



Tour Guide- Chapter 1

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GERMANY



Germany is in the west central Europe and consists of 16 states. The capital and also largest city is Berlin. With about 80, 3 million inhabitants Germany is the most populous member state in the European Union. The name of the Chancellor is Angela Merkel. She became the first female Chancellor of Germany as the leader of a grand coalition. Angela Merkel is one of the most popular and influential women in the European Government.

German Geography

With Denmark bordering to the north, Poland and the Czech Republic to the east, Austria and Switzerland to the south, France and Luxemburg to the southwest, and Belgium and the Netherlands to the northwest, Germany is located in Western and Central Europe.

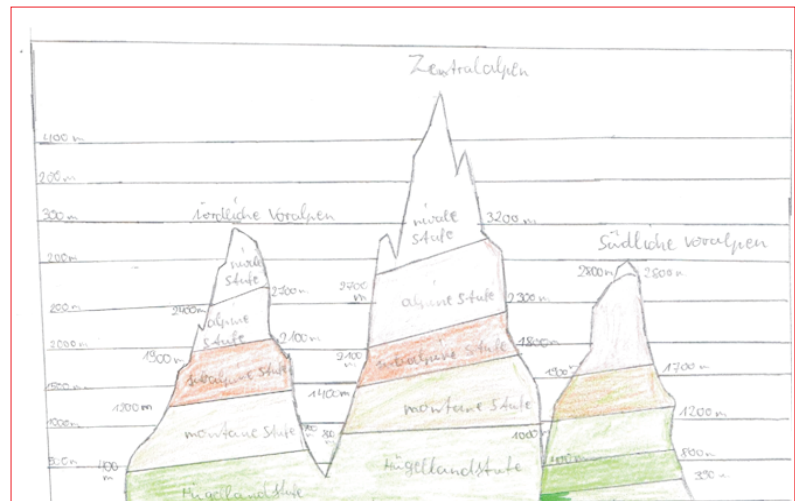
German Climate

Most of Germany has a temperate seasonal climate with mild winters and the summers tend to be warm.

States of Germany

Germany involves sixteen states which are called "Bundesländer". Each state has its own state constitution. Bavaria is the state with the largest area and population, Bremen has the smallest area and population in Germany.

The sixteen states, called „Bundesländer“ in Germany and their ..



ITALY



Capital: Rome (in the region Lazio, in the central-western part of the Italy)

Population: 61,482,297 inhabitants, it is the fifth most populous country in Europe.

Total Area: 301,340 sq km

Monte Bianco 4,810 m / River Po 652 Km /

Lake: Garda

Etna (volcano 3,330 m)

Climate: predominantly Mediterranean;

Alpine in far north; hot, dry in south.

Italy is located in Southern Europe, on a peninsula that extends out into the central Mediterranean Sea, northeast of Tunisia. It stands out distinctively like a large boot.

The Border countries of Italy are: Austria, France, Vatican City, San Marino, Slovenia, Switzerland.

Italy has a mild temperate climate thanks to the moderating influence of the sea and the protection given by the Alpine mountain barrier. The weather varies quite considerably depending on how far you are from the sea or the mountains.

There are 20 regions in Italy, including the islands of Sicily and Sardinia.

Many customs and attitudes in Italy are regional.

Even "Italian food" is basically made up of Italian regional dishes.

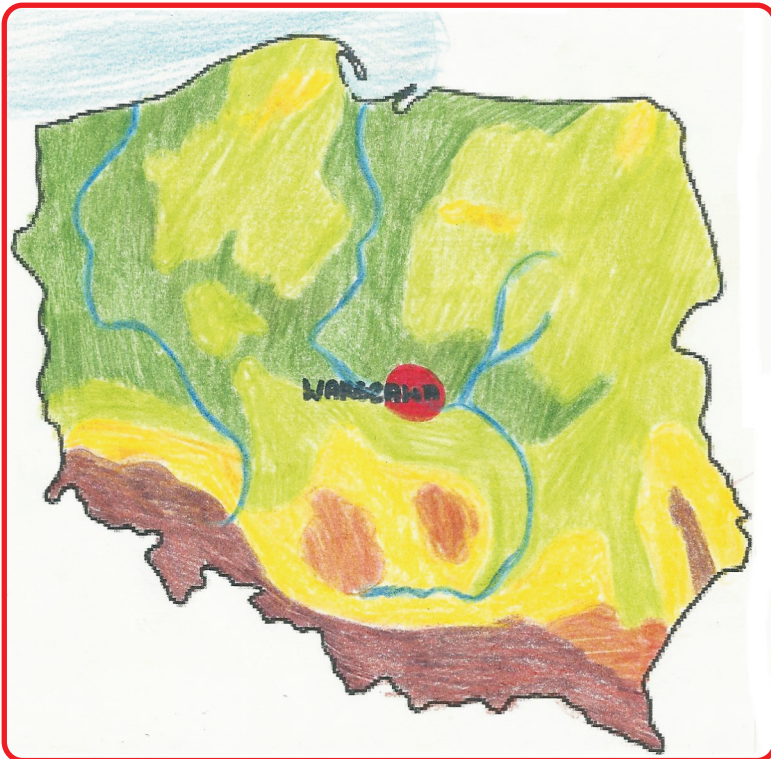
Each region has got a Capital city:

