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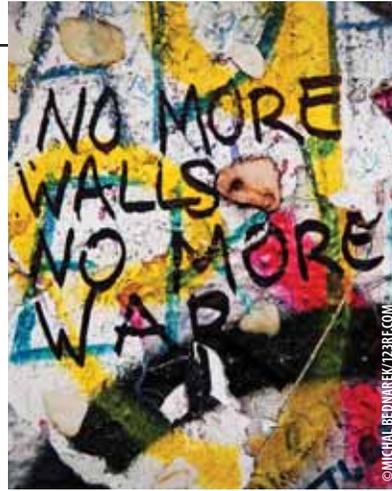
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**THE END OF WWII LEFT GERMANY AND THE CITY OF BERLIN DIVIDED INTO SECTIONS. FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION RECEIVED A SECTION OF BOTH GERMANY AND BERLIN.**

# Germany's TRADITIONS

By Jessica Zen and Stacy Roman



**Since Oct. 3, 1990 the national holiday of German Unity Day ("Tag der Deutschen Einheit") has been celebrated.**

It observes the reunification of East and West Germany following more than 40 years of separation after World War II. As with many other German holidays, schools and most businesses are closed. It is Germany's only non-religious, official national holiday.

## AFTER WORLD WAR II

The end of WWII left Germany and the city of Berlin divided into sections. France, Great Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union received a section of both Germany and Berlin. The Soviet Union didn't want to play nicely with the other countries, so France, Great Britain and the United States formed the Federal Republic of Germany in the west, while the Soviet Union formed the Democratic Republic of Germany in the east. West Germany thrived while East Germany fell into a communist society. The Berlin Wall was built by the Democratic Republic of Germany to prevent hordes of people from fleeing. On Nov. 9, 1989 the wall finally came down, and with it the separation of East and West Berlin.

## A HAPPY ACCIDENT

For months leading up to the fall of the Berlin Wall on Nov. 9, 1989, East German leaders had been under pressure to loosen travel regulations between East and West Germany. In an effort to placate politicians, newly appointed spokesman, Günter Schabowski, was told to announce the new travel laws at a press conference. Since he hadn't been briefed ahead of time, when Schabowski was asked when the freedom of movement would take place, he shrugged his shoulders and replied, "Ab sofort" or "right away."

## THE EAST DISSOLVED

Rather than a true reunification of two countries merging into one, East Germany was absorbed into West Germany. Due to economic uncertainty, in an effort to speed up the process, the five East German states voted to join West Germany and become a unified nation.

## CHANGING CAPITALS

After unification, the city of Bonn (previously the capital of West Germany) remained the capital. A year later, it was moved back to Berlin. However, this move didn't take effect until

1999 — nine years after Germany was united. Even now, there are still many government offices based in Bonn rather than Berlin.

## "BUERGERFEST"

While there is a huge celebration in Berlin each year, the official party, or "Bürgerfest", is hosted by a different city each year. Typically, a federal state capital hosts the festival. The days-long celebration includes carnival rides, regional cuisine, theater performances, political speeches, concerts and an amazing fireworks display. On Oct. 3, many mosques are open to the public in an initiative to focus on the role Muslims played in forming modern Germany.

Look for events in your area to help celebrate this momentous holiday when East and West Germany were unified. To celebrate on a large scale, head straight to Berlin towards Brandenburg Gate, where festivals are held. ■

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# GERMANY

# DAY TRIPS

By Jessica Zen

**A PALACE SO BEAUTIFUL IT RIVALS VERSAILLES IS TUCKED AWAY ON A BAVARIAN ISLAND IN LAKE CHIEMSEE. HERRENCHIEMSEE NEW PALACE WAS DESIGNED BY KING LUDWIG II AND IS DRIPPING WITH BAROQUE DETAILS, GRANDIOSE ROOMS, SPARKLING CHANDELIERS AND MAJESTIC VIEWS OF THE SURROUNDING LAKE.**

## BAROQUE SPLENDOR

Like something out of a fairytale, the Herrenchiemsee New Palace stands as a monument to the monarchy on Herreninsel and has no practical function, making it all the more amazing. The palace was modeled after Versailles, and the intention of King Ludwig II was to create a "temple of fame" for King Louis XIV of France. Despite never being completed, it is proudly referred to as "Bavarian Versailles."

