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Welcome in Frankfurt am Main

Frankfurt am Main, the world-class financial and services centre, at the heart of the dynamic FrankfurtRhineMain region, is one of Europe's top company locations, its central position, the excellent infrastructure with one of the biggest airports in Europe, its concentration of forward-looking companies and its internationalism make Frankfurt a leading European city. As the headquarters of the European Central Bank, Frankfurt is very important in terms of monetary and currency policy. Frankfurt is the centre of the FrankfurtRhineMain region where 5.3 million inhabitants live. 320,000 companies and a workforce of 2.7 million people produce an annual GDP of 180.2 billion euro. In this productive environment with its international mix of industries, companies of all sizes flourish, from big industrial groups to small software developers.



Culture

Thanks to its varied and comprehensive cultural offering, Frankfurt am Main enjoys an excellent reputation at both the national and international level. The highlights of the Frankfurt cultural scene undoubtedly include the 'Museumsufer', where 11 well-known museums are lined up like a string of pearls on both sides of the Main. Around 50 other museums and exhibition halls, including, for example, the Schirn Kunsthalle, are situated in the immediate vicinity or in a central location. The Main metropolis offers many renowned stages: the Frankfurt opera house has already been awarded the title of 'Opera House of the Year' for its overall artistic performance. And the Frankfurt theatre sets new accents in local and national cultural life with its own high-quality productions as well as top-notch co-productions. In addition to these two municipal theatres, a lively free theatre scene has also established itself with more than 20 venues. Foreign-language productions are offered primarily by the English Theatre and the International Theatre Frankfurt. The Old Opera House in Frankfurt, with its world-renowned late-classical façade, is an important concert and event venue far beyond the boundaries of the Rhine-Main region.

Tourism

Frankfurt am Main, the dynamic and international financial and trade fair city with the most imposing skyline in Germany. This is the image that many visitors associate with the Main metropolis. But the city in the heart of Germany and Europe can offer many other facets and contrasting variety. Near to the skyscrapers you can find cosy "Ebbelwei" pubs and at the heart of the bustling city centre you can find historical sights again and again. Frankfurt is not just proud of its most famous son, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. The Kaiserdom and the Paulskirche, the cradle of German democracy, are also to be found here.



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