

Mobility in Germany

There are a number of ways to get around in Germany. The main means of transport are cars, buses, trains and bicycles.

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Bicycles and electric scooters

Cycling can be a quick and cheap alternative in both rural and urban areas. Second-hand bicycles can be bought at a low cost, for example at specialist bike flea markets.

Many large cities also offer rental bikes, enabling you to rent a bike long term (subscription) and obtain services such as repairs. If you prefer to cycle only occasionally, you can register with bike sharing companies and use the app to find the nearest bike in your area. Electric scooters, which have become increasingly popular in recent years, are also controlled by an app.

Note: Bicycles and electric scooters must always be ridden on cycle paths or lanes, not on footpaths. If no cycle path is available, you should use the road.

Buses and trains

You do not necessarily need a car to get around. You can also use public transport: buses, metros, suburban trains, trams, regional trains (RE or RB), long-distance trains (ICE and IC) and long-distance coaches.

Buses and trains make it easy to get around the city and from one place to another. In general, Germany has a well-developed public transport infrastructure, especially in urban areas.

How much does it cost to use buses and trains?


The cost of public transport varies according to the region and the route you take. Each region usually has its own transport association, which sets the prices. Please check the transport association's website for prices. Many transport associations also offer free apps so you can check timetables and possibly buy tickets at the touch of a button.

If you use public transport regularly, it is usually worth buying a season ticket or monthly pass. You pay a fixed price and can travel as often as you like.



Tip

The “Deutschland-Ticket” was launched on 1 May 2023. This ticket, available only as a monthly cancellable subscription, currently costs €49 per month, and offers unlimited travel throughout Germany on all local public transport (buses, metros, regional trains, etc.). It is not valid on long-distance trains (IC, ICE).

For longer journeys, you can use long-distance coaches and trains. In this case, it is worth comparing prices and taking advantage of early-bird offers, as there are often a limited number of cheap “Sparpreis” fares available. For timetables and fares, contact the relevant transport company, e.g. [Deutsche Bahn](#)  for long-distance rail services.

Information on the web

German Road Safety

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