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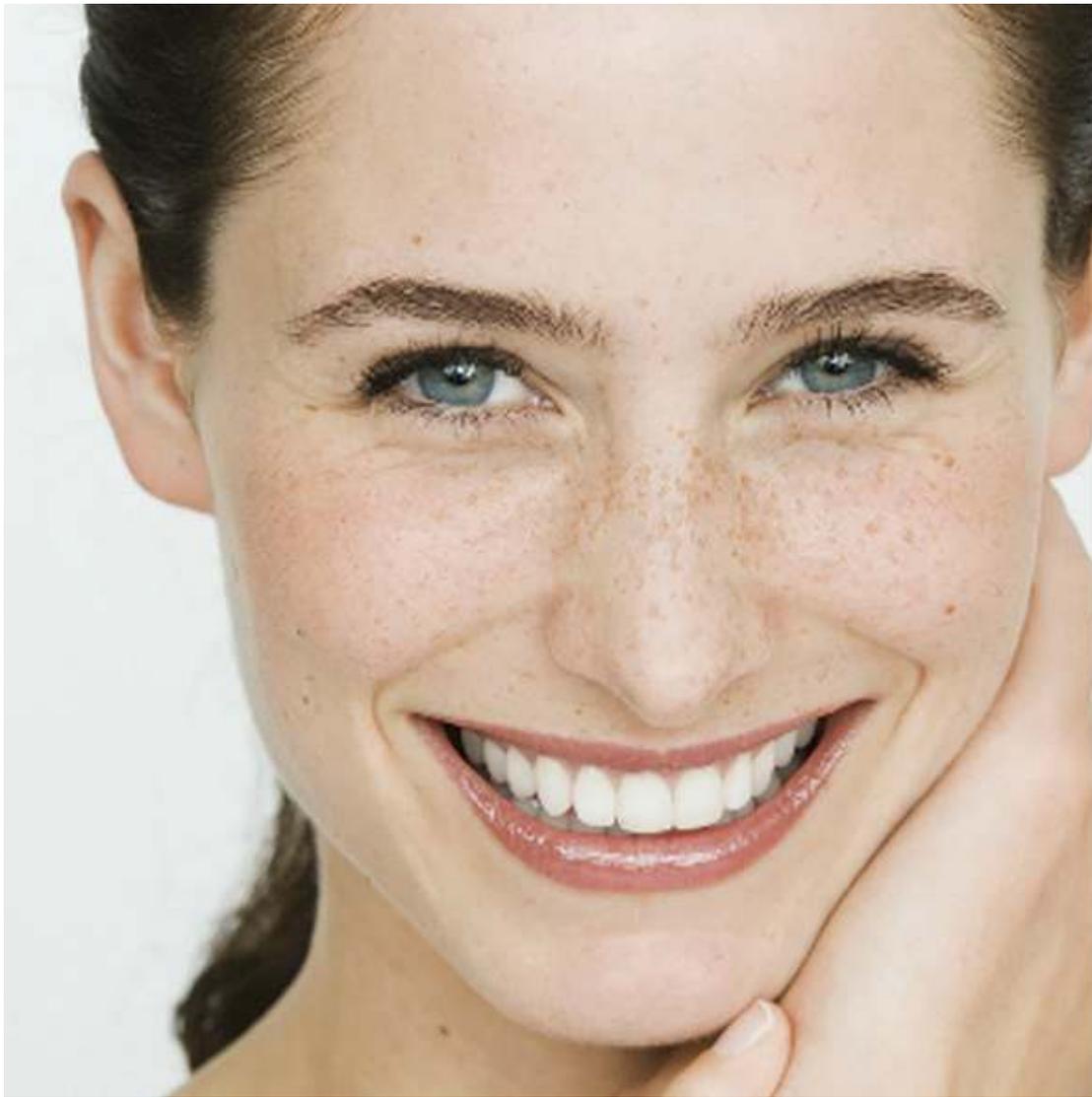
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# Germany's TRADITIONS

By Sherece Spain



## **St. Patrick's Day started as a remembrance day of the patron saint of Ireland, St. Patrick.**

He taught the Christian faith across the country by explaining the Holy Trinity utilizing a shamrock. Over the years, it has become this large celebration of all things Irish – food, music, culture and more! Celebrating the holiday is a little different here in Germany than in the United States. It's not as popular as many Americans are used to. However, where you can find a celebration, everyone is still Irish for the day with green attire and enjoying green beer.

## **PUBS TO TRY IN GERMANY**

If you're hanging closer to home, there are Irish pubs all over one can go to join in the revelry. Here are a few places to choose from.

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## **OTHER WAYS TO CELEBRATE**

If a pub isn't your scene, don't sweat it. Here are three ways to create your own malarkey for the occasion without stepping foot in a bar.

