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THE LOVELIEST GOLF COURSES IN GERMANY

The green sport has enthusiastic devotees all over the world. Particularly when they are on holiday, travellers have plenty of time to pursue their hobby. In Germany they find excellent conditions because in the entire country there are top courses where driving and putting are a lot of fun. The association "Leading Golf Courses of Germany" provides a good overview in internet (<http://www.leading-golf.de>). Here are some examples:

Among the members is, for example, the **Hamburg Golf Club Falkenstein**, one of the loveliest landscapes and most challenging golf courses in the country. The view opens from the terrace onto an old stand of trees and a high heath. As the Hamburg club, the **Bremen Club "zur Vahr"** also can look back on a long history. It was founded in 1905 as a polo-, golf-, hockey- and tennis club. Golfers have the choice between two courses, each of which has its special charm. The larger course is a little outside Bremen, in Garlstedt, surrounded by lakes and impressive stands of trees. Another member of "Leading Golf Courses of Germany" is the **Golf & Country Club Elfrather Mühle e.V. in Krefeld-Trarr** in the Ruhr. Even though the game on the greens is significant, the focus is on the total experience provided by suitable packages that include the time after the game. In Hessen, the **Golfclub Hanau-Wilhelmsbad e.V.**, lying about 10 miles east of Frankfurt on the grounds of the pheasantry of the Princes of Hessen, is attractive. In southern Germany, the **Golfclub Schloss Maxlrain e.V.** offers an exclusive golf experience. The 18-hole championship course is in part situated in the 19th-century "English Park" of Maxlrain Castle. Ancient oaks line the fairway. The southernmost member of "Leading Golf Courses of Germany" is the **Golfresort Sonnenalp-Oberallgäu in Oberstdorf**. The icing on the cake of the course is its unique Alpine panorama.

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Land of Art and Culture

CULTURE SUMMER "CLASSICS"

RUHR TRIENNALE

The prominent industrial monuments of the Ruhr will be the showplaces of this international festival that from 1 September to 14 October 2007 will be devoted to the spirit of the Middle Ages. They will be turned into spectacular venues for music, theatre, literature and dance. The productions seek a dialogue with their performance locations: in the former machine halls and coke ovens, theatre and opera connect with innovative developments in the fine arts and pop- and concert music.

INFORMATION:

<http://www.ruhrtriennale.de>

BEETHOVEN FESTIVAL IN BONN

The Bonn Beethoven Festival 2007 running from 24 August to 23 September 2007 will illuminate the British cultural area with the motto "Joy." A total of 61 concerts and opera performances in 23 venues in Bonn and its surroundings will take as their theme the varied relationships between Beethoven and Great Britain during the lifetime of the composer and in the following centuries up to today. The programme includes compositions from Great Britain, in particular. In addition, many British musicians and ensembles will make guest appearances in the Beethoven city, including the Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of Sir Andrew Davis, the BBC Symphony Orchestra and the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields under Sir Neville Marriner.

INFORMATION:

<http://www.beethovenfest.de>

CATHEDRAL-STEPS FESTIVAL

The Cathedral-Steps Festival 2007 in Erfurt scheduled 11 August to 2 September 2007 will present the exciting opera "Cavalleria rusticana" by Pietro Mascagni, which will be performed in front of the unique backdrop of St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Severi. It is about passion and revenge.

INFORMATION:

<http://www.theater-erfurt.de>

SUMMER IN THE THEATRE CITY

Thuringia's theatre city Meiningen invites you to a summer festival of theatre between tradition, major concerts and unusual artistic projects. The title "Meiningen Summer 07" encompasses concerts of songs by Brahms and Reger, melodies by Verdi, Puccini and Donizetti, jazz from Bach to Reger, and theatre scenes and performances. The English Garden, the Werra Castle Park, Elisabethenburg Castle and naturally the famous Meiningen Theatre will be the site of "Meiningen Summer 07" from 20 July to 5 August 2007. One of the highlights will be the performance about the unlucky-in-love Cyrano de Bergerac, the play about love's eternal pleasures and sorrows "at the White

Horse," not on the Wolfgang Lake but on a pond in the park of Meiningen. Another highlight will be the Brahms concerts, including one of the largest castle park concerts and a fresh production by talented young musicians from all over Germany. There will also be an "Italian Night" with concerts, artistry and a fire show; the puppet theatre plays "Geschichtenpuzzle mit Herrn Füssel" and "Die ausgeflippte Königin," and jazz, rock and pop played on the pipe organ.