Construction on the Baroque palace began in 1878, but was still incomplete when King Ludwig II died in 1886, causing sections of the palace to later be demolished. However, many of the rooms were completed and are open for ogling. The main rooms are fabulous examples of 19th century interior design, some of the best in existence. The king's rooms are decorated in French rococo style, dripping with gold and rich blue fabrics.

The ground floor of the south wing houses the King Ludwig II Museum. It opened in 1987 and chronicles the king's life through a series of portraits, busts, photographs and original state robes. Here you will also find information about the other royal residences the king built, including Neuschwanstein Castle and Linderhof Palace.

Outside the palace is also astounding, as Court Garden Director Carl von Effner made plans for a garden that resembled Versailles. This too remains incomplete, but sections along the main axis, including glittering water features, are finished. Visitors can stroll through the park gardens and around the lakeside path on the island. Don't forget to stop and drink in picture-book perfect Bavaria while admiring the mountains that dominate the landscape just past the lake.

## ON THE ISLAND

The king's island is in Bavaria's largest body of water, Lake Chiemsee, also known as the Bavarian Sea. This small piece of land is home to not only the palace, but also a former Augustinian Monastery, a farm housing the National Stud and the Lakeside Chapel of the Holy Cross. The monastery is known as the Old Palace, built between 1645-1730, and is one of Bavaria's oldest. It was dissolved in 1803 during secularization, but the building still stands today and houses a museum. The four wings create a rectangular courtyard that is full of beautiful roses.



## GETTING THERE

Lake Chiemsee is located in Bavaria near Rosenheim. It is approximately three hours southwest of Stuttgart. To get to the island, book a trip with Chiemsee-Schiffahrt. Their boats depart all year round from Prien/Stock and Gstadt harbors and offer free parking on site. Once you arrive, the palace is about a 15-minute walk from the pier. To feel like a royal yourself, take a horse-drawn carriage from the pier to the palace.

The Herrenchiemsee New Palace is an exceptional example of Baroque splendor, from its



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The Lakeside Chapel of the Holy Cross, dating back to 1697, sits on the north side of the island. The interior is not accessible, but the bright blue exterior with a steeple reaching to the heavens makes for a tranquil stopping point.

lavishly decorated interior rooms to the lovingly tended garden. Spend the day wandering around the island and soaking up all the history King Ludwig II left for us to admire. ■

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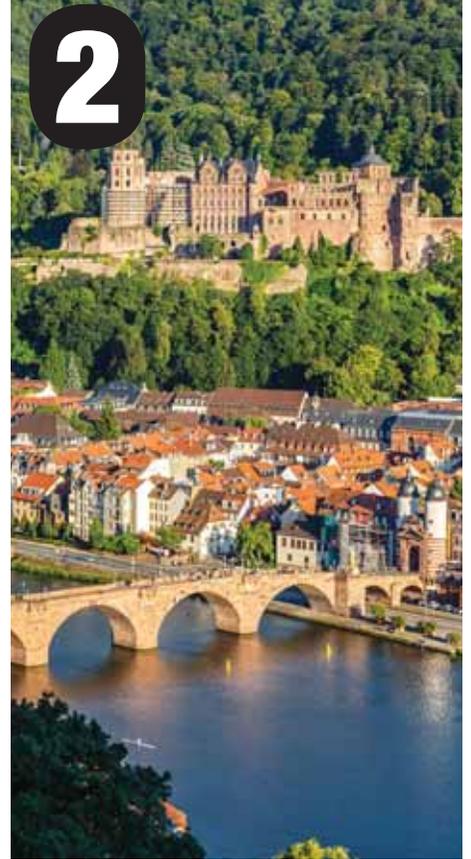
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# TOP FIVE

By Amanda Palumbo

FROM CINDERELLA TO RAPUNZEL, SNOW WHITE TO BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, IF YOU WANT TO LIVE OUT YOUR CHILDHOOD FAIRYTALE FAVORITES, GERMANY IS THE PERFECT PLACE. HERE ARE FIVE FAIRYTALE TOWNS YOU WON'T WANT TO PASS BY.



## HEIDELBERG

Hilly Heidelberg is a village where Rapunzel could really let her hair down. One of the few German cities untouched in both world wars, its old-world feel is well preserved. Go back in time by touring the ruins of the Heidelberg Castle, which Mark Twain highlighted in his 1880 travel book, "A Tramp Abroad." A 20-minute walk will take you to Evangelische Kirche Heidelberg, or Church of the Holy Spirit, located in the city's center. Five euros gives you a look inside and a hike to the very top for an incredible view of the city, the castle and the Neckar River. If you're looking to replace that shoe you left at the ball, Heidelberg has the longest pedestrian shopping street in Germany, stretching one-mile long.

