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Hey,

If you didn't noticed already, I did a complete overhaul of my site. Go ahead and see:

<http://www.smart-travel-germany.com/>

Tell me what you think.

Okay, on my home page you will "find" a video. While watching my short 23 second video, you'll also notice my silly grammar, my funny smile, and my insane movements :-)

WOW, insane...that's a description I love. Great :-)

Anyway, make also sure you validate the new look&feel of my site. For this, take your eyes... walk with them left hand side... down the navbar... further down the testimonials... and you're there.

Good!

It's just that. Whatever you prefer to select, after your *clickkk* on "Submit", there's a chance for you to grab a very fresh e-book.

The title is "The Truth About Germany". This book is from "my friend" Jerome, a dedicated Traveller. He loves to travel as I do. He will reveal things about Germany, some of them I never wanted him to reveal, but... I think, now I know why I named my two cats "Caesar" and "Cleopatra" ;-)

Anyhow, I think you'll enjoy it, because... I give it to you for free!

So, go ahead and grab it!...

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All right? You have it? Good...

Now back to the basics.

As we get spring here in Germany, and the temperature goes up, our Amusement & Theme Parks opened their doors. (Some are open for a few weeks in the winter season as well, but most not) A&T Parks in German definition means, take an entire day and have a lot of fun :-)

From the idyllic wildlife park with domestic animals up to the safari-tour through a lion preserve, and from the contemplative visit in the fairy tale country up to the terrific ride with the Mega Roller Coaster. They offer fun and maintenance for the whole family.

Pay one entrance fee and enjoy whatever you like. Okay, you still have to pay for some events, but most attractions are free after you paid the entrance fee, which varies from 10 to 30 EUR.

First, I will tell you about our 6 biggest parks. Then second, I will reveal 5 easy steps on how to save approx. 50% of your valuable time so that you can visit a lot more attractions.

Okay, let's get started!

Europa-Park

It's the biggest one in Germany and located in Rust (between Freiburg and Offenburg), in South Germany. It has extravagantly arranged European ranges of topics. This facility in the Black Forest has varied driving attractions, color-magnificent shows and the "6 land worlds". It's a popular trip goal for visitors from the whole world. The park lies in the 550 years old facility of the Balthasar castle and is considered today as one of the most beautiful parks world-wide. The park received also different honors.

Phantasialand

This one is located in Bruehl by Cologne, in the middle-west of Germany. I was more than 15 times in this park. It was built in 1967 as a fairytale park. Since then, one year hardly passes, in which the park does not offer new attractions. In 1972 the range of topics old Berlin were inaugurated, which modelled on the flair of the capital in the 20's and 30's. Also the first landmark of the Phantasialand was developed, the Brandenburg Gate, on a scale of 1:2. The facility can be characterized as a large leisure park with many extravagant arranged ranges of topics, show attractions and rapid driving offers. The best possibility to get an overview of the park is a trip with the "Phantasialand Jet". It's a Jet which drives in a height of approx. 10m (33ft) above the ground, and its way leads nearly across the entire area. I strongly recommend driving this Jet **before** you even go onto any other attraction!

Heide Park

This one is just amazing! It's located in Soltau in the "Lueneburger Heide", between Hamburg and Hannover, in North Germany. It is the largest park of North Germany (850,000 square meters!). It has more than 50 attractions. The park is scenically, and its maintained facilities are brilliant. In a wildlife park you can observe in a nature-left and kind-fair environment over 200 native animals. These animals are described as the "real stars of the show". By the way, the Heide Park has the biggest wood roller coaster of the world!

Legoland

This one is amazing too, as it reminds me on my childhood. Do you remember playing with Lego stones in your childhood? I played a lot! So, your kids (and you too) might like this park very much, I guess. The German version of Legoland is located in Guenzburg, between Ulm and Augsburg, South Germany. More than 50 million of the loved bricks were built into models like the head of Albert Einstein, the Neuschwanstein Castle, or the Venice Palace of the Doge. You even can put your own hand on and create your very own models. In addition, you find many other world-well-known buildings original-faithfully copied. Pure fascination.

