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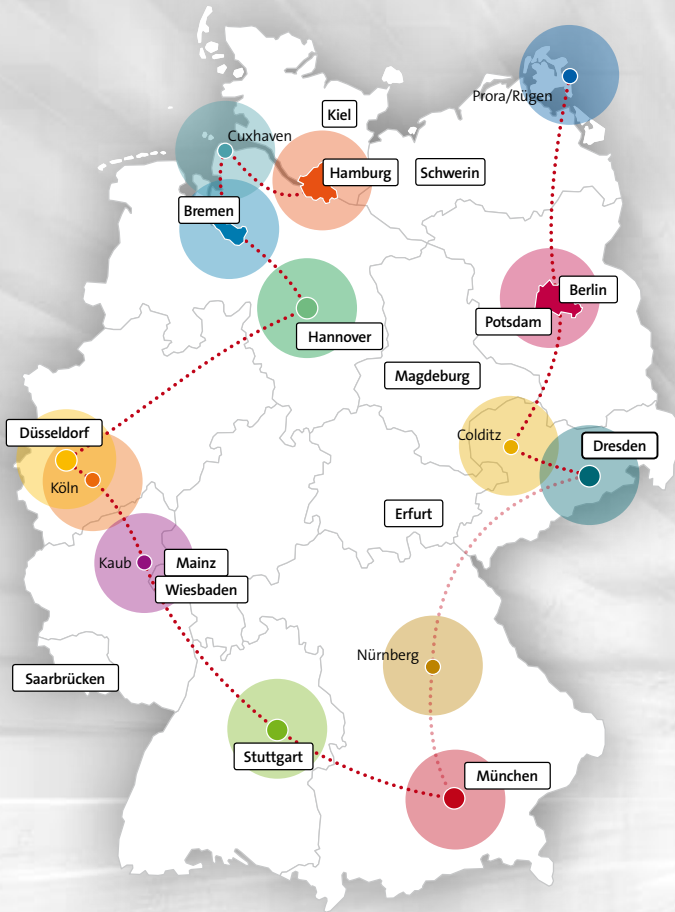
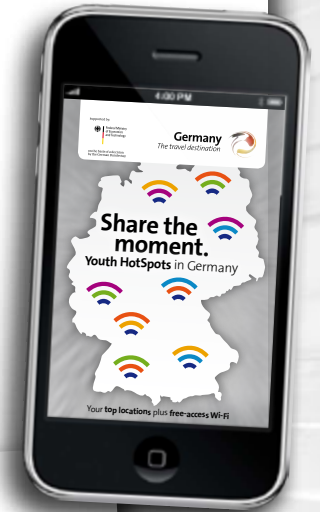
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BUDGETTRAVELLER'S 48 HOUR GUIDE TO GERMANY is a personal snapshot of some of the coolest youth hotspots www.germany.travel/youth in 12 of Germany's leading cities and towns. The guide comes complete with my itinerary plus the cost associated with each activity so that you can pick and choose activities that are best suited to your interests and budget. Each itinerary was created to allow travellers the freedom to explore each place in a relaxed manner and without blowing your budget. I welcome your feedback – Share your thoughts on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram using the hashtag **#youthhotspotsgermany**.

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The Youth HotSpots, such as bars, cafés, must-sees and events, featured on the interactive map at www.germany.travel/youth provided orientation points for Kash. Kash stayed overnight in DJH youth hostels and was travelling by train with Deutsche Bahn.



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36 HOURS IN **Stuttgart**

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As part of my German Wanderlust tour I visited the city of culture & innovation-Stuttgart . Here is my account of my 36 hours in this beautiful city.

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Start the trip with a view of Stuttgart at the 'Aussichtsplattform'

If you're arriving at the Hauptbahnhof take the lift to the 'Aussichtsplattform' (Viewing Platform, € Free) on the 10th floor from where you can get an excellent panoramic view of the city and the revolving Mercedes logo.

Tip

There is a hive of cheap budget suspects in the Station – Chinese fast food counters, bakeries, McDonalds and Starbucks so if you're looking for a quick bite, this place is a good bet.

Cost € free



Must See: View of the Castle Square

Good to know

While my trip has been sponsored, the views and thoughts represented in this article are my own.

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Zip over to the hostel: Jugendherberge Stuttgart Neckerpark

Hop on the S1 (Direction: Plochingen) and get off after one stop at **Bad Canstatt**.

From there the hostel is 200 yards away – so a great location. There is a plethora of decent fast food places to eat around the hostel plus also a Netto budget supermarket across the road if you're looking for a quick picnic fix.

The hostel is modern, clean, comfortable and has lots of light. The beds come equipped with your own private reading light and power point. All the rooms have excellent ensuite showers and toilet facilities. Standard feature of all the Jugendherberge's is the excellent breakfast. You have a good selection of cereals, fresh fruit, cold cuts of meat and cheese, plus a nice choice of freshly baked bread.

Cost Room prices start at **€25.60** for a bed in their dorm rooms. Couples have to pay a 4 euro supplement per person. Wifi is additional – **€3 per hour or €5 for 24 hours**.



