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## Arts and crafts in Germany

Germany has a long history of handicrafts. These traditional trades are kept alive thanks to highly skilled artisans such as glassblowers, engravers, sculptors, instrument makers and stonemasons. Many regions of Germany have become famous around the world for their handcrafted wares.

**Porcelain:** Porcelain figurines from Germany are considered collectors' items all over the world. A town particularly famous for porcelain is Meissen in Saxony, home to the first porcelain manufactory in Europe. The town is still a centre of porcelain design today and attracts thousands of visitors every year. This centuries-old craft is brought to life on the Porcelain Route which runs through Bavaria from Bamberg to Bayreuth, linking museums, specialist shops and manufactories. Rosenthal, another manufacturer with great tradition, also features on the Porcelain Route. [www.touristinfo-meissen.de](http://www.touristinfo-meissen.de), [www.germany.travel](http://www.germany.travel), [www.porzellanstrasse.de](http://www.porzellanstrasse.de)

**Glass:** The Passau Glass Museum is the largest museum of Bohemian glass. This collection contains European glass made between 1650 and 1950. Passau is also the starting point for the Glass Route, which runs as far as Neustadt an der Waldnaab, the lead crystal capital of Europe. Glass also has a tradition in other parts of Germany. It has been produced in Lusatia since the 19th century. And at the manufactory in Willingen, visitors gain an insight into the art of glassblowing. [www.glasmuseum.de](http://www.glasmuseum.de), [www.die-glasstrasse.de](http://www.die-glasstrasse.de), [www.lausitz-tourismus.de](http://www.lausitz-tourismus.de), [www.willingen.de](http://www.willingen.de)

**Jewellery:** Amber has been used as a decorative adornment since the Stone Age. Large deposits are found in the Baltic Sea off the island of Rügen and in the North Sea near St. Peter-Ording. Visitors can go in search of amber on the beach and have their very own piece of jewellery made at one of the small workshops. Rare and valuable specimens are on display at the North Sea Amber Museum in St. Peter-Ording and at the German Amber Museum in Ribnitz-Dammgarten on the Baltic coast. [www.nordsee-bernsteinmuseum.de](http://www.nordsee-bernsteinmuseum.de), [www.deutsches-bernsteinmuseum.de](http://www.deutsches-bernsteinmuseum.de)

**Wood:** Germany is famous for all kinds of wood carvings from Nativity scenes and figurines to cuckoo clocks. Many of these small works of art are created in workshops in the Erzgebirge mountains, Baden-Württemberg or Bavaria. Timber-framed houses in Germany represent a wholly different but no less captivating use of wood, and can be admired along the German Half-Timbered Houses Route. [www.erzgebirge-tourismus.de](http://www.erzgebirge-tourismus.de), [www.germany.travel](http://www.germany.travel), [www.deutsche-fachwerkstrasse.de](http://www.deutsche-fachwerkstrasse.de)

**Ceramics:** German ceramics originate in the Saarland, the region which is home to one of the largest and most famous names in the world of ceramics – Villeroy & Boch. At its discovery centre in Mettlach, the company displays pieces spanning many centuries. The exhibition features items from the late baroque period to the present day, and traces the evolution of domestic culture. Also on show are historical items such as the chamber pots of kings and kaisers. [www.keramikumuseum-mettlach.de](http://www.keramikumuseum-mettlach.de)

## Health & Wellness in 2011: thalassotherapy on the coast

### Pure relaxation by the sea

The seaside resort of Boltenhagen, a haven of health and wellbeing, is situated on the Baltic coast between Lübeck and Wismar in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. All year round, its mild yet invigorating climate is enjoyed by health-conscious holidaymakers in search of relaxation for mind, body and soul. The natural healing powers of the sea work as a kind of cure-all remedy for visitors here. Boltenhagen's salt-rich water is used in a wide range of therapies and wellness treatments, including at the Ostsee-Therme with its thermal baths, indoor seawater pool, pump room and many other spa facilities. Other ways to relax and unwind include scenic strolls on the sandy beach or spectacular cliff tops, a visit to the recently revitalised resort centre or an excursion in the surrounding region.