Movie Park Germany (former "Warner Bros. Movie World")

"Today, you'll be in the movies." they introduce to their park. This film- and attraction park is located in Bottrop-Kirchhellen, between Duesseldorf and Dortmund, in the left middle of Germany. You will find 5 differently themed areas, like "Thrills" (e.g. roller coasters), "Family&Kids" and "Wonderland Studios" (e.g. cartoon stars, kiddie carousels), "Water Fun" (e.g. water rides like "Ice Age

Adventure"), and the "Hollywood" section (e.g. "German Film Museum").

Freizeitland Geiselwind

Bavarian's leading amusement park offers a mix from nature park, play and maintenance offers, shows, driving attractions and special exhibitions. The area is clearly divided into an animal and a nature range, which pull themselves approximately around the facility, the action range (lays central) and a stage mile. This park is 400,000 sq.m. large, and located in Geiselwind between Nuernberg and Wuerzburg, south-middle of Germany.

Good. Now straight to my 5 tips.

Step 1

The main visiting day is Sunday, followed by Saturday. If it is possible for you thus, visit the parks under the week, between Monday and Friday. You will otherwise be annoyed to have yourself queue up 1 or 2 hours long for only one ride. That can be pesky.

Step 2

Take your time for each park. I recommend taking one complete day, at huge parks perhaps even two days. You are annoyed otherwise to have missed important attractions. Even though our parks aren't as big as Disney World in Paris or in Orlando, you should not put yourself in a rush.

Step 3

Journey on very early. Be there before they open their gates. Early in the morning the park is empty, and you gain a more pleasant and faster overview. And if you travel by car, it's common you find a parking lot quite close to the entrance. That saves some time as well.

Step 4

Inform yourself in advance, on my Website or on the Website of the park. Which attractions do you want to visit in any case? Note it, like a "Park Route Guide". Process this plan first. If you then still have time, you still can go onto other attractions (or just repeat the most exciting ones!).

Step 5

Start at the end of the park. That way you avoid long waiting periods at individual attractions. Most visitors start their journey at the "official starting point".

Bonus-Step

Plan your midday meal, therefore the attendance in the restaurant, very early or very late. Most visitors eat in the time between noon and 1 p.m. Go eating at 11 a.m. or at 2.30 p.m., thus you save up to 60 minutes of your valuable time.

OH, regarding my first question, what did you guess?

What is the most spoken language worldwide?

1. Chinese (approx. 1 Billion native speaker)

Followed by?...

2. Hindi (official language of India, spoken by approx. 400 Million people)

...followed by?...

3. Spanish (approx. 340 Million native speaker)

4. English (approx. 320 Million native speaker)

Did you guess that?? Fourth position!...

And what is the most spoken language in Europe?
(without Russia)

- German! (approx. 100 Million native speaker)

Skinny Boy Report

This week, I think it was at a Travel Forum, I found a photo.

"The main difference between Europe and USA"

You can see it at

<http://www.smart-travel-germany.com/comparison.html>

I mean, on that photo are ladies... I'm a *man*, and don't know if I still look good with my thin body.

I will continue think about that...

More next issue!

- Your "insane" Marcus :-)

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P.S. *blink* Did you go through the new Look & Feel of my site? Good. And did you watch the video and recognize my insane movement? Fine. And did you rate the new L&F and download my gift "The Truth About Germany"? Perfect! I'm proud of you.

P.P.S. Did you create a folder in your email software, like "!Special Report Germany!" (without quotes but with exclamation marks, so it'll stay on the top)? Move this issue into that folder. And/or print it out, and refer back to it in preparation to your trips.

Well, this is just a "business tip" from me. You know, we get tons of information via email today, so we literally have to separate the wheat from the chaff. ;-)

P.P.P.S. There probably had been some errors watching the video from last issue and from the "Thank You" page you got after signing up. I fixed some programming faults. Now you should be able to watch the video. Go to

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