**1. Wear your green** – Kelly green is one of my favorite colors. However, any shade will do. If you don't have green in your closet, you may choose to wear a shamrock sticker or use some green ribbon to tie up your hair. I would use that as an excuse to go clothes shopping, though.

**2. Attend a parade** – Munich is said to have one of the largest parades in Germany. Surprisingly to me, the parade in Berlin only started in 2011. If the crowds are too much for you, start a parade along the sidewalk with others in your neighborhood. I bet the kiddos will have an amazing time and your neighbors will appreciate their efforts.

**3. Irish flare for dinner** – I grew up in Dublin, Ohio where St. Patrick's Day was as big as Christmas. My maiden name and my married name are Irish. It appears I can't escape it! Traditionally, I make corned beef and cabbage with some sort of potato dish. My corned beef soaks in Guinness for at least 24

hours before going into the crock-pot – then it's cooked in the marinade. I use some of the broth to cook the cabbage. Hungry yet? A corned beef is a little harder to come by, so ask someone at the Commissary or your local German market, if or when they will have them in stock.

Your installations' Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation or Force Support Squadron will likely be hosting events as well. Be sure to check their websites for fun runs, food specials and nighttime parties.

Since we are in Europe, venturing to Ireland is now well within your grasp! Airfare is cheaper from Germany than the U.S. Be prepared for the increased cost of travel and accommodations relative to other times of the year. However, how can you put a price tag on the opportunity to experience the holiday in the land it originated? Plan ahead and save up if necessary. It will be worth it!

There is no shortage of opportunities to celebrate this holiday. With a little luck o' the Irish, you'll be creating some of your most favorite St. Patrick's Day memories. *Sláinte* (cheers)! ■

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# GERMANY

# DAY TRIPS

By Shereece Spain

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I'M SERIOUSLY OVER THE CLOUDY, GLOOMY DAYS OF GERMANY'S WINTER. IT'S TIME TO SHAKE THE CABIN FEVER AND GET OUT-DOORS. SO LET'S TAKE IN THE AIR AT ONE OF THE COUNTY'S ALLURING GARDENS AT CASTLE RASTATT.

## A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

Strolling through the French Baroque style gardens is refreshing for the soul. Even in the off-season, the grounds are immaculately manicured and styled with splendid seasonal flora. Listening to the sounds of the water features will have you relaxed in no time and feeling cleansed of your winter confinement. The fragrant blossoms provide the perfect aromatherapy. There's a spectacular tree-lined lengthy walkway. With a light breeze, you may find yourself slowing your stroll to recreate that dramatic, slow-motion movie or fairytale experience. The picturesque pond has lovely water lilies (when in season) that are reminiscent of a Claude Monet painting.

## BEYOND THE GARDEN

One simply can't visit castle gardens without actually going to the castle. I know you've been cooped up during the winter, but you're going to want to go inside! This is the oldest Baroque residence on the Upper Rhine. It was designed by an Italian architect using the Palace of Versailles as inspiration. Miraculously, Castle Rastatt wasn't destroyed in World War II like so many other prominent structures in Germany. Guided tours are a great option to get to know the castle and gardens and their extensive history. The cost is less than 10 euros per person. There are specialty tours offered throughout the year, so be sure to check their website for the latest offerings. They also host events throughout the year, especially at Easter and Christmas, to give you a different way to enjoy the property.

After all the walking, you're likely to be famished. Good news is you won't have to go too far! Feel like a local and dine at Park Restaurant Rastatt.

Its rustic decor is inviting and comfortable. They're open for lunch and dinner and offer traditional, local German cuisine. However, they've given it a twist with a little Croatian influence.

There is plenty to experience beyond the castle grounds. While you're in the area, be sure to pay a visit to the Marktplatz Rastatt. They host a lovely market every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday with fresh produce, seasonal blooms and pâtisserie from Alsace, France. There's the Rastatt Museum for those that enjoy learning



## GETTING THERE

This amazing town is west of Stuttgart (approximately one hour, 15 minutes) and northwest of Hohenfels (approximately two hours, 30 minutes). Parking is convenient at Am Schlossplatz (two locations), Parking SchlossGalerie or Sparkassen (closer to the Marktplatz).

You also have the option to take the train, even an ICE train, to the Rastatt station. The local buses 236 and 239 will get you around the city



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more about the history of the cities they visit. If you enjoy shopping in new places, swing by SchlossGalerie mall. They have some of my favorite stores - C&A, Deichmann and Woolworth (for us thrifty shoppers). For all you crafters, pay a visit to Ulrika's Strickstube (crochet and knitting supplies) and Tedox (located outside the city center but it's a must for their fantastically inexpensive fabric selection).

center, at the doorstep of the castle, the mall and very near the Marktplatz area.