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### Holidays at Germany's first seaside resort

Back in 1793, Duke Friedrich Franz I of Mecklenburg-Schwerin became the first guest to bathe in Heiligendamm. Members of the German aristocracy and the Russian tsar and his family also frequented the resort. Nowadays, Heiligendamm in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania is one of the most popular holiday destinations for thalassotherapy. As well as being Germany's oldest seaside resort, it was also the first place on the Baltic coast to harness the health benefits of seawater. The salt-enriched water and the climate are said to have healing powers. The air here is low in dust and has a pleasant sheen of sea spray, which makes it particularly beneficial for people suffering from respiratory complaints or allergies. It is recommended to combine long stays by the sea with thalassotherapy, scenic walks and speciality treatments at the spa clinic in Bad Doberan.

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### Seawater bathing in Warnemünde near Rostock

Great importance is placed on healthy holidays in the seaside resort of Warnemünde near Rostock. Wide sandy beaches, the varied coastal landscape and a big focus on spa and wellness tourism make the region an attractive holiday destination. Other options alongside the traditional thalassotherapy with its seawater and algae baths include Kneipp hydrotherapy, Schroth cures and spa treatments from around the world. The health benefits can be reinforced by long walks in the bracing air or a dip in the sea. Warnemünde also offers plenty in the way of tourist attractions and activities, such as a trip on a cruise ship or a visit to a spa concert, theatre or arts and crafts market. Even a day out in the scenic countryside of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania is a great option all year round, and not just for seasoned walkers. Rostock heath, for example, combines all the benefits of the coastal climate with the fresh forest air.

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### Short breaks by the Wadden Sea

Büsum was once a small fishing village in Schleswig-Holstein. It was officially designated a 'North Sea spa' in 1837 and has become a popular holiday resort on the edge of the Wadden Sea National Park. The grassy beach alone, a good 3,5 kilometres in length, is a draw for the many holidaymakers who come to take walks in the healthy, iodine-rich North Sea air. Other attractions include the *Sturmflutenwelt Blanker Hans* (storm tide discovery world) and the *Piraten Meer* water park right next to the beach. Wellness fans are well catered for at the modern Vitamaris health spa and thalassotherapy centre, known for its seawater and mud treatments.

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### A touch of the Caribbean on the island of Föhr

Every year, hundreds of thousands of holidaymakers are captivated by the North Sea island of Föhr. It is situated in the Schleswig-Holstein Wadden Sea National Park, which has UNESCO World Natural Heritage status, and is considered the most 'Caribbean' of all the North Frisian islands thanks to its long, white sandy beaches, lush vegetation and sheltered location. The town of Wyk has been a state-approved spa resort since 1819, although there are numerous spa facilities in other places on the island that also meet the most stringent quality standards.

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## 125th anniversary of the automobile: themed attractions

### Audi up close at the Audi Forum in Ingolstadt

At the Audi Forum in Ingolstadt, visitors can find out how cars are made at a high-tech plant, how the automobile has developed over the years, and how hugely important car manufacturing is for the economy and for people in general. But this town on the Danube river is more than just a production line for the marque's latest models. The Audi Forum's 'museum mobile' also takes visitors on a journey back in time. Dating from 1899 to 2000, the exhibits demonstrate how people used to get around in days gone by and what a top-range car looks like today. More than 80 cars and motorbikes provide a timeline of automotive history. Regular guided tours of the exhibitions and production sites provide a fantastic opportunity to get a closer look at how cars are made in Ingolstadt. The Audi Forum is also fun for children. Special guided tours tell them all about body construction and final assembly as well as motor sports, and they get to design their very own dream car in the design workshop.

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### A passion for cars in the Porsche Museum

The mere mention of the Porsche 911 is enough to make the eyes of any automotive enthusiast light up. These are the cars of people's dreams, made by a brand with iconic status. At the Porsche Museum in the northern suburbs of Stuttgart, a host of exhibits including some 80 vehicles provide a comprehensive account of the company's heritage. There is a big focus on classic cars, of course, and each exhibit features an explanation of what makes it so special. Models including the 356, 550, 911 and 917 are joined by rarities such as the Pink Pig racing car, so called because of its distinctive livery, which won the 24 Hours of Le Mans in 1971. Visitors will find out about the achievements of Professor Ferdinand Porsche, who initially designed electric and hybrid cars, and who actually developed the first prototypes of the Beetle – a cult classic that also features in the exhibition. Porsche's most famous road and racing cars are among the highlights of the collection, and there are guided tours offering a greater insight into the exhibits and the architecture of the museum.

