Cultural Diversity in Germany

State Capitals	Historic Towns	Event-/Cultural Centres
Berlin Capital of the Federal Republic of Germany, former capital of the German Empire, capital of electorial Brandenburg Cultural metropolis	**Trier** Seat of antic Roman emperors, medieval Electors and Archbishops of Trier, Roman Gate, Churches, University	**Bayreuth** International Richard-Wagner-Opera Festivals
Bonn Medieval residence of the Elector and Archbishop of Cologne, from 1948–1991 capital of the FRG. Today still seat of 6 ministries: Federal Town. University. Birthplace of Beethoven	**Weimar** Former capital of Sachsen-Weimar, historic centre of artists, poets (Goethe, Schiller), philosophers	**Hitzacker** Summer festivals of Chamber Music in Schleswig-Holstein
Potsdam (Brandenburg) Prussian royal castles (Sanssouci), parks, film museum	**Nuremberg (Nürnberg)** Historic Free Town of the Empire, rich and famous centre of arts and handicrafts, Dürer, Nazi conventions, 1946 tribunal	**Bochum** Theatre and music festival 'Ruhrtriennale', rich industrial centre
Düsseldorf (North Rhine Westphalia) Fairs, fashion, heavy trade, birth place of Heinrich Heine	**Augsburg** Antic Roman foundation, second eldest German city, Free Town of the (medieval) Empire, rich cultural offer, Fugger-colony (first charitable quarters in medieval Germany)	**Essen** Industrial city (steal from Krupp), fairs, 'Ruhrtriennale' (theatre and music)
Hanover (Lower Saxony) Royal castles, parks, fairs (Expo)	**Cologne (Köln)** Antic Roman military camp, medieval trade center, seat of Elector and Archbishop of Cologne, romanic churches, gothic cathedral, fairs, rich cultural offers	**Oberhausen** International Documentary Film Festival; castle, rich cultural offer
Dresden (Saxony) Saxonian historic art centre, royal palaces, churches, theatres, opera house	**Heidelberg** Medieval famous ruin of electoral palace, historic university, rich offer	**Worpswede** Historic Centre of painters (Jugendstil, Expressionism), galleries
Schwerin (Mecklenburg-Western-Pomerania) Ducal palace, summer open air festival, parks	**Leipzig** Historic rich trade and fair centre, cultural offer, famous Thomaner choir (Bach)	**Erlangen** Jazz-Festival, eldest south German baroque theatre, galleries

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Kiel (Schleswig-Holstein) Sailing ship rallies, music festival, museum	**Lübeck** Culturally rich, historic Mother of Hanseatic Union. North European film festivals, international chamber music festival	**Dachau** Historic Centre of painters (Naturalism and expressionism), first concentration camp in Nazi-time (March 1933), nowadays memorial
München (Bavaria) Seat of medieval archbishops, of Bavarian Electors, later kings, rich cultural metropolis, palaces, churches, cathedral, universities, parks, October-beer-festival	**Würzburg** Mozart-Festival, seat of princely bishops, medieval fortress, cultural historic rich centre	**Murnau** Historic centre of painters 'Der blaue Reiter' (expressionism), castle, music festival
Erfurt (Thuringia) Historic cathedral-festival, religious events, wine festivals	**Frankfurt** Rich cultural historic Free Town of the Empire, coronation town of German emperors, parks, museums-riverside-festival, birthplace of Goethe, European Central Bank, trade centre	**Hof** International Short Film Festival, churches, historic seat of the medieval governor of the Empire
Bremen (Free Town of the Hanse) World harbour, world trade place, rich cultural centre, Grimm's fairy tales: "Bremen's town musicians"		**Recklinghausen** Theatre and youth theatre, dance festival with art exhibitions "Ruhrfestspiele", historic buildings
Hamburg (Free Town of the Hanse) Germany's biggest world harbour, world trade place, rich cultural centre, first large open air animal park "Hagenbeck"		**Kassel** Historic residence town of the Counts of Hessia, castles, parks, theatre, Opera, world famous contemporary art exhibition 'Documenta'
Mainz (Rhineland-Palatine) Historic seat of Elector and Archbishop of Mainz, Churches, Castle, museums, media		
Stuttgart (Baden-Württemberg) Historic baroque residence of the kings of B-W. Rich cultural city. International ballet and opera. Museums, factories of Daimler-Benz.		