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## Golf in Germany – a sport for all

Golf has never been more popular. More and more people are developing a taste for the game of putters, irons and woods. Now, more than half a million people in Germany perfect their swing at over 680 clubs and golf courses. Just under half of all golfers registered in the country are under 49 years old; 40 per cent are women. For years now, participation has increased steadily in all age groups, which goes to show that golf really is a sport for all. A single swing of a club uses up to 124 muscles in nearly all parts of the human body. As such, the game requires some of the highest levels of coordination of all sports. Playing an 18-hole course, which lasts for four hours on average, the body burns around 1,200 calories – more than it would for two hours' tennis or a one hour jog.

In 2007, the German Golf Association (DGV) carried out a representative market research study on the sport. People who don't play the game, so it established, thought relaxation and recreation in the open air were the game's most appealing aspects. Another plus point was that golf can be picked up at any age, then carried on right into retirement. It's not seen as a solitary pursuit either. It can be played with friends, family and across the generation divide. What's more, golf is not just pigeonholed as a sport, it's also considered a leisure pursuit in its own right. Around 8 per cent of golfers registered in Germany are under 18 years old. Champions are made from an early age, so the German Golf Association does all it can to encourage young people to play.

In Germany, the variety inherent in the game and the widely varying abilities of the people who play it is reflected in the choice of golf clubs and golf courses. It doesn't have to be expensive, either. Clubs affiliated with the German Golf Association range from fashionable nine-hole courses on the outskirts of cities to full-blown complexes and resorts, which are geared towards visitors paying a one-off green fee. Germany also has its fair share of traditional members-only clubs.

Almost all golf courses in Germany have facilities for visitors to give the sport a go. The best way is to book a taster lesson or enrol on a course for beginners. Both represent great value for money. Keen golfers who plan to return to Germany can apply for a handicap from the German Golf Association. Those who cut the mustard and belong to an affiliated club receive a handicap of 54. They can then look forward to playing regularly on the vast majority of courses in Germany. Let the quest for a hole in one begin!

[www.deutschland-tourismus.de](http://www.deutschland-tourismus.de)  
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## Garden routes: northern Germany in bloom

### The 2008 Regional Garden Show in Schleswig

This 2008 Regional Garden Show, which began on 25 April and continues until 5 October, is the furthest north it's ever been in Germany. This year's host town in Schleswig, a former Viking settlement that dates back more than 1,200 years. Displays and exhibitions centre on the Königswiesen, a park covering around 16 hectares beside the Schlei Baltic firth. For the duration of the event, it will be transformed into a sea of greenery and flowers that's full of surprises. Accompanying events, meanwhile, pay special attention to the cultural heritage of the region as a whole. Against the backdrop of the beautiful Baltic coast, visitors can expect flower shows, enchanting themed gardens and lavish adventure worlds. There will also be plenty of entertainment, history and the arts. Here are some suggestions for what to do: enjoy the

buzz and bustle on the Königswiesen, admire the form and splendour of the baroque garden or see what's on at Gottorf Palace. It's even possible to take an exciting journey back in time at the Hedeby Viking Museum. Also involved in the event are Schleswig Local History Museum, Schleswig Cathedral, the Holm (an old Schleswig fishermen's village) and the Danewerk Museum. By 15 July – the halfway point of this year's show – some 410,000 of the 600,000 people expected had already visited the exhibition site in Schleswig. One of the overwhelming themes at the 2008 event has been the sheer variety, colour and beauty of the flowers on display. The Regional Garden Show is a great place to take the whole family: children aged 18 and under accompanied by parents or grandparents get in free, and there are two adventure lands desig-

ned especially for the show. Here, adventurers young and old can lose themselves in a world of Vikings, fishing and maritime adventure. Equally impressive is the line-up of arts and entertainment. More than 1,000 events are held over the 164 days, including theatre, comedy, music and dance on the Königswiesen stages.

