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BE SURE TO LOOK OUT FOR OKTOBERFEST EVENTS CLOSE TO HOME AS MANY VILLAGES CELEBRATE IT!

Germany's TRADITIONS

By Stripes Staff



What comes to mind when you find out you're headed to Germany? Why, beer and wine, of course! September and October in Germany brim with wine and beer festivals, from small affairs to mega-events. Here's the lowdown on how you can experience some of the more famous fests during your adventures in Germany:

DÜRKHEIMER WURSTMARKT, BAD DÜRKHEIM

Make way to the "Schubkarchstande," narrow wooden booths where strangers become friends, as they sit elbow-to-elbow drinking half-liter pours of wine and sparkling water known as "Schobbe" in the local Pfalz dialect. 300 varieties of locally made red, white, rosé and sparkling wines await sampling. Fans of beer and rock-and-roll find their prerequisites met in one of three spacious beer tents at the world's largest wine fest.

OKTOBERFEST, MUNICH

If you aren't willing to settle for anything less than *the* Oktoberfest, then be sure to plan ahead. Tables are reserved by time though, so don't be surprised if you are

eventually asked to give up your table to someone who has reserved it. Tent tickets sell out months before, and while you can get into the fest without tent tickets, you could find that you're in standing-room-only or waiting in line to enter. Check on hotels or hostels as soon as you can, because rooms go fast.

Don't fret if you can't make it to Munich. Pretty much every city or village has some form of Oktoberfest, and most also have other beer fests throughout the year, so keep a look out for events close to home.

CANNSTATTER VOLKSFEST, STUTTGART

Stuttgart is home to the world's second-largest beer festival. This fest takes place every fall starting one week after Oktoberfest begins and is held at the Cannstatter Wasen, a fairground in the Bad Cannstatt district of Stuttgart. It is slightly smaller than Oktoberfest, attracting 4 million visitors to Oktoberfest's 6 million.

FREIMARKT, BREMEN

First held in 1035, Freimarkt in Bremen is Germany's oldest fair, the biggest festival

in northern Germany, and features several beer tents. It takes place the last two weeks in October, just after the country's Oktoberfests wrap-up throughout the country. Fest grounds are located at the Bürgerweide.

FASHION FOR FALL FESTIVALS

Once you decide where to go, join the fun and wear the traditional "dirndl" or "lederhosen."

A dirndl consists of a blouse, skirt and apron. Pay attention to your apron tie — if tied to the left of center, that means you're single; right means taken, whether married, engaged or otherwise. A knot tied in the back indicates a widow.

Lederhosen, are knee-length, leather trousers or shorter leather pants with a drop flap and suspenders featuring a decorative brace in the front. The pants are usually worn with a gingham button-down shirt, side-lacing Haferl shoe and knee-high wool socks.

Now armed with fall beer and wine fest knowledge, you can be confident you are ready to start living like a local. Prost! ■

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By Shereece Spain

Krombacher

It's officially beer fest season! Oktoberfest may be just a few weeks away, but there are still a number of ways to celebrate. If you want a different kind of beer experience, consider taking a trip to the home of one of Germany's favorite beers, the Krombacher Brauerei.

SEE IT TO BEER-LIEVE IT

Krombacher, located in Kreuztal, has been brewing since at least 1803, which is when documents first noted it. Since then, they've been providing their traditional "Landbier," country beer, "dunkel," dark, and "Kellerbier," top- or bottom- fermented beer. Through the years, they've expanded to beverages such as radler, "hell," light beer, pils and much more. If you want to enjoy the taste of beer without the alcohol, they offer all the same beverages in a non-alcoholic version.

At Krombacher Brauerei, they offer a variety of English-speaking tour packages with varying cost. A simple tour and tasting starts at 19 euros if you're not a registered "Krombacher friend." If you want a more in-depth experience, the Krombacher sommelier tour is worth the 89 euros per person. You'll learn more about the brewing process and you will enjoy a 5-course meal specifically created to enhance the flavor of their beers. They also offer a Schweppes (Krombacher brand-owned tonic water) Mix'n Taste tour for 89 euros, which includes a class on mixing, tasting and aptly paired finger foods. Be sure to book your



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package online. Any option would make for an excellent date night or friends night out!

