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Frankfurt: historical city, modern transit, delicious food

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People tend to think that Frankfurt is the business hub of Germany or think this place is just another transit hub, but I assure you, there is more to this city.

Dom Romer is the oldest and the most historical tourist spot in Frankfurt. This place is where one can experience German tradition and culture to its fullest. The town hall is constructed from three gothic buildings with stepped gables, triangular roofs, and red sandstone. The area itself is filled with pretty gothic row houses which give the place an overall traditional look. The town hall is popular among tourists as they are provided with significant information about the city. One can even enjoy the walk tour facilities, where people are introduced to different spots in the city that have significant connections with Germany's history. Alte Oper is another building with substantial tourist attraction. The building was inaugurated in 1880, designed by Berlin architect Richard Lucae. This building was heavily damaged during World War II, but was reconstructed in 1981. I was a part of a concert held in Alte Oper in 2012, and it is a magnificent sensation to perform in front of 2000 people. One must experience the beauty of the building as well as

the concerts held there.

Sachsenhausen and Bochenheim are places concentrated with opportunities for amazing night life. These places are popular for restaurants, pubs, bars, and clubs. If anyone wants party hard this is the place to go. They have certain festival called Nacht der Clubs, which gives an opportunity to experience different clubs in and around the city under 12 Euros! Anyone interested in shopping? Hauptwache zeil and Berger strasse in the center of the city is the place to head to. When in the city, one will experience the intensity and subtleness in the mixture of traditional and modern and contemporary high rise buildings. Festival Luminale is where you can see the whole city is illuminated as it is the "festival of light." The city looks stunning when looked from the Main Tower building. Römerberg, Paulsplatz, and Mainkai are where Frankfurt Christmas market takes place every year. Decorated stands sell beeswax candles, Glass Baubles, and wooden music boxes, and nutcrackers, a huge Christmas tree, traditional music and German specialty "gluehwein" makes this event beautiful and worth experiencing. Frankfurt's Messe is famous for auto shows, textile exhibition and world's biggest book exhibitions which attract people from all around the world.

German specialties are one of the things I

will never stop craving. Bratwurst, Sauerbraten, Schnitzel with kartoffeln salat, Bratkartoffeln, sauerkraut -- the list goes on. One doesn't simply get used to the Germany cuisine; it somehow has a different taste to it, especially bread. Freshly baked German bread with nutella or cheese and meat slices in the morning will make one's day.

The best thing one finds in Germany is the perfection in the timing regarding the transportation system. The underground trains (U-Bahn), suburban trains (S-Bahn), buses and any public transportation is always on time. At first I couldn't believe it, but now after staying there for a while I can assure you that you will have a smooth ride where ever you go. The transport system is so distributed that you can go to each and every corner of the city being dependent on public transport. I don't even have words for the autobahns with three or more lanes and no general speed limits. One who enjoys high speed and long drives, autobahn is one thing you want to try!

I'm sharing what I experienced during my stay in Frankfurt, but I want people to go to Frankfurt with a different attitude as a tourist and want them to try to get involved in the German culture. I am very sure that you will love this place so much that every time you make travel plans you will be pulled by the amazing city of Frankfurt.



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