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WATER AND ART

Augsburg is devoting its summer art night this year to the wet element: on the evening of 16 June 2007, the magnificent historic backdrop of the Augsburg inner city will turn into a cultural mile for night owls, and invites you with many artist programmes to get involved with water in an entertaining and surprisingly-varied way.

During this Long Night of Water, Augsburg will be decorated not only with the loveliest and best-known fountains of the Renaissance.

A whole armada of artists, actors, musicians, dancers, authors and acrobats will "flood" the historic Old Town with a fantastic cultural programme on the theme water with spectacular performances, dry humour and convivial artistic performances.

Historic locations will serve as the backdrops and stages for light- and water games, sound installations and concerts.

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JAZZ AT THE BALTIC SEA

In the 17th year of its existence, the JazzBaltica Festival is celebrating a premiere. Two instrumental themes and three "Artists in Residence" will be the highlights of the festival. Top musicians from Germany, the USA and other countries will perform from 27 June to 1 July 2007 in Husum, Kiel, Lübeck and Salzau under the motto "trumpet vibes." This year's "artists in residence," vibraphonists Bobby Hutcherson and Joe Locke and trumpeter Dave Douglas will present their variety and virtuosity as band- and project leaders at JazzBaltica.

The festival with its unmistakable flair for years has been closely associated with the Swedish trombonist Nils Landgren, who will appear in the main programme and lead the nightly jam sessions in the castle which are part of the unmistakable flair of Jazz-Baltica.

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Nature Experience and Botany

TEAM BUILDING BETWEEN OTTERS AND MARTENS

The Hankensbüttel Otter Centre on the southern edge of the Lüneburg Heath promises experiences in nature. The nature-protection centre situated on the shore of the idyllic Isenhagen Lake is unique in Europe and each year welcomes more than 100,000 guests. And one can see more than fish otters. In the original and spacious enclosures based on the natural habitat of the animals, visitors can also observe the nearest relatives of the otter - the badger, ermine, beech marten, polecat and pine marten. The otter hound can also be seen - a rare breed of dog. In addition to the many special events such as exhibitions and training days, the Otter Centre also has a group offer on the programme. For example, firms or clubs with groups of 15 or more persons can participate in the "marten championships." The team-building

programme starts with a preparatory tour to learn about the marten types native to Germany and their habitats. Then during a parcours across the open grounds, participants in small teams try to earn the most points - for example on a blind excursion into the forest or by solving various puzzles. Athletic ambition counts, as does poetic talent. A T-shirt for the winners serves as a souvenir of a special day. The programme of two 90-minute sessions costs 16.50 Euro per person for groups up to 25 persons; for groups of more than 25, the cost is 14.50 Euro per person.

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ROSES AND LILLIES

Munich's Nymphenburg Botanical Garden will be the stage for two flowers of noble origin and perfected beauty 29 June to 2 July 2007. The "queen of flowers" and her "court lady" are the theme of the XV Rose Show. The Winter Hall of the Botanical Garden will be divided into beds planted with roses and lilies. Arrangements of lilies, topiary shrubs and historic pictures of roses and lilies, printed on cloth flags, round out the entire concept.

The theme and arrangement of the hall is a reminder of the famous flower-lover Josephine, Napoleon's first wife and later empress, and of her garden that about 200 years ago was devoted to beautiful and rare plants from all over the world in a form unique for the time.

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FINDING NATURE EXPERIENCES

In internet at <http://www.nordseeturismus.de> you can now discover and put together your own personal nature experience at the Schleswig-Holstein North Sea - for example, with a stroll over the sea floor during the ebb or observing seals on board a cutter. The "Naturerlebnis-Finder" (Nature-Experience Finder) filters out your tailor-made package using various search criteria. As a special service, the user has the opportunity in all nature experiences to use a contact form from the responsible tourist information office to request accommodations packages in the desired category. This is similar to the "beach finder" that has been on the web page <http://www.nordseeturismus.de> since July 2006.

