



The Grain and Grape

Travel Tips and Recommendations

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Travel Planning - Resources

Travel Blogs

Read first-hand travel accounts for destination ideas, logistics, planning, and recommendations!

[The Grain and Grape](#)

[The Red Phone Box Travels](#)

[The Snowboard Dad in Europe](#)

[Tales From the Road Less Travelled](#)

[It's a Brewtiful World](#)



General Internet Resources

Use "Incognito mode" to search, or prices may go up based on your search history!

[Google Maps](#) - hotels, restaurants, sights

[Sky Scanner](#) - flights

[Trip Advisor](#) - destinations, hotels, restaurants, tours

[Viator](#) - tours

[Get Your Guide](#) - tours

Join Facebook Groups

Ask the Group, everyone is happy to help! Also, search the Group for specific questions / destinations.

[Stuttgart Friends All About Travel!](#)

[411 Travel Through Germany](#)

[All Things Europe Travel](#)

Travel Tour Groups

Book through a tour group for specific trips and activities.

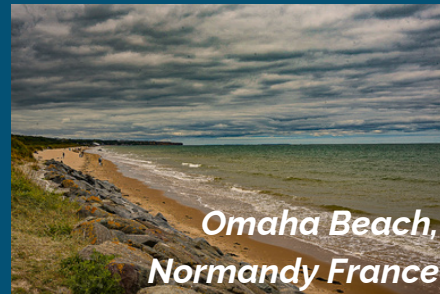
[Hut to Hut Trekking Tours](#)

[More 4U Tours](#)

[Explore Europe](#)

[EuroTrip Adventures](#)

[Interra Reisen](#)



Book Trains Across Europe

Book through these sites for trains across Europe:

[Omio](#)

[Train Line](#)

Short, direct trains from Stuttgart: Salzburg, Paris, Strasbourg, Zurich, Munich

Overnight Trains are back! Stuttgart – Venice route



Budget Travel Tips - General

Eastern European countries are overall less expensive than Germany, France, Switzerland, Austria, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland, England, and Scotland.

Try instead: Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Croatia, Slovenia, Albania, Montenegro, Ireland, Turkey, Egypt, etc.

For example, [here](#) are practical travel tips for visiting Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia.

Drive instead of Flying

Use Airbnb / Camping / Glamping

- So many destinations from Stuttgart!

- Lake Garda, Italy
- Pula, Croatia
- Lake Bled, Slovenia
- Bastogne, Belgium (Battle of the Bulge)
- Brussels, Ghent, Bruges, Belgium
- Strasbourg, Colmar, Riquewihr, France
- Normandy, France (D-Day)
- Utrecht, Netherlands
- Luxembourg (American Cemetery, German Cemetery)
- Prague, Czech Republic
- Wroclaw, Krakow, Gdańsk, Poland



Budget Travel Tips – Flights

Eurowings Blind Bookings

Eurowings offers a special program for flights out of Stuttgart where the destination is a mystery until you complete the transaction.

There are options by Category (beach, adventure, cities, etc.), you enter your dates, exclude any destination you are not interested in, confirm and pay, and then see what destination you've booked!

NOTE: You must commit to the departure day and make the payment before Eurowings tells you where you're going. These specials are available from around 6 weeks out from departure. This is a fun way to try new places, at cheaper rates!

Lufthansa Surprise Me

A similar program from Lufthansa with offers for flights out of Frankfurt or Munich.



Planning - Logistics - Organization

Travel with:

Passport, ID card, Driving License, Visa

Credit Cards, Cash

Medications

Phone Charger

Sunglasses, Hat (sun / winter)

Snacks



Before You Go:

Check destination currency and weather forecast, and whether you can use the standard EU plug-in or if an adaptor is needed.

Add a travel package to your phone plan, or get an eSIM for while you travel.



Leave time to explore!