Cost Entrance price: €8, €4
reduced price from 4:30 – 6pm

Perfect afternoon at Mercedes Benz Museum

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A 20 minute walk or just another stop on the S1 is the superb museum of automotive giants: Mercedes Benz. Time your visit perfectly between **4:30 and 6pm** to take advantage of the reduced **price of €4**. Even if you are not an auto junkie, the **Mercedes Museum** is a fascinating drive through **125 years of automotive history** intertwined with all the key historical events that have marked the evolution of one of the world's greatest cars. A great feature of the place are the pictures of key events that have shaped the history of the world (including a humbling apology and frank admission of the company's significant involvement in supporting the Third Reich). Pictures include poignant memories like the time when people would have picnics by the autobahn in the 60's or the empty autobahns of the winter of 1973 when due to oil shortages, a car free Sunday was imposed over 5 weeks. Then there are the stars of the show to say hello to- from Gottlieb Daimler's motorized carriage to the world's first four-wheeled auto mobile to the 'Gullwing'. Then you can see the dream car of the 1950's: the 300 SL Coupe to the machine that set the standard for racing cars: the Mercedes Benz W196 2.5 litre that then world champion, Juan Manuel Fangio powered to victory in the 1954 Formula One race in Reims.

Combined with the stunning architecture, the Mercedes Benz Museum is a great afternoon for people of all ages and definitely a must-see.



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Schlossplatz

Hop back on the S1 (Direction: Herrenberg) to Hauptbahnhof and then go for a walk through the city centre to catch some of the city's key landmarks. Walking out of the station, 500 yards north brings you to the regal, beautiful Schlossplatz where you can really feel the pulse of this city. The dominating feature of the Schlossplatz is the towering König Wilhelm Jubilee column with the surrounding fountains representing the 8 rivers of **Baden-Wuerttemberg**. On your immediate right is the impressive Corinthian columns of one of the city's key shopping arcades – Königsbau Passagen. Also on the eastern corner in front of the stunning glass cube structure of the Kunstmuseum Stuttgart you'll spot the weird geometric shape and primary colours of sculptor Alexander Calder's 'Mobile.'

Schlossplatz

Traditional Swabian dinner at the Weinhaus Setter

Afterwards it is definitely worth going for a ramble around Bohnenviertel – the city's bohemian district that is packed with a ton of cool bars and traditional restaurants. You'll discover places like Weinhaus Stetter where you can sample the best traditional Swabian cooking. I enjoyed some Linsen und Saiten (lentils and sausage) with Spaetzle – a traditional thick egg noodle that is typical of the region. With a glass of the local Dürrenzimmerner 'Trollinger mit Lemberger' red wine, this has the makings of a great meal.

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Bars & Cafés: Weinhaus Setter

Nightcap at Matahari

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If you're looking for nightcap or enjoy a few beers in a sociable but not too frenetic atmosphere then you have got to check out Matahari – one of the coolest bars and nightlife hotspots in Stuttgart. It's a kind of a meeting point in Stuttgart where friends meet for a few beers, catchup before hitting a club or rolling into one of the clutch of bars nearby in Hans-Im-Glück.



Visit Esslingen – a medieval city within a city

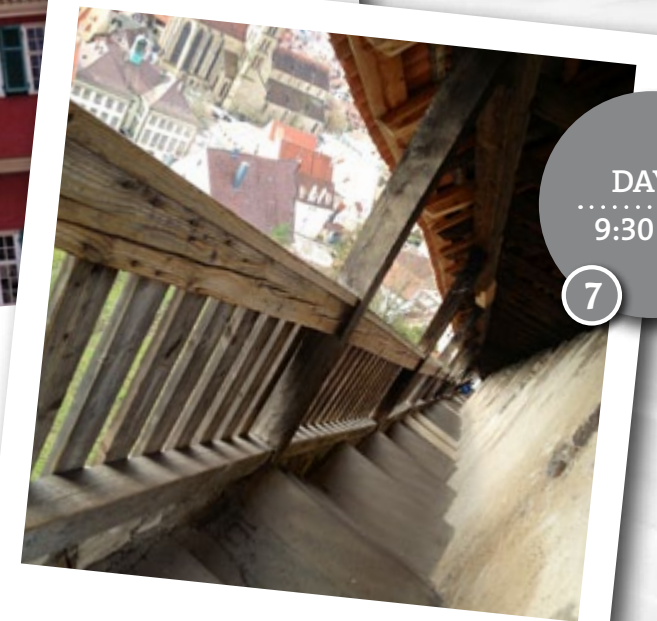
Next morning I zip off early morning to the dreamy medieval city of Esslingen which is just 4 stops from **Bad Canstatt** on the S1 (Direction Lochingen) Esslingen escaped the WWII bombing raids and as a result visitors can enjoy 1200 years of perfectly preserved medieval architecture. It's the perfect place to wonder aimlessly and get lost in it's not too distant past. Sit at one of the cafes like the Lavazza cafeteria like I did (**Cappuccino €2.40**) to enjoy the beautiful half-timbered houses and observe the passage of the locals. To get the perfect view of the medieval panorama it's worth climbing the odd 370 steps to the ancient fort that dominates the skyline of the city.