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<http://www.nordseeturismus.de>

ICE AGE IN SUMMER

Erratic blocks on the sides of paths, glass-clear lakes, impressive chains of hills, mysterious moors and interesting springs - traces of the last Ice Age can be found everywhere in the Mecklenburg Lake District. The travel package "Eiszeitlicher Erlebnisradweg Mecklenburgische Schweiz" (Ice-Age Adventure Bicycle Trail Mecklenburg Switzerland) leads cyclists through the Ice-Age landscape. Travellers have the choice between two four-day routes. The western route at 198 Euro per person in a double room has the theme "Stones" and leads among other places to the Teterow Lake and the Hohen Mistorf Rock Garden. Stations on the eastern route with the "water" theme are Malchin, the Ostpeene protected nature area, the Liepen moated castle and the Salem fishery with a chance to buy fish. Highlight is a two-hour sail. The package costs 199 Euro per person in a double room. On both routes, two days' bicycle rental along with accommodations and breakfast are included. The package can be booked April to October and is available to groups of four to 25 persons.

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ZOO AT NIGHT

The Cologne Zoo not only has many permanent animal attractions - for example, a new baby elephant which was born at the beginning of May 2007 - but also special events. The guided tour "Der Zoo am Abend" (The Zoo at Night) promises encounters with big cats, owls and flying foxes in the half-light. Highlight is a walk through a rain forest at night. The tour costs 22 Euro per person and takes place every Friday from April to October.

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Seasonal Experiences

"TOP DOWN" TOURING

Germany offers a variety of experiences for holidays on the automobile theme. The rental-car firms AVIS, Europcar, Hertz and SIXT in summer offer cabriolet specials so travellers can enjoy attractive routes. For example, there is a weekend in the Spree Forest where black storks and fish otters live in their primitive homes in the Spree Forest protected nature area and where small, cosy restaurants that serve fresh fish invite you to spend some time. One drives along romantic parkways and past many canals. After the start in Cottbus, the tour goes overland to Burg, farther in the direction of Straupitz and Lübben and then back to the starting point via Lübbenau, the museum village Lehde and Vetschau. In Lehde in the Upper Spree Forest one sees witnesses of the Sorb culture. The tour of about 60 miles in length offers so much to see that it could last a whole weekend.

Another region that is inviting to tour with the top down is the Spessart tour from Frankfurt to Aschaffenburg. After a stretch of autobahn, one goes into the country at Gelnhausen. Here the Emperor Barbarossa's Palatinate invites you for a visit. Other stops are Wirthheim, where the Landsknecht-schänke tavern with its big beer garden is a good place to take a break. Then it goes to the spa Bad Orb with its spacious park. The tour finally leads through green forests and small villages to Frammersbach. Refreshment is offered by the brewery with its traditional beer garden and the forest swimming pool. The next stop is Rothenfels where a castle sits above the town. Then one takes small state highways toward Aschaffenburg for the "Rosso Bianco" - the automobile museum with its large collection of sports cars. The 180-mile-long stretch can be covered in two to three days.

INFORMATION:

<http://www.deutschland-tourismus.de>,
"En route with car and motorbike" within the category "Culture & Events"

"BARREL JOUSTING" ON THE DARSS

"Barrel jousting" on the Darss Peninsula at the Baltic Sea is a tradition that is carried on today during festivals. One variation of the origin dates the custom from the Swedish time (1648 to 1815) when the unpopular rulers from the North demanded barrels of brine-cured herring as tribute. At the end of the era, the fishermen and farmers hung up a herring barrel and battered it with clubs. Possibly, though, the barrel was smashed as a type of knights' jousting for poor people.

At the beginning of the barrel festival, the senior riders lightly hit a decorated barrel that is hung up between posts until it is broken up. Thus the dignitaries are chosen. The "sand king" is the first who falls off his horse. The "bottom king" is the person who "removes" the bottom of the barrel and the "barrel king" is the one who

takes the last splinters of wood from the hook. When there are not enough horses, some places use bicycles or carry out the game on foot. Depending on the quality of the barrel, it can take hours before the barrel king is crowned.

The barrel festival begins in the morning with fetching the past dignitaries in a parade - the entire village and countless guests are there. A proper dance in the evening celebrates the new barrel king. In Wieck, the barrel jousting is the fourth Sunday in June; in Ahrenshoop on the third weekend in July, and in Prerow one weekend later. Born is the last, with the festival the first Sunday in August.

