

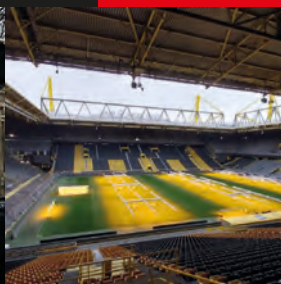
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England Fans' Guide to Germany

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Welcome to Germany

Welcome to the Free Lions England Fans' Guide to Germany. A guidebook, as always, produced by fans, for fans, and, in the spirit of our name, free of charge. We hope you find the information throughout useful!

This book has been compiled by The Football Supporters' Association, and is the product of a lot of hard work and preparation ahead of this tournament by ourselves, our Football Association and His Majesty's Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

This will be the first tournament abroad for many travelling England fans, and the first for many others since France in 2016. Tournaments in Russia and Qatar have made following England on the biggest stage somewhat difficult for a multitude of reasons, and we were lucky to be one of the hosts at Euro 2020 in a Covid-19-ravaged tournament in between.

We are expecting England fans to travel heavily in our numbers, in a bid to win England's first tournament on foreign soil, and to reclaim our title as Fans of the Tournament, awarded when we were last in Germany for the World Cup in 2006.

Visits to Gelsenkirchen, Frankfurt and Cologne make up our first, and hopefully not our last, set of games. The North Rhine-Westphalia region of Germany promises to house tens of thousands of England fans who will use this area of Western Germany as a base throughout, especially given the possible route to the final in Berlin should we win the group. Not that England fans would ever get ahead of ourselves!

Described as a festival of fan culture by the German Minister of Interior, our hosts truly have gone to every length to ensure a fantastic EURO 2024. We have been delighted to have played a big part in ensuring England fans' voices are listened to in

the planning of this tournament. The level of respect afforded us we're sure will be repaid by England fans who are just travelling for a good time and to watch our team.

"Follow England Away" will ring out in the stadiums and the streets once again, and everything has been done by ourselves, and especially by our hosts, to ensure you have a brilliant time. They really have gone above and beyond for you.

We hope you have a fantastic time in Germany. Your Fans' Embassy team will be available either in person or via phone and social media 24/7 during the tournament, and an individual copy of the Free Lions will, as always, be made available by the team at each game. Is it coming home?

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***“An exciting summer awaits for everybody connected with the England team.*”**

Germany is a country with incredible football heritage and will undoubtedly be a fantastic host of UEFA EURO 2024.

This year presents the first opportunity since 2016 for a greater number of England fans to attend a major tournament and we are all aware of the significance of that.

The support you give the team is never overlooked and always appreciated by all of us with the team. That connection between our squad and the nation has never been stronger and will play a major part in our drive for success.

I'm sure many of you have memories of 2006, the last time Germany hosted a major tournament and an occasion when England's support excelled on the continent.

We are all proud to be ambassadors for England when we travel abroad and we hope you equally share pride in that responsibility.

Let's enjoy this journey together and make it a summer to remember.”

Gareth Southgate

Follow England Away



Here at Free Lions, we are so proud of the ever-improving reputation English football fans are building around the world. The passion we demonstrate in supporting our team, our ability to party enthusiastically well into the night, and the ability to turn a foreign city into a sea of St George by travelling in our thousands have earned us so much respect, and that respect has been afforded to us considerably by our hosts in Germany in the build-up to EURO 2024.

We have largely overcome the previous (sadly historically deserved) reputation of hooliganism and violence and have gone on to make friends in country after country. We have a lot to be proud of.

We have countless examples of visiting far-flung corners of Europe, and the rest of the world, in exactly the right spirit. Recent World Cups in Russia and Qatar have proved that.

As world conflicts dominate the news, travelling to a friendly country that is welcoming us with open arms, we are looking forward to seeing England fans display the very best of our support. The same support that won us 'Fans of the Tournament'

at the World Cup here in 2006. We're sure we all don't want it dominated by chants about World Wars that ended 80 years ago, thinking it might offend the locals, when in reality our countries have been friends for decades. It's boring, and it does nothing other than make us look daft.

Anti-social behaviour, ranging from disrespect for our hosts, through offensive chanting to acts of violence, has nothing to do with football, does nothing to support the team, and makes us enemies, not friends. Also, do we need to throw beer around? At Free Lions we'd prefer German beer to be inside our bellies rather than covering our clothes, it just seems such a waste of a decent pint.

What we don't want to see in the media is a condemnation of "English football fans". Time and time again we hear of frustrations from fellow England fans when we are branded this way.

For over twenty-five years now, Free Lions has defended England fans whenever we feel we've been badly or unfairly treated – whether by the police in other countries, by foreign hooligans, or by the media or

politicians. Regular travellers with England know from long experience whose side we're on.

If you are new to following England away you should have a great time in Germany, and if you want to enjoy further tournaments, keep on the right side of the law and of course your fellow fans and you'll be welcomed at future matches around the world for years to come. If you were to fall on the wrong side of the law, we are still here to help and support in any way we can.

Our German hosts love football as much as we do, and if anything, celebrate and champion fan culture much more than we do on our own shores, just take a look into each of the Fan Projects who have written about each of the host Cities in our guide. We can't wait to join the party and show the very best of England's support, and we have no doubt that is the case for you too.

This festival of football deserves to be celebrated in such a way that we all go home and speak about it for decades to come for all the right reasons.

Follow England away, get behind our team and enjoy the party!

Getting to Germany

Unlike recent tournaments in Russia and Qatar, fans will not need a visa to travel to Germany (yet). Movement of travel in and out of the country should be fairly simple if staying within the Schengen area, and throughout the next few pages we will be highlighting the main modes of transport you can use to get around.

Arrival and Customs

When you arrive into Germany, or any other surrounding nation within Schengen, you will go through the normal passport check to allow you through the border. It is a relatively simple & familiar process but you will likely know from experience that queues for Brits entering Europe can be rather lengthy after Brexit.

Please ensure you have 6 months left on your passport before it expires. You could be turned away at the border if this isn't the case. If you are a regular traveller, be it for work or pleasure, you must also have some empty pages in your passport to allow for a stamp. If the passport is full, this could equally lead to rejection.

Travel between surrounding countries is free flowing,

meaning for example if you arrive in Belgium, you will not need another passport check to get into Germany.

If you lose your passport whilst on the trip, you will need to obtain an emergency travel document from the British Embassies in Munich, Berlin or Düsseldorf. Representatives of the British Embassy and the Foreign Commonwealth Office will be visible throughout the tournament for your assistance. The Fans' Embassy has helped many England fans over the years in this situation, so if you need any help at all, just use our contact numbers and we will be happy to assist.

By Air

The vast majority of England fans we're sure would love the ease of just flying in and out of Germany for the tournament, however you'll have noticed prices flying up, pardon the pun, soon after the draw. If you are flying into Germany, there are countless options available from the British mainland, or even via other airports in Europe. We can't book your flights for you, but keep an eye on Skyscanner for the best and cheapest deals available.

There are direct flights from London Heathrow, Gatwick, London City, Luton, Stansted,

Bristol, Birmingham, Manchester, Newcastle, Leeds, Edinburgh and Glasgow.

By Rail

Germany are really trying to go green with this tournament, and have tried to help fans travel by rail as much as possible, including some deals you can obtain from the UK. Getting in and out of Germany by rail is equally easy, with it being accessible to numerous neighbouring countries and very fair prices (unlike prices in the UK at the moment). We have provided an in-depth look at train travel around the country on page 136.

By Road

To save some cash, many England fans will likely take to the road in order to get around. Again, travel between countries from the UK should be fairly straightforward once through the tunnel at Calais. If you haven't already, we would suggest booking your crossing as soon as possible via this website www.eurotunnel.com/uk/

You will go through a passport check at the border, but once through and into France you'll be free to travel to Germany pretty easily.

The Autobahn in Germany is one we're probably all familiar with; with its infamous unlimited speed limits in areas, but please keep an eye on the signs. You're looking for one which is similar to our National Speed Limit sign in the UK. If you aren't used to doing over 100mph, and we're sure none of you ever speed at home, please stay safe. Remember, they are speed limits, not targets. Please keep in mind that the Germans also drive on the right. We'd hate for you to be doing 100mph on the wrong side of the road.

If you do plan on driving into the city centres, you will need to ensure that your car is fitted with a green emissions sticker. In all host cities except Hamburg, the city centres are bound by low-emission zone regulations, and driving here without displaying the correct sticker to prove your car meets emission standards can land you with a €100 fine.

The stickers can be purchased online via each German State website, or one we know works in [germanemissionssticker.com/order/](https://www.germanemissionssticker.com/order/)

Alternatively, stickers can be purchased at any TÜV, DEKRA or A.T.U. station, you will be able to use your google maps (or similar) to find one. There are hundreds of each around the country so you'll easily be able

to obtain one before entering a city centre.

Parking near stadiums is possible and can be pre-booked via the UEFA EURO 2024 website, however there are some exceptions such as Hamburg. The cost of parking is €24 and is first come first served. It must be pre-booked.

If you are bringing your own car into Germany, you will need to remember the following:

- Full UK Driving License and be over the age of 18 for driving a car, 16 for moped
- V5C document for your car
- Car insurance certificate
- Proof of ID (passport)

You must also have the following by law or face hefty fines on the spot:

- Emissions sticker
- Reflective jackets
- Warning triangle (compulsory)
- First-aid kit (compulsory)
- Headlamp beam deflectors



Buses

There are buses you can get from London to Germany, with FlixBus being one of the most popular, and even fairly priced. We are aware of and commend many fans sorting their own independent coach travel, if you are looking to park at the stadium, bus parking is available and organisers must register for parking via the bus booking portal on the UEFA website, via this link - bit.ly/uefa-bus-portal The FA have requested you also alert them via bit.ly/FA-bus-form



Boat

Every single mode of transport is likely to be utilised for this tournament, and the ferries will be no different. There are no direct ferries from the UK to Germany, so ferries into Holland and France are going to be popular, with land journeys from there by road or rail.

A neon sign with the word "WunderBar" written in a cursive, glowing blue font. The sign is mounted on a dark, possibly black, rectangular base. The background is dark, making the neon sign stand out.

Welcome to Germany

For those who are unfamiliar with our publication, Free Lions is the England fanzine. Produced and distributed by the Football Supporters' Association at each England away game as part of our Fans' Embassy service, offering advice and information for travelling supporters at tournaments, qualifiers and friendlies alike.

We hope that this guidebook continues in the fine traditions of the Free Lions fanzine by providing independent, accurate and reliable information that is relevant to travelling supporters.

While we usually only run to 16 pages for 'normal' matches (and we will continue to produce match-by-match fanzines for each game at the Euros), we cover things in a little bit more depth when it comes to looking ahead to major tournaments.

Please don't confuse being free with any lack of quality – we will always hold ourselves to very high standards and trust that the information throughout the coming 150 pages or so will be the sort of stuff that you want to know about. Nobody knows what football fans need to know more than football fans themselves. So this 'by fans, for fans' guide hopefully hits the spot.

