

DEUTSCHER LEBENSTIL UND DEUTSCHE KULTUR (German Lifestyle and Culture)

Pros and Cons of Living in Germany



The U-Bahn train in Hamburg.

6. Nature is easily accessible – even for city-dwellers

One of the things that contributes to the excellent quality of life in Germany is how easy it is to get out into nature. Even if you live in a major metropolis like Berlin, Frankfurt, or Munich, you're usually only one S-Bahn ride away from a lake, forest, or the mountains.

What's more, Germans make a point of factoring this time in nature into their lives: outdoor activities like hiking, skiing and wild swimming are pretty much a national past-time.

7. It has a rich culture and traditions

Goethe famously described Germany as “das Land der Dichter und Denker” (the land of poets and thinkers), and looking back in time, it's certainly had its share of famous writers, philosophers, and composers over the years.

These days there's still a buzzing cultural scene in the country, with everything from Bach and Wagner festivals and book fairs to cutting-edge modern art and thriving local music scenes.