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### The ultimate car experience in Munich

The futuristic architecture of BMW Welt in Munich offers a distinctive welcome even from afar. Inside the building, visitors can see the latest cars and motorbikes made by the Bavarian automotive giant. BMW motorbikes have long held iconic status and enjoy pride of place in the collection. Current models are displayed on the plaza, while the engineering and design studio shows what technological innovations are possible and how new features in cars work. Right on the doorstep of BMW Welt is the BMW Museum, which focuses on the history of the marque's cars. Its permanent collection features 120 BMWs from today and yesteryear, such as the ever-popular BMW roadsters with their two-seater sports car appeal. The BMW Museum also puts the spotlight on the cars of tomorrow. The exhibits illustrate the company's visions for the future, including zero-emissions technology and alternative drive systems.

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### History on wheels in Lower Saxony

A car museum with a difference awaits automotive enthusiasts in Melle, a town near Osnabrück in Lower Saxony. The 'Automuseum' features an ever-changing collection of around 200 to 300 vehicles. All are roadworthy loan items and stay for only a short time in the listed halls of an old furniture factory. Afterwards, they return to their owners to be driven again. This means that every visit offers something new and ties in well with the museum's slogan, 'history on wheels'. There is also a focus on the role played by the car in the economy and in our everyday lives.

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### Chauffeur-driven classic cars

Schmidt's Oldtimer Museum in delightful Nuthetal features a host of lovingly restored vintage cars. Among its many rarities is the *Korbrad*, a tricycle in which the passenger sits at the front in a woven basket. The museum also features vehicles from the former East Germany including cars made by Automobilwerk Eisenach and AWO-brand motorbikes. Visitors can even explore the surrounding Brandenburg countryside in chauffeur-driven classic cars.

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## Football in Germany: museums and exhibitions

### Titles, tears and trophies – Schalke 04

Schalke 04 are one of the most famous clubs in German football. The ups and downs of the team from Gelsenkirchen in North Rhine-Westphalia are brought to life in the Schalke Museum. Five different sections tell of the triumphs, tears, titles and tragedies experienced by the club. These are illustrated by countless medals, pins, pennants and trophies spanning more than a century of history. An audio room features stories and anecdotes told by Schalke legends, and there are six films chronicling the club's journey from formation to Champions League. A slide-out pitch and retractable roof are just two of many innovations at the Veltins Arena – the home of Schalke 04. The Arena Tour provides a fantastic opportunity to glimpse behind the scenes at one of the most modern stadiums in Europe. It's also possible to visit the press conference room, the tunnel and the dressing rooms – areas normally out of bounds to supporters. But as good as the tour is, the best way to experience the unique atmosphere of a Schalke match is to book the 'home game experience', where fans spend the day as a guest of the club.

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### The Bayern Munich Experience

Germany's most successful football club will open its club museum at the Allianz Arena in the course of the current season (2011/2012). But this will be no ordinary museum – it will be the Bayern Munich Experience. The attraction looks set to be the best and most innovative exhibition anywhere in the world on the history of a single football club. Located inside the stadium itself, it will serve as a beacon for Bayern Munich and for German football in general, telling the story of the team's success from its foundation in 1900 to the present day. This great history will be brought to life through cups and trophies, tributes to famous players, video clips and much more besides. And provided there's no match or other event on the day, visitors can also take a guided tour of one of the finest football stadiums in the world. The VIP tour in particular is not to be missed, and gives fans the chance to sit in the manager's seat, enjoy views of the pitch from a hospitality box, and take a look inside the dressing rooms.

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### Getting the inside track on the Imtech Arena

Hamburg football club (HSV) also has a museum documenting its history, successes and triumphs. Here, the spotlight falls on the experiences and fortunes of Hamburg's players, stars and legends, as well as its members and supporters. This archive of the club's heritage is growing all the time and also features temporary exhibitions. The daily tours of the Imtech Arena offer the chance to glimpse behind the scenes at this famous stadium. Lasting for around 75 minutes, the tours in the Imtech arena also venture inside the stadium to visit the VIP areas, the press conference room, the 'mixed zone' and the inner sanctum that is the players' dressing room. Tours do not run on match days.