We have worked closely in the build-up to this tournament with the Football Association, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and the UK Football Policing Unit, with each providing some messaging in this guide. We thought it best to have some official material in here too!

With thanks to colleagues at Football Supporters Europe and Die Koordinationsstelle Fanprojekte (The KOS, a German supporters organisation) for assisting us in ensuring the information we provide you with is as accurate as possible.

Whilst we strive to give you the most up-to-date information, we are bound by printing deadlines and are conscious of getting a lot of the information out to you early, and as fans, we should know by now to expect some late changes to organisation. Hopefully that isn't the case here, but if it is, our 16-page game-specific Free Lions will be available at each match throughout the tournament which will contain the absolute most up to date info.

Since you've made it this far into the guide, we trust you are familiar with the process of printed material, such as opening, turning pages, reading



and digesting information, and so on. If you're reading the digital version, thank you for scrolling this far, keep going.

In previous tournaments we have placed more focus on the cities England are guaranteed to play in, but such is the more modern nature of the tournament and the possibility of a 3rd place finish, routes after the group games aren't as concrete as we would hope when planning travel and accommodation as fans. We believe, and apologies if this is just complete rubbish, that there is only one city in Germany where we can't play, that being Leipzig. But we're that committed to this guide, we've even covered that off.

You'll find throughout the core of this guide key information on each host city. Information we have been able to gather

throughout our preparation and discussions with representatives from each host city, getting to and from Germany, getting around Germany, things to see and do, where to eat and drink, and key bits of information relating to your matchday experience and more.

We are of course on social media, primarily using our Free Lions WhatsApp channel, Free Lions Facebook Page and our @WeAreFreeLions X (Twitter) account. We would very much appreciate a like or a follow. These channels will be very useful throughout the tournament alongside our printed material. We will also be updating our website, thefsa.org.uk, ahead of, and throughout, the tournament.

Oh, and we talk a little bit about football too...



About Germany

Demographics

Germany is the second most populous country in Europe after Russia, with a population of just over 84 million. It is the 19th most populous country in the world. Germany also has the third oldest population in the world, with an average age of 47.7. The death rate has now exceeded the birth rate in the country.

Germany is the second most populous country in the world for immigrants, with 5% of the 244 million worldwide refugees residing in Germany, including over 1 million people who moved to Germany from Ukraine after Russia inexplicably decided to invade the country.

The capital, Berlin, is the country's biggest city, with over 3.85 million people.

Geography

Based in western-central Europe, Germany is bordered by no less than nine countries: Denmark to the north, Netherlands to the north-west, Belgium, France and Luxembourg to the west, Switzerland to the south-west, Austria and Poland to the east and Czechia to the south-east.

Germany's north coast leads onto two oceans, with the North Sea to the north-west, and the Baltic Sea to the north-east. It has three major rivers in the Rhine, the Danube and the Elbe.

Climate

It'll come as no surprise that we are expecting it to be hot in June and (hopefully) July, with an average temperature of around 25°C. There are very few showers in the summer months, but it wouldn't be Europe without one, so pack a jacket/

poncho/umbrella to keep you and your hair dry when it does.

As ever, with summer trips to Europe especially for major tournaments, we are expecting many topless England fans. We hate to be that irritating parent, but please use some sun cream. One reason is for your personal health, also it isn't a great look seeing pasty English fans on the news with sunburnt faces and shoulders. We will not be offering services at the Fans' Embassy to rub sun cream or aftersun into your bodies.

Language

Obviously, the main language in Germany is, drum roll please, German. However, this brilliant nation has gone to great lengths in the learning of different languages and certainly exceeds us Brits in this area. Most establishments in Germany will speak English and will offer English signs and menus around the country.



It doesn't hurt however to learn and use some German whilst out there. Remember your please ("Bitte") and thank you ("Danke"), it can go a long way in ensuring good service, which we're sure you'll get anyway. To ask for the bill, it's simply "Die Rechnung, bitte".

Try hallo (hello), guten tag (good day), auf wiedersehen (goodbye), ja (yes) and nein (no). And having a few numbers under your belt – eins (one), zwei (two), drei (three) – should come in handy when buying tickets, or beers.

Religion

Religion in Germany is broken down as follows: Catholic Church (24.8%), Protestant Church (22.6%), Eastern Orthodoxy (2.2%), Other Christians (1.1%), No religion (43.8%), Islam (3.7%), Other religions (1.7%).

Police

The federal structure of the Federal Republic of Germany gives the 16 federal states (Länder) the authority to maintain their own police forces within their territory, along with the right to pass legislation and exercise police authority, so what is a law in one state may not be in another.

To report a crime or to contact the police in an emergency please use the number 110.

Time

Germany operates from Central European Time (CET) and is one hour ahead of British Summer Time (BST).

Food and drink

Beer, Currywurst, Bratwurst and Schnitzel. Need we expand? Ok, we will.

Many of us probably know a lot about German cuisine and have likely heard of the above. It shares much of its culinary delights with fellow European nations such as Poland, Austria and Slovakia. Germany has the fourth highest amount of Michelin three-star restaurants behind Japan, the USA and France.

Meat is a popular item on the plate here, with the average German consuming 132lb worth annually. Sausage is a big part of this, and you'll not travel far without seeing dishes such as currywurst and a bratwurst sausage on offer, in fact, there are over 1500 bratwurst-type sausages produced in Germany. Fish is also a very popular item on the menu, which won't be a surprise.

As for lager and beer, you'll be able to find so many variants as you travel around, from the large steins to beers and lagers served in very small glasses to help keep it fresh. Many of the cities you travel to will have their own local beer/lager, with so many breweries available to visit. Along with beer, cider and wine is also very popular.



As for council pop (tap water), it is of course safe to drink from the taps in Germany. Sparkling water is very popular here, you will often have to specify still or sparkling, and sparkling may even be the choice of free drink offered in many hotel rooms.

Tipping is expected in Germany after a meal, usually around 5–10%. Fans' Embassy volunteers will also accept financial tips if you're feeling friendly.

Want to earn some money whilst you're away? Returning plastic bottles to supermarkets can earn you 25 cents, and glass bottles 8 cents.

Speaking of supermarkets, some shops and supermarkets can be closed on Sundays, so best get your shopping in beforehand.

Documents

Ahead of your trip, check your passport to ensure it is in-date and is not due to expire soon. Following Brexit, new rules have come into force that means your passport CAN NOT be older than 10 years. We would advise you to arrange for a new passport, it is cheaper online, as soon as possible if this is the case.

Passports must also have over 3 months left on them by the time you leave the country before

they expire. So let's also assume we make the final, your passport CAN NOT expire any earlier than October 15th 2024. If this is you, we would recommend sorting out a new passport as soon as possible.

ID

We would advise carrying a form of ID, preferably your passport, a driving licence isn't an acceptable form of identification. It is not a legal requirement to have it with you, but if you are asked for it and you don't have it, you may be taken to your accommodation to retrieve it.

Travel Insurance

The UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) lets you get necessary state healthcare in EU countries, and some other countries, on the same basis as a resident of that country. This may be free or it may require a payment equivalent to that which a local resident would pay.

You can sign up for this card here: <https://bit.ly/nhs-ehic-card>

This should not be considered as a replacement for Travel Insurance, which we would still recommend purchasing before you travel. Healthcare does

come with a cost in Germany, so having the security of some travel insurance is definitely worth it. Make sure you are honest when applying for it, as any inaccurate information can void your policy when it comes to claiming.

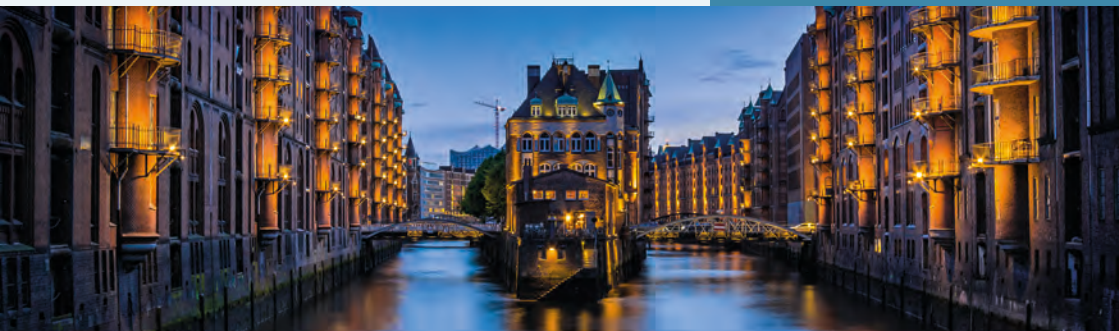
If travelling with medication, further advice can be found via <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/germany/health>

Money

The Germans love cash. Speaking from experience, there will be many establishments that don't accept card payments, so it is worth having some Euros to pay for your food and drink.

Whilst you will be able to use your card in some places, especially if paying for transport, do be aware of the banking charges that may apply to these transactions. Banks vary as to how much they charge, so it is worth doing your homework before you travel.

There are multiple travel cards available that don't charge for usage, such as Revolut or Caxton, which may be worth looking into before travel. For those unfamiliar with such a system, it acts just like a bank card.



Electricity

Without sounding patronising or coming across as if we are spoon-feeding you information, you'll no doubt know the Germans use the standard European two-pronged plug. You can buy an adapter before you travel, or you'll also easily find one in shops around Germany.

Telephones

Because of Brexit, mobile phone charges have risen here, so it is worth having a chat with your provider before you leave to see if you can set something up that will keep the costs low. Remember, when calling the UK, you need to add +44 in front of any number in order for it to work.

For those looking to send postcards home to friends and family to let them know it's coming home, multiple post offices are obviously available. Without listing every single one, we'll let you do a quick Google search when out there to find the closest.

Internet

Internet is obviously readily available for pretty much every network available in the UK. Unfortunately, after Brexit, this may no longer be a free add-on on your mobile contract, so it may be worth doing some homework on your network and purchasing a data-roaming add-on. Prices can vary, some offer it for free, but others can cost around £10 per month. If you don't do this, you'd be looking at quite hefty charges if you leave your data-roaming setting on.

You'll receive a text as always when you arrive in Germany which will suggest the prices and probably offer you the ability to sign up to a deal, but we would advise sorting this out in advance.

Accommodation

From large hotel chains to independent family-run B&Bs, from hostels to campsites, Germany has so much on offer when it comes to accommodation that you will struggle not to find availability. However, just because there is likely to be availability in most places, prices are likely to be higher, particularly in the host cities.

Luckily, there are multiple towns and cities outside of just the 10 hosting games that are not only accessible, but are proving to be a lot cheaper, understandably. With the transport links and the 36-hour free pass, take a look at our info on train travel and work out from there how far you could potentially travel from each host city and not have it cost you a fortune.

Emergency services

In case of emergency:

Police: 110
Ambulance: 112
Fire: 112

**Out-of-hours Medical Care
 (if calling from German
 landline or mobile): 116 117**



The FSA Fans' Embassy in Germany

Our Fans' Embassy service is already a familiar sight to regular followers of the national team. We've followed England every step of the way through qualifying for Germany and, since we assured qualification back in November, we've been ever so busy.