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TARGET PRACTICE

From 23 to 25 June 2007, travellers in Germany can experience a special tradition in Nienburg in Lower Saxony. Target practice has been carried on here for more than 600 years. On the Monday of the festival, there is a big parade of the squad. Traditionally dressed in black suits, carrying wooden weapons and wearing top hats, they march through the festively-decorated town to the festival grounds to elect the new king. On Wednesday after the target practice, another tradition attracts the crowds - 3,333 pounds of boiled potatoes and 13,333 herring with bacon and cream sauce are set out on a table 1,640 feet long. Then the big potato eating starts in the middle of the Old Town.

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<http://www.nienburg.de>

"SANDKERWA" IN BAMBERG

The "Sandkerwa," the largest folk festival in the UNESCO World Heritage City Bamberg, will take place in 2007 from 23 to 27 August. The festival in the Old Town includes, among other things, the traditional "fisherman's jousting" in front of the picturesque backdrop of the half-timbered houses of "Little Venice." One can join in the "Sandkerwa" during a "Beer Tasters' Trip" which includes tours through selected brewery inns, another Bamberg tradition. The package is available all year and costs from 105 Euro per person in a double room, depending on hotel category. It includes two nights with breakfast, an original "Fascination World Heritage" rucksack and entry to the Brewery Museum, as well as the BAMBERG-card for use of city buses and extras.

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<http://www.bamberg.info.de>

Pure Golfing Pleasure

SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN "GOLF COAST"

In Schleswig-Holstein, a total of 60 golf courses await golf enthusiasts and all those who would like to be. Many courses also invite the uninitiated to tee off as long as they know something about the basics of the game. For example, guests of the Golf & Country Club Gut Brunstorf e.V. can perfect their swing on the southern course.

DISC GOLF

A type of golf that is a little bit different is now available in Kellenhusen – disc golf. It originated in America and is similar to normal golf. However, the golf club is exchanged for a Frisbee-like disc and the hole in the ground is replaced by a basket. The aim is to hit the basket with a few tries as possible (<http://www.discgolf.de>).

SWIN GOLF

Another new trend sport comes from France and has also arrived in Schleswig-Holstein – swin golf. This alternative to classic golf can be tried out, for example, in Bergrade near Duvensee in the Lauenburg Duchy. Play is with a patented club. The swin ball is larger than the usual golf ball, is made of soft rubber and has astoundingly good flight characteristics (<http://www.swingolf-deutschland.de>).

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<http://www.golfkueste-schleswig-holstein.de>

SWINGING EXPERIENCE IN BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG

Eighty-two courses of all degrees of difficulty invite beginners and professionals to play golf in Baden-Württemberg. They can be reached quickly and easily by car. Many hotels offer shuttle service to the golf courses in their surroundings. A number of hotels even have their own nine- or 18-hole golf courses, such as the conference- and golf resort "Der Öschberghof" and the Golf- and Vital-park Bad Waldsee.

A special tip for beginners is "golgyou-up" GmbH in Ölbronn-Dürrn, which has very reasonable greens fees and invites you to a tryout without obligation. Weekdays the offer costs 15 Euro, on weekends 18 Euro (<http://www.golgyouup.de>).

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SMALL STATE, BIG CHOICE

The Saarland, Germany's smallest state, offers golf courses of the finest. The "golf training grounds on the horse-race track," for example, is just a few miles from the Saarbrücken city centre and provides ideal training opportunities for beginners and advanced golfers. In the middle of the Saar-Hunsrück Nature Park near the Bostal Lake, the nine-hole golf course of the Heidehof golf park inspires one to tee off. The 27-hole championship course at the St. Wendel Golf Club demands skill. Its unusual feature is that hiking- and horseback-riding trails cross the golf course.

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LOWER SAXONY GOLF LAND

"Lower Saxony Golf Land" offers golfing from its loveliest side. From the windy North Sea coast and the Lüneburg Heath to the hilly Weserbergland, "Lower Saxony Golf Land" offers first class courses of all degrees of difficulty. Whether devotee of the new trend sport "swin golf" or fan of classic golfing – everyone finds a suitable course and package here. There is "Golf with a Wide View," for example, at the Gut Wissmannshof golf course in Staufenberg. From the 18-hole course, guests can see the "Herkules" statue in Kassel. A package includes one greens fee or for beginners the alternative use of the practice course one time, one night with breakfast in Hannoversch Münden, participation in a city- or theme tour through the historic Old Town and a cruise on the Fulda and Weser. Golf fans pay from 119 Euro per person in a double room (<http://www.hann.muenden.de>).