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## GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN

If you want to be Snow White and wander the wilderness hoping to stumble upon seven dwarfs to crash with, Garmisch-Partenkirchen is the place for you. The Bavarian site of the 1936 Winter Olympics gives breathtaking backdrops of the Alps, with some of the country's best hiking and skiing. You can be Cinderella or Sleeping Beauty and travel to the magical Neuschwanstein castle. Disney modeled both castles after the 19th-century Romanesque Revival palace.



### **BADEN-BADEN**

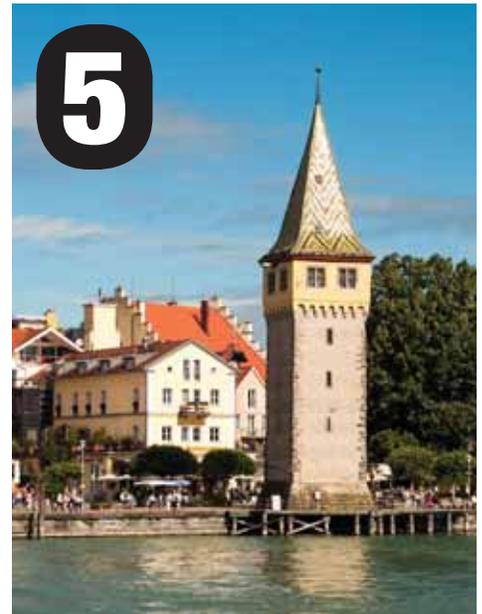
The village so nice they named it twice! Relive Hansel and Gretel's journey by hiking in the Black Forest (minus the breadcrumbs and cannibalistic witch). Located on the east bank of the Rhine and the French border, you can take in the city's beautiful Baroque-influenced architecture and rainbow-colored homes as you walk the city streets. If you're needing some 'me-time' because your frog prince is hopping on your last nerve, get serious rest and relaxation at Germany's top spa destination. Take a dip in the healing waters of 12 thermal springs discovered 2,000 years ago.



### **WERNIGERODE**

Wernigerode reminds me of the scene in Beauty and the Beast where people are popping out of windows, yelling, "Bonjour!" The gothic Wernigerode Castle served as a medieval hilltop fortress for German emperors during hunting trips. Wernigerode is nestled just northeast of the Harz Mountains with lots of hiking and outdoor adventures. Take an old-timey steam locomotive that winds from Wernigerode to the top of Brocken Mountain. The town even has its own leaning tower of Pisa! A short walk will take you to Wernigerode's Smallest House, a home fitting for Snow White and her seven dwarfs.

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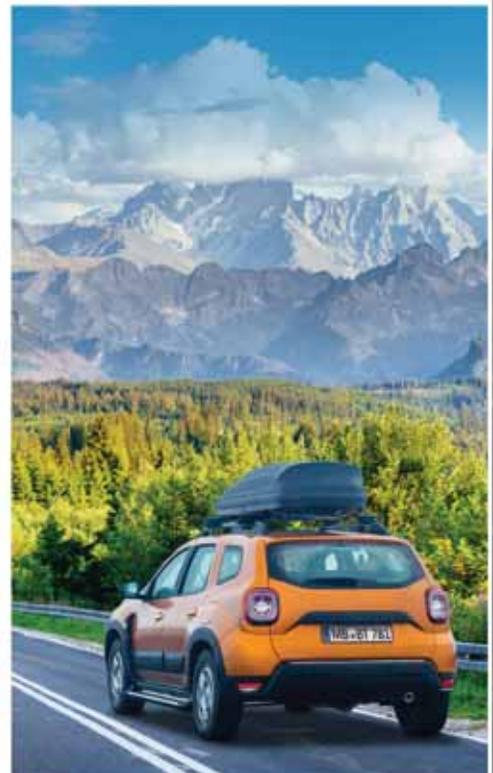
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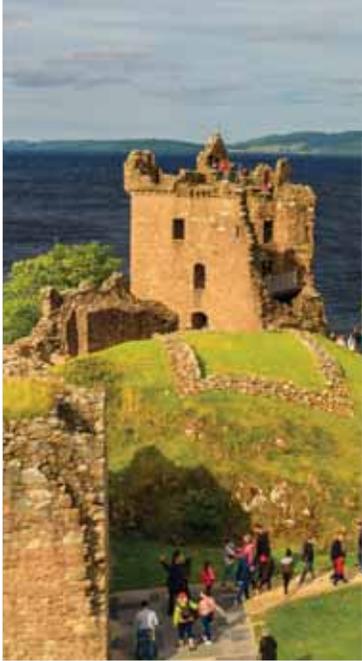