Don't forget to make a stop at the Krombacher Shop for commemorative souvenirs, including beverages, clothing, accessories, drinking accessories and much more!

LET'S HIT THE ROAD

The brewery is less than a 3-hour drive from the Kaiserslautern area and less than 2-hours from Wiesbaden. There are several villages along the way that make for fun pit stops. Here are a few options for you.

Limburg – This fabulous city has a spectacular cathedral, scenic old town with picturesque half-timbered houses and original city towers. Just outside the city is St. Lubentius Church. You can't miss this beautiful Romanesque basilica sitting high above the valley on the west bank of the Lahn River.

Wiesbaden - Kaiserslautern folks can pay a visit to Wiesbaden, the oldest spa town in Europe, along the way. Consider visiting Neroberg for views of the Rhine River, Kurhaus or Kaiser-

Friedrich-Therme for a spa experience, St. Elizabeth's Church and Marktkirche for those who enjoy old churches, Wiesbaden City Palace and Biebrich Palace.

Siegen – Not too far south of the brewery lies this charming city. The Oberes Schloss, which dates back to the 1200s, Schlosspark Siegen, Schloss Platz and the old town area are all photo worthy locations. If you like to shop, the City Galerie mall is a great place to go.

Sadly, there isn't a good train option, which is usually a recommended choice. However, you can make the drive a part of the experience. I have yet to experience a drive in Germany that didn't offer some phenomenal scenic views!

If you're a beer-lover, consider responsibly exploring a different side of your favorite beverage. It's not only a great experience during beer fest season, but it also makes for a great indoor activity in the winter, which is right around the corner. Any place where it's always "bierzeit," beer time, is worth checking out! ■

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TOP FIVE

By Mary del Rosario

IF THERE'S ONE TAKEAWAY FROM LIVING IN GERMANY IT IS THAT GERMANS EXCEL AT MANY THINGS THEY PUT THEIR MINDS TO. FROM CARS TO BEERS, GERMANS DEFINITELY KNOW ABOUT QUALITY, AND THEIR WINE IS NO EXCEPTION. WHETHER YOU'RE A SOMMELIER OR A BEGINNER, THESE WINES ARE WHAT YOU SHOULD BE POURING IN YOUR GLASS.



SPÄTBURGUNDER

BERNHARD HUBER SCHLOSSBERG SPÄTBURGUNDER GG

Situated in the wine-growing region of Baden is the Bernhard Huber Winery. Views of vibrant hues of green vineyards are sprinkled throughout this area and make a picture-perfect backdrop. However, the vineyard's show stopper is their Malterdinger (pinot noir), which makes up 65 percent of the wine collection. The Schlossberg Spätburgunder is one of the winery's biggest seller and has a 13 percent alcohol volume. This crisp red wine is perfect for those who have a dry pallet as it is on the dry side. Pair with red meat or cheese and enjoy!

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DORNFELDER

**BREMER RASTKELLE NUSSDORFER
HERRENBERG DORNFELDER TROCKEN**

Richer in color, Dornfelder is the red wine you never knew you needed. Created in 1955 in Weinsberg, this wine native to Germany is easier to grow than the Spätburgunder and has a deeper, red color and is packed with oak flavor due to the ability to age in oak barrels. To get a true taste of the classic Dornfelder, swirl your glass with Bremer Nussdorfer Herrenberg Dornfelder Trocken. The wine may be trocken (dry), and yet it is deliciously fruity, refreshing and will go best with pasta, veal and poultry.