Spring officially begins this month! Get out and kick-start the season with a visit to the gardens of Castle Rastatt and the spectacular city surrounding it. ■

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# TOP FIVE

By Mary Del Rosario

THOUGH IT WOULD BE IDEAL CELEBRATING THE DAY WHEN EVERYONE IS IRISH IN DUBLIN, YOU CAN STILL SHOUT “SLAINTE” AS YOU CLINK YOUR GLASSES OF GUINNESS IN THESE FIVE PUBS THROUGHOUT GERMANY TO CELEBRATE THE LUCK OF THE IRISH!



## THE LIR — BERLIN

Berlin is known for being hipster and quirky, but on March 17, it's known for the 5,000 people marching at the St. Patrick's Day parade accompanied by bagpipes and all things green. After the parade, which starts at Plänterwald S-Bahn, take the festivities over to The Lir, a well-raved Irish pub located in Berlin's historic Tiergarten-Mitte district. The bar serves everything from pints of Guinness, Ireland's national drink, to a classic Shepard's pie.

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## KILIAN'S IRISH PUB — MUNICH

If you have the feeling you're missing out on celebrating St. Patrick's Day in Ireland, head to Kilian's. After a few too many Guinness, you'll forget you're in Germany! This popular Irish pub offers live music every evening and also televises an array of sports. Be sure to save an appetite for Irish specialties such as beef and Guinness stew as well as fish and chips. Since you're already in Munich, check out the St. Patrick's Day parade which is considered to be the city's largest multicultural event, after Oktoberfest and Fasching.

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### WAXY'S IRISH PUB – FRANKFURT

Step inside Waxy's and it will feel as if you've stepped into a cozy bar and restaurant in the Irish countryside. Aside from the usual suspects – Guinness, Kilkenny and a Black and Tan, Waxy also provides an assortment of Irish whiskeys. If all those drinks have got you feeling hungry, order their famous buffalo wings, and since it is St. Patrick's Day, try it with a sweet Guinness barbeque sauce.

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### FATTY'S IRISH PUB – DÜSSELDORF

The trendy and chic city of Dusseldorf knows how to let loose on this special day at Fatty's, located in the Altstadt or old city. If you're wondering what food to pair with your beer, look no further! At this quirky, Irish-themed bar, you'll not only get your fill of Irish beer but also nachos and other Mexican food – that's right, Mexican. Channel your inner leprechaun and cheers to a memorable St. Patty's Day celebration.

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### JAMESON DISTILLERY PUB – COLOGNE

As far as beer goes, Cologne may be known for Kölsch, but on St. Patrick's Day, libations happen at the Jameson Distillery Pub where many international draught beers such as Kilkenny and Guinness are ordered. The pub also has a wide selection of whiskeys. Located in the bustling Friesenquarter, the area comes alive during the night and resembles the vibes of Temple Bar in Dublin.

#### TIP

In order to make sure your St. Patrick's celebration is successful, be sure to book a table ahead of time as the bar will be busy. Waxy's caters for parties of all sizes.



# BIKE THROUGH The Tulip Fields OF HOLLAND

By Stacy Roman

Spring in Europe is almost magical. After long months of dreary cold, the days begin to slowly warm and lengthen. Barren trees and fields sprout buds and begin to change from brown and gray to shimmering hues of green and gold. There's no better place to catch this transformation than Holland.



## A LITTLE HISTORY

The spectacular tulips lining the fields in Holland actually originated in the 11th century in the Ottoman Empire (present-day Turkey). Brought over as a gift during the mid-1500s, tulips became a status symbol of wealth and prosperity. The intense saturation of bold colors in the delicate petals were unlike anything seen in northern Europe during that time. Tulip trading became frenzied and at one point, the precious bulbs (especially the multi-color variety) were used as currency.

## KEUKENHOF

Today, the Netherlands contributes to more than two-thirds of the world's flora market. During the peak months of March-May, visitors from all around the world flock to the uber-famous Keukenhof gardens located in Lisse (approximately 30 minutes south of Amsterdam). With more than 7 million flowers in bloom, Keukenhof is absolutely worth a visit. However, with 1.4 million visitors expected, you may have to throw some elbows to get the perfect shot. Because of the crowds and the desire to create a more peaceful and leisurely atmosphere, the park is closed to vehicular traffic — including bicycles. But if you're looking for a bit more adventure and a lot more personal space, hop on a bike and head to one of the other nearby noteworthy tulip regions.

## KOP VAN NOORD-HOLLAND

Roughly an hour north of Amsterdam lies a quintessentially Dutch region — Kop van Noord-Holland. Cruise the trails between the sandy dunes of Petten and the northern town of Den Helder. Not only will you be able to catch a glimpse of the world's largest single-bulb tulip field, the mostly flat routes take you through lush farmland, along coastal waterways, and past windmills and light houses.