# TRAVEL THROUGH BEAUTIFUL SCOTLAND

By Stacy Roman



**W**hen we received orders to the United Kingdom, I felt like we hit the jackpot. I had visions of tea in London, driving through the rolling hills of the English countryside and discovering the complex and amazing history of the four countries that comprise the U.K. Hands-down one of our favorite adventures so far has been Scotland. Filled with rugged wilderness, port cities, bustling metros and plenty of jaw-dropping vistas, take your time and explore the beauty of this amazing country.



## EDINBURGH

There are so many things to see and do, it would be easy just to park it in this magnificent capital city. With breathtaking architecture on either side of the park which splits the city, you can find the medieval buildings dotting the old town, and more modern Georgian examples in the new town, it creates a stunning landscape. Walk up the Royal Mile — filled with souvenir and whisky tasting shops — until you reach the iconic Edinburgh Castle perched high above the city. Potter heads will find bits of Harry Potter magic sprinkled throughout the city. Stroll through the brightly painted shops lining the curved Victoria Street (the inspiration for Diagon Alley), or wander through the old tombs in Greyfriars Kirkyard where you'll find one Thomas Riddell, Esq. laid to rest.



## ST ANDREWS

A mere 30 miles northeast of Edinburgh, the coastal town of St. Andrews is known for its stunning golf courses. In fact, it is home to the largest public golf complex in Europe. Even if swinging a club isn't your thing, there is so much more to do. This beautiful city is also home to Scotland's first and oldest university, University of St. Andrews founded in 1413. Explore the majestic ruins of St. Andrews Castle, which fell into disrepair in the 17th century and was essentially abandoned and left to the elements. Feeling beachy? Recreate your best version of the beach running scene from "Chariots of Fire" on West Sands Beach where it was filmed. Or tickle your taste buds at Eden Mill or Kingsbarns Distillery for local brews, gin or whisky.

## ABERDEEN

Known for maritime trade and petroleum industries, this historic city has become a melting pot of culture. Situated where the Rivers Don and Dee meet the North Sea, Aberdeen is fondly referred to as the Grey or Granite City. Much of the original architecture of Aberdeen was built using slabs of grey granite from nearby quarries. Be sure to stop by the Tolbooth Museum. Built in the 1600s, this prison-turned-museum is filled with fascinating stories and history. In the fall, stroll through the lush green spaces of Cruickshank Botanical Garden, Seaton Park or Johnston Gardens and see the crimson, bright yellow and burnished copper-colored leaves.

## AVIEMORE

Tucked away on the edge of Cairngorms National Park in the central Scottish Highlands is the most popular ski resort in the U.K. Aviemore is home to one of the first ski resorts in Scotland and has become a must-visit winter destination. Wildlife enthusiasts can marvel at the free-roaming Highland reindeer and watch as golden eagles soar overhead. Stop by nearby Landmark Forest Adventure Park and go zipping through the trees on the alpine coaster or zip lines. Fancy an adult beverage? Be sure to check out Dalwhinnie Distillery, the highest distillery in Scotland. Known for Highland single-malt whisky, tours include samples, a souvenir tasting glass and delicious chocolate pairings.



## INVERNESS

Situated on Scotland's north central coast, Inverness is the largest city in the Highlands and is often used as a gateway to more isolated and rugged areas in the Highlands. Not just known for its location, Inverness is also a bagpiping mecca and a football (soccer) lover's paradise. Every September, solo bagpipers from around the globe compete for the top prize at the Northern Meeting. If you're ready for some rough and tumble action, this port city has four different football clubs to cheer on.

## TOBERMORY (ISLE OF MULL)

Inhabited since at least 6000 B.C., the charming port city of Tobermory on the island of Mull is full of adventures just waiting for you. Drive 90 minutes from town and check out the stunning stone circle in Lochbuie. As you cruise along the windy roads, you'll see plenty of once-magnificent castles dot the hilly landscape. Speaking of roads, motorheads can test their driving prowess during the Tour of Mull Road Rally every October. Maybe dry land is feeling a little tired. Grab your scuba gear and head beneath the waves. Divers can explore several shipwrecks in the waters around the island.