Your Free Lions team have paid visits to each of the cities where England will find themselves playing in the group stages, as well as some likely knockout stage venues.

We have established connections with the key

local officials and agencies in all the host cities to make sure that the information and assistance we're providing you with is accurate, up-to-date and delivered in the quickest possible fashion. Chances are that if we don't already know the answer to your question, we know the person who does.

Every tournament poses its own unique set of challenges, and Germany will be no different. Unlike the lengthy travels of Russia, or the localised World Cup in Qatar, this tournament feels like a return of the norm, and the Germans have tried to make it as easy as possible

to get around the country. The logistics of getting from A to B are varied but hopefully simple. If you do find yourself stuck, please feel free to contact us. We can't book your travel or offer to take you with us, but we can advise on some decent routes.

The Fans' Embassy has always been provided by fans, for fans, and that means it's there to help you. It doesn't matter if you've been to every game since Italia '90 or your first major tournament or even if it's your first England game, full-stop – everyone needs that little bit of help or information sometimes.



The team will be on the ground in each of the host cities England are playing on match days, as well as a day either side, and are contactable throughout the tournament.

The precise locations for the Fans' Embassy have been confirmed for most cities, but for any that remain outstanding, we will be sure to publicise this as soon as we know via our social media channels and our website.

We will be aiming, all being well, to produce the usual Free Lions fan guide for each game whilst out in Germany that will

contain the most up-to-date information about the city we are playing in at the time, but we hope you appreciate this guide in all of its form.

Any thank you cards, flowers, chocolates or money can be sent to the following address.

As usual, we're making our information available to fans in a number of different ways (such as this very guidebook you're holding). The biggest repository of information will always be the FSA website – www.thefsa.org. uk – unburdened as it is by page or word-count limits.

The website allows us to go into much greater detail on things that we've had to cram into this book. It will be constantly updated in the run-up to the tournament, and for as long as England are involved. We've not only got a cracking team of Fans' Embassy workers out on the ground in Germany but a dependable group of lads and lasses back at our HQ to provide ongoing support.



A few of the key bits of information were not finalised when we went to print in April, but by the time you read this, they could already have been posted on the website. We'd advise you to check it regularly in the run-up to the tournament to make sure you've got all the information you need to know.

Helpline

If you need urgent advice or assistance on the ground in Germany at any stage throughout the tournament (not just match days) and you can't find any of our volunteers, or it's out of normal Fans' Embassy hours, our team are contactable 24 hours a day on our usual helpline number: **+44 7956 121314**

Free Lions

Regular travellers will be used to receiving their copy of Free Lions, the FSA's England fanzine which is renowned for its vital local information and advice for fans (with a bit of football chat and irreverent humour thrown in for good measure).

As is usual at major tournaments, we will be producing a fresh issue of Free Lions for each and every game. This means that while you're all toasting the latest England success or drowning your sorrows, your talented and handsome Free Lions team will already be hard at work on the next issue.

The deadlines are always tight, but with the ability to get copies printed locally in Germany we're

confident as ever that we'll be able to deliver on time and, crucially, be up-to-date with developments from the last game.

Rest assured that however far England go into the tournament each and every edition will be handed out by our Fans' Embassy volunteers in the host cities on the days either side of each England match day.

If you're a collector, or just want to ensure you get a pristine copy of each edition as a souvenir, you can take out a subscription. We'll be shipping the spare copies back from Germany after the tournament is over.

Free Lions remains free, but we do make a small charge for postage and admin costs. Back issues of most England games are also available. Details can be found on the website.

Confidential advice

The Fans' Embassy is run by football supporters whose only interests are helping fellow fans. Regardless of the help we receive from the Government or local authorities, we remain independent, impartial and objective.

The service we offer is entirely confidential – we will not pass on information to any individual to either local police or UK authorities, and we are there to assist all football supporters, regardless of whether they are England fans members or in possession of a match ticket.



Join our WhatsApp group



How you can help

The work of the Fans' Embassy revolves around information, but that is a two-way process. We have direct communication with a number of official authorities involved in the organisation of the tournament which means we're well placed to convey information to supporters, but this also allows us to feed back the problems that supporters are facing.

Please let us know about any difficulties that you are facing – you may not be the only one in that situation, and the more we know the better placed we are to help other supporters who may be facing similar issues. If it's a more general problem, our line of communication with the tournament authorities means we are able to raise it with them, as your issue might be something that they need to address.

We're also here to speak up for you in the event that something goes wrong – for instance we can advise, try to arrange legal representation or consular help, and generally put you in touch with the relevant people in the event of arrest, lost passports and the like.

We want England fans to have the best experience possible, and will always fight (not literally) to ensure that happens. We're all fans at the end of the day.

Social media

We've made great strides as a Fans' Embassy team in recent years, we've disconnected the fax machine and recycled our pagers, and gone all mod cons. Don't judge a book by its cover!

We haven't quite extended onto TikTok yet, but we have expanded to WhatsApp. We have created our very own channel called 'EURO 2024 – England Fans' Embassy' which can be found by the QR code below. We will use the channel to relay any key information, and we promise not to spam you.

Twitter (x) and Facebook continue to dominate, so we will, as usual, be using these channels to get our messages across.

Sometimes 280 characters are all you need, and so vitally important updates, such as the location of the Fans' Embassy, ticket arrangements for knockout fixtures, or updates on travel arrangements will not only be printed in Free Lions and updated on the website, but will also be WhatsApped, tweeted and Facebooked.

You can keep up to date with us at:

@WeAreTheFSA and @WeAreFreeLions on Twitter (X)

facebook.com/thefsa

facebook.com/freelions

WhatsApp Channel:

EURO 2024 – England Fans' Embassy
<https://www.bit.ly/FSA-Euro24>



Accessibility

Germany has gone to great lengths to ensure good accessibility for supporters with reduced mobility, with access to attractions around the country as well as public transport and stadiums all ensuring safe access points.

The UEFA EURO 2024 website already has a lot of comprehensive information about facilities within stadiums and in the cities where we play, there is no use trying to replicate that information too much, you can also find more information about accessibility in Germany in general at bit.ly/germany-travel-en

At the time of going to print, we have visited most host cities in Germany to conduct pre-visits however since there is a vast amount of information needing to be obtained, our visits with the FA have yet to be concluded and will finish in mid-May, at which point we will be sure to check out the most up-to-date accessible facilities which will enable us to ensure you have the information you need before you travel.

Tourist Attractions

Whilst most places in Germany have sought to have universal access, there are some cases, particularly in the more historical locations where entrances couldn't be converted due to heritage protection constraints, meaning alternative entrances will be available.

You can check out our city guides for some recommended tourist attractions, but there is that much to do in Germany that we obviously won't have covered them all off in this guidebook nor had the ability to check out each one we have recommended in person.

The vast majority of tourist attractions will have information on their website for accessibility, so we would advise checking in advance.

Public Transport

Visitors with disabilities will find that Germany has excelled in ensuring good accessibility that will hopefully mean you are able to move freely through the towns and cities. Public transport options around the country offer good services to enable smooth transitions.

It is advised that if your travel includes a change that you book your journey with a healthy amount of time in between trains.

For passengers travelling with the Deutsche Bahn (DB), it is advised that wheelchair spaces must be booked in advance. DB have a dedicated mobility centre to help you with your journey's.

If you find that you face difficulties along the way, please let us know via our contact details and we will be sure to relay this information to supporters.

We would advise that you take a look at the UEFA EURO 2024



website <https://www.uefa.com/euro2024/event-guide/> for further information on each city. Here you will find information for the public transport in each host city for train stations and airports.

Volunteers will be available to assist.

Stadiums

All of the stadiums at EURO 2024 are accessible for wheelchair and ambulant users, and upon our visits to Gelsenkirchen, Frankfurt, Cologne and Düsseldorf we found that the transport systems will also support your needs.

The one we must reference however, Gelsenkirchen, it is advised that supporters with mobility issues should disembark at Willy-Brandt-Allee, which is the station just before the stadium. From here, there will be transport for you to the stadium. The station at the stadium will not be suitable.

<https://www.uefa.com/euro2024/event-guide/> will have further information about each stadium, as well as information on accessible parking.

Match tickets

All tickets for this tournament will be mobile tickets, and there are two types of accessibility tickets available for this tournament, those being for wheelchair users and easy access.

For those who need it, Audio-Descriptive Commentary (ADC) will be available at EURO 2024 and more information will be made available closer to the tournament kicking off.

Contact information

Whilst in Germany, we would appreciate any feedback you have from facilities you have used that may be helpful for us to share wider, be that at tourist attractions, whilst using public transport or even at the stadiums themselves.

You can contact us directly on +447956121314, via our social media channels, or come and see us at the Fans' Embassy locations, it would be good to see you and have a chat.



England fans in Germany

Fan activity in Germany will be varied and widespread, with official UEFA fan zones and public viewing areas being readily available, but one thing we love the most is the independence of England fans who seek to arrange activities for fellow fans, and Germany once again hasn't let us down.

England Block 109

Once again, England Block 109 will be continuing to fundraise throughout EURO 2024 through donations and events for charitable causes in Germany, similar to how they have recently made donations in Malta, Glasgow and Wroclaw during our away games in 2023.

In addition to fundraising for good causes, Block 109 have arranged a pre-game party

in Dusseldorf before our third game in Cologne. For more details on this, you can contact them directly on X (twitter) [@EnglandBlock109](https://twitter.com/EnglandBlock109) or email them on info@block109.co.uk. The event in Dusseldorf is at Schumachers and will run in the afternoon of the Slovenia game, with Cologne only a 30-minute train journey away. The price is £55, £30 for kids which includes a buffet and some drinks.

Block 109 run monthly draws which cost £5 to enter, with regular cash prizes available, along with bonus prizes which have recently included t-shirts, football flag stickers, mystery shirt boxes, the new England shirt and a framed signed shirt by World Cup final scorers Martin Peters and Sir Geoff Hurst. All profits go to help good causes at home and away games.



EnglandFans FC

EnglandFans FC is a fans football team dedicated to England supporters and is run by its founder, who many of you will know, Garford Beck. The aim of the football club is to play fans matches around England's games, against fans of the Three Lions opponents', both home and away. The team is made up of England fans who travel to home and away games.

The EnglandFans FC team have helped build a fantastic reputation and network abroad which enables the games to be organised. There's no doubting that the improved reputation of England fans around the world has vastly improved due to work such as this. We could literally go on and on about the work behind the scenes.

The organisation put into EnglandFans FC, if you didn't already know, is brilliant. A programme will be provided for each home game, often 40-pages long, and it has

attracted guests recently such as Tony Woodcock, Martin O'Neill, Frank Gray and the legendary Terry Butcher. The team has also worked on their own Fans For Diversity campaigns as well as forming a women's team, EnglandFans Women FC.

In Qatar, EnglandFans FC were crowned world champions at a tournament held at a German school in Doha, seeing off Wales fans in the final. They finished their tour of Qatar with a 7-4 victory over fans from France.