## FLEVOLAND

Just to the east of the capital city is the Flevoland region. Set along some of the most fertile fields in Western Europe, this province is home to more than 5,000 hectares of tulip fields. Vibrant, colorful carpets of flowers line the Netherlands' longest tulip route. Visitors can bike well-maintained trails through the dazzling landscape. Novice riders can enjoy a lei-

surely 10 kilometer ride, while more adventurous and experienced cyclists can traverse the 50-kilometer route from Dronten through Lelystad into Zeewolde. Many tulip farms offer pick-your-own flower fields, and also have plenty of activities for families with youngsters.

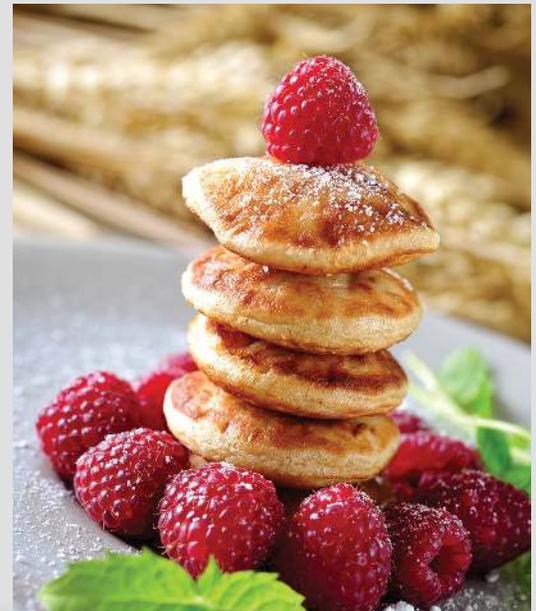
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: BIKING TIPS

You've got your route picked out, enough space on your phone, transportation and lodging are booked, so let's go! Hold up ... there are some important things to know before you hop on a bike in Holland. Here are a few tips to get you started:

- If you're not bringing your own bicycle, there are plenty to rent. Many bike or outdoor shops, as well as tourist information centers in town will rent bikes to visitors. You'll need a photo ID or passport, and a small deposit may be required when renting outside of the more well-known and populated areas.
- The best time to rent a bike is in the morning when the shops open. Avoid crowds in the afternoon and catch the sights in the morning light.
- If you're used to wearing a helmet and don't feel comfortable without one, bring your own. Helmets are not required by law in the Netherlands and are often only worn when racing.
- Not all bicycles are built the same. Don't be shy in asking the shop personnel for a demonstration of how that particular model works. Most bikes have a locking mechanism (be sure to engage it any time you park it) for theft prevention.
- If you've been to Amsterdam, you quickly learn that bicycles often have the right of way in the Netherlands. Be sure to cycle on the right-side of the road and only on bike paths.
- Holland is famously flat, which can be a bit deceiving. What it lacks in hills, it makes up for in wind and sometimes rain with gusto. Layer up and check your weather apps before hitting the trails.
- When you come across amazing flower fields, don't automatically jump off your bike and run into the field for a selfie. Many of the farms are working fields, and don't appreciate their flowers being trampled on. Take the photos from a slight distance or head to a picking farm for the up-close and personal shots.

Even if you're not big into cycling, taking a spin through the enchanting flower fields of Holland is an experience you won't soon forget. ■





# Bucket List

## Amsterdam Edition

By Elizabeth Jones

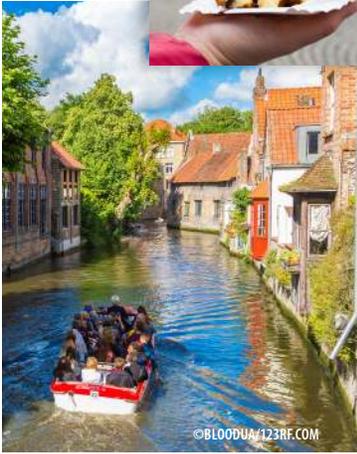
Amsterdam, known as the “Venice of the North,” is filled with rich history, networked with over 165 canals and one of Europe’s most iconic cities! As you traverse through this exciting city, make time for these bucket list experiences.



- 1.** Take a dreamy canal cruise.
- 2.** Climb to the top of the Westertoren to witness the hustle and bustle of the quaint city below.
- 3.** Rent a bike to explore the city known for its massive bike population.
- 4.** Visit the Anne Frank House.
- 5.** Embrace the artsy Jordaan district filled with pubs, boutiques and hipster restaurants.
- 6.** Tour the Van Gogh Museum to witness some of the world’s best art.
- 7.** Take a bite out of the city’s best pancakes at Upstairs Pancakes.
- 8.** Become a Heineken expert and take the interactive Heineken Experience tour.
- 9.** Walk through the famous Red Light District.
- 10.** Visit the Rijksmuseum which houses Amsterdam’s very own history and art.