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### Gardens of Germany

Before the Regional Garden Show ends on 5 October 2008, visitors can attend the event and explore the wonderful Schlei gardens route with this fantastic three-day deal. The package includes: 3 nights in a hotel with breakfast, 3 evening meals, 1 day ticket to the Regional Garden Show & guided tour, 1 lunch (excl. drinks), 1 visit to the Bible centre/sculpture park, 1 evening programme, 1 day's organised tour incl. lunch and coach transfers on the themed route: „Fairytales & myths of the Schlei gardens“. Prices from €379.00 per person in a double room.

### Secret gardens & country parks

The garden route through Krummhörn and East Friesland forms the basis for a full-day guided excursion that explores the diversity of landscaped greenery in the region, from the early-Romantic country park encircling Lütetsburg Palace to the secret garden at Osterburg House in Groothusen. The offer, valid for dates between 4 May and 17 September 2008, includes: tour guide, stroll through Greetsiel, transfer in tour coach, picnic, traditional East Friesian tea, light evening meal with the group, admission to the gardens. Prices from €259.00 per person in a double room (tourist tax included). Other dates on request. Must be booked at least four weeks before departure date. 12 is the minimum number of participants.

#### Information and bookings

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#### Information and bookings

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### From Frankfurt to Bad Homburg in the footsteps of a poet

On 8 June 2008, the brand-new Friedrich Hölderlin Route was opened in celebratory fashion at the Old Airport in Bonames. The route runs between Goethe's House in Frankfurt and the Isaac von Sinclair residence in Bad Homburg, both of which are now museums. It was originally walked at least once a month by the love-struck Hölderlin to reach his „Diotima“, otherwise known as Susette Gontard, a banker's wife from Frankfurt. Though not an exact reconstruction of the path he followed, as the mayor of Bad Homburg Ursula Jungherr explained at the official opening, it is as close an approxima-

tion as possible. There are two brochures to accompany the Hölderlin Route, one for the journey from Frankfurt to Bad Homburg and one for the opposite direction. Both can be ordered from: [www.gruenguertel.de](http://www.gruenguertel.de). The route is signposted with a stylised portrait of the poet designed by the famous German cartoonist, Hans Traxler. Keen walkers put the route through its paces on the opening day: at various locations along the way, students from the College of Music and the Performing Arts in Frankfurt staged performances of poems by Robert Gernhardt, Wilhelm Busch and Hölderlin himself (Busch

and Hölderlin were rivals for the affections of Mrs. Gontard).

#### Information and bookings

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## Seasonal specialities: the humble potato

The potato first came to Europe in the 16th century from South America. Although initially considered a decorative plant because of its pretty flowers, people soon became aware of its nutritional qualities. Ever since, it has ranked alongside bread as one of the staple ingredients of the German pantry. To help raise its profile, the United Nations declared 2008 the Year of the Potato. It is their belief that this versatile vegetable can help conquer malnutrition in the Third World. Potatoes, which belong to the same family as the nightshade plants, are packed with carbohydrates and contain essential vitamins and minerals. In some parts of Germany the name for potato literally translates as „earth apple“ or „ground berries“. Worldwide, around 300 million tonnes of them are harvested every year. Germany's first potato fields are thought to have been in Bavaria, though large-scale cultivation began in 1738 in Prussia. There are some 5,000 types around the world and new varieties are constantly being developed. Potatoes are particularly good sources of protein and vitamins B1, B2 and C..

### „Top ,taters“ in Ibbenbüren: 11 & 12 October 2008

August in Ibbenbüren can only mean one thing: the „top ,taters“ potato festival, which is entirely devoted to the humble spud. On Neumarkt square in the Münsterland town, visitors can look forward to an exciting and varied line-up of entertainment. There will be singing, dancing, games and even a potato-peeling competition! The highlight, of course, is the wide range of freshly prepared potato specialities available from the various stalls and stands. In the festival marquee, the restaurant set up especially for the event also comes highly recommended.