In Germany for EURO 2024, EnglandFans FC will once again be participating in a tournament arranged by the Deutscher Fußball-Bund (DFB) in Frankfurt on Friday 21st June 2024, at the prestigious DFB-Campus. Other nations participating include Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Italy, Netherlands, Scotland, Switzerland and Turkey, this was at the time of going to

print, so hopefully come the tournament there will be a few more participants.

The format of the tournament is likely to be 6/7-a-side and will be played on grass. If you would like to participate in this tournament, please email garfordbeck@hotmail.com or you can message/call on (+44)07944828527. Garford will be attempting to arrange games against our tournament opponents and will update on this as and when information is available.

We wish the EnglandFans FC team all of the best in Germany, we admire the work and commitment that goes into this and thank you for working with the Football Supporters' Association along the way.

LGBT+ fans in Germany

3 Lions Pride

Ahead of this tournament, we have been delighted to have the assistance of regular England away follower Joe White. Joe sits on the board of Football Supporters' Europe, and we caught up with Joe ahead of EURO 2024 about work undertaken in advance, and learnings from previous tournaments going into Germany for LGBT+ supporters.

1) Can you explain a little bit about Three Lions Pride?

Three Lions Pride is England's LGBT+ fans' group; following the Three Lions home and away since we formed at the end of 2016. We exist to create a welcoming environment for LGBT+ fans, allies and their friends or family as well as adding to the great atmosphere created by England fans wherever we play. We tend to coordinate group ticket bookings so we can

enjoy matches together. Our membership is completely free and any England fan is welcome to join - whether LGBT+ or not.

You can find out more about how to become a member via X(Twitter) @3Lionspride or you can contact directly: info@3lionspride.co.uk

2) We have had some tournaments in the recent past where you have faced some challenges in Russia and Qatar, how were those experiences for you and your members?

Russia was our first major tournament as a group, with a few of us making the journey out for a very memorable tournament on and off the pitch. Ahead of the tournament, a number of our organisers received death threats and security concerns from Russian hooligans but we travelled to enjoy England's progress and show our solidarity with the Russian LGBT+ community.

Qatar was an extremely difficult tournament for our group and members - many members wished to boycott the tournament due to the criminalisation of our existence and deep rooted fears for their safety. Ahead of the tournament we worked tirelessly with FIFA and FSE to seek reassurances regarding rainbow flags, the safety of LGBT+ fans and the inclusivity of the tournament but the approach from FIFA was lacking, leading to very limited numbers of LGBT+ fans travelling for the tournament.

3) How much are you looking forward to Germany in comparison?

Germany is going to be a wonderful experience - easy to get to, a very inclusive environment for LGBT+ people and the tournament runs alongside several Pride events in Europe so it should be a queer footballing celebration! It is a really refreshing experience to be going to a tournament



that we don't have to check the FCDO travel advice for our members safety and can just embrace the excitement of a tournament rather than being on edge for fear of being arrested for just existing. We will certainly be making the most of the tournament and enjoying all of the football - we have our largest contingent of 3LP members' going to a major tournament so we really hope we can build on this experience for future tournaments.

4) You are also on the board of Football Supporters Europe, how has that experience been and what have you done ahead of EURO 2024?

Football Supporters Europe has been a key player in making sure that the tournament will be welcoming to all fans attending this summer. We have worked with the organisers, host cities and local fans to ensure that visiting fans have the best information and experience possible. FSE also supports the work of the superb Fans Embassies, such as Free Lions.

FSE is also running the Fan.Tastic Finals exhibit across Germany during the finals, highlighting inspirational female fans across the international fandom.

The experience of being on the board of FSE is a privilege and really insightful to the opportunities we have to make football a beautiful game for everyone.

5) What are your hopes for the tournament?

For an England win and to enjoy a great tournament experience!

PRIDE HOUSE

The "Pride House Berlin – EURO 2024" will be taking place in the Berlin Poststadion. It will be Germany's first meeting point for queer people and their allies as part of a major sporting event. During the entire period of the 2024 Men's European Football Championships from June 14th to July 14th 2024, the Pride House Berlin will

create a safe and inclusive environment, in which queer people and allies can gather to follow the European Football Championship and share the experience together.

A programme developed in cooperation with local sports and queer clubs and other institutions will take place in addition to the public broadcasting of all 51 matches. Visitors can expect a wide range of activities on the topic

of queer visibility and queer issues in sport, such as various panel discussions, exhibitions, workshops, tournaments, sports activities and much more. Entry is free.

You can find more information on Instagram @PrideHouseBerlin



PRIDE HOUSE
BERLIN 2024

How we got here

England ended the EURO 2024 qualifying campaign undefeated and qualified top of the group, with 8 wins and 2 draws under our belts. Here is a look back on how the road to Berlin started.

Italy (A)

Italy 1-2 England

Stadio Diego Armando Maradona, Naples, 23 March 2023

England started our qualifying campaign in the Italian city of Naples. It took many England fans by surprise when this venue was announced, given previous hostilities of English fans travelling to Napoli in club European football.

Many England fans faced multiple issues before the game, with organisation by local authorities causing anger amongst fans travelling to the stadium, as well as access to the Diego Armando Maradona stadium proving to be equally challenging.

A brilliant away section of around 2400 England travelling faithful, got our rewards with a huge 2-1 victory on Italian soil to get our campaign off to the perfect start. Goals from Declan Rice and a penalty by Harry Kane gave us a 2-0 half-time lead. England were reduced to 10-men in the second half with Luke Shaw seeing red, and although Italy pulled one back, we held on for victory.

Ukraine (H)

England 2-0 Ukraine

Wembley Stadium, London 26 March 2023

England rounded off the March international break with victory over Ukraine at Wembley, in what proved to be an emotional fixture given the war in Ukraine.

Two quick goals in the first half by Harry Kane and Bukayo Saka was enough to secure a 2-0 victory.

Malta (A)

Malta 0-4 England

National Stadium, Ta' Qali 16 June 2023

A slightly different setting from Naples, England travelled back to the small island of Malta in June. As expected, England fans travelled in our thousands for what could be classed as a small summer holiday.

England were straight down to business however, with a comfortable 4-0 victory over the Maltese. An own goal in the 8th minute set us on our way,

before a screamer from Trent Alexander-Arnold and a Harry Kane penalty had us 3-0 up at half time.

A second half penalty was converted late on by Callum Wilson to round it off.

North Macedonia (H)

England 7-0 North Macedonia

Old Trafford, Manchester 19 June 2023

England made a return to Old Trafford in Manchester for this thumping of North Macedonia. A 7-0 victory certainly made it 4 wins out of 4 whilst teams around us started dropping points.

Bukayo Saka added to his goal against Ukraine with a hat-trick against the Macedonians, with Harry Kane adding two to his tally. Goals from Marcus Rashford and Calvin Phillips ended a great night in the North-West.



Ukraine (N)

Ukraine 1-1 England

Wroclaw Stadium, Wroclaw
9 September 2023

England travelled to the Polish city of Wroclaw for this game against Ukraine. Rumours were rife as to where this game was going to be played, with Poland feeling like an obvious destination, but it was announced quite late that we would be playing in Wroclaw.

That didn't stop England fans once again turning up in our numbers, but this was to be the destination of our first dropped points of the qualifying campaign. Arsenal's Zinchenko put Ukraine ahead in the first-half, before Kyle Walker's equaliser just before half-time settled this tie.

The Ukrainians packed the 40,000 seater Wroclaw Stadium as if they were playing in Kiev, and the atmosphere between the two sets of fans both inside and outside the ground was a joy to behold.

Italy (H)

England 3-1 Italy

Wembley Stadium, London
17 October 2023

England's next game in EURO 2024 qualifying was the much anticipated game at home to Italy in October. England had followed the draw in Ukraine with a win in Glasgow against Scotland in a friendly game to celebrate the 150th anniversary of games between the two sides.

Italy took the lead in this game at Wembley, but England responded before half-time with yet another Harry Kane penalty. Marcus Rashford put us 2-1 up in the second half before a solo Harry Kane run sealed an England double over the Italians. Qualification was secured that night, as England only needed a point to guarantee it. England were off to Germany!

Malta (H)

England 2-0 Malta

Wembley Stadium, London
17 November 2023

With qualification secured, hopes were now high that England would finish the campaign unbeaten, with a home game against Malta and

a trip to North Macedonia in November giving us just the opportunity to do that.

England kept the 100% home record alive in a comfortable 2-0 victory. Similar to the away game, an early own goal from Malta sent England on our way. It was relatively quiet beyond that, until Harry Kane added a second in the 77th minute.

North Macedonia (A)

North Macedonia 1-1 England

Toše Proeski Arena, Skopje
20 November 2023

Rounding off 2023 and EURO 2024 qualification, England travelled to the North Macedonian capital of Skopje. An allocation of around 2400 angered many travelling England fans, especially with many empty seats surrounding the away section on either side.

A draw was all we could muster in this game. England trailed at half time, Enis Bardhi tucking away the rebound after missing a penalty. A second half own goal by our hosts gave England an equaliser. 1-1 was how it finished, and qualification was complete.

Local kick-off times

Group A

14th June, 21:00, Munich



15th June, 15:00, Cologne



19th June, 18:00, Stuttgart



19th June, 21:00, Cologne



23rd June, 21:00, Frankfurt



23rd June, 21:00, Stuttgart



Group B

15th June, 18:00, Berlin



15 June, 21:00, Dortmund



19th June, 15:00, Hamburg



20th June, 21:00, Gelsenkirchen



24th June, 21:00, Leipzig



24th June, 21:00, Düsseldorf



Group C

16th June, 18:00, Stuttgart

 Slovenia

 Denmark

16th June, 21:00, Gelsenkirchen

 Serbia

 England

20th June, 15:00, Munich

 Slovenia

 Serbia

20th June, 18:00, Frankfurt

 Denmark

 England

25th June, 21:00, Cologne

 England

 Slovenia

25th June, 21:00, Munich

 Denmark

 Serbia

Group D

16th June, 15:00, Hamburg

 Poland

 Netherlands

17th June, 21:00, Düsseldorf

 Austria

 France

21st June, 18:00, Berlin

 Poland

 Austria

21st June, 21:00, Leipzig

 Netherlands

 France

25th June, 18:00, Berlin

 Netherlands

 Austria

25th June, 18:00, Dortmund

 France

 Poland

Group E

17th June, 15:00, Munich

 Romania

 Ukraine

22nd June, 21:00, Cologne

 Belgium

 Romania

17th June, 18:00, Frankfurt

 Belgium

 Slovakia

26th June, 18:00, Frankfurt

 Slovakia

 Romania

21st June, 15:00, Düsseldorf

 Slovakia

 Ukraine

26th June, 18:00, Stuttgart

 Ukraine

 Belgium

Group F

18th June, 18:00, Dortmund

 Turkey

 Georgia

22nd June, 18:00, Dortmund

 Turkey

 Portugal

18th June, 21:00, Leipzig

 Portugal

 Czechia

26th June, 21:00, Hamburg

 Czechia

 Turkey

22nd June, 15:00, Hamburg

 Georgia

 Czechia

26th, 21:00, Gelsenkirchen

 Georgia

 Portugal

Round of 16

(G38)

29th June, 18:00, Berlin

 2A

 2B

(G37)

29th June, 21:00, Dortmund

 1A

 2C

(G40)

30th June, 18:00, Gelsenkirchen

 1C

 3D/E/F

Round of 16 (cont.)