Top Tip

After wandering the compact medieval core of the city, I recommend popping into **Kessler** for a **glass of Sekt**, the oldest producer of this fine tippel in Germany.



Esslingen



Esslingen, ancient fort

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Cost Bocadillo ala
'Alicante' €3.90

Lunch at the Markthalle

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Zippering back into Stuttgart, head towards the Altstadt to the Markthalle (S-Bahn: Rathaus). This is the perfect place for a quick tasty bite on the go. Choose from a number of gourmet delicatessens where you can sample everything from local Swabian homecooking to a range of international cuisine. I plumped for an excellent toasted Bocadillo ala 'Alicante' which was stuffed with a grilled aubergine, cheese and rucola salad. For €3.90 not a bad deal.

 Bars & Cafés:
Markthalle

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Must See: The Instrument Museum

Friday lunchtime concert at the Instrument museum

Markthalle is perfectly placed for the next little adventure-just around from the Markthalle is the local Instrument Museum. Every Friday lunchtime (12.30pm on the day I visited) they run a half-hour lunchtime classical music concert. On the day I visited they had a mezzo Soprano from St Petersburg and she sang a selection of opera classics ranging from Verdi, Wagner to Puccini. Opera and classical music may not be everyone's cup of tea but for €3 fee (which also provides you a ticket to the museum itself) it's worth the experience.

Afternoon of art at one of the greatest galleries of modern art

Germany is blessed with some of the best modern art galleries in the world and few are better than the **Staatsgalerie**. You can find works by Monet, Rembrandt and Dali plus lovers of Pop Art will enjoy the works of Lichtenstein and Warhol.

Urbanstr. 35, Wed, Fri, Sat + Sun: 10am till 6 pm, Tues + Thurs: 10am till 8 pm. Mon closed.

Cost Entry cost: €7,
Free on Wed and Sat

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EIN KARTOFFEL

ZWEI KARTOFFEL

DREI KARTOFFEL



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 Bars & Cafés: Deli

Perfect for people watching: Deli in Hans-Im-Glück

If it's a nice day I recommend winding your way back to Hans-Im-Glück Platz. While you are there you will see a beautiful fountain with the caged character of Lucky Hans from the Grimm's fairytale. There is a hive of excellent bars here. I grabbed a chair at Deli Café + Bar enjoying a bottle of the local Wulle Bier (€2.80) Great place for people watching.

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 Bars & Cafés: Todis

Dinner at Todis, Stuttgart

Before leaving Stuttgart for **Munich** on the evening train, I wanted another fill of traditional Swabian cooking so after a bit of poking in and around the city I discover Todi's, (Bolzstrasse 7, just off Theodor-Heuss-Strasse) a local, home-grown fast food chain that offers a nice mix of local and national cheap eats. Order at the bar and within minutes the food is at your table. From currywurst with three sauces to choose from, Schnitzel and Maultaschen (stuffed ravioli, delicious stuff) with potato salad (what I ordered) and regional Swabian Spaetzle with lentils – there's good range of choice here. Or if you're in the mood for quick junk food, you can have some French fries with Kölsch beer.

Top Tip

Everyday between **17:00 – 19:00** they have a **happy hour** where you can enjoy **Gaffel Kölsch for € 1,00** and between 21:00 & 23:00 hours you can sip on **Wulle Bier for € 2,00.**

Stuttgart – Getting there and away



Train: Via IC and ICE trains, Stuttgart enjoys excellent connection with **Berlin** (from € 55, 5½ hours), **Frankfurt** (from € 19, 1¼ hours) and **Munich** (from € 19, 2¼ hours). If you book well in advance, you can often find the special Sparpreise fares starting from € 29 within Germany or € 19 on certain routes. Check the Deutsche Bahn website: www.bahn.com

Air: Stuttgart has its own international airport which is a hub for the low-cost airline Germanwings (www.germanwings.com), 13km south of the city.

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I’m touring Germany as part of an effort to highlight and discover the country’s emerging ‘Youth Hotspots.’

Find out more about these hotspots at www.germany.travel/youth, feel free to add your own and also do download their free youth hotspots app that is now available on the Apple Store & Android Store.

Total cost of trip

1 night stay at Jugendherberge Stuttgart Neckarpark	€ 25.60
2 day tickets on Stuttgart Public Transport network	€ 11.20
Staatgalerie	€ 7.00
Mercedes Benz Museum	€ 4.00
Lunchtime concert at Instrument Museum	€ 3.00
Lunch at Markthalle	€ 3.90
Dinner at Weinhaus Setter with glass of red wine	€ 9.60
Dinner at Todi’s with Kolsch beer	€ 9.20
Beers (3) at Matahari & Deli	€ 8.40
Total:	€ 81.90

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