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



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# European Getaways

## Small Cityscapes

By Mary Del Rosario

The best thing about European cities is all the history that awaits to be uncovered. From the museums housing a city's most ancient artifacts to a memorial of an important battle — these places tell the story about how these cities came to be. If you're looking for a break from everyday life and want to conquer Europe, book a flight, hop on a train or simply drive to these small cities that will be the perfect escape.

### AMSTERDAM

Amsterdam is a striking canal city that calls its visitors to let go of the usual stressors in life. The city itself is made for a relaxed weekend getaway. To get a feel of Amsterdam's care-free vibes, participate in a bike tour since the city is known for many cyclists populating the streets. If biking isn't your cup of tea, view Amsterdam on the water by booking one of their famous canal cruises. It's also a good way to jot down noteworthy spots you'd like to visit once you get off the boat.

De Pijp, or The Pipe, is a neighborhood to put on your list as it considered to be a favorite area of locals and tourists alike. A clash of nationalities and cultures make this district lively and a good gastronomic scene. While roaming around, be sure to stop by their lengthy selection of bars and restaurants.

If you're a history buff, head to the many museums Amsterdam has and you'll come out feeling more cultured than ever before! The Rijksmuseum takes a look inside Dutch history while the Moco Museum houses the works of Banksy.

### DUBLIN

Situated on the east coast of Ireland, you'll find Dublin, Ireland's capital. Visit the legendary Temple Bar, which is not only a bar but a district teeming with pubs, diners and fun boutiques.

Being dubbed as the 49th smallest city in Europe, Dublin is the perfect city escape you never knew you needed! With its

endless amount of shopping on Grafton Street to the Guinness Storehouse, Dublin makes the ultimate Irish getaway. Famous sites to see is the idyllic Trinity College, St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Dublin Castle and of course, the Jameson Distillery where you'll be turned into a whiskey connoisseur.

### BRUGES

Similar to Amsterdam, the canals and medieval buildings in Bruges makes this capital an ideal small city escape, so participating in a canal tour is a must! The charming city center is dotted with Gothic architecture and traces of medieval history. If you're a fan of art, pay a visit to the Museum-Gallery Xpo: Salvador Dalí to see the popular artist's works of art. Not to mention, the museum is located in the prominent Belfry, a medieval bell tower in Bruges' center. The Groeningen Museum is also a hot spot amongst art lovers as this museum houses a collection of Flemish and Belgian paintings. Belgium is known for its iconic windmills so be sure to go for a windmill walk where four rustic windmills are located along the city gates of Bruges.

For those who want to eat and drink their way to this small city, be sure to make room in your stomach for some Belgian fries with mayo and curry ketchup! They even have a museum that specializes in fries and the Frietmuseum here you will learn about the history of this popular snack. Also, if you're a fan of beer, take a brewery tour at De Halve Mann, a popular brewery that serves tasty Belgian beers. Don't forget to sink your teeth into Bruges' delicious Stroop waffles and renowned Belgian chocolates! ■

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# Belfast in 24 HOURS

By Sherece Spain

Admittedly, my first introduction to the existence of Belfast was courtesy of "Sons of Anarchy," then along came "Game of Thrones." I figured there had to be more to this city than a motorcycle club charter or home of Winterfell's castle and the "Iron Islands." While in Europe, it became a bucket list destination to experience this amazing ancient city firsthand versus through the television.

## GETTING AROUND

Be sure to purchase your Belfast Visitor's Passes. They can be used for bus, restaurant and attraction discounts. Translink buses and trains are perfect for getting around. For some cardio, check out Belfast Bikes for rentals all over the city.

## PLACES TO SEE

**Crumlin Road Gaol Prison** - For centuries, this prison held all kinds of prisoners, including women and children. The approximately one-hour 30-minute tour will give you goosebumps

**St. Anne's Cathedral** - This is one of the few in the world that holds a seat for two bishops because it actually serves two separate dioceses.

**Titanic Museum** - The record-setting RMS Titanic was constructed in this waterport city. You'll get a chance to learn how the dream became a reality.

## RESTAURANTS TO TRY

**Mourne Seafood Bar** - Being this close to the coast, don't pass up fresh seafood (unless you're allergic). Since fish and crustaceans have specific seasons, their menu changes throughout the year, therefore, you know you're getting a fresh catch!

**Simply Fish & Chips** - The golden brown, fried cod is absolutely delicious. The hardest choice to make will be how to top your chips. Plain, curry, gravy, garlic, taco - the list goes on!