Everything from croquettes, wedges and gratin to the famous German bratkartoffeln are made by talented chefs and served straight from the kitchen. Arts and crafts and farm produce will also be on sale. The town centre shops also stock their shelves accordingly, and open for late-night shopping on Saturday 11 October and in the day on Sunday 12 October.

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### Potato festival in Neualbenreuth: 5 October 2008

At the beginning of August, the spud is the star of the show at the potato festival in Neualbenreuth, on the German-Czech border in Bavaria. Traditional craft demonstrations and an abundance of classic cars are just two of the highlights in the fun-packed programme. Before or after the festival, visitors can forget their everyday cares at the Sibyllenbad spa complex, just outside the village. Here, they can indulge in an aromatherapy session, beauty treatment or go for a dip in the thermal pools. The spa offers a wide range of massages and wellness treatments, and the water is considered to be particularly beneficial for rheumatic complaints.

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### Genthin Potato Festival: 20 & 21 September 2008

Every year since 1994, Genthin in eastern Germany has celebrated its potato festival on the third Sunday in September. Visitors can look forward to spud specialities of all description, competitions, the crowning of the potato queen, a flea market for kids, a farmers' market and a craft fair. There will also be dancing, music and traditional costumes, plus the chance to see who makes the town's best potato soup.

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## An apple a day keeps the doctor away

The apple tree, which belongs to the rose family of plants, produces one of the world's most popular and widespread fruits. But they are also grown for the beauty of the blossom and the apples themselves. People have even attributed their fruit with healing properties. In Christian and European culture, the apple is a symbol of sexuality, fertility, beauty, vitality and prosperity, but also death. Notable examples include the forbidden fruit of the Garden of Eden, the poisoned apple in Snow White and the apple pierced by the arrow of William Tell, which was placed precariously on top of his son's head. The apple, in the form of an orb, also denoted ownership in imperial Central Europe. From the beginnings of the industrial era to the early 20th century, the German state encouraged the production of apples as a healthy way to nourish its people. There are currently some 1,500 varieties in Germany, though only 60 are grown commercially. In the supermarkets, the range shrinks again to just a few global favourites. Because of its high yield and water content, the apple is ideally suited for juicing. In fact, the vast majority of the annual harvest is used for this purpose. Every year, an incredible one billion litres of apple juice are produced by 450 companies in Germany alone. Not so long ago, the apple formed a staple part of people's diets because it was in season for longer than any other fruit. The apple as a medicinal remedy first appears in an old Babylonian script from the 8th century BC. By the Middle Ages, it was still being attributed with all manner of curative effects. Nowadays, homeopathic doctors recommend eating apples for everyday complaints such as stomach aches. Apples are grown mostly in northern and central Germany, in the Rhineland, Palatinate and Wetterau regions, along the Havel river, in the Kohrener Land in Saxony and in the foothills of the Alps.

## Culinary festivals 2008: wine festivals

An amble round the old quarter of Neustadt a. d. Weinstrasse, in the heart of the Palatinate region in south-west Germany, is an absolute pleasure with its beautifully restored medieval houses and winding lanes. Its nine surrounding wine villages, where vintners produce some of the finest drops in Germany, are equally appealing and buzzing with activity. High above the woodland and vineyards of Neustadt itself is Hambach Castle, the cradle of German democracy, where more than 30,000 people demonstrated for national unity in 1832.

