## **Hostels In Germany Are Great For Budget Tours**

Hostels in Germany are a popular way to explore and get to know the country intimately. You would experience authentic German living in one of these accommodations and really enjoy your trip to the fullest extent.

There are over 600 hostels across Germany. You are sure to find one, if not more, near any of the popular tourist destinations.

This concept of German hostels came about in 1909 and was as a result of the ingenious mind of Richard Schirrmann, a German school teacher. He was quite an outgoing character who loved to take his class on excursions frequently.

He quickly realized the need for a hostel where young students could afford to stay and explore the area to their heart's content. And thus was born the idea of the youth hostel.

But what was originally intended to cater to the youth is no longer their monopoly, but has grown to include people of all ages looking for a clean, airy accommodation at a tidy price.

In fact, the demand for these places is so high during festivals and holiday seasons that you would need to make a booking well in advance to avoid disappointment. Oktoberfest and summer season are invariably high on the list of visitors, so plan and book accordingly!

Now you may wonder what exactly these places are like. Hostels in Germany are located in fabulous surrounds sometimes with quite a history attached to add charm and character. You could be staying in an old infamous prison, a farm house, a historical building, or even a renovated castle!

While some German hostels decide to stick to their old world charm, others have gone ahead and added modern comforts such as Wi-Fi Internet access or broadband. So it all depends on what exactly you have in mind for your <u>Germany vacation</u>.

You can share a dormitory with bunk beds and regular beds with a fun group, or enjoy a room all to yourself. Singles, twin, and even triple rooms are available at most locations. You may get an ensuite with your own bathroom or share a common facility.

German hostels often come with an in-house bar and restaurant adding considerably to the fun quotient. They also come with self-catering kitchens where you get to put your culinary skills to the test. Some provide bed linen while others may charge a small fee for this luxury. Find out before you set out, if you're really looking to keep to a budget.

Hostels in Germany come under various groups such as the German Backpacker Network and the

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German Youth Hostel Association (DJH). There are also the independent ones that offer a great place to put your feet up.

The way to go is to have a membership that lets you stay at any of a wide variety all over the world. To stay in a German Youth Hostel, you would need a membership in either the German Youth Hostel Association or the Hostelling International Association. In case you are not a member yet you can always sign up at the reception when you get your bed.

Now have fun in our hostels in Germany! :-)

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