**Bright's Restaurant** - Here you'll find Belfast's "Best Breakfast." Order one of the Breakfast Frys for the perfect way to get a real taste of an Irish breakfast.

## SHOPPING

**St. George's Market and Carroll's Gifts** - St. George's Market is a renowned, award-winning market best known for amazing produce, fresh flowers, pottery, jewelry,

and other handcrafted wares. You'll also be entertained with local musicians while you shop. They're only open Friday through Sunday.

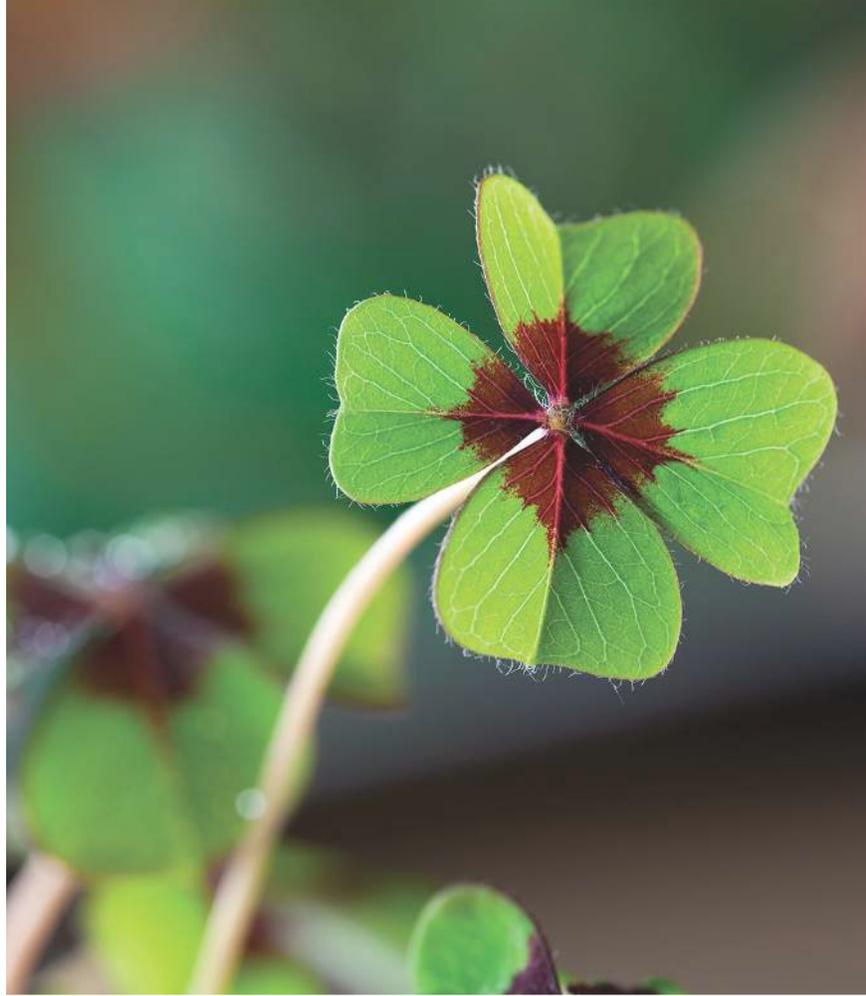
Carroll's Gifts is one of the largest souvenir locations in town; however, there are excellent places throughout the city. It is perfect for the usual items - shot glass, magnet, etc, - but it's also awesome for Aran knitwear and Irish linens, which Belfast has been famous for since the 1800s.

If you have time for more retail therapy, check out CastleCourt Shopping Centre and Victoria Square.

You may only have 24 hours to spend in Belfast, but you'll have memories to last you a lifetime.

### Tips:

- If you want Game of Thrones tours, plan to stay more than 24 hours.
- Bring pounds, not euros, with you. ■



HELLO  
*march*

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EVENTS AROUND GERMANY

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# EDITOR'S *Picks*

## March Events

By Karen Bradbury



### ROSE MONDAY PARADE

March 4, Mainz

Starting at 11:11 a.m., a 4-mile-long carnival parade made up of 9,500 participants and 165 floats will pass through a crowd of spirited revelers.



### RETRO CLASSICS

March 7-10, Stuttgart

The world's biggest trade fair of its kind offers stunning displays of classic automobiles and motorcycles and exhibits about auto culture.



### DINOSAURS - KINGDOM OF THE GIANTS

March 15-17, Olympiahalle, Munich

18 mechanical monsters representing creatures from 65 million years ago are reborn on stage.



### EASTER EGG MARKET

March 16-17, Eberbach

The handsome Eberbach Monastery, perched high above the Rhine, is a fine setting for this display of fantastically decorated Easter eggs.



### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

March 17, Munich

A colorful crew of musicians, leg-rechauns and costumed partygoers paint the city streets green. A party at Odeonsplatz follows.



### LONG NIGHT OF THE MUSEUMS

March 23, Stuttgart

Over 80 museums, galleries and industrial landmarks are transformed into venues for culture, art, concerts and performances.



### HINKELSTEIN MARATHON

March 24, Otterberg

Hike or run 41.5 kilometers along the certified Hinkelstein trail north of Kaiserslautern. The trail leads past stunning forest and old stone markers.



### EARLY SUMMER PROCESSION

March 31, Heidelberg

The return of spring is celebrated with a colorful *Sommertagszug*, featuring drummers, musicians and costumed characters.

PLAN  
AHEAD

### BAVARIA'S BIGGEST FLEA MARKET

April 27, Munich

Starting at 7 a.m., bargain hunters descend upon the Theresienwiese to nail that perfect treasure from one of 2,000 vendors selling anything from stuffed toys to silver candelabras. The flea market also marks the start of the *Frühlingsfest*, referred to as *Oktoberfest's* little sister, running April 26-May 5.



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## Arts & Crafts

### Mar. 28: Cork & Canvas

Patch Community Club, 6 – 8 p.m. Every month bring your friends and family 18 and older to the Backlot Bar inside the Patch Community Club for a fun evening of painting and drinks. Cost \$30 (drinks sold separately). Fee covers instructor, painting materials and canvas. Register at Patch Arts and Crafts Center. Space is limited. DSN 430-5270 / CIV 0711-680-5270.

## Child & Youth Services

### Mar. 23: Parents' Day Out

Parent Central Services, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Whether you need time to run some errands, want to enjoy the beautiful city of Stuttgart or shop at the Spring Bazaar (Mar. 22-24), CYS can help with Parents' Day Out. Drop the kids off (6 weeks - 5th grade) and the Patch CDC or SAC will take care of the rest. Drop off child(ren) at one of our nationally accredited facilities, along with staff who have background checks and are CPR/First Aid certified. Enjoy some much needed time for yourself while your children are taken care of by childcare professionals. Fun games and activities will be planned, as well as a healthy snacks provided. Cost \$36 per child. Register at Parent Central Services or online via WebTrac. Register by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Mar. 20. DSN 430- 7480 / CIV 0711-680-7480

## Community Events

### Mar. 16: St. Patrick's Parking Lot Party

Irish Pub, Galaxy Bowling & Entertainment Center, Panzer Kaserne, 6 p.m. St. Patrick's Day will be in full swing at the Irish Pub parking lot at the Galaxy Bowling & Entertainment Center. Grab your family and friends 18 and older and enjoy the fun. Outside in the Irish Pub parking

lot there will be a fest tent with tons of food and fun. Food options include Guinness beer brats, hot dogs, sauerkraut, beanie weenies and more. There will also be live Irish Classical and Folk music. Come, try your luck, and possibly win some of our awesome prizes to include wall signs, gift certificates, trip voucher and more. DSN 431-2575 / CIV 07031-15-2575.

### Mar. 22-24: Spring Bazaar

Patch Fitness Center and Husky Field, Patch Barracks, 10 a.m. The Spring Bazaar is a shopping extravaganza like no other and enjoyed by the USAG Stuttgart community every year. For 2019, Harriet R Tubman will host the Spring Bazaar. You can expect to find more than 80 of your favorite vendors from across Europe. Get ready to find all your European goodies in one location from cheese, wine, and ceramics to home decor, antiques, jewelry and much more. For more information, go to Facebook and search "Stuttgart MWR Spring Bazaar hosted by Harriet R Tubman". Event is sponsored by Stuttgart Marriott Hotel Sindelfingen, AFSPA and First Command (no Federal endorsement implied). DSN 421-8213 / CIV 0711-729-8213.

## Community Support

### Mar. 21: Host Nation Orientation

ACS, Panzer Kaserne, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Are you new to the Stuttgart area? Is this your first overseas move, or your first time living in Germany? Host Nation Orientation will help you make the most of your experience living in Stuttgart, Germany! Benefits of attending this class are: learn about German customs and culture, learn some basic German phrases, learn about public transportation options and how to purchase tickets, and take a walking tour of the local community. Spouses are welcome to attend this class, which is part of the USAG Stuttgart Joint In-processing Training! There is no cost. Pre-registration is required to attend this class. DSN 431-3362 / CIV 07031-15-3362.