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### Football history in Dortmund

On its completion in 2014, the DFB Football Museum in Dortmund, North Rhine-Westphalia, will serve as a shrine to the world of football and the emotions that it stirs. State-of-the-art exhibition concepts and media will be used to present the phenomenon of the beautiful game and its huge appeal. The slogan 'We are football' reflects the museum's aspiration to be an all-encompassing archive of German football. The exhibition will include a multivision show on the history of German football, a trophy room featuring cups won by the national team and in club football, and a 'Hall of Fame' for famous German players.

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### The Kaiserslautern Museum

Every Thursday afternoon, the museum in Kaiserslautern's Fritz-Walter-Stadion opens its doors to visitors. Large parts of the exhibition are also accessible to visitors on home match days. A photo exhibition entitled 'FCK International' features iconic images of the triumphs, the players and the passionate supporters of the club known as the 'red devils'. Fans can also admire a collection of artefacts from the club's history.

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## Arts and crafts markets

### European market in Aachen

The European arts and crafts market in Aachen, North Rhine-Westphalia is something of a tradition. The Chamber of Crafts and Skilled Trades in Aachen has organised this late-summer event in the historical city centre for the past 35 years. Once a year, around 300 artists, master designers and craftsmen from all over Europe display their products in the area between the cathedral and town hall. These include everything from everyday objects to one-off designs. All of the exhibitors are subject to a rigorous selection process, which ensures that the market meets the highest quality standards. The event is one of the largest of its kind and attracts up to 200,000 visitors each year. The arts and crafts market also serves as a platform for young designers to keep abreast of international trends and make new contacts. Students and graduates from different faculties at the Academy of Craft and Design have an opportunity to showcase their talents at the 'Design forum' in the Carolina auditorium, which accompanies the European arts and crafts market.

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### Largest pottery market in central Germany

For two days in late summer, around 90 ceramic workshops and freelance potters from all over Germany display their wares on the historical market square in Lutherstadt Wittenberg, Saxony-Anhalt. Cups, plates, vases and many other items can be purchased at the market. Visitors are very welcome to have a go at the potter's wheel or watch the artisans at work. The event is officially opened by the Mayor on Saturday at 10am. The *Wittenberger Landsknechte* and *Wittenberger Fanfarenzug* provide the musical accompaniment for the ceremony. A varied programme of entertainment in the historical town centre rounds off the event. The shops are also open on both afternoons. On Sunday at 5.30pm, the potters stand before the door of the town hall and say farewell with their own 'Wittenberg potters' song', the last verse of which remains secret until it is sung.

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### Art in Arnum school

For over 37 years, the woodland school in Arnum near Hemmingen in Baden-Württemberg has opened its doors to lovers of handicrafts. This year on 13 and 14 November, more than 60 craftsmen and women will be showcasing works which they have made by hand, some of which have taken hundreds of hours. Many of them are happy for visitors to watch them while they work and even invite visitors to have a go. Among the exhibitors is a glass artist who demonstrates how stained glass rods can be moulded into beads when heated to a temperature of 1,800 degrees. She also works with stained glass, such as Murano glass from Venice, Lauscha glass from Thuringia and Reichenbach glass from Lusatia. Steel artwork and fretwork are also on show. Also well worth seeing are examples of wet felting, paper art, mosaics and metal work, as well as silk and dried flower arrangements.

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### Christmas crafts at Filseck Palace

On 12 and 13 November, 40 artisans will be presenting a wide array of handcrafted products and small works of art in the historical rooms and courtyard at Filseck Palace in Baden-Württemberg. The pre-Christmas crafts market is open to visitors on both days in the afternoon. Rooms in the palace (Moser, Leutrum, Münch and Waggerhauser rooms) will be festively decorated during the weekend to complement the exquisite handicrafts on display.