### The German Grape Harvest Festival 2008

2 to 13 October 2008

In 2008, the wine festival season in Germany is yet again set to end in style at the Grape Harvest Festival in Neustadt an der Weinstrasse. Every year, several hundred thousand people descend on the town to enjoy a host of events such as the election and crowning of the German and Palatinate wine queens. The „Haiselscher“, the festival's very own wine village, opens earlier on 26 September, on the square in front of the train station. Here, visitors can wash down delicious regional specialities with wine from the outgoing season and even some exclusive vintages. Other attractions include fairground rides, entertainers and a mass public tasting of Palatinate wines in the Saalbau concert hall, organised by the region's Weinbruderschaft or wine fraternity. The Palatinate wine queen is elected and crowned on the first Friday of October, followed by her nationwide equivalent on the second Friday. Entourages from numerous local wine villages and from all 13 wine regions in Germany travel to the wine capital of the country to support their candidate. Another highlight is the German wine and sekt tasting: on Hetzelplatz square – to the sound of live music all day and sustained by a great choice of food – the nine wine villages that surround Neustadt an der Weinstrasse and the 13 wine-growing regions in Germany put their very best drops up for public scrutiny. On the second Sunday in October, well over 150,000 people come to watch the biggest wine festival parade in Germany. The main attraction are the „royal“ floats that carry the freshly crowned wine queens. A firework extravaganza, which bathes the surrounding vine-clad hills in a sea of spectacular colours, marks the end of the celebrations. The origins of the festival date back almost 100 years, when the town's first wine parade took place in 1909. This served as a harvest festival for the vintners, who could reflect on a year of rewarding toil and look ahead to the new wine season.

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### Regional wine festival in Freyburg/Unstrut

13 & 14 September 2008

Every year on the second weekend in September, the Freyburg wine festival (the largest in central Germany) delivers first-class entertainment for young and old. More than 50 different events cater for fun and entertainment at the foot of Neuenburg Castle. On the medieval-style street set up especially for the event, travelling players and costumed entertainers help bring history to life, while 16 vineyards present their latest gems at the wine village on market square. Each year at 6pm, on the Friday preceding the festival, the Saale-Unstrut hospitality award is bestowed on the most deserving restaurants in the town. Then, at 10am on the Saturday, the event proper begins with a traditional „liquid brunch“ in the wine village on market square. An hour later, the grand annual wine and sekt tasting gets underway in the inner courtyard of the Rotkäppchen sparkling wine plant. Later, at 10.30pm, a firework display paints the night sky above Freyburg in a sea of spectacular colours. The celebrations continue on Sunday at 11am with the coronation of the Saale-Unstrut wine queen for 2008.

### New map for the German Wine Route cycle path

Reopened right on time for the 2008 season, the cyclists' version of the German Wine Route is now better than ever before. New signposts – which still bear the familiar logo of the grape – guide cyclists through the sea of vines in the Palatinate region. The route, which runs parallel to Germany's oldest themed trail, links the German Wine Gate in Schweigen-Rechtenbach, right on the border with France, with Bockenheim further north. Its new signs also provide information on distances and destinations as well as sights and attractions found on either side. Because there are so many culinary temptations along the way, cyclists are recommended to build in plenty of extra time.

#### Information

A map detailing the new course of the German Wine Route is available from either of these tourism associations:

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www.deutsche-weinstrasse.de

Südliche Weinstrasse e.V. - Zentrale für Tourismus  
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### Vineyards' open day in Freyburg

Although a product of soil and climate, a good wine is very much down to the wine producer's skills in the vineyards and cellars. Each wine has its own story to tell and represents a labour of love on the part of the vintner. Plus, as connoisseurs never tire of telling you, wine tastes best in the region where it was grown. This is why the wineries around Freyburg are opening their gates to the public on 2 and 3 August 2008. Visitors can hop from one vineyard estate to the next along the Saale-Unstrut Wine Route and enjoy a veritable feast for the senses.

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## Germany's finest golf courses

It's now almost a law of nature: everywhere where beautiful scenery can be found, there are also outstanding golf courses. Some of them are steeped in tradition and some have produced players who are now household names. In 1985, when the world golf rankings were introduced, a German occupied the number one spot: Bernhard Langer. Most golf clubs in Germany, however, welcome everyone from absolute beginners to keen amateurs. They represent an excellent opportunity to enjoy the sport in the glorious open air.