(G39) 30th June, 21:00, Cologne

R16 1B

R16 3A/D/E/F

(G42) 1st July, 18:00, Düsseldorf

R16 2D

R16 2E

(G41) 1st July, 21:00, Frankfurt

R16 1F

R16 3A/B/C

(G43) 2nd July, 18:00, Munich

R16 1E

R16 3A/B/C/D

(G44) 2nd July, 21:00, Leipzig

R16 1D

R16 2F

Quarter-Final

(G45) 5th July, 18:00, Stuttgart

QF Winner 39

QF Winner 37

(G46) 5th July, 21:00, Hamburg

QF Winner 41

QF Winner 42

(G49) 9th July, 21:00, Munich

SF Winner 45

SF Winner 46

(G47) 6th July, 18:00, Düsseldorf

QF Winner 40

QF Winner 38

(G48) 6th July, 21:00, Leipzig

QF Winner 43

QF Winner 44

(G50) 10th July, 21:00, Dortmund

SF Winner 47

SF Winner 48

Semi-Final

Final

14th July, 21:00, Berlin

F Winner 49 V **F** Winner 50

The Opposition

When travelling around a country at a tournament we often refer to the games based on the city we are playing in, rather than the opposition. So let's give some attention to our opponents in Group C.

England were seeded in pot 1 for the draw back in December, and were quickly joined by Serbia, Denmark and Slovenia.



Kit Colours

Home kit: Red shirt, blue shorts, white socks

Away kit: White shirt, white shorts, white socks

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Serbia

The Three Lions have never faced Serbia in their current form. Although we did face Serbia and Montenegro back in 2003, beating them 2-1 in a friendly held in Leicester.

The Serbians qualified for this tournament finishing second in Group G behind Hungary; seeing off Montenegro, Lithuania and Bulgaria. Serbia is considered by FIFA and UEFA to be the official successor team of FR Yugoslavia/Serbia and Montenegro national football teams, but also the Kingdom of Yugoslavia/SFR Yugoslavia team. This will be Serbia's fourth major tournament as an independent nation, after previously qualifying for three World Cups. This will be their first

European Championships under the name of Serbia.

Former Newcastle United and Fulham striker Alexander Mitrovic might be most commonly known from their side, along with Juventus striker Dusan Vlahovic and former Southampton star Dusan Tadic.

In the lead up to this tournament, Serbia will be playing two friendlies before the game with England in Gelsenkirchen on June 16th. They are due to play Austria on June 4th, who will be up against France, Poland and the Netherlands in Group D, followed by a friendly against Sweden on June 8th, Sweden did not qualify for the tournament.

Denmark



Kit Colours

Home kit: Red shirt, white shorts, red socks

Away kit: White shirt, red shorts, red socks

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Minds immediately fly back to Wembley Stadium in July 2021 for the Euro 2020 semi-final when referring to Denmark; overcoming a 1-0 deficit to win in extra-time through a Harry Kane tap-in after a penalty save from Kasper Schmeichel. This will be the third time we have faced Denmark in the European Championships, after also facing them in a 0-0 draw in 1992 in Sweden where they went on to win the tournament; originally qualifying by default due to Yugoslavia's disqualification.

Denmark qualified through Group H, topping the group ahead of fellow Group C opponents Slovenia on head-to-head, after a 2-1 victory and

1-1 draw. Luckily for Slovenia it didn't matter too much, since the top two qualified automatically from that group. Finland, Kazakhstan, Northern Ireland and group favourites San Marino made up the rest.

The Danes are expected to travel well to Frankfurt for the game on the 20th June, and it should make for a good atmosphere. They will be backing familiar players to England fans in a couple of Manchester United players in Rasmus Hojland and Christian Eriksen.

Denmark will also play Sweden in the build-up to this tournament, followed by a friendly with Norway.

Slovenia



Kit Colours

Home kit: White shirt, white shorts, white socks

Away kit: Blue shirt, blue shorts, blue socks

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We have been relatively familiar with the Slovenians in recent times, with two visits to the capital Ljubljana since 2015, all with relative success. We have never lost to Slovenia, with 4 competitive wins out of 5; the other being a 0-0 draw away from home. Many may remember the 2015 visit there though. Two quick goals from Rooney and Wilshere overturned a 2-1 deficit and sent us on our way to France 2016. This is the second time we have been drawn in a group with Slovenia, beating them 1-0 in South Africa at the 2010 World Cup. Our only win at that tournament.

Slovenia qualified for this tournament in second place in Group H, as said, with our other

EURO 2024 Group C opponents Denmark finishing top on head-to-head.

We will be meeting the Slovenians in Cologne. We're unsure as to the numbers expected to travel to support Slovenia, but relations between the two sides have always been very positive, and we look forward to meeting them for the final group game.

Key players include Jan Oblak, goalkeeper for Atletico Madrid, highly regarded as one of the best in the world, and Benjamin Sesko, a 20-year-old highly-rated forward who currently plays in Germany at RB Leipzig.

Slovenia will warm up for the tournament with two friendlies against Armenia and Bulgaria.

Gelsenkirchen



German State: North Rhine-Westphalia

Population: 260,126

Time Zone: BST +1 hour

Average June Temperature: 21°C

Fixtures in Gelsenkirchen (local time)

16 JUNE 9PM

Group C



Serbia



England

26 JUNE 9PM

Group F



Georgia



Portugal

20 JUNE 9PM

Group B



Spain



Italy

30 JUNE 6PM

Round of 16

1st Group C

3rd D/E/F

Welcome to Gelsenkirchen



Welcome to Gelsenkirchen, hosts of our first fixture at EURO 2024. Here is a little bit of information about Germany's 25th largest city. Situated at the centre of the Ruhr region of North Rhine-Westphalia, Gelsenkirchen was first documented in 1150.

In recent history, the city was a key coal mining and oil refinery area, and whilst this is no longer the case, some of the mines do still exist to visit.

Gelsenkirchen is actually twinned with Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and is the home of the famous German side FC Schalke 04, who after recent troubles currently reside in the second division of German football. Many of us will remember the days of Schalke 04 plying their trade in the Champions League and producing some great players along the way through their academy; players such as Manuel Neuer, Leroy Sane and Mesut Ozil.

The city is relatively small in comparison to some of its neighbours such as Dortmund, Bochum, Munster and Bielefeld. This will be evident in its small town centre. The main train station is also on the smaller side in comparison to other cities, but still easily accessible.

Once a heavily concentrated industrial town, it is now considered as a centre for solar technology. The Gelsenkirchen Harbour is one of Germany's biggest and most important canal harbours.

The nearest airport to Gelsenkirchen is Düsseldorf, which is located roughly 40 km away and easily accessible by road and rail.

Fans' Embassy



The Fans' Embassy team will be based outside of the main station in Gelsenkirchen, the Gelsenkirchen Hauptbahnhof. We will be roaming the city throughout the day with copies of the Free Lions, and will be available 24/7 via our helpline and social media channels should you need any help or assistance.

We will hopefully be joined at some stage by members of staff from the England Supporters Travel Club. Given the likelihood of many England fans residing in other towns and cities in the region, it has yet to be determined if we will also have a presence in other towns/cities. We will confirm details of this closer to the time.

Joining us will be members of the Fans Welcome service, established by our good friends The KOS and the local Fan Projekts (Die Koordinationstelle Fanprojekte). They will be on hand to discuss the work that they do, as well as help in any way they can. They are the local experts and we have been proud to work with them in the lead up to this tournament.

Getting there

By Air

As ever with Germany, there are multiple cities you can fly into with great transport links to places like Gelsenkirchen. The quickest route is definitely to fly into Düsseldorf. There are direct trains from there to Gelsenkirchen, both regional trains and ICE.

Not far from Gelsenkirchen is the airport for Dortmund, however this is considered much smaller with less flights operating to and from the UK in comparison to Düsseldorf.

By Train

Gelsenkirchen Hauptbahnhof is situated at the junction of the Duisburg to Dortmund line, as well as lines to Essen, Oberhausen, Düsseldorf and Munster to name just a few. It really is a very accessible place by train. Even though its station is on the smaller side, in terms of platforms, it is still served by most of Germany's major rail networks.



By Road

Gelsenkirchen lies on autobahns A 2, A 40, A 42 and A 52, as well as on Bundesstraßen (Federal Highways) B 224, B 226 and B 227.

FlixBus services will operate to this city if you are looking to travel by bus. The central bus station (ZOB Altstadt) is located next to the main station. If long distance buses don't operate directly to here, they likely will to Essen, where you can use public transport lines RE2 and RE42, as well as S-Bahn lines S2 and Tram 107.



The Stadium



The ArenaAuf Schalke

The ArenaAuf Schalke, best translated as the Schalke Arena, will be a 50,000 capacity stadium that will host four fixtures, including England's first game as well as a potential Round-of-16 clash involving England should we win the group.

This is the third stadium for FC Schalke 04. The first one remains in the little area of Gelsenkirchen called Schalke, which you can still visit today. The second stadium was built just next to where the current stadium resides. The current arena sits on top of two old coal mines which are at a depth of 800m. Due to the structure of these mines, the stadium had to be rotated from the typical north-south arrangement to a northeast-southwest alignment to run parallel with the mines.

The capacity for Schalke games is around 62,000, with large areas for both home and away supporters which enable them to stand, increasing the

capacity to 62,000. Stadiums must be all-seaters at EURO 2024, this is the reason for the large drop to 50,000.



The stadium itself will be familiar to many travelling England fans who came here in 2006. Although, they may not remember it fondly given it was the location for 'wink gate' where Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal knocked England out on penalties and Ronaldo himself played a part in the sending off of his Manchester United teammate at the time, Wayne Rooney.

The stadium is used for multiple events including concerts, with

both retractable stands and roof making it quite a popular stadium. The pitch itself often gets moved outside of the stadium to enable it to catch the sunlight, a process that can take upwards of 8 hours.



The stadium is reachable via a few different options, including the underground from the main station and by the city's tram service. For those staying in Essen, there is a direct line from nearby the stadium to Essen for your convenience. The station nearest to the stadium will be named as the ArenaAuf Schalke, or possibly even just the Schalke arena, replacing its current sponsored name of the Veltins Arena for the tournament.

Getting Around

By Train

If travelling around the city by rail it is likely you will use the tram services. Journeys can cost anywhere from €1.90 to €3 per journey, but match ticket holders on matchday will receive these services for free.

If you do purchase tickets outside of the 36-hour free period, it is worth remembering that the physical ones need to be stamped before making a journey at one of the machines located at stations.

If travelling to the stadium from the main station in Gelsenkirchen, you're looking to use tram service 302 which will take you directly towards the stadium vicinity.

If you are travelling to the stadium from the racecourse, you will use tram service 107.

The main station at the stadium will be called the Schalke Arena, or something very similar.