## GLASGOW

Perched along the banks of the River Clyde is Glasgow, Scotland's largest city and the third most populous city in the U.K. Discover the beautifully lush parks and green spaces throughout the city, or head indoors to one of the fantastic museums. One of my favorites is the Kelvingrove Museum. This quirky and slightly eccentric space is home to 22 galleries full of world-renowned art, ancient Egyptian artifacts, animals and so much more – including a neon-lit sculpture of Elvis. The best part? Admission is free! As you make your way through the city, be sure to stop by the front of the Gallery of Modern Art. You may catch a traffic cone adorning the head of the Duke of Wellington.

Scotland is a treasure trove of amazing places waiting to be discovered. Venture beyond the cities to see the rugged beauty of this spectacular country. ■







# Bucket List

## Edinburgh Edition

By Stacy Roman

Ah, Edinburgh. The striking capital of Scotland is brimming with spectacular sights and history. With the imposing Edinburgh Castle overlooking the city, amazing architecture, fantastic museums, delicious delicacies and plenty of shopping, there is something for everyone. To help create a perfect itinerary in this Scottish city, consider this bucket list!

- 1.** Stroll along Victoria Street and see the inspiration of Diagon Alley in the “Harry Potter” series.
- 2.** Take in the dazzling panorama of the city from Edinburgh Castle.
- 3.** Stop in one of the many souvenir shops along the Royal Mile.
- 4.** Get that royal feeling by touring the Palace of Holyrood.
- 5.** Discover the history (and horrors) of the Edinburgh underground in the Middle Ages at Real Mary King’s Close.
- 6.** Climb to the top of Arthur’s Seat for stunning views of the area.
- 7.** Climb to the top of Calton Hill for Instagram-worthy photo ops.
- 8.** Take a break and stop by one of the many whisky shops and see why Scotland is famous for it.
- 9.** Explore the city with the Red Bus Bistro and enjoy an afternoon tea while drinking in the sights.
- 10.** One word: Haggis

Have you ever been to Edinburgh? Tell [contentteam@stripes.com](mailto:contentteam@stripes.com) some bucket-list-worthy items you would put on this list! ■



# European Getaways

## Iconic Cities

By Amanda Palumbo

If you ask me, the word ‘iconic’ is used way too much to describe things that are not truly iconic. Merriam-Webster defines the word as “widely known and acknowledged especially for distinctive excellence.” When you’re talking about iconic European cities the big three come to mind: Paris, Rome and London.

### PARIS

Paris, the city of lights or, in French, “la ville lumière.” There’s no doubt Paris is one of the most romantic cities in the world but what I love about Paris is its attitude, a raw grittiness, and brash, almost reckless way of telling the world, we are the best city. Even Paris’ pigeons have a certain swagger.

There is something for everyone in Paris. It’s home to the famous (and I would argue overrated) Mona Lisa at its world-renowned Louvre museum. She is just one of about 35,000 works of art the museum has on display. Architecture nerds will rejoice in the birthplace of French Gothic architecture. While one of the most notable gothic structures, Notre Dame, is rebuilding after a fire, there are other fine examples of Gothic architecture, like Amiens Cathedral. If you love to be creeped out, head to The Catacombs and walk among millions of skeletons stacked in bizarre yet beautiful arrangements. Breathtaking 365-degree views of the city can be found at the top of the Eiffel Tower or the Montparnasse Tower.

A few tips for Paris: public transportation is the cheapest mode of transportation, most attractions have a ‘skip-the-line’ option online and don’t buy tickets from random people on the street. They’re likely overpriced and/or counterfeit.

### ROME

The Eternal City also likes to refer to itself as “Caput Mundi” or the capital of the world. Like Paris, Rome has just about everything to offer travelers. Paris may have the Mona Lisa but Rome has some

of the world’s most historic masterpieces. Rome offers art-lovers a bevy of eye-pleasing choices from the Creation of Man at the Sistine Chapel (technically Vatican City but let’s not split hairs) to Michelangelo’s sculpture of Moses at Basilica di San Pietro in Vincoli. Foodies can indulge in Roman favorites like pasta, wood-fired pizza and carbonara in a traditional “trattoria.” If you want to save a few euros, Rome has some truly fantastic street food – everything from pizza by the slice to trendy fusion cuisine.

The best tips for Rome: Hop on a rented bike to get more out of your day or sign up for a guided bike tour.