## Golf

### Mar. 30: Annual Membership Drive

Stuttgart Golf Course, Kornwestheim, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Sign up for an annual green fee pass and receive playing privileges from Mar. 31, 2019 - Mar. 30, 2020. Free range balls all day on Mar. 30 & 31 (US ID cardholders only), half price on golf carts for the weekend (US ID cardholders only), free finger foods, and drinks Mar. 30 (only), 1:30 - 3 p.m., 10 - 40% discount on selected merchandise for the weekend. Enter our free drawing for additional prizes, no purchase necessary. Drawing held Mar. 31, 4 p.m. You do not have to be present to win. Sign up for an annual membership and receive a gift bag and metal member bag tag. All members will receive a free USGA handicap service. CIV 07141-879-151.

## Library

### Mar. 7: Kids' Photography Workshop: Photographing People and Animals

Patch Library, 3:30 – 5 p.m. Get ready for April's Youth Photography Contest! Today's session will focus on photographing people and animals, including lighting and technique. Recommended for ages 8-18. This is a free event. Registration is not required. DSN 430-5232 / CIV 0711-680-5232.

## Travel

### Mar. 9: Salzburg

MWR Tours, Panzer Kaserne. The Home of Mozart! Visit the beautiful city of Salzburg with an English guided tour, and then enjoy free time in the city. Your day ends by riding the funicular to the Hohensalzburg fortress and enjoy the Mozart Chamber Orchestra performance in the Golden Hall. Cost \$209 per person/\$105 per SWPC. DSN 431-2104 / CIV 07031-15-2104.

### Mar. 23: Bebenhausen Monastery and Fine Dining

MWR Tours, Panzer Kaserne. Join us for the Epicurean Adventure Evening! After our private English tour of the Bebenhausen Monastery, we will feast at the highly rated Landhotel Hirsch with a four-course gourmet dinner. You must be 12 years old to attend this trip. Proper attire is required. Cost: \$149 per person/\$74 per SWPC. Trip includes transportation, English tour and dinner with choice of drink. DSN 431-2104 / CIV 07031-15-2104.

### Mar. 30: Ski/Snowboard trip to Soelden, Austria

Outdoor Recreation, Kelley Barracks. Ride the slopes on an express trip to Austria. Trip includes round trip transportation via German Motor Coach, one-day ski pass and equipment. Cost \$174 per person ages 18 and older, \$154 per child (3 - 17) (Save \$10 if you bring your own equipment). SWPC is 50% off. Register by Mar. 22. DSN 421-4291 / CIV 0711-729-4291.

## Theatre

### Mar. 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 & 30 at 7:30 p.m. & Mar. 24 & 31 at 3 p.m. : Witness for the Prosecution

Stuttgart Theatre Center, Kelley Barracks. Leonard Vole stands accused of murdering a rich widow. The stakes are high with shocking witness testimony, impassioned outbursts from the dock and a young man's fight to escape the hangman's noose. Generally regarded as one of Christie's most accomplished plays, this suspenseful thriller keeps audiences guessing until the very end. \$15 per adult, \$13 per student/child. Call for tickets. DSN 421-3055 / CIV 0711-729-3055.

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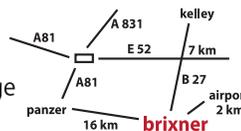
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### FLOWER PARADE

**April 13 in Noordwijk, Netherlands**

Flower-bedecked floats traverse 25 miles between Noordwijk and Haarlem. The floats are parked and admired in Haarlem the next day.



### PARIS MARATHON

**April 14 in Paris, France**

Cheer on the some 55,000 runners taking part in this marathon as they pass the city's most famous landmarks including the Eiffel Tower.

# Things to do next month!

*April*

By Karen Bradbury



### HOLY WEEK IN SEVILLE

**April 14-21 in Seville, Spain**

Semana Santa is greeted with solemnity and passion throughout the land. Seville marks the week with processions of huge statues known as pasos.



### EXPLOSION OF THE CART

**April 21 in Florence, Italy**

Easter Sunday is marked by a parade of costumed historical figures and the setting alight of an ornate cart that has been packed with colorful fireworks.



### ZYTHOS BIERFESTIVAL

**April 27-28 in Leuven**

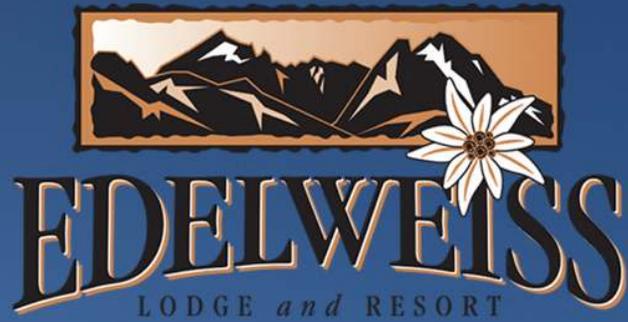
The diversity of Belgian beers is on full display at this festival featuring 88 stands from which over 500 types of beer can be sipped and sampled.



### TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN CONCERT

**April 30 in Ischgl, Austria**

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