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ROSÉ

KLEIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON ROSÉ TROCKEN 2017

Known as a fancy and posh drink, rosé is a type of wine that although is incorporated with some color from grape skins, is not pigmented enough to be considered a red wine. This rose-colored wine can be still, sparkling, semi-sparkling and varies in sweetness. For those feeling a little extravagant, cheers to Klein Cabernet Sauvignon Rosé. Though Peter Klein, the brand's winemaker, is originally from Bordeaux, this rosé has been perfected in Hainfeld, Germany.

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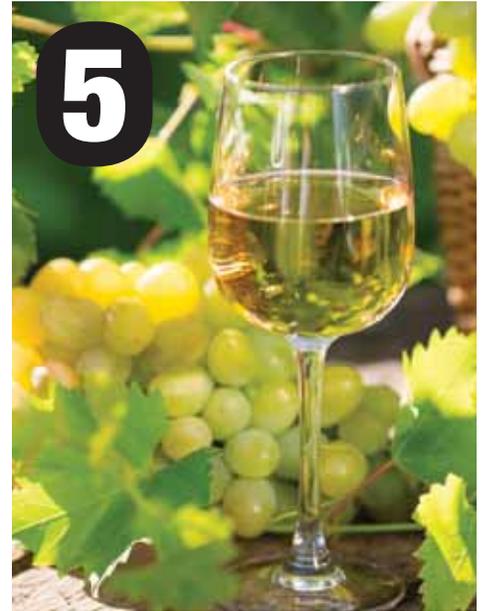
RIESLING

DÖNNHOFF RIESLING NAHE DELLCHEN GG 2017

Hailing from the Rhine region, riesling is a white wine that has gained a popular reputation, especially in the Rhine area in Germany. Made from the aromatic grape known as riesling, this high-acidity wine is versatile and can be in the form of dry, semi-dry, sweet and sparkling. What gives this invigorating wine its character is all dependent on its place of origin. The Dönnhoff Riesling Nahe Dellchen is the perfect herbal, yet citrusy, wine to enjoy with a charcuterie board filled with cheddar, gorgonzola and gruyere cheeses as well as a poultry dish.

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WEISSBURGUNDER

DR. WEHRHEIM WEISSBURGUNDER MANDELBERG GG

Weissburgunder or pinot blanc is a crisp white wine comparable to chardonnay and can be characterized as sweet or nutty. Though its origins can be traced to the Alsace region of France, Germany's version is just as reputable and delicious. Unlike pinot noir, pinot blanc uses lighter-skinned grapes, giving the wine a yellow green or gold yellow appearance. Dr. Wehrheim Weissburgunder Mandelberg GG is the perfect wine for the summer with pear, apple, melon and floral tones. Fish and poultry dishes compliment this wine perfectly.

TIP

To ensure top-quality, white wines with the letters GG are what to look out for. The term Grosses Gewächs is used to identify fine white German wines.



CONQUERING OKTOBERFEST

By Emma Bareihs

The iconic Oktoberfest may be one of the top things on your Germany bucket list. You've heard of the fun shared among tourists and locals in the festival that brings thousands together to share a beer. Oktoberfest is a tradition that everyone should experience. This autumn make attending Oktoberfest a reality and be ready for the atmosphere that will greet you in the tents where beer is spilled and songs are sung.



WHAT TO EXPECT

If it is your first time partaking in the massive German affair, prepare for the events about to unfold. The world's largest folk festival, Munich's Oktoberfest, is not just about drinking beer. Over two weeks, from mid-September to early October, you'll find parades, carnival rides and concerts at the Oktoberfest. Opening day, the first Sunday of Oktoberfest, shows the colorful side to the festival, presenting a parade of floats through the city streets of Munich.

Away from the drinking tents, Munich welcomes families. The fairground rides are accompanied with cotton candy booths and merry-go-rounds. There are typically two designated family days in which families can enjoy carnival rides, game booths and food stands for a reduced price.

Held outside of the city center in a meadow called the Theresienwiese, you'll hear locals refer to the Oktoberfest as the Wiesn. In the meadow are 14 big beer tents and several smaller tents. With numerous tents to choose from, each offers a different atmosphere. The Schottenhamel is where the first beer of the season is poured, greeted with applause and songs. Other tents are smaller and more orderly and some are dedicated tents such as the wine tent.