### LONDON

While London has an unforgettable art scene with the Tate, Tate Modern and National Gallery, the city is still incredibly artistic in other ways. If you love the theater, head to London’s West End to Theatreland. It’s considered Europe’s Broadway, regarded as one of the best places in the world to catch a show.

See London’s famous skyline from 443 feet high on the world’s tallest Ferris wheel, the London Eye. Some of the city’s attractions are free, including the National Gallery, the National History Museum, the British Museum and the Science Museum. If you think London is nothing but a sprawling urban area, think again. London is home to eight Royal Parks with local wildlife as well as the Royal Botanical Gardens.

A tip for London: Stroll along the Thames and dine on some of the city’s best street food at Southbank Centre Market. ■

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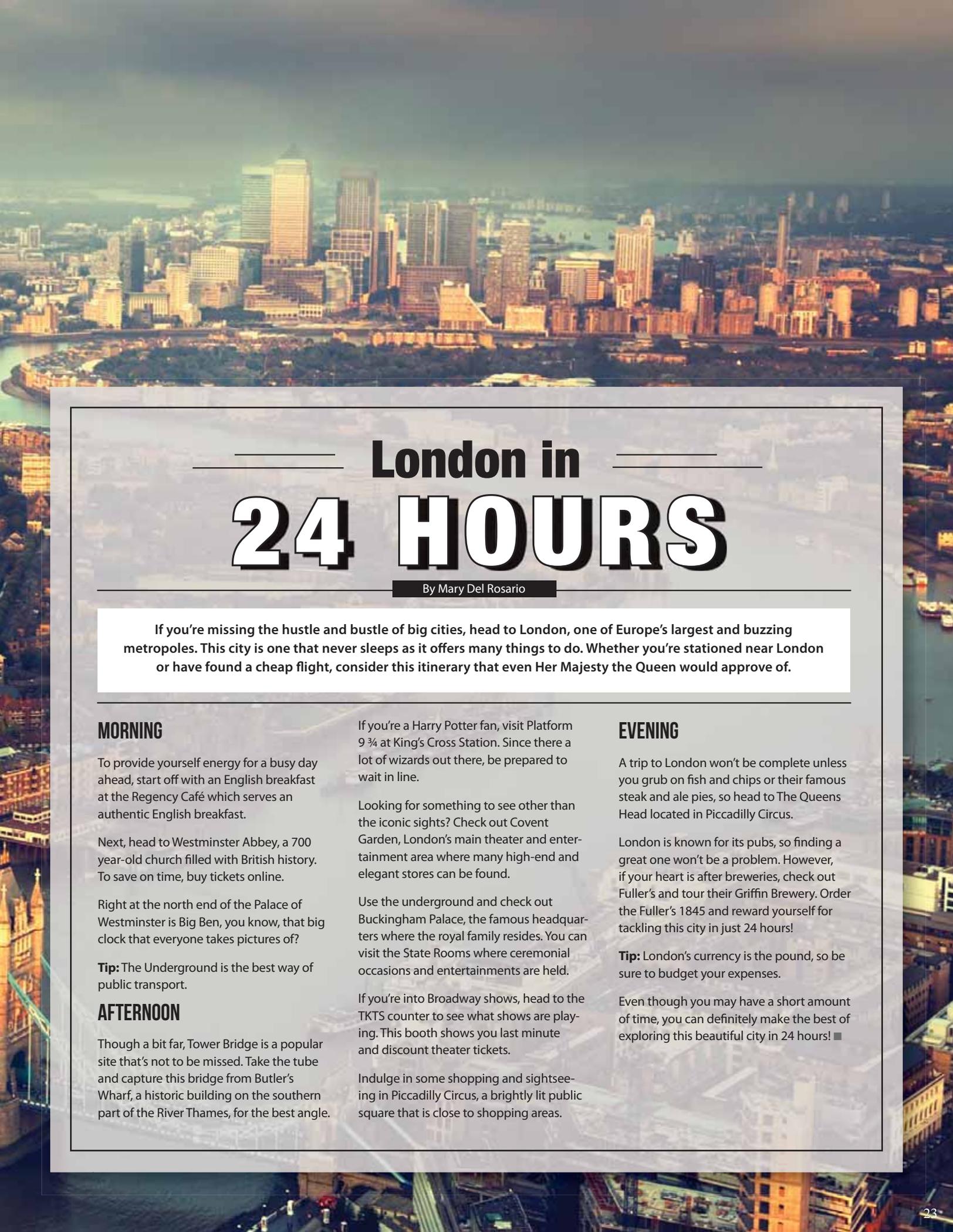
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# London in 24 HOURS

By Mary Del Rosario

If you're missing the hustle and bustle of big cities, head to London, one of Europe's largest and buzzing metropolises. This city is one that never sleeps as it offers many things to do. Whether you're stationed near London or have found a cheap flight, consider this itinerary that even Her Majesty the Queen would approve of.