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### Art in traditional surroundings

The arts and crafts market at Taubenhof Gut Cadenberge on 18 and 19 November has something to suit every budget with silver jewellery, toys, patchwork items, handmade teddy bears, feltwork and paintings. The wide selection of products from around 50 craftsmen and women will be displayed in two barns, the coach house and inner courtyard of the historical estate. The craft markets at Taubenhof Gut Cadenberge in Lower Saxony are based on a traditional concept. They focus on handcrafted products and for that reason, do not include food stalls. However, the café serves coffee and cake and hearty snacks are available from the grill.

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## News and dates

### Saxony tours for wheelchair-users

Wheelchair users can now discover the uplands of Saxony with the help of *Sachsen Barrierefrei 2011/2012*, a new brochure on barrier-free holidays. This handy guide contains information on specialist providers offering guided routes suitable for wheelchairs. This means they can tailor their tour of Saxon Switzerland to their own requirements. As well as guided routes, the brochure focuses on tourist attractions such as museums, churches and castles. Accommodation suitable for disabled visitors completes the package. Blind and deaf visitors will also find numerous options here.

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### Christmas musical in Nuremberg

The musical 'Christa' coincides with the Nuremberg Christmas market from 24 November to 30 December. It is a tale of friendship, humanity, foul play and intrigue set in Nuremberg at Christmas time. It tells the story of Christa, who shows great generosity to the people of Nuremberg during the Thirty Years' War, helping them at every turn. But as the story unfolds, acts of treachery make life difficult for her and chaos breaks out. The venue for the musical is the *Heilig Geist Spital* (Hospital of the Holy Spirit), part of which juts out above the river Pegnitz. The building dates back to the 12th century and is thought to feature in a prank by Till Eulenspiegel, a figure of German folklore.

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### Leisurely cycle rides in the Sauerland

The Sauerland region has something for every cycling enthusiast from relaxing tours through the Ruhr valley to challenging routes in the Rothaargebirge hills. There are now new e-bike routes, where cyclists can enjoy scenic countryside with some motorised assistance when the going gets tough. The tours are classified according to their difficulty level, and range from short trips of twelve kilometres to longer trips of more than 80 kilometres over several days. Depending on the cyclist's preference, he or she can choose routes through upland areas or along rivers in the region. There is little danger of getting lost, as cyclists can take the route with them as a printed map or downloaded GPS file. There are 40 hire stations where electric bikes can be collected, returned and charged. So even cyclists who are not fully fit or have limited mobility needn't be daunted by the next steep climb.

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#### Until 8 January

Ninety paintings and prints by Pierre-Auguste Renoir offer a new perspective on the artist. Works on display are from the collections and museums of the Kunstsammlungen galleries in Chemnitz.

#### Information

<http://kunstsammlungen-chemnitz.justexpertise.de>

#### 19 to 23 October

Gifted young pianists will be competing at the national Bach competition in Köthen. They will be performing pieces by Johann Sebastian Bach, Franz Liszt, and others from the Romantic and Impressionist eras.

#### Information

[www.bach-in-koethen.de](http://www.bach-in-koethen.de)

#### 14 to 30 October

Bremen's *Freimarkt* fair, called the 'fifth season' by the locals, attracts four million people every year. Visitors can look forward to rollercoasters, delicious treats and plenty of thrills, spills and good cheer.

#### Information

[www.bremen-tourismus.de](http://www.bremen-tourismus.de)

#### 11 November to 12 February

The artist Albert Münch has dealt intensively with the subject of motor sport in recent years. His works are on show at the 'Scharf. Unscharf' exhibition at the German Sport and Olympics Museum in Cologne.

#### Information

[www.sportmuseum.de](http://www.sportmuseum.de)

#### 15 October to 13 November

Visitors to the 3rd food festival in Saxon Switzerland can look forward to culinary delights such as wild boar, lamb and trout plus select ingredients from the region.

#### Information

[www.dehoga-sachsen.de](http://www.dehoga-sachsen.de)

#### 26 and 27 November

Boutiques, galleries and workshops around Quedlinburg Castle will be opening their doors and inviting visitors to browse. Expect a magical Christmas atmosphere with little hand-crafted items and festive nibbles.

#### Information

[www.adventsstadt.de](http://www.adventsstadt.de)