Disabled supporters are requested to disembark the tram services at Willy-Brandt Allee, at which point shuttle services will run you directly to the stadium.

Be warned, the trams are not huge so are likely to get extremely busy. We would advise leaving plenty of time for your journey.



By Road

Gelsenkirchen is a relatively small city, and driving in the city centre around the time of the tournament, especially on game day, is likely to be busy. We would recommend using the park and ride services available on the outskirts and making use of the free transport into the city and to the stadium.

Parking is extremely limited and expensive and, with commuters, we would seriously advise not driving into the city. If you do have to travel by car, use motorways A52, A42, A40 and A2 to access the city.

Parking at the stadium is limited but can be booked in advance for €24 via this link: bit.ly/parking-gelsenkirchen

Access for motorhomes at the stadium is not possible.

By Taxi

Taxis are obviously available in the city and will run off a meter, with Uber also available. Traffic on the day of any game is expected to be busy, so using this mode of transport to the stadium is not recommended. You'll likely face a long walk regardless.



Bicycles and Electric Scooters



E-Scooters are available for rent and are a good way of getting around the city. However, be warned, it is likely these will not work near the stadium or near fan zones. Just before you think that this may be a good way to get to either!

By Bus

Bus services also operate in the city, as well as some night buses that operate until 5am. You can visit the VRR website for more information on services to suit your needs





Things to See and Do

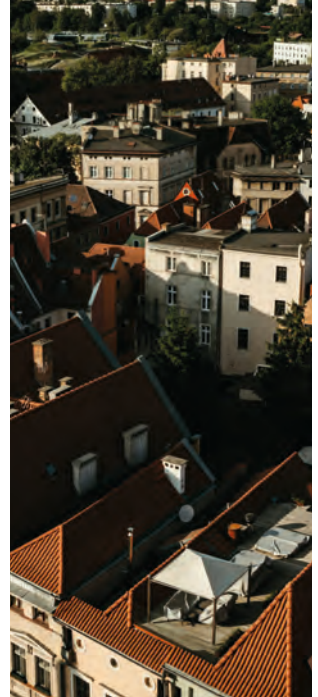
The city of a thousand fires. Don't worry, Gelsenkirchen won't be on fire when we arrive. At least we hope not! No, the nickname was given to the city because of its mining history, with blast furnaces galore.

Those days they are no more. However, many of the sites can still be visited today. In fact, many of the old mining railway tracks were turned into cycle routes as a way of remembering its history.

If you're staying in the area and you have the time, Schloss Burge, a baroque castle, is worth visiting. Once done there, the surrounding English park is worth exploring. It has beer gardens and restaurants and is certainly one to do if you're looking for a chilled out day.

Whilst visiting castles, which is a common must-do in Germany for many, you can also visit Horst Castle (Schloss Horst), one of the oldest and significant renaissance buildings in the Westphalia region.

For the groundhoppers amongst you, definitely pay a visit to Glückauf-Kampfbahn, a stadium used by FC Schalke 04 from 1927 until 1973, and located in the part of the city named Schalke. This multi-purpose stadium is still operational and used today by the club for ceremonial purposes. The area is dedicated to FC Schalke 04, which you'll easily notice when you visit here.



Eating and Drinking

Gelsenkirchen is not a huge city, and the town centre is not awash with bars and restaurants for England fans to enjoy. There are some dotted around, but these are relatively small and will likely fill up very early. There are certainly plenty of cafes and local shops to buy food and refreshments, with some serving alcohol. There are a couple of smaller squares with cafes and restaurants close to the main station. You're looking for Bahnhofsvorplatz or Heinrich-König-Platz.

Food wise, you'll do well to avoid a doner kebab or a currywurst whilst here, but recommended locally is a taxiteller, basically a currywurst with gyro meat.

Many England fans who travelled here in 2006 may remember the opening of a racecourse, Trabrennbahn Gelsenkirchen,



located to the west of the city. Local organisers have once again secured this location for travelling England fans, whether you have a ticket or not. It has a capacity of 40,000 and will have multiple food and drink stalls to cater for all, should it be full. A 120 sqm large screen will be situated in the centre of the racecourse to watch the game from

if you don't have a ticket. There is a tram stop right outside the racecourse which will take you to the stadium if you do.

There will be a shuttle service from Gelsenkirchen Hauptbahnhof to the racecourse, although if it is a nice day and you fancied a walk, this will take roughly 50-minutes. If you are arriving from Essen, the tram line directly outside the racecourse runs to and from Essen. Incidentally, the same line that runs to the stadium. Fans' Embassy team members as well as volunteers at the station will be able to direct you to the shuttle service, which will likely run from the nearby bus station. If you are looking for guaranteed beer and food (and toilets!), we would advise heading here.



! IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

Serbia fans have been allocated a fan zone north of the stadium in Buer and we would advise avoiding this area.

Accommodation

Given Gelsenkirchen is relatively small, hotels were not the easiest to come by, and most, if not all have sold out. Do keep checking online in the days leading up to the tournament as people who have free cancellation bookings look to solidify their plans.

We do understand the majority of England fans will be staying outside of Gelsenkirchen in the likes of Düsseldorf, Essen, Duisburg and Cologne, among others, all of which have fantastic transport links to bring you to and from Gelsenkirchen safely.

Campsites have opened up opposite the racecourse for both camping and

motorhomes at Revierpark Neinhausen, which was very popular at the World Cup in 2006. Camp sites are also available at Neue Zeche Westerholt and Zeche Ewald in Herten. Glamping facilities are also available for those who like a bit of luxury.

For more information on pricing and how to book, please go to [visit.gelsenkirchen.de](https://www.visit.gelsenkirchen.de)

British Embassy



There is no British Consulate in Gelsenkirchen, but the British Embassy will be contactable via the details found on page 156 should you need any assistance.

The British Embassy is located in Berlin, with Consulates-General located in nearby Dusseldorf, and also Munich. All are contactable 24 hours a day in an emergency.

Fan Zones and Public Viewing Areas

As referenced, England fans have been allocated the Trabrennbahn Gelsenkirchen, a large racecourse with the capacity for 40,000 people. A shuttle service will be provided from Gelsenkirchen Hauptbahnhof, we believe free of charge. It is a 50-minute walk if you wanted to get the steps in from the main station.

Upon arrival here, there will be multiple food and drink stalls, toilets, and a large 120sqm screen, which will be suitable for anyone without a ticket to the game. We are hopeful of some confirmation of fan activities in this area too.

There is transport directly to the stadium via tram from the racecourse, and is also accessible directly from Essen, which we know is a popular spot for accommodation, meaning you don't need to go to Gelsenkirchen Hauptbahnhof first.

Upon going to print, we had yet to receive confirmation of the shuttle bus times back to the main station, we will confirm this as soon as we know.

Serbia fans have been allocated a meeting point north of the stadium towards the area of Buer, so would advise avoiding this area.



Fan Project: Gelsenkirchen

Schalke Fan Project

Who you are: What role do you have in the fan project, what are your tasks? Which team do you support? What does being a fan mean to you?

Hello, we are the Schalke Fan Project and we have various roles within the team. Alongside our main activity of fan social work, we also host the learning centre "Schalke macht Schule" and the integration project #hello. We are operating in maintenance of the Sportjugend in Gelsensport e.V.. Primarily, we are Schalke supporters, but Markus, in particular, has demonstrated his passion for the German national team as a fan advisor at many tournaments (2012 Poland + Ukraine, 2014 Brazil). Being a fan, our work means dedication, emotions, passion, social, and community engagement. The individual is at the heart of what we do!

How excited are you that your city is hosting games for EURO 2024 or that many international guests are coming to your city?

Gelsenkirchen has been one of the poorest cities in Germany for many years and unfortunately hasn't coped well with structural changes. This is reflected throughout the city. However, people are very excited about the EURO, the many guests, and still have very fond memories of the 2006 World Cup, where the English unfortunately exited in Gelsenkirchen but turned the Ruhr area into a large English celebration zone. Euro 2024 is a good opportunity to forget about everyday life, and we hope for the residents of this city too. We're fortunate in Gelsenkirchen to see great teams of high quality, but the England-Serbia clash will naturally be a special highlight due to the expected crowds. We hope to support the English Fan's Embassy well with our local fan message, so that all English and Serbian visitors feel welcome and have a good time.

Do you have advice for fans in your city (good areas in the city for eating/drinking, a specific sports bar, sights, etc.)?

If you're planning an extended stay in Gelsenkirchen, we definitely recommend visiting the local pubs to get to know the people here in the city. Additionally, there are of course some sights, especially the past of the once largest coal mining area in Europe has left its visible marks. We have a special relationship with the birthplace of FC Schalke, the Glückauf Kampfbahn, the first stadium where great successes and the rise to one of Germany's most famous clubs could be celebrated, and it has also been home to our youth centre since 1994!

What can England fans expect in your city?

Culinarily, international cuisine is offered, with focuses on Italian and Turkish cuisine. Additionally, all efforts are being made by everyone in the city to ensure that every guest feels welcome and that every guest can watch the game at least at a public viewing event. We expect the people of Gelsenkirchen to be as football-loving and hospitable as ever.

Frankfurt



German state: Hesse

Population: 791,000

Time Zone: BST +1 hour

Average June temperature: 24°C

Fixtures in Frankfurt (local time)

17 JUNE 6PM

Group E

 Belgium

 Slovakia

20 JUNE 6PM

Group C

 Denmark

 England

23 JUNE 9PM

Group A

 Switzerland

 Germany

26 JUNE 6PM

Group E

 Slovakia

 Romania

1 JULY 9PM

Round of 16

1st Group F

3rd A/B/C

Welcome to Frankfurt



Officially named Frankfurt am Main, Frankfurt is the fifth-largest city in Germany. Its surrounding regions boast just under 6 million residents. Frankfurt has built itself into a global hub for commerce, culture, education, tourism and transportation, and is the site of many global and European corporate headquarters.

A mammoth in the business and financial sector, Frankfurt hosts Germany's busiest airport, with more direct flights than anywhere else in the world, and the home of Lufthansa, Europe's largest airline. Its train station is equally as important to Germany, being the second busiest after Hamburg. Around 342 trains operate to domestic and European destinations every day out of the Frankfurt Hauptbahnhof. The roads are just as busy. Frankfurt hosts one of the busiest interchanges in the EU, with around 320,000 cars per day.

Basically, it isn't quiet here. It's busy at the best of times, especially

around the main train station, so do expect this upon arrival.

The Frankfurt skyline has earned itself the nickname 'Mainhattan', a play on the river Main that runs through the city and Manhattan in New York, 'Bankfurt' is another. Frankfurt is Germany's most expensive city, and is rare throughout Europe for its high-rise buildings.

After the war, it was proposed that Frankfurt would be the capital of the newly formed West Germany. This was eventually given to Bonn. However, the growth of the city under American control was clear to see, and helped form its reputation today as a major powerhouse.

Eintracht Frankfurt are the major team here, former Europa League Champions in 2022 after beating Rangers in Seville. Football is obviously the main sport in the region, but it also has teams in basketball, rugby union, ice hockey and even Gaelic football.

