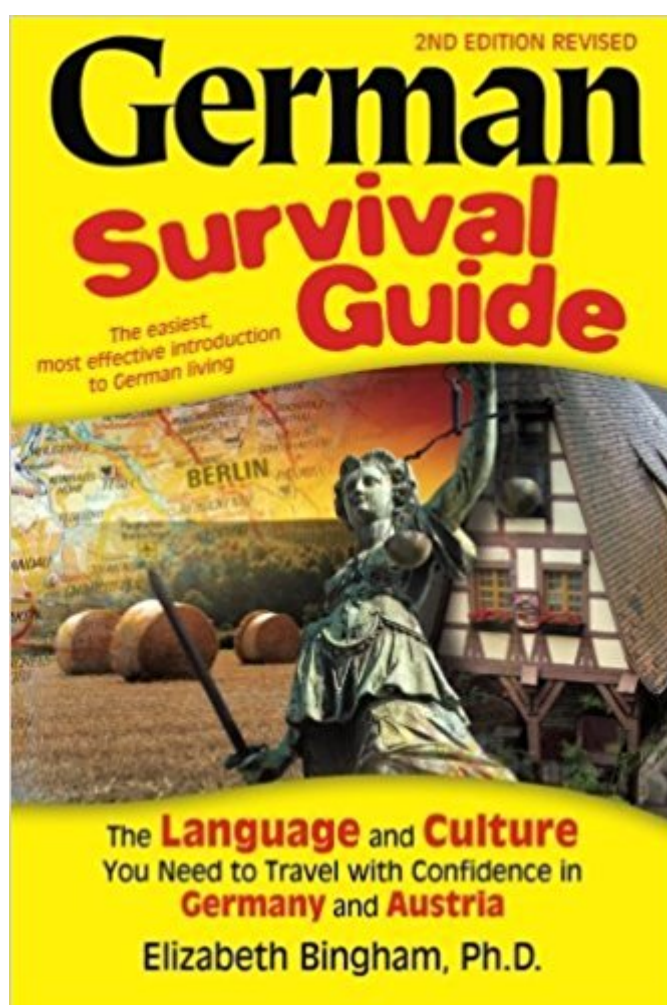


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# German Survival Guide: The Language And Culture You Need To Travel With Confidence In Germany And Austria



## **Synopsis**

This book provides a lot of vocabulary, basic grammar instruction, and a healthy dose of cultural information. "Look inside the book" to see just how much is covered and how. German Survival Guide is a down-to-earth, bare-bones introduction to German that aims to make a trip abroad as smooth and enjoyable as possible. This information-packed mini-course concentrates on preparing readers to travel in Germany and Austria in a limited time by focusing on what is most useful or interesting to travelers and cutting out unnecessary vocabulary and grammar. This Survival Guide helps readers communicate in the German language and culture. It prepares travelers for what to expect and how to deal with it, what to say and when to say it. It's like three books in one--a phrase book (so you know what to say), a grammar book (so you know how to say it), and a culture book (so you understand daily social expectations)--all focused on a traveler's needs. Learn how to greet people and introduce yourself in German, how to line up lodging, order food and pay properly, how to shop and ask for directions in German, how to drive a car or take the train in Germany and Austria, how to get help in an emergency or talk about your family or discuss the weather, and much, much more! Get key insights into German and Austrian social conventions: why not to use first names, how not to look like a tourist, how to tip, how to have good table manners, how to be a gracious guest, how to act on a nude beach. Discover the fine points of ice cream parlors, grocery stores, train stations and the Autobahn. Read how to handle tricky room windows and grumpy bathroom attendants. Learn insider German words so commonly used that you will want to know them even though you don't have to. This book is packed with culture notes, study tips, travel hints, and reality checks galore. It includes optional exercises for practicing material from the lessons, German-English and English-German dictionaries. In addition, German pronunciations are written throughout the book, so users always have guidance on how to pronounce new words and phrases. Includes an extensive index to help readers find the topics they want, fast. All this packed into one volume small enough to tuck into a bag and take along.

## **Book Information**

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Elizabeth Bingham has written numerous language and culture books for travelers to Europe (Italian Survival Guide, Italian Dictionary with Phrases for Travelers, French Survival Guide, German Survival Guide) and has recently branched into travel memoir with her book *French Twist: A Refreshingly Frank Travel Memoir by a Modern American Puritan*. She has a Ph.D. in Foreign Language Education/Applied Linguistics and lives in NE Iowa with her family and her elderly cat.

Love the way this book is written and layed out. Very easy to follow and learn. Very up to date.

The ultimate compliment you can pay a travel guide? "Works as advertised". I'd argue the same goes for this survival guide of Germany and to a less extent, Austria. I acquired a handful, really just a small amount of German as a result of this book, but I used it all for twelve days, and it made a world of difference. The cultural notes, however, were of even greater value: \*when\* to use phrases is integral to knowing \*how\*. My only two concerns, a half-star I withhold for each: the two-cassette method of delivery and a too-small glossary/ vocabulary/ dictionary. Pack a CD with the book and it's a five-star value; pack another forty pages of German-English word translations and it's official. However, if you're serious about German, get the FSI course; if you need a German-English dictionary, pick up a Collins Pocket Gem. *Tschö!*

This book helped me revive my long dormant high school German (I was the worst student in the class for four years!). It provided a solid foundation for both the cultural and language aspects of living in Germany for a year.

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Good resource for travel to German speaking countries.

I was nervous about my trip to Germany and this book was very helpful. I found that most people I came across in Germany speak English. But this book helped when it came to the practical things like meals, bathrooms, shopping, hotels.

I preferred the Fodor's travel book for Germany, but if you want just a broader overview, and some general insights, this book will do the trick

Bought this for a friend that is moving to Germany. Looks like a very helpful book. Hope she enjoys it.

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