Abruzzo, L'Aquila, Valle D'Aosta, Aosta, Puglia, Bari, Basilicata, Potenza, Calabria, Catanzaro, Campania, Napoli, Emilia-Romagna, Bologna, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Trieste, Lazio, Roma, Liguria, Genova, Lombardia, Milano, Marche, Ancona, Molise, Campobasso, Piemonte, Torino, Sardegna, Cagliari, Sicilia, Palermo, Trentino-Alto Adige, Trento, Toscana, Firenze, Umbria, Perugia, Veneto, Venezia

Rome is the largest city of Italy with an estimated population of about 2 796 102; Milan is the second-largest city with an estimated population of about 1 350 287; Naples is the third-largest one with an estimated population of about 956 664.



POLAND



Capital: Warsaw (in the central part of Mazovia Region)

Population: 38.511.800 people

Territory: Central Europe/ 16 provinces/the highest mountain: Rysy - 2.499 m, the longest the Vistula River - 1.047 km, the biggest lake Śniardwy - 114 km²

Climate: Poland has a moderate climate. There are four seasons (Spring - Summer - Autumn - Winter)

Poland is a beautiful European country situated in the centre of Europe. It is not very big, just 312,683km² but it is very nice. Almost 40 million people live in Poland. Poland became a member of the European Union in 2004. The Polish emblem is the White Eagle, the flag is white and red and the national anthem is „Mazurek Dąbrowskiego”. The countries which are Polish neighbours are: Slovakia and the Czech Republic, Germany, Russia, Belarus and Lithuania.

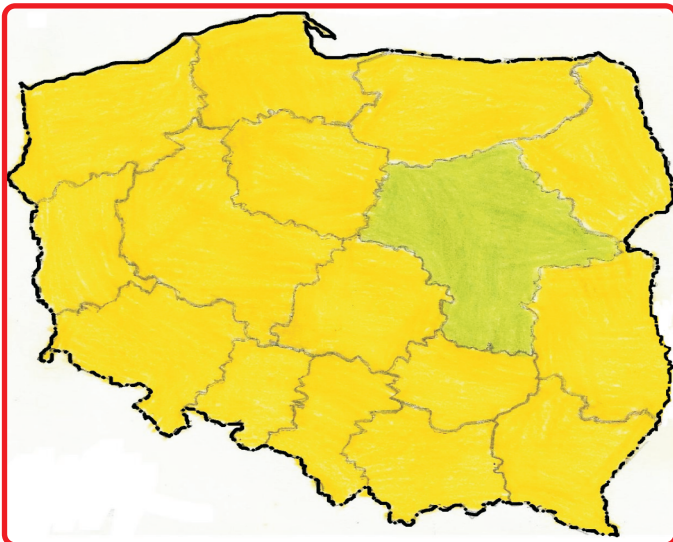
In the north of Poland there is the Baltic Sea. Every year a lot of tourists go there for holidays. Baltic water is not warm but you can swim in it and rest on the golden sand.

In the south of Poland there are mountains where people can climb, ski in the winter and watch beautiful views.

Poland is very beautiful because it has got many lakes, long rivers, high mountains, forests, the sea and a lot of wonderful towns. There are 908 towns and 43007 villages in Poland.

Tourists should see the biggest cities: Warszawa, Wrocław, Poznań, Kraków, Gdańsk, Gdynia, Sopot and many others. The capital of Poland is Warsaw.

Poland has got one of the most beautiful national cultures. It is well known all over the world. Polish cuisine is very tasty, healthy and original. Polish people are very friendly and optimistic.



TURKEY



Capital: Ankara (in the Central Anatolia Region)

Population: 74.724.269 people

Territory: Asia & Europe / 7 regions / Mount Ağrı: 5.137 meters / Kızılırmak (Red River): 1.355 km / Lake Van: 3.713 km²

Climate: There are four seasons (Spring-Summer-Fall-Winter) in Turkey.

Turkey has territory on both Asia and Europe. We call the Europe Part as "Trakya (Thrace)" and the Asia Part as "Anadolu (Anatolia)". Turkey is very important for its geography because it is a bridge between Asia and Europe. Turkey's neighbour countries are Greece, Bulgaria, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan (Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic), Iran, Iraq and Syria. Turkey is like a peninsula and has got Black Sea, Marmara Sea, Aegean Sea and Mediterranean Sea. Turkey's total territory is 814.578 km². The territory border is 2.875 km and sea border is 8.333 km. Turkey has 7 regions, they are: Aegean Region, Black Sea Region, Central Anatolia Region, Eastern Anatolia Region, Marmara Region, Mediterranean Region and Southeastern Anatolia Region. Four seasons can be experienced completely in Turkey. The South part of the country is warmer. The North part is more rainy and cooler. The Central and Eastern Anatolia is hot in summer and very cold in winter as a result of continental climate. In Aegean Region, agriculture is very advanced and it is the most common area for cost of living. In Turkey there are 81 provinces, 957 counties, 1977 towns and 34.247 villages. Turkey's largest cities in terms of population are İstanbul (12.077.164), Ankara (4.638.939) İzmir (3.965.232), Bursa (2.532.963) and Adana (2.188.694).

