



An Alphabetical Guide to ‘Royal Germany’ from the German National Tourist Office

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Brunswick

A city that uniquely embodies the legacy of the Royal House of Hanover and the site of the Baroque Richmond Palace. Completed in 1769, it was built for Princess Augusta of Great Britain, to remind her of her home in England.

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Bückeburg Castle

The historic stables of the Princely School of Riding Art at Bückeburg Castle have a special connection to the British crown. These rare, luxurious and extravagant horses are so precious that originally, only the aristocracy was able to afford them. In the UK, they could be seen drawing the British Carriage of State almost continuously until 1921.

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Celle

What began as the happy marriage of the Elector George Lewis of Hanover, later George I of England, and Princess Sophie Dorothea of Brunswick-Lüneburg, would eventually break down as the result of a secret love affair in 1694, with tragic consequences. After their divorce, she was banished to nearby Ahlden Castle, where remained, separated from her children and their father, for 32 years until her death in 1732.

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Coburg’s Callenberg Castle

A neo-Gothic jewel, surrounded by an English landscape park, Callenberg Castle lies among rolling wooded hills in the northeast of Coburg. Queen Victoria commented: “A little steep, the way up to Callenberg castle, but once you have arrived there, you can enjoy a nice cup of tea in a beautiful surrounding.” After extensive restoration, the castle was re-opened to the public in 1998.

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Coburg’s Ehrenburg Palace

Where Queen Victoria met the Austrian Emperor for the first time in the renowned Riesensaal (Giant Hall), you can still see the apartments where she stayed when visiting Ehrenburg.

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Dresden

The Royal Palace, Zwinger, Semper Opera House and Cathedral are among Dresden's best known historical attractions and were all built under the reign of Augustus the Strong. As Elector of Saxony he turned Dresden into a magnificent seat of royal power.

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The Gardens of Lake Constance

The network of Gardens at Lake Constance will welcome two new German members in 2015: The horticultural trails in Überlingen and Lindau; just the place to cycle from palace to palace, garden to garden along the shores of the beautiful lake Constance.

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Hanover and Herrenhausen

A single regent joined Britain and Germany together for more than 123 years; in 1714, the Elector of Hanover ascended the English throne as George I – a relationship that only ended with the coronation of Queen Victoria. Today, Herrenhausen Palace and the Royal Gardens of Herrenhausen in Hanover serve as reminders of this extraordinary time

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Marienburg Castle

In 1857, King George V gave his wife Marienburg Castle for her 39th birthday as a token of his abiding love. As construction on the castle began in the same year, no one could suspect that this truly royal token of love would one day become one of Germany's most impressive architectural monuments

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Norderney

Welcome to the "Royal Island", as Norderney is sometimes called. The Royal House of Hanover once chose Norderney for its summer residence – visitors have included not only members of the Royal House of Hanover and George V, but aristocrats, diplomats and

politicians from all over Europe. This beautiful East Frisian island is now a popular tourist destination.

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Osnabrück & Iburg Castle

Although not a part of the Kingdom of Hanover, the area surrounding Osnabrück served as a backdrop to the love between George V and his wife Marie.

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Rosenau Castle near Coburg

The romantic Rosenau Castle near Coburg was Queen Victoria's favourite travel destination. It's where, in 1819, her beloved husband Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha was born and spent the majority of his youth.

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Schlosshotel Kronberg

Discover the history of Friedrichshof castle, the former home of the dowager Empress Victoria Friedrich; The Princess Royal, eldest daughter of Queen Victoria and wife of Friedrich III - the German Kaiser and King of Prussia - (as well as mother to Germany's last Emperor, Friedrich Wilhelm II), had the castle built in 1893 after the death of her husband. It is now an elegant castle hotel "Schlosshotel Kronberg" in the green Taunus hills above Frankfurt/Main.

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Seven Castles in the Weserbergland

Follow in the footsteps of Ernst August, George I and George V; these magnificent palaces and proud fortresses – the many grand estates of Lower Saxony - are steeped in the history of lavish celebrations and heroic deeds.

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Sigmaringen Castle

High above the town of Sigmaringen and perched dramatically on a mountain top is Germany's 2nd largest palace, Sigmaringen Castle, the seat of the House of Hohenzollern. Through close ties to the reigning families in Europe, Sigmaringen Castle was at the centre of European history from 1531

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Veste Coburg Fortress

One of the first records of The Veste Coburg fortress dates back from 1056. Martin Luther sought refuge here for nearly six months in 1530, during the turbulent period of the reformation. Until the beginning of the 20th century the castle was the residence of Duke Carl-Eduard of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, a grandson of Queen Victoria.

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