### Munich Eichenried Golf Complex

Spread out over some 100 hectares, this fabulous golf complex is set in a gently sloping, open-sided basin that offers uninterrupted views of the surrounding countryside. At the heart of its championship course are two of the most attractive fairways in Germany, those for holes 9 and 18, which share a double green in front of the prestigious club house and overlook an expansive body of water. The club house itself is a brick barn with marvellous timberwork. After various extensions, it is now the dominating feature of the course. As soon as you set foot in it, you get a real sense of the international outlook of the complex. It's easy to see how world-class golfers such as Bernhard Langer and Ernie Els would feel so at home here. Every year, Eichenried gets the chance to prove this at the BMW International Open, now a firm fixture in the tour calendar. But this is not the only reason why it is one of the best places to play golf in Munich. The complex also has a driving range, a scenic 6-hole course for a quick game, and, as you would expect, outstanding cuisine in elegant surroundings. In short, everything you need for a great day's golf. [www.gc-eichenried.de](http://www.gc-eichenried.de)

### Munich Golf Club

Munich Golf Club was founded on 16 February 1910, at a time when peace still reigned in Europe and three Germans held Nobel prizes. The House of Wittelsbach had ruled in Bavaria for 730 years, and it had been 24 years since the Prince Regent, Luitpold, had taken over from King Otto, the younger brother of Ludwig II. In this halcyon age, the golf course was the first ever in Bavaria. Although another swiftly followed in Bad Kissingen in 1911, other courses, such as the one in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, only emerged in the second half of the century. Munich Golf Club has never been more successful than it is today: its membership exceeds 1,100 and includes national tour players and golfers of a wide range of abilities. The top 100 boast handicaps from 0 to 10, while the remainder have anything up to 36. Bernhard Langer began his career here in the 1970s as a golf apprentice. [www.golf.de](http://www.golf.de)

### Wendlohe Golf Club

Wendlohe Golf Club is in pole position for golf in Hamburg. Firstly, because none of the other 22 clubs are closer to the buzzing city centre or the international airport. Secondly, because the beautiful 27-hole-course has recently reopened after a complete redesign. Finally, prospective members no longer come up against a brick wall in the form of a long waiting list. Those times belong to the past. Nevertheless, the vice president Jens-Peter Meckel still chooses to vet candidates in a face-to-face interview. Because the number of applications have doubled over the last few years, his is virtually a full-time job. [www.wendlohe.de](http://www.wendlohe.de)

### Berlin Wannsee Golf and Country Club

Founded in 1895, the Berlin Wannsee Golf and Country Club is one of the largest and most distinguished golf clubs in Germany. As well as being easy to reach, its location in south-west Berlin is second to none for scenery. Surrounded by mature trees typical of this wooded region, the acclaimed 27-hole course with its gentle undulations and distinctive fairways offers golfers of all talents a fresh challenge and a leisurely day out. [www.glcbw.de](http://www.glcbw.de)

## Brochure for Germany's „Golf Coast“

There are more than 60 golf courses in Schleswig-Holstein, the southern section of the Jutland peninsula. None of them are alike and each one has an appeal all of its own. The region is known as the land between the seas, and some of its courses look out over the Baltic coast or the North Sea. Wherever you go, it won't be long before one of its numerous golf courses comes into view. Far up in the north of Germany, much of the sport's appeal lies in the sheer variety of courses, a variety reflected in the many things to see and do away from the greens. People in the know call the Schleswig-Holstein coastline the Golfküste or „Golf Coast“ – where there's a fairway for everyone. The brochure of the same name provides golf fans with 84 pages of information and inspiration. It contains everything from recommendations, accommodation, regions and helpful websites to the ins and outs of specific clubs, for example green fees, how to get there and times when non-members can play.