The tables inside the tents are shared among groups. Feel free to get to know the people sitting next to you. A wiesenbekaantschaft is known as an "Oktoberfest acquaintance," of which, you'll meet many. Locals typically attend on the weekdays as it is less crowded than weekends. Although the same exciting environment, it is less chaotic and frankly, faster to order a beer. If you get a seat in a tent, you will have table service, otherwise, you'll find people standing at booth windows in line to order. Beer is only served in a one-liter mass, not a stein. Try to learn the German lyrics to "Ein Prosit!" The atmosphere includes several drinking songs and hollers and "Ein Prosit" is a great one to learn.

Everyone around you will be wearing a Bavarian dress. Even tourists buy the outfit! The typical outfit for women is a "dirndl." A dirndl consists of the dress, blouse and apron. The typical dress for men is "lederhosen," a traditional Bavarian outfit. Besides the white or colorful button down, the outfit is complete with an alpine hat and long socks.

GENERAL TIPS

- Download the Oktoberfest.de app to stay up to date on the festivities. The app explains each tent and has a navigation function.
- Public transportation is your best friend. It is recommended to park at a Park&Ride station in Munich and take a direct train connection to the fest.
- Security is tight around the festival. Bags with a volume of more than 3 liters or larger than 20 cm x 15 cm x 10 cm will not be permitted.
- Oktoberfest is a cash-only event, like many events in Europe. Be prepared to pay in cash and tip in coins for beer prices of more than 10 euros.
- Pets are not allowed.
- Wearing closed-toed shoes is recommended in the field with thousands of feet, broken glass and spilling drinks.
- Plan on booking a hotel six to 12 months in advance.

LAST-MINUTE INFORMATION

- If you don't have cash, there will be some ATMs around the grounds. If you don't live in Germany, know your bank's conversion rates.
- If you don't have a reservation you will want to arrive as early as 6:00 a.m. to wait in line for a seat. On weekends, most tents close their lines before 11 a.m. due to overfilling. During the week, the tents stay open into the afternoon.
- If you didn't have time to grab dirndl or lederhosen before arriving in Munich, you can find traditional wear in the city. Kaufhof, Karstadt and Hertie are all department stores with a Trachten department. Steindl and Angermeiers are Trachten shops where you'll find everything you need.
- Prices will be high for any accommodation at this time of the year. The best option is to look outside of Munich and take a train into the city. Dachau, Nuremberg, Bamberg and Augsburg are close enough by train and will have more open spaces.
- If you're coming from an airport, drop your suitcase or backpacks off at the hotel before you get to the festival, as security will turn you away.

With a full belly, you will leave the annual Oktoberfest with a new experience under your belt. Follow these tips whether you are a first-timer or not to ensure a top-quality experience. Start planning your next visit as soon as you leave. If you soak in the atmosphere of friendlies and food, you will leave the tents singing "Ein Prosit" awaiting the following year! ■

==== **Rhine River Valley** ====





Bucket List

Germany Edition

By Elizabeth Jones

Beautiful Germany is filled with countless experiences to be had. From storybook castles and fairytale towns, it's easy to see why millions of tourists from all over the world travel to Deutschland each year. Follow these must-sees and -dos when traversing Germany for a bucket list unlike any other!



- 1.** Take river cruises down the Rhine River and Mosel River.
- 2.** Indulge in all the bratwurst and schnitzel your stomach can handle.
- 3.** Live a real life fairytale by visiting the Neuschwanstein Castle.
- 4.** Take part in the original Oktoberfest in Munich dressed in a "dirndl" or "lederhosen".
- 5.** Make time for other noteworthy castles such as Burg Eltz, Hohenzollern Castle, Lichtenstein Castle, and Cochem Castle.
- 6.** Spend a weekend in the adorable town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber.
- 7.** Purchase a cuckoo clock or beer stein for the perfect souvenir.
- 8.** Head to Berlin to see the Berlin Wall, Brandenburg Gate, Check point Charlie, and Berlin Cathedral.
- 9.** Admire the architecture of Cologne's magnificent cathedral.
- 10.** Explore the beautiful Black Forest.

