



Introduction: As Europe's largest economy and second most-populous nation (after Russia), Germany is a key member of the continent's economic, political, and defense organizations. Divided after World War II, the decline of the USSR and the end of the Cold War allowed for German reunification in 1990. Since then, Germany has expended considerable funds to bring eastern productivity and wages up to western standards. In January 1999, Germany and 10 other EU countries introduced a common European exchange currency, the euro.

Cultural Practices: Germans value punctuality, efficiency and direct communication. Professional interactions are formal, with a strong emphasis on respect, organization, and clear communication. Handshakes are common, chewing gums with open mouth and while talking is perceived as being rude, as well as interrupting somebody.

Tipping Guidelines: Round up the bill in a restaurant. If the service is particularly good, you may add a few euros and/or leave a 5-10% tip. Tip taxi drivers 5-10% of the total fee. Tip porters 1-2 euros per bag. Leave 1-2 euros for housekeeping per night.

Climate: temperature and marine cool, cloudy, wet winters and summers, occasional warm mountain (Foehn) wind.

Religion: Roman Catholic 24.8%, Protestant 22.6%, Muslim 3.7%, other 5.1%, none 43.8%

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General facts:

Regional Division	Central Europe
Capital	Berlin
Airport Code / Airport Name	BER / Berlin Brandenburg
Country Code 2 digits / 3 digits	DE / DEU
Population	84,119,100
Language (Major Languages)	German

Travel facts:

Telephone Code / Code Dial	49
Local Emergency Phone	112
International Driving Permit	Suggested
Road Driving Side	Right
Time Zone / Time Difference	UTC +01:00
Currency Code / Exchange Rate \$->€	Euros (EUR) / 1\$: 0,95€
Electricity / Voltage / Plug Type(s)	230 V / 50 Hz / C, F
Passport / Visa Requirements	Yes / 90 days in 180 days
Working Permits for US Citizens	Necessary

Filming incentives:

Film Commission National	30% cash rebate
Film Commission Federal	Yes
VFX Grant	Yes

Working conditions:

Working hours per day	10 + break
Working hours per week	50
Working days per week	5
Overtime	+25%, +50%, +100%
Breaks	45 min after 5 th hour
Turnaround	11 hours
Fringes / self-employed	+23 % social benefits, + 10% holiday pay
Unions	common but not mandatory

Filming infrastructure:

Crews	internationally experienced, English speaking
Equipment	equipped with cutting-edge equipment
Studios in the following cities	Berlin, Cologne, Munich, Hamburg
Themed backlot sets include	New York, London, Berlin, Paris (in Berlin)
Specials	LED Studio (in Bavaria)

Landscape & Architecture: Metropolitan, countryside, mountains, Alps, forests, rivers, beaches, Coastline (North Sea, East Sea), historic sites, urban and rural settings, Medieval Castles. Architectural styles range from medieval and Gothic to Baroque and modern.