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## International golf tournaments in Germany

11 to 14 September 2008  
Mercedes-Benz Championship

14 to 17 May 2009  
The Deutsche Bank Players' Championship of Europe

25 to 28 June 2009  
BMW International Open

### Information

www.mercedes-benz.de  
www.deutsche-bank.de  
www.bmw.de

## News & Termine

### Slumber on the Orient Express

Visitors in search of something different should head to the Dückinghaus railway hotel in Merzen. Its train carriages, refurbished in the style of the Orient Express, now serve as three-star luxury accommodation. Even the shower and toilet facilities are located on-board, while reservations work like any other hotel. Meanwhile, the surrounding Osnabrücker Land region has plenty of options for getting out and about. An added bonus, especially for kids, is the model railway that brings orders to the table in the restaurant and beer garden.

#### Information and bookings

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www.osnabruecker-land.de

### New golf course on Sylt

Budersand Golf Club, which opened in July 2008 in the south of Sylt, is one of four places to play golf on the island. The others are Sylt Golf Club near Wenningstedt (6-hole short course and its 18-hole bigger brother), the 18-hole Marine Golf Club beside Westerland airport and Morsum Golf Club to the east, where golfers can play a 9-hole round. The new addition, Budersand, offers more than just challenging fairways, however; it also commands stunning views of the North Sea. From the highest vantage point, the views encompass both the crashing surf and the Wattenmeer wetlands. Its 18-hole links course is spread out over more than 73 hectares of coastal land. The golf club is part of the Budersand hotel, golf & spa complex, where visitors can also indulge in gourmet cuisine at Strönholt restaurant.

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### Germany's first mobile phone arts guide

At the end of July 2008, Neuss, on the opposite side of the Rhine to Düsseldorf, broke new ground in Germany with its state-of-the-art mobile phone arts guide: now, visitors can listen to information on 40 places of cultural or historical interest in and around the town. The audio arts guide kult(o)hr contains 60 minutes of fascinating facts and stories. There are three options to choose from: factual with a focus on history and culture, laughs/entertainment and a version for children. A prepaid card, similar to those used by mobile phone providers, is all that's needed. These are available for €5.00 from tourist information centres and hotels. (Please note: standard network rates apply for the call.) The kult(o)hr website features an interactive map, suggested routes and information on the individual attractions. Sample audio files are also available to download.

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#### 14 to 17 August 2008

Open Ship Cuxhaven 2008 is a major docklands festival on the North Sea coast. Attention focuses on the salt-water fish market, which will be 100 years old this year. Stalls and stands sell seafood specialities fresh from the catch.

#### Information

www.cuxhaven.de

#### 16 & 17 August 2008

The Castle and Kid's Festival in Aulendorf, which takes place in the castle and the town centre, offers fun and entertainment for children, a flea market and excellent food and drink that tend toward the exotic.

#### Information

www.aulendorf.de

#### 22 to 24 August 2008

As part of the Herrenhausen Gardens Classical Music Festival in Hannover, the Galerie banqueting hall provides the setting for a performance of „The Barber of Seville“, the opera masterpiece by Rossini.

#### Information

www.festwochen-herrenhausen.de

#### Until 23 August 2008

The 18th Shakespeare Festival in Neuss features six nationwide premieres and many others for the region. A great opportunity to see contemporary performances of works by England's greatest playwright.

#### Information

www.shakespearefestival.de

#### 25 to 28 September 2008

Erfurt celebrates the 200th anniversary of the Congress of Erfurt, where Napoleon Bonaparte and Tsar Alexander I of Russia sought to steer the course of European history in 1808.

#### Information

Tel.: +49 (0)361 66400  
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#### Until 28 September 2008

Temporary exhibition at the Potsdamer Platz Kulturforum in Berlin: Raphael's Grace – Michelangelo's Furore: Sebastiano del Piombo (Venice 1485 – Rome 1547).

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