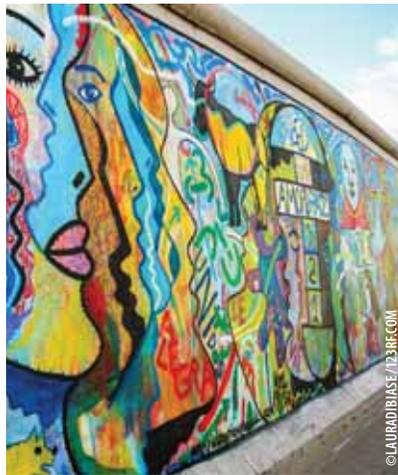
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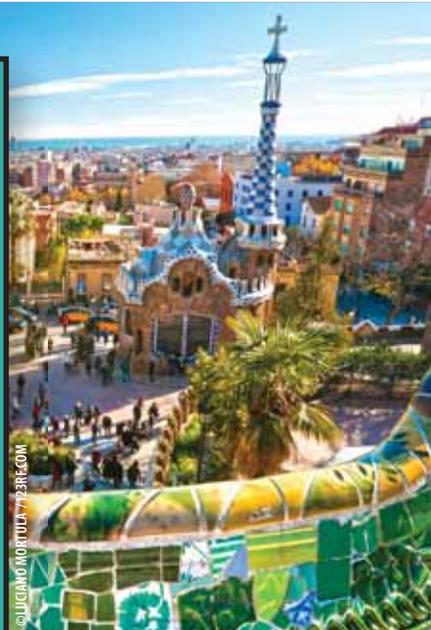
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European Getaways

Artsy Cities

By Mary Del Rosario

Sculptures to marvel at, museums to get lost in and street art found in the most unique places are elements that give cities a certain artistic flair. Whether your heart is after touring museums and examining paintings or discovering the hidden talents of street performers — plan a getaway that will call out the expressive side in you and visit these cities filled with creativity, culture and an aesthetically pleasing atmosphere.

BARCELONA

The ever-creative Spanish minds make Barcelona the ideal city to channel the inner artist in you. Stroll along the Passeig de Gràcia and you'll be amazed at how innovative the Spanish are with their quirky-themed stores — from the front displays to the items themselves. While at this shopping haven, be sure to pay attention to Casa Milá and Casa Batlló, iconic buildings built by the beloved architect, Antoni Gaudí, who plays an important role in Barcelona culture. The prominent Sagrada Família, also built by Gaudí, is a site that will have you feeling awestruck and truly shows what his brilliant mind was capable of. Park Güell, an enchanting park blanketed in a colorful mosaic garden, is also a masterpiece not to miss.

For the inquisitive minds who love wandering museums, put the Joan Miró Foundation, Picasso Museum, Barcelona Museum of Contemporary Art and Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya on your list. If you're into the food scene, Barcelona is hard to compete with as they have amazing gastronomic experiences.

BERLIN

In this city full of diverse walks of life, Berlin is nothing short of a mecca filled with rich culture and history. With the falling of the Berlin Wall in 1989 also came down East Berlin's sheltered society. Now people are able to express themselves freely, which can be seen throughout the city today. Berlin's underground scene is largely present and holds interesting experiences such as dancing at the underground techno clubs and witnessing graffiti artists work their magic! Berlin is also home to up-and-coming artists who like to push the envelope when it comes to creativity. To see modern art at its finest, be sure to visit the Hamburger

Train Station that's been converted into an art museum. Other museums to not miss include the Pergamon Museum, Monster Kabinett and Design Panoptikum.

