

DEUTSCHER LEBENSTIL UND DEUTSCHE KULTUR (German Lifestyle and Culture)

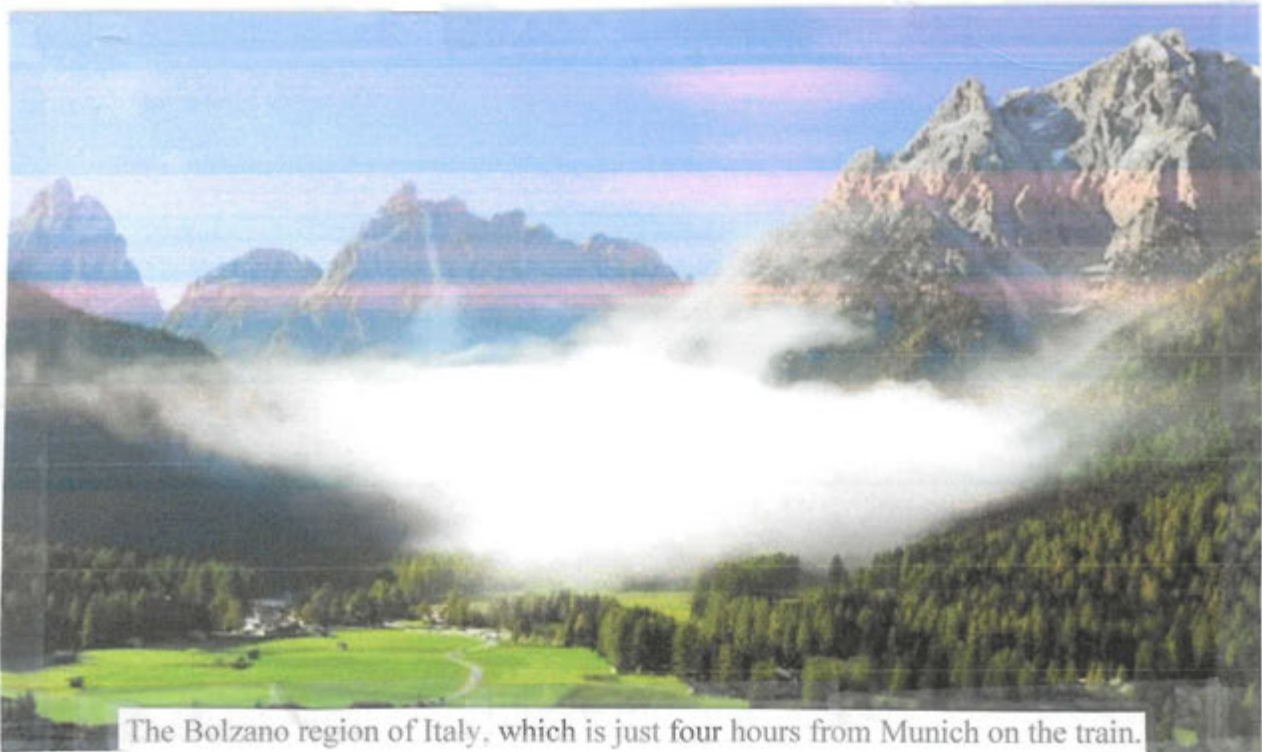
Pros and Cons of Living in Germany

You'll also notice that this is a country that is in touch with its folk cultures and traditions. Every state has its own unique identity, which is often reflected in their regional dishes, dialects, and charming folk festivals throughout the year.

8. It's the perfect base from which to explore Europe

Germany shares a border with eight different nations, making it the ideal location to explore the diverse culture and landscapes that Europe has to offer. In many ways, it represents both a cultural and geographical bridge between eastern and western Europe – from Belgium and France to Poland and the Czech Republic.

Even countries that Germany doesn't share a border with can be reached by train or car in no time. For example, it takes a mere four hours to get from Munich to the gorgeous alpine city of Bolzano in Italy.



The Bolzano region of Italy, which is just four hours from Munich on the train.

9. The cost of living is reasonable

Things certainly aren't as cheap as they used to be, but compared to many other western countries, Germany isn't an overly expensive place to live. Generally, public transport is heavily subsidized and there are plenty of discount supermarkets where you can buy cheap groceries.

We should mention that there are some regional differences: in most parts of what used to be East Germany, the cost of living is still super low, but western states like Bavaria and Baden-Württemberg are expensive.