## MORNING

To provide yourself energy for a busy day ahead, start off with an English breakfast at the Regency Café which serves an authentic English breakfast.

Next, head to Westminster Abbey, a 700 year-old church filled with British history. To save on time, buy tickets online.

Right at the north end of the Palace of Westminster is Big Ben, you know, that big clock that everyone takes pictures of?

**Tip:** The Underground is the best way of public transport.

## AFTERNOON

Though a bit far, Tower Bridge is a popular site that's not to be missed. Take the tube and capture this bridge from Butler's Wharf, a historic building on the southern part of the River Thames, for the best angle.

If you're a Harry Potter fan, visit Platform 9  $\frac{3}{4}$  at King's Cross Station. Since there a lot of wizards out there, be prepared to wait in line.

Looking for something to see other than the iconic sights? Check out Covent Garden, London's main theater and entertainment area where many high-end and elegant stores can be found.

Use the underground and check out Buckingham Palace, the famous headquarters where the royal family resides. You can visit the State Rooms where ceremonial occasions and entertainments are held.

If you're into Broadway shows, head to the TKTS counter to see what shows are playing. This booth shows you last minute and discount theater tickets.

Indulge in some shopping and sightseeing in Piccadilly Circus, a brightly lit public square that is close to shopping areas.

## EVENING

A trip to London won't be complete unless you grub on fish and chips or their famous steak and ale pies, so head to The Queens Head located in Piccadilly Circus.

London is known for its pubs, so finding a great one won't be a problem. However, if your heart is after breweries, check out Fuller's and tour their Griffin Brewery. Order the Fuller's 1845 and reward yourself for tackling this city in just 24 hours!

**Tip:** London's currency is the pound, so be sure to budget your expenses.

Even though you may have a short amount of time, you can definitely make the best of exploring this beautiful city in 24 hours! ■

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# EUROPEAN BREWERIES

Whether you're a beginner or a connoisseur, it's easy to embrace the world of beer. You may know and love the taste of your favorite back-homebrews, but why not take the time to know the ales of the Alsations or the whites of the Walloons?

To help you add some hops to your pit stops, consider this handy beer bucket list to guide you to some of our favorite cities and towns.



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## GUINNESS

DUBLIN, IRELAND

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## FULLER'S

LONDON, ENGLAND

The Fuller's 1845 is an unfiltered strong ale with plenty of malt, nutty and caramel notes.

## STELLA ARTOIS

LEUVEN, BELGIUM

If your tastes run to fruity lambic beers, look for the range of La Becasse cherry and raspberry variations.

## CHIMAY

BOURLEURS, BELGIUM

Try "Chimay Gold," a Belgian pale ale available exclusively at the Poteaupré Inn.

## NATIONAL BREWERY

BASCHARAGE, LUXEMBOURG

Bofferding Hop credits the addition of Citra hops for the resulting tropical notes of mango and lychee.



## TENNENT CALEDONIAN

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

The Caledonia Best, a brew released in 2011, is the product of a partnership with Scotland's barley farmers and the creation of a team made up of both young experimental and master brewers.



## BITBURGER

BITBURG, GERMANY

The company's most recent creation, a Premium Kellerbier, is light-bodied, malty and slightly herbal in style.



## PILSNER URQUELL

PILSEN, CZECH REPUBLIC

The Pilsner Urquell Nefiltrovaný (unfiltered) one can be sampled following the tour gets rave reviews from beer enthusiasts.



## HEINEKEN

AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

If you're traveling to Amsterdam around the holiday season, be on the lookout for the highly rated Affligem Noël Christmas beer, full of dark fruity sweetness and spice.



## PAULANER

MUNICH, GERMANY

A Paulaner Ur Dunkel will take you back to the time when dark beers were the preferred drink of Bavarians. Mahogany brown in color, it serves up notes of spice and a hint of dark chocolate.



## ŻYWIEC

ŻYWIEC, POLAND

For something a little different, ask for a Żywiec Biały, the brewery's take on a Belgian white ale.