However, if you'd like for your taste buds to experience art as well, be sure to make reservations at Cookies Cream — a meat-free, speakeasy type of restaurant. Shortly after, satisfy your sweet tooth at Coda Dessert Bar — a dessert-only restaurant where sweets are paired with drinks.

LONDON

To art and musical lovers, London is a city they'll never want to be away from. For the modern art enthusiasts, take a look inside Tate Modern which is comprised of four art museums ranging from international to contemporary art. For those who enjoy musicals, be sure to head to the West End in order to sing along to the many Broadway shows. From "The Lion King" to the "Book of Mormon," London's broadways shows cater to every audience. Since art and literature go hand in hand, perusing through the many bookshops is a must. Daunt Books and Foyles are among the most popular stores for bookworms.

If you're a fan of architecture, pay attention to prominent skyscrapers such as The Gherkin, The Shard, 20 Fenchurch Street and The Leadenhall Building. These infrastructures may have whimsical names, but they are architectural highlights known for their unique shapes.

Aside from fascinating buildings, be in touch with your inner Banksy and check out Doodle Bar, a bar with a large wall made for scribbling. Sketch — an all pink, gallery restaurant with walls covered in comical drawings — should also not be overlooked. ■

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Berlin in 24 HOURS

By Amanda Palumbo

Berlin is one of my favorite cities in the world. It's beautiful, gritty and some of Europe's most defining events happened in the German capital. So, grab some currywurst, hop on the S-Bahn and practice saying, "ich bin ein Berliner." For your 24 hours in Berlin, we're going to make a big circle through the city.

MORNING

The S-Bahn takes you to Alexanderplatz, where you'll spot the famous Fernsehturm TV tower. Go to the top for a gorgeous 360-degree view of the city from 203 meters high.

A 10-minute walk west is the Berliner Dom, the city's Evangelical church damaged during the war and restored in the 1990s. You can admire the architecture from the outside or, for seven euros, go inside.

One of the most famous sites in Berlin, the Brandenburg Gate, is a 20-minute walk from the cathedral. It's Berlin's symbol of Cold War division and, eventually, reunification. It's where President Kennedy uttered the famous words, "Ich bin ein Berliner," and where President Reagan told Gorbachev to "tear down this wall."

Walking six-minutes north takes you to the Reichstag building, Germany's second most visited attraction. It survived two world wars, a massive fire and is where Germany's Parliament meets.

AFTERNOON

Ride the U-Bahn south to Checkpoint Charlie, Berlin's most notorious crossing point between the east and the west. The nearby museum is worth a look and details its history.

You may be starving, so please your pallet and dine on a Berlin staple, currywurst. An eight-minute U-Bahn ride from Checkpoint Charlie, Curry 36 is the most famous place to get currywurst and fries. If you want to eat fries like the locals, dip them in mayonnaise.

While you let all that yummy curry goodness settle, take a half hour train ride over to East Side Gallery, a free open-air, politically charged gallery on the wall's east side. In 1990, 105 artists from across the world came to paint the wall, signifying its fall.

EVENING

As you leave the gallery, take a stroll along the beautiful River Spree crossing over the Engeldamm Bridge as the street lights start to illuminate the riverwalk. Head to 3 Schwestern, or 3 Sisters, a restaurant and biergarten with a modern take on traditional dishes.

Berlin is a city once ripped apart and divided. It has chosen to highlight its painful history, rather than ignore it, making for a beautiful and moving journey through its streets. ■



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EVENTS AROUND GERMANY

EDITOR'S *Picks*

September Events

By Karen Bradbury



BARBAROSSA FEST SWINGING LAUTERN

Sept. 5-7 in Kaiserslautern

Live music from boogie to blues and soul to salsa rings out day and night from stages across town.

Marching bands enliven the pedestrian zone.



STRAMU INTERNATIONAL STREET MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sept. 6-8 in Würzburg

Over 300 artists from around the world perform music, street theater, fire shows, juggling and other astounding acts in 24 streets and squares.



