will buy 0.61 Euro
 1 Euro (EUR) will cost 1.65 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "Buy Rate" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin paid when exchanging these currencies. These rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

The following is a purchasing-power comparison of the Euro in Germany and the Australian Dollar, using the Big Mac as a common good. While it does not present a faultless comparison, it is a useful indicator of the purchasing-power of the currencies.

Big Mac Australia: \$5.95 (AUD) = 3.76 Euro
 Big Mac Germany: €3.90 (EUR) = 6.18 Australian Dollars

A Big Mac in Germany is therefore 4% more expensive than in Australia.

This comparison is based on 2018 prices using current exchange rates. Prices may not include variations by locality or local taxes.

Currency Cheat Sheet

€0.50	=	\$0.82 AUD	This cheat sheet uses the "Buy Rate" of exchange listed above.					
€1	=	\$1.65 AUD	€10	=	\$16.47 AUD	€100	=	\$164.73 AUD
€2	=	\$3.29 AUD	€20	=	\$32.95 AUD	€200	=	\$329.47 AUD
€3	=	\$4.94 AUD	€30	=	\$49.42 AUD	€300	=	\$494.20 AUD
€4	=	\$6.59 AUD	€40	=	\$65.89 AUD	€400	=	\$658.94 AUD
€5	=	\$8.24 AUD	€50	=	\$82.37 AUD	€500	=	\$823.67 AUD
€6	=	\$9.88 AUD	€60	=	\$98.84 AUD	€600	=	\$988.40 AUD
€7	=	\$11.53 AUD	€70	=	\$115.31 AUD	€700	=	\$1,153.14 AUD
€8	=	\$13.18 AUD	€80	=	\$131.79 AUD	€800	=	\$1,317.87 AUD
€9	=	\$14.83 AUD	€90	=	\$148.26 AUD	€900	=	\$1,482.61 AUD
						€1,000	=	\$1,647.34 AUD

Notes and Coins

The legal currency of Germany is the Euro, which is abbreviated using the symbol € (for example €100). The subunit of the Euro is the cent, of which there are 100 in every Euro. The following units of currency are the most common in Germany but other versions and denominations are also in circulation (including a purple €500 note and other nations' coins). Pictures are not to scale.





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About Germany

Full Name: Bundesrepublik Deutschland (Federal Republic of Germany).
Founded: 1871 (unification of states).
Size: 357,022 km² (45% the size of NSW).
Population: 81 million (3.7 times larger than Australia).
Ethnicity: German 91.5%, Turkish 2.4%, other 6.1%.
Language: German.
Religion: Protestant 34%, Catholic 34%, Muslim 3.7%, unaffiliated or other 28.3%.

- Significant Dates:**
- 9 AD - Battle of the Teutoburg Forest.
 - 800 - Frankish King Charlemagne crowned Roman Emperor.
 - 962-1806 - Holy Roman Empire.
 - 1517 - Luther starts the Reformation.
 - 1618-48 - 30 Years War.
 - 1813 - Napoleon defeated at the Battle of Leipzig.
 - 1871 - Germany united by Bismarck.
 - 1871-1918 - German Empire.
 - 1914-18 - World War 1, German Empire defeated and destroyed.
 - 1939-45 - World War 2, Nazi Germany defeated and occupied.
 - 1949 - West & East Germany formed.
 - 1961 - East Germany erects Berlin Wall around West Berlin.
 - 1990 - German Reunification.

Largest Cities:

Berlin	pop - 3.4 million
Hamburg	pop - 1.8 million
Munich (München)	pop - 1.4 million
Colonge (Köln)	pop - 1 million
Frankfurt	pop - 700,000
Stuttgart	pop - 600,000
Düsseldorf	pop - 580,000