Fans' Embassy



As ever, the England Fans' Embassy team will be on hand in Frankfurt to support you in any way that we can. If we don't know the answer, we probably know the person that does. We will be based at Hauptwache (pictured, although signage will have changed come June), but members of the Fans' Embassy team will be around the city so you should come across one of us at some point. We are yet to establish our opening times, but we will communicate this as soon as possible.

Members of staff from The FA and England Supporters Travel Club will be attending the Fans' Embassy location at yet-to-be-specified times for any fans with ticketing queries. We will get this information to you as soon as possible.

Joining us will be members of the Fans Welcome service, established by our good friends The KOS and the local Fan Projekts (Die Koordinationsstelle Fanprojekte). They will be on hand to discuss the work that they do, as well as help in any way they can. They are the local experts and we have been proud to work with them in the lead up to this tournament.

Getting there



By Air

There is one main airport that you would likely use to get to Frankfurt. Flughafen Frankfurt am Main is one of the busiest airports in the world. Located just outside of the city, it is reachable by a 10–15 minute train ride from the main station in Frankfurt, and can be reached relatively quickly from the city centre by road.

There is another airport that you could easily mistake as being close to Frankfurt, however. Frankfurt Hahn Airport is located around 75 miles away in Lautzenhausen, and is only reachable by road. There is a bus that takes you there from Frankfurt Central Station, which runs hourly and can take around 2 hours. This airport is a major base for Ryanair.

You will struggle to find a major airport in the UK that doesn't fly to Frankfurt am Main, with many flights operating daily for you to pick from should you choose this mode of transport. Once you arrive here, trains to the city

centre on the S-Bahn will leave from Terminal 1. If you arrive into Terminal 2, there is a Sky Train that will take you between terminals. There is also a free shuttle bus.

Once in Terminal 1, make sure you buy a ticket, or have a valid ticket through the many train deals out there before travelling. These can be purchased via the ticket machines near the station, or via their website or RMVgo app. Our experience was that payment was only accepted via PayPal on the app, but that could just have been us being technophobes. Depending on the train, it should only be two or three stops before reaching the central station in Frankfurt. A single ticket cost €6.30 at the time of going to print. If you are arriving on the day of the game and have a match ticket, the match ticket will enable you to ride for free.

Taxis are available outside both Terminal 1 and 2, and Uber operates here as well as the cream-coloured local taxis that you can get from the taxi ranks just outside. Try and agree on a

price before you get in, but it is likely they'll just go off the meter. Depending on how busy it is, the average price of a taxi is €25.

There are many buses from the airport to the city. Bus stops can be found at arrival level in Terminal 1, or level 2 in Terminal 2. There are staff in the vicinity to help you. Again, this will be free if you have a match ticket, but if it falls outside of the 36-hour period then it'll cost you around €4.

By Train

Many fans could well be headed to Frankfurt from the first game in Gelsenkirchen, but even if not, Frankfurt is easily accessible from pretty much every major town or city in Germany by direct trains, and even from cities in Europe. The Frankfurt Hauptbahnhof is a very large station, and regular trains offer you multiple options. DB and ICE trains will be your best bet.

Make sure you plan in advance as trains are likely to get busy, especially after the game where there will be trains running to take you away from Frankfurt if that is your plan.

Please use the Deutsche-Bahn website <https://int.bahn.de/en> to plan your journey. Remember that there are special deals for ticket holders during the tournament, with tickets taking you around the country for €29. More information on this can be found at <https://int.bahn.de/en/offers/special-offers/fan-ticket-football>

By Road

Being the major hub that Frankfurt is, it is easily accessible by road or by bus. Parking within the city is limited and very expensive, a deliberate ploy to encourage fans to use more sustainable methods of transport such as Germany's rail system.

Multiple Autobahns can be used to reach Frankfurt, but do be aware that Frankfurt does have a low-emission zone. Vehicles without the required environmental sticker can face fines of up to €100. There are multiple park-and-ride facilities on the approach to Frankfurt that you can use.

You can use buses to get around, with one of the major national coach companies FlixBus offering many services in and out of Frankfurt. Prices can vary, but you can look on their website for a journey to suit you. <https://www.flixbus.de/>

There are three stations for intercity bus services in Frankfurt: one at the south side of the Central Station, one at Terminal 2 of the airport and another one at Stephanstraße.

The Stadium



Frankfurt Arena

Named as the Frankfurt Arena for EURO 2024, the stadium will have a capacity of 47,000 for the four group games, as well as one knockout game. This is reduced from its normal 58,000 for Eintracht Frankfurt league games.

The stadium opened in 1925, however it has undertaken multiple redevelopments, most recently for the 2006 FIFA World Cup, where England beat Paraguay 1-0 in the opening Group B fixture. Its modern look is a two-tiered bowl, with some hospitality and disabled facilities located in between the two.

Whilst exact seating plans had yet to be released by the time of going to print, we do know that England fans will be located on the side of the stadium closest to the Frankfurt Station station on both upper and lower levels, behind the goal and in the corner.

The station is easily accessible from the city centre, and is

only a 5-10 minute S-Bahn journey from the main central station to Frankfurt Stadion on the S8 and S9 lines. Traffic is expected to be very busy around the stadium, so getting a taxi is definitely not advised unless you fancy a long walk. From the Frankfurt Stadion station, it's around a 10-minute walk to the stadium.

If you are located in other areas of the stadium outside of the official England section, you can also take a walk through the forest from Frankfurt Stadion station. Volunteers will be in attendance to help guide you.

We have been told there won't be much outside the stadium for supporters that would encourage gathering, so would advise heading straight into the stadium as early as possible.

After the game, we have been assured that whilst the stadium will be busy, getting away should be relatively smooth, just have a little patience.

Getting Around



By Rail

The S-Bahn and the U-Bahn are the most popular, with RE trains operating to the surrounding areas of Frankfurt. We would recommend downloading the RMVgo app where you can purchase tickets if you are here without a match ticket or are outside of the 36-hour free travel period. The map for these services will make reading the London Underground map feel easy, but the RMVgo app will help simplify this. S-Bahn lines S1 to S9 serve the region, and are well signposted on the platforms. The services on both the S-Bahn and the U1 to U9 lines on the U-bahn all run pretty frequently, so you won't be waiting too long.

By Car

Parking is very expensive in the city and we are expecting many road closures, including those that run along the river on the north side due to the position of the public viewing area for supporters, so we would advise against driving into the city. If you do find yourselves here in the car, be aware of the multiple one-way systems. We would recommend brushing up on some German driving laws before making the journey.

By Taxi

There are multiple taxi ranks around the city. They'll stand out as being cream and black in colour. Most taxis run off the meter, but do try and negotiate a price. Uber is also operational in the city.





Bicycles and Electric Scooters

There is a relatively good cycling infrastructure built in around the city, with some bikes being available to rent through the Deutsche Bahn 'Call a Bike' app service, you'll notice them as silver and red. Popular also are the electric scooters we have all become accustomed to seeing in cities at home, with familiar companies such as Lime, TIER, Bird and Bolt all visible and rentable via an app. We have to note that renting such modes of transport whilst under the influence of alcohol is illegal.



By Bus

A number of bus lines complete the Frankfurt public transport system. Night buses replace U-Bahn and tram services between 1:30 am and 3:30 am. The central junction for the night bus service is at the downtown square of Konstablerwache, where all night bus lines start and end.





Things to See and Do

The city of Frankfurt is quite vast, yet easily walkable. If you are out for a nice walk along the river, stop by the Eiserner Steg footbridge. Built in 1869, it is another bridge in a large European city covered in padlocks left by visitors over the years. It is completely made out of iron and concrete, and is the bridge which separates the Romerberg and Sachsenhausen areas of the city, which will be popular for England fans.

Whilst the Fan Zone and Public Viewing areas will be on the north side of the river, don't ignore the south side. Plenty of parks, cafes and museums are available for use near Mainufer.

Alongside the nice walks around the city, you can also experience it from the sky in one of Frankfurt's multiple skyscrapers including Main Tower Aussichtsplattform.

The Galeria Restaurant in the shopping district at Hauptwache has a rooftop bar available with stunning views of the skyscrapers. The NFT Skybar, Frankfurt's tallest, offers panoramic views of the city, too.

River cruises are also available and if you are looking to have a trip out of the city for a day, we would recommend a visit to Heidelberg to visit the Palace there.



Eating and Drinking



Frankfurt has 180 different nationalities living within the region, and that is obvious in the various cuisines based around the city. You are very much spoiled for choice, with multiple cafes, restaurants and most major pubs serving food and drink. There are takeaways on pretty much every street, so we don't think you'll starve.

It's Germany, so we would be disappointed if you weren't able to find a welcoming establishment to sink a few of Germany's finest lagers. You'll find a mixture of bars/pubs/cafes around the city and on both sides of the River Main.

One particular area that we would recommend is the Romerberg Altstadt (old town), a square just next to the infamous Romer Town Hall, an area used by Eintracht Frankfurt fans for celebrating winning silverware. There are plenty of bars and restaurants

in this area, most with outdoor seating, and it was popular back in 2006, but please stay out of the fountain! It is near the Paulskircher Church and Paulsplatz.

Not far from there is the Hauptwache, which can be used as a station to get to the stadium on the S-Bahn. This is the main shopping area, but there are some bars and restaurants in this area, particularly your familiar McDonalds, Five Guys and the like. Whilst here, we'd recommend popping into Cafe Hauptwache, a former guard house.

On the other side of the river is Sachsenhausen. Head for Stevedoo Burger & Sports Bar and the Kleine Rittergasse, a narrow street but plenty of bars and really good for the night life.

For those wondering, O'Reilly's Irish Bar, right opposite Central

Station, is always popular. The Fox and Hound English pub located just a 5-minute walk north of the station is ready to welcome you with open arms. The owner, Tony, has 27 years' of experience welcoming English fans to Frankfurt, both in major international tournaments and English club football. This particular bar will be open from 10am-1am every day, with indoor and outside bars set to be open.

We would advise carrying cash for many of the establishments around the city, it does make the process of buying a drink much quicker.

On the day of the game, our friends from Denmark will be using the Opernplatz area as a fan meeting point to head to the stadium together. The Roßmarkt will be available for England fans to use just next to the Hauptwache S-Bahn station from 12-3 on matchday.

Accommodation

Frankfurt has an abundance of hotel rooms, 64,000 in fact, but, as you will know, the price of accommodation during the tournament is very expensive.

By now, we expect many of you to have made arrangements, but for those yet to book, Frankfurt is served by all of the key hotel chains, multiple AirBnBs, hostels and plenty of local hotels. At the time of going to print, there

was still some availability in Frankfurt itself, with varying prices. We would suggest taking a look as soon as possible and even booking a free cancellation hotel just in case.

There are some camping sites available in the region, including Campingplatz Bürgel in Offenbach, Campingplatz Mankur in Maintal and Campingplatz Dreieich in Dreieich.



