

Fact sheet

Facts and figures

Germany's market position as a sustainable travel destination

- Sixth in the SDG index, which indicates the extent to which a country meets the sustainability goals defined at the UN sustainability summit.
- Four major German cities in the top 20 of the Arcadis Sustainable Cities Index.
- Highly placed for environmental aspects in the Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index of the World Economic Forum:

Protecting nature*

- Around a third of Germany's land area is under special protection, including.
 - 16 national parks
 - 16 UNESCO biosphere reserves
 - 104 nature parks
 - around 8,900 nature conservation areas

Biodiversity **

- Approx. 48,000 animal species
- 9,500 plant species
- 14,000 species of fungi

Germany's forests***

- around 90 billion trees
- Average age: 77 years

UNESCO World Natural Heritage

- Messel Pit Fossil Site (near Darmstadt)
- The Wadden Sea coastal wetlands (shared with Denmark and the Netherlands)
- Five beech forest regions that form part of the Ancient Beech Forests and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians World Heritage regions and other regions of Europe (shared with Slovakia and Ukraine)

Sources: * German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN), based on data from the federal states in 2017, ** BfN, 2015 Species Conservation Report; *** 3rd National Forest Inventory, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture 2012

About the GNTB

The German National Tourist Board (GNTB) has its headquarters in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. It works on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi) to represent Germany as a tourist destination and is funded by the Ministry in accordance with a decision taken by the German Bundestag. The GNTB develops and communicates strategies and products to promote Germany's positive image abroad as a tourist destination and to encourage tourists to visit the country. It has 31 agencies around the world to support its activities. Further information is available from our online press centre at www.germany.travel/press.