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<http://www.golfland-niedersachsen.de>

THE GREEN SPORT IN BAVARIA

At <http://www.bayern.by>, golf fans can find everything about the green sport in Bavaria. There are links to clubs as well as news and tips about events. Particularly useful for beginners who want to take lessons is the information about golf schools in Bavaria. The three largest are described in detail so that the selection of a suitable class is easy.

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News and Dates

SPECIAL RUBRIC: LINKING-STORIES.COM

ROSTOCK RECTOR IN CANADIAN ROBES

The Alma Mater Rostochiensis welcomed a special "first" in the winter semester 2006/2007. A real Canadian - Thomas Strothotte - for several weeks now has been, not a student, but the new rector for his first semester in the oldest University in northern Germany, founded in 1419. On 2 October 2006 he marched through the Hanseatic city in his Canadian robes from the main building on the University Square to St. Mary's Church - accompanied by professors, students and onlookers. With "Canadian multi-culture and German dependability," the new university chancellor aims to deepen the international partnership and expand the role of the largest university in Mecklenburg-Lower Pomerania as a "door to the world."

Rostock University, with more than 10,000 students, many institutions and clinics, attracted and still attracts research facilities, laboratories and middle-sized firms to Rostock. Innovation and a founding spirit are important, particularly in the TZW (Warnemünde Technology Centre) and RIGZ (Rostock Innovation- and Founder Centre). Students and academics from all Germany's states, as well as from Scandinavia, come to Rostock. Interesting for tourists is the triangular University Square where a memorial to Gebhard Leberecht von Blücher, who was born in the city in 1742, stands. Blücher, the hero of the war of independence, was the first honorary citizen of Rostock.

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May to September 2007
Summer Festival of the Northern Harz
City-Association Theatre

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7 to 10 June 2007
30th Wilhelmstrasse Festival, Wiesbaden: Music, fun and handicrafts

Tel. +49(0)611/1729-286, Fax 1729-488,
<http://www.wiesbaden.de>

22 June to 29 July 2007
Cologne Summer Festival:
Dance, show and music, Cologne
Philharmonic

<http://www.koelnersommerfestival.de>

4 and 5 August 2007
Roman Days - Gladiator combats are
the highlight, Villa Borg in Perl-Borg

Tel. +49(0)6865/91170,
<http://www.villa-borg.de>

COLOGNE LIGHTS

On 14 July 2007, Cologne's largest fireworks spectacle will bathe the Rhine in many colours - Bengal lights, waterfalls and a hundred-thousand sparklers will turn maritime Cologne into a sea of flame and colour. The entertainment will begin in the afternoon on the large open-air stage between the Deutzer and the Hohenzollern Bridge. Entry

2 June to 3 October 2007
XVI International Organ Festival
Weeks, Westerwald - Lahn - Taunus

Tel. +49(0)6131/288380,
<http://www.kultursommer.de>

16 and 17 June 2007
City Birthday - Munich invites you to
a two-day celebration for its 849th
birthday

Tel. +49(0)89/23396500,
<http://www.muenchen-tourist.de>

23 and 24 June 2007
Performance Festival, Attendorn -
Artists from all over the world

Tel. +49(0)1802/403040,
<http://www.sauerland.com>

Until 18 November 2007
"Talking Animals and Singing
Flowers" - Special exhibition of the
Augsburg Puppet Theatre

<http://www.diekiste.net>

is free. Tickets for the tribune (part
of which is covered) are available
from the Cologne Tourist Office.

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MULTI-STATE EXHIBITION PROJECT "EMPIRE CONFLICT MYTH"

Major events throw their shadows far
in advance. The exhibition "IMPERIUM
KONFLIKT MYTHOS" will be a central
event in 2009 in which the "Varus
Battle," also known as the Battle of
the Teutoburg Forest, will mark its
2,000th anniversary. A unique project
in three museums, at three original
sites in Haltern, Kalkriese and Det-
mold, will be devoted to the event
from the year 9 A.D. Chancellor Ange-

la Merkel will be the patron of the ex-
hibition project.

INFORMATION:

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