BAD DÜRKHEIM SAUSAGE MARKET

Sept. 6-10 and Sept. 13-16

The world's biggest wine fest offers not just tasty drops but culinary specialties, thrilling rides, games of chance, live music and fireworks.



STREET ARTS FESTIVAL

Sept. 20-22 in Garmisch-Partenkirchen

Performers from Europe and beyond dazzle audiences with street theater and circus skills, and children can test their own skills in a play zone.



RHINE IN FLAMES

Sept. 21 in St. Goar and St. Goarshausen

Charming villages of the Middle Rhine Valley host this spectacle made up of fireworks set to music and a convoy of brightly illuminated ships.



CITY & HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sept. 27-29 in Wiesbaden

This laid-back fest welcomes autumn with live music and entertainment, food and drink, handicrafts, a farmer's market and auto exhibition.



CANNSTATTER VOLKSFEST

Sept. 27-Oct. 13 in Stuttgart

This tradition-rich folk festival offers thrilling rides, lively beer tents, regional specialties and a historical parade on the first Sunday.



ANTIQUES MARKET

Sept. 28-29 in Ludwigshafen

A baroque market square makes a majestic backdrop for collectors and antique lovers to peruse for treasure at the stalls of 170 dealers.

PLAN
AHEAD

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Oct. 11-20 in Berlin

Once darkness has set, the city's most famous buildings and monuments are brought to life through projections, 3D-video shows and light installations. Visitors can explore on foot or take special tours by bus. This theme of this year's edition is "Lights of Freedom."



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September 1-19

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September 3

Travel Planning Club

Looking to meet new people that are interested in making the most of their time in Europe through travel? Join us as we share travel tips, peruse travel guides and create itineraries the first Tuesday of the month from 5-6 p.m. starting September 3 at the Baumholder Library. For more information, contact Baumholder Library, Smith Bks., BLDG 8332, 531-2841; 0611-143-531-2841.

September 9

KMC WarFit

Beginning Sep. 9 at the Functional Fitness Center on ROB, BLDG 229 there will be WarFit Classes available for you to rev up your workouts. This CrossFit like workout will keep you moving and get you to achieve new goals. There will be two classes, one for beginners and one for those who have more experience. For more information, contact Steffanie Currenpoletti at 493-4156; 0631-3406-4156.

September 14

Dog Jog

The next Family and MWR Sports & Fitness fun run is all about the dogs of our military community and the humans who love them! Bring your furry family member to the Rhine Ordnance Barracks

Special Event Center. Registration is open from 8-9 a.m., and the run will begin at 9:30 a.m. Dogs must be on a leash and friendly. Registration is \$7 for adults, free for children and for babies. The first 100 registrants receive a free t-shirt. Prizes will be awarded for the top finishers in three categories of dog (small, medium, and large) and will receive a dog appropriate prize! This event is stroller friendly. Rhine Ordnance Barracks, BLDG 237.

September 14

Makermania!

Come create, experiment, imagine and have a fun morning with the Baumholder Library every second Saturday of the month at noon. Each month will focus on a science, technology, engineering, art, or math theme. All ages are welcome as age appropriate activities are available from toddlers to adults. Some of the fun materials that will be featured include: 3D pens, Ozobots, Squishy Circuits, Makedo, Cubelets, Picasso Tiles, and modelling clay. For more information, contact Baumholder Library, Smith Bks., BLDG 8332, 531-2841; 0611-143-531-2841.

September 17

Chakra Yoga

Channel more confidence, creativity and joy in your life with Chakra Yoga. Through this practice you can help realign your chakras with positions that will keep your energy flowing and your mind and soul clear. Classes are held at the Pulaski Yoga and Massage Studio on Tuesdays at 9-10:30 a.m. or 5:30-7 p.m. beginning Sep 17. To take advantage of the Early Bird Special, sign up by Aug. 15 for only \$80. For more information, contact contact Pulaski Yoga and Massage Studio at Pulaski Bks., BLDG 2899, 493-4156; 0631-3406-4156.