## METEOR

HOCHFELDEN, FRANCE

The Wendelinus Tenebris is a dark and intense brew with notes of toffee, roasted coffee and dark chocolate.



## STIEGL

SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

The Stiegl-Paracelsus Bio-Zwickl, an amber-shaded, naturally cloudy organic beer made of an ancient grain cultivated and malted at the Stiegl's own farm.



## ESTRELLA DAMM

BARCELONA, SPAIN

An Inedit, the love child of a collaboration between brewmasters, a top chef and sommeliers; this Belgian white ale has all the typical notes of coriander, licorice and orange peel.



## UNION

LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

Be on the lookout for the Union Pivnica Selection Pale Ale. Nicely wrapped in red paper, it offers citrusy-tropical aromas and a bitter finish.



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EVENTS AROUND GERMANY

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# EDITOR'S *Picks*

## October Events

By Karen Bradbury



### MICHAELIS-KIRCHWEIH

Through Oct. 9 in Fürth

This traditional Bavarian volksfest offers scary rides, gaming booths, a beer tent with live music, tasty treats and dazzling fireworks displays.



### GERMAN WINE FESTIVAL

Oct. 2-14 in Neustadt an der Weinstrasse

In addition to a wine village and midway with rides, a vintners' parade with costumed marchers and over 100 floats takes place Oct. 13.



### DUCK RACE

Oct. 5 in Tübingen

Put your money on a yellow numbered rubber duck and hope yours finishes first in its journey along the Neckar River. If so, you win!



### VIEZFEST

Oct. 5 in Merzig

This festival celebrates the local drink of choice, a fizzy apple cider, with culinary specialties of the region and live music on four stages.



### STUTTGART NIGHT

Oct. 19 in Stuttgart

Fans of culture and nightlife can enjoy concerts, shows, dance, exhibitions, guided tours and parties at 60 venues throughout town.



### LONG NIGHT OF MUSEUMS

Oct. 19 in Munich

Visitors can enjoy a fun and fascinating stroll through 90 museums, galleries, churches, and artists' studios open late into the night.



### DAYS OF THE NEW WINE

Oct. 18-20 and 25-27 in Rudesheim am Rhein

Once the grapes have been harvested, it's time to celebrate autumn's glory with the fizzy new wine known as Federweisser.



### HALLOWEEN AT BURG FRANKENSTEIN

Oct. 25 - Nov. 9 in Darmstadt

Zombies stalk victims across 12 scare zones at this Halloween party set in castle ruins. The action is tamer on Sundays, family days.

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### CARNIVAL SEASON BEGINS

Nov. 11 in Cologne

When the carnival period, referred to as Germany's Fifth Season, officially kicks off at 11:11 a.m. on Nov. 11, tens of thousands of costumed revelers will come together on Heumarkt Square to celebrate the date with live music, shows and mad antics.



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### LUCCA COMICS AND GAMES

**Through Nov. 3 in Lucca, Italy**

This annual comics and gaming convention, one of the largest in Europe, attracts fans with exhibitions, shows, Cosplay, movies and games spread across town.



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### GLOW

**Nov. 9-16 in Eindhoven, Netherlands**

Light installations created by 35 artists from around the world brighten the facades of buildings and other public spaces. A walking route connects the exhibits.



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### CHRISTMAS IN TIVOLI GARDENS

**Nov. 16-Jan. 5 in Copenhagen, Denmark**

The gardens decked out in a cozy mantle of bright baubles, pine-bedecked chalets, and glittering lights creates a picture-perfect Nordic Christmas atmosphere.

# Things to do next month!

## November

By Karen Bradbury



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### ARRIVAL OF ST. NICHOLAS

**Nov. 17 in Amsterdam, Netherlands**

Sinterklaas always makes a grand entrance as he arrives by boat. He is accompanied by some 600 helpers, the Pieten, and greeted by spectators lining the canals.



### CHRISTMAS AT THE BOTANICS

**Nov. 22-Dec. 29 in Edinburgh, Scotland**

Once evening falls, a trail through the Royal Botanic Garden leads visitors past festive installations including a laser show, fire garden and tunnel of light.



### JEAN BOUIN MUNDO DEPORTIVO

**Nov. 24 in Barcelona, Spain**

This foot race first organized in 1920 attracts both professional and amateur runners, who can elect to run either a 5 km or 10 km route through the city center.



### CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

**Nov. 29-Dec. 30 in Liège, Belgium**

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