September 20-29

Dial "M" for Murder

KMC Onstage Studio Shows presents Dial "M" for Murder, a classic murder story with the intriguing style of Alfred Hitchcock's Film of the same name. Performances are at the KCAC on Daenner Kaserne, BLDG 3109, on September 20-22 and 27-29. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7 p.m., Sunday performances are at 3 pm. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students/seniors. No reservations needed. For more information, contact KMC OnStage, Kleber Kaserne, BLDG 3232, 483-6626; 0631-411-6626.

September 25

College Night

Calling all high school students! Can't get back to the states to tour college campuses? No problem! On Sep. 25 from 6-8:30 p.m., join 1,000+ of your peers from military installations around Europe to meet representatives from a diverse group of over 80 colleges and universities. Get first-hand accounts of what life is like on campuses all over the world. There is no fee to attend this event. Rhine Ordnance Barracks, BLDG 237.



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Ramstein Outdoor Recreation

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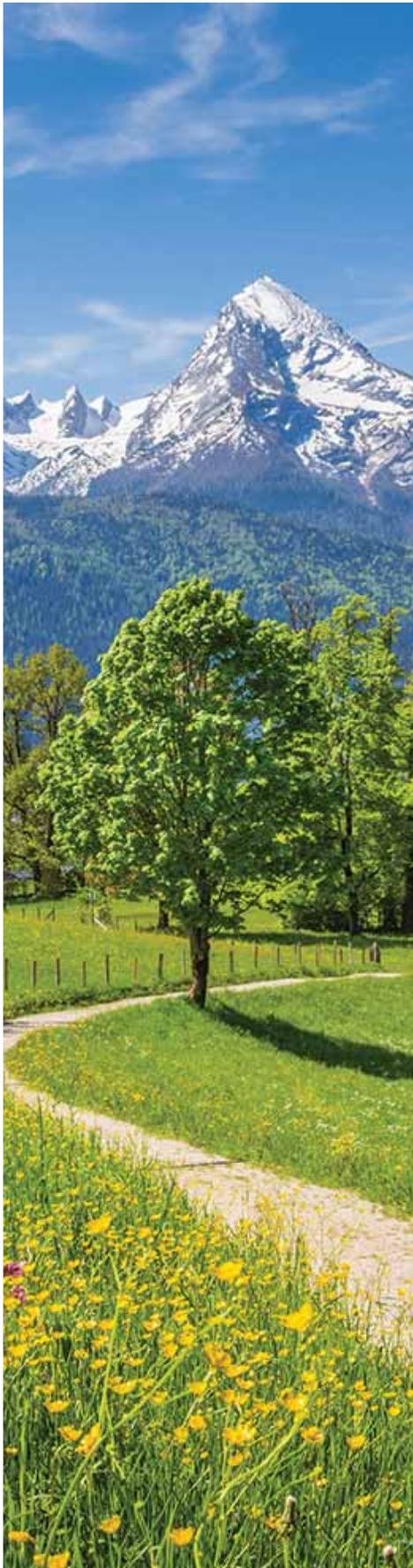
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Oct. 5 in Pilsen, Czech Republic

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CULTURE NIGHT

Oct. 11 in Copenhagen, Denmark

On this evening of arts and culture, museums, public institutions and unexpected spaces offer entertainment, exhibitions, light installations and other surprises.



PIG SLAUGHTER AND SAUSAGE FESTIVAL

Oct. 11-13 in Budapest, Hungary

One of the Hungarian capital's biggest food festivals combines history, folklore and fun activities for kids with gastronomic traditions and "Csabai," spiced sausages.

Things to do next month!

October

By Karen Bradbury



JAZZ & THE CITY

Oct. 17-20 in Salzburg, Austria

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MCM COMIC CON

Oct. 25-27 in London, United Kingdom

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BASEL AUTUMN FAIR

Oct. 26 to Nov. 12 in Basel, Switzerland

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OVERVIEW

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