British Embassy



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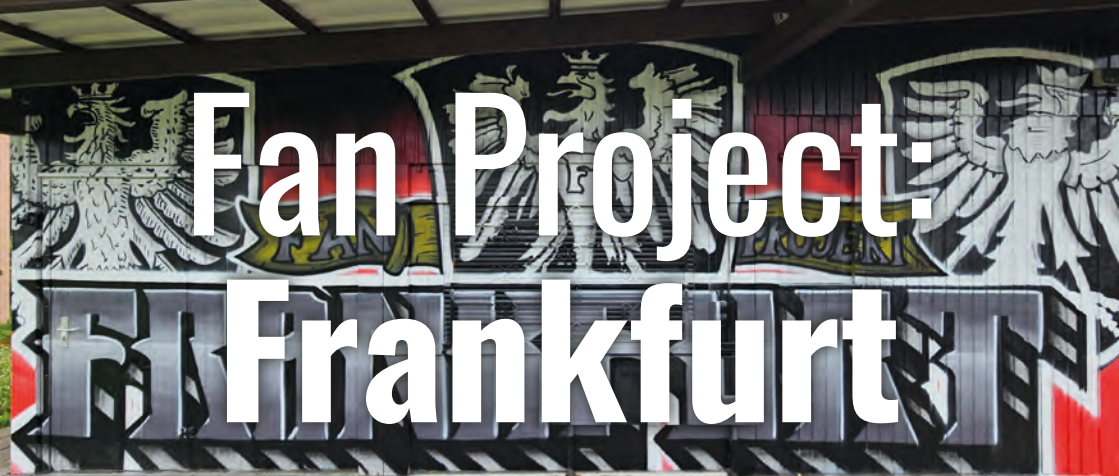
The Embassy is located in Berlin, and the Consulates-General are located in Dusseldorf and Munich.

Fan Zones and Public Viewing Areas

On top of the main areas we have mentioned before, there will, of course, be the usual fan zones/public viewing areas where you can enjoy views of the River Main and plenty of food and drink from the multiple food stalls available. Entry is free, and it will be showing the football on multiple screens across the area.

The area located on the north side of the River Main, can be accessed via multiple points, but mainly near the Romerberg Altstadt. It stretches around 1.5km, and will even have a football pitch on the water. There will be a large public viewing area available too, to watch all games in the European Championship, with a large screen floating on the water.

Whatever you do, we have been advised that jumping in the river would not be recommended. So just don't do it! It is a major route for trade and the current can be quite quick at times. Also, the water isn't very nice and we have no idea what you might catch. It will probably be something slightly more damaging to your health than fish!



Fan Project: Frankfurt

Frankfurt Fan Project

Who are you? What role do you play in the fan project, what are your tasks? Which team do you support? What does it mean to you to be a fan?

Gude. That's the word we like to greet each other with in Frankfurt. So – gude England, welcome to the sports city of Frankfurt. We are very pleased to welcome you as guests. As a team from the Fan Embassy in Frankfurt, it is our concern to assist you with our knowledge and network if you encounter any problems during your stay in Frankfurt. Think of the Fan Embassy as a mix between a tourist office tailored to fan needs and a first aid station for current life situations. You can find us centrally in the city centre at a place called Hauptwache. Since our team is recruited from the fan projects of several German clubs, it wouldn't be fair to highlight one club at this point. However, as you move around Frankfurt, you will feel at every corner and in every corner of the city that the heart beats for Eintracht Frankfurt here. If you are interested in the question of what it means for us to be fans, we can say that for us it is a profound feeling, equally mixed of enthusiasm, solidarity, and well-maintained sporting rivalry. But you know it yourself –

one cannot express it better than the legendary Bill Shankly (even though he was Scottish). Of course, we look forward to philosophising with you about it when you visit us at the Fan Embassy.

How excited are you that your city is hosting games for EURO 2024 or that many international guests are coming to your city?

We are very excited to be hosting one of the most significant tournaments in the world and to welcome the supporters of some of the most significant teams in the world, including, of course, the Three Lions. The visit of international guests is the best thing that can happen to a city because everyone who visits us brings their way of life with them. An event like this reminds us of how we all should be to ensure that our coexistence functions at a high level: cosmopolitan, tolerant, and interculturally educated. We are very excited to meet you and to experience that the spirit and special atmosphere of football are not only at home in the stadium.

Do you have advice for fans in your city (good areas in the city for eating/drinking, a specific sports bar, sights, etc.)?

The world-famous Frankfurt Zoo is definitely worth a visit, even if you won't find elephants or rhinoceroses there when searching for the Big Five. But for those who prefer a tailored form of the Big Five on their bucket list, here are our personal Big Five from Frankfurt.

- 1) Sunset on the banks of the Main River
- 2) a visit to a typical Frankfurt cider tavern
- 3) drinking a "Bembel" of cider, eating "Handkäse" with music and green sauce
- 4) a ride on the Ebbelwoi Express
- 5) a visit to the Frankfurt Palm Garden.

What can England fans expect in your city?

The centre of Frankfurt is relatively small, so many places of interest are easily reachable on foot. When England plays against Denmark on June 20th, the city will be more than crowded.

So, you can expect a lively and dense atmosphere. But don't worry, Frankfurt is a city with a diverse and sufficient supply of food and drinks, the public transport is well developed and, for those who prefer comfort, a taxi awaits at almost every corner.

Cologne (Köln)



German state: North Rhine-Westphalia

Population: 1,100,000

Average June temperature: 22°C

Fixtures in Cologne (local time)

15 JUNE 3PM

Group A

 Hungary

 Switzerland

19 JUNE 9PM

Group A

 Scotland

 Switzerland

22 JUNE 9PM

Group E

 Belgium

 Romania

25 JUNE 9PM

Group C

 England

 Slovenia

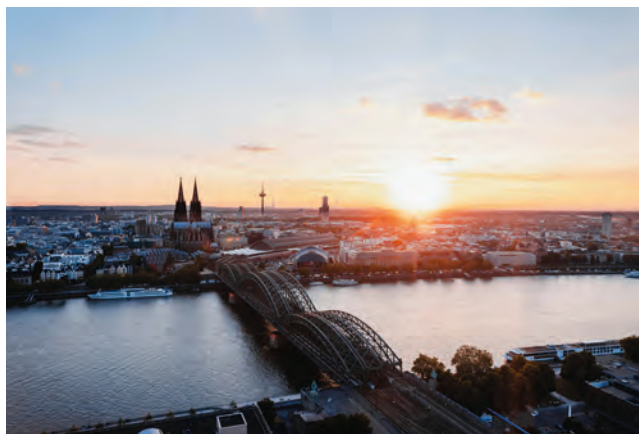
30 JUNE 9PM

Round of 16

1st Group B

3rd A/D/E/F

Welcome to Cologne



We are unfeasibly excited to be visiting the wonderful city of Cologne for our last group stage fixture with Slovenia. Cologne—Köln to the locals—is the fourth largest city in Germany and the largest in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia. Just over a million people live in the city itself, with another three million in the surrounding areas.

The city itself is very well situated. It is close to both Düsseldorf (22 miles) and the old West German capital, Bonn (16 miles). Access to the rest of Germany and western Europe is excellent, particularly by rail, with Cologne acting as a stop on the Eurostar lines to both Amsterdam and Brussels from Frankfurt.

If you do arrive in Cologne by rail, the Cathedral—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—will take your breath away the moment you step out of the main station.

Once the tallest building in the world, it remains the third largest church—and outright biggest cathedral—on the planet. Gothic in architecture, it is home to the Shrine of the Three Kings, which is believed to contain the remains of the Three Wise Men.

It took over 600 years to build and was heavily bombed in World War II, but somehow remained standing amidst an almost flattened city. It was extensively restored in the 1950s.

Today, Cologne is a major cultural centre in the Rhineland, with over 30 museums, a fantastic old town and a beautiful riverfront.

England played here back in 2006, managing a 2-2 draw with Sweden, and we're sure both those returning and those arriving for the first time will leave with very fond memories. If you don't, you only have yourselves to blame!

Fans' Embassy



The FSA Fans' Embassy will be located near to the Alter Markt (Old Town) and the Heumarkt square at Kurt-Hackenberg Platz. We are yet to establish our opening times, but will confirm them on social media and in issue 187 of Free Lions, which we'll be printing in advance of the game and distributing around the city via the Fans' Embassy Team.

Our approachable and friendly volunteer team will also be here to assist with any questions, concerns or issues that you may have. You will, as always, be able to contact us via our 24/7 helpline and social media channels.

We will at some stage be joined by members of the England Supporters' Travel Club team, times to be confirmed, to discuss anything ticket related.

Also joining us will be members of the Fans Welcome service, established by our good friends The KOS and the local Fan Projekts (Die Koordinationsstelle Fanprojekte). They will be on hand to discuss the work that they do, as well as help in any way they can.

As the local experts we have been proud and grateful to work with them in the lead up to this tournament.

Getting there



By Road

The A1, A3 and A4 all take you to the outskirts of Cologne, where you can pick up the A57 or L124 for the city centre. It is not advisable to drive into the heart of the city itself, given the potential of multiple road closures for the tournament. Traffic is likely to be very busy.

You can, though, take advantage of multiple park and ride options around the city, most of which are 24-hour and are free of charge if you have a public transport ticket, including the 36-hour pass.

As with most major German cities, a low-emission zone exists in the city centre and surrounding areas, and cars must display the required environmental sticker. Fines can be issued of up to €40 for non-compliance.

Parking in the city centre is also very expensive. It's almost as if they don't want you to drive here and use one of the much more efficient and sustainable methods of transport available.

The bus terminal Fernbusbahnhof (P32), located at Cologne/Bonn Airport, is the hub for long-distance buses. The FlixBus company serves Cologne.

By Air

Cologne is served by the Cologne-Bonn Airport, which provides access to many major cities around Europe and northern Africa. Flights from the UK tend to operate out of London, with seasonal flights to Birmingham, Manchester and Newcastle.

It is one of the only 24-hour airports in Germany and is accessible from the main station in Cologne via the S-Bahn S19, RE6 regional express and RB27 regional train.

Taxis cost around €40–45 between the airport and the city and can take longer, so we would recommend the train services.

Also nearby is Dusseldorf airport, the largest airport in the region serving worldwide destinations, with short train rides from Dusseldorf available regularly throughout the day.

By Train

Cologne boasts two main railway stations. The main Cologne Hauptbahnhof connects to major European cities like Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels, Basel and Vienna.

You can actually get the Eurostar train from London, with a quick change in Brussels, you'd be able to complete the journey between 4–5 hours.

The second station in Cologne is the Cologne Messe/Deutz. It is on the opposite side of the river but has easy accessibility to the main city centre across the Rhine by S-Bahn, U-Bahn and local bus services.

Many trains from other cities in Germany roll into Cologne Messe/Deutz, so it's worth doing some research into where your hotel is before deciding which station may be best. Speaking from experience, both are good options.

The Stadium



Cologne Stadium

Home of 1. FC Köln, this will be the second fixture England have played at this stadium since its redevelopment for the World Cup in 2006, its third iteration in its history.

The capacity for this tournament is set at 43,000, and the official England allocation will be located in the North Stand, close to the tram stations that serve the stadium.

The stadium itself normally holds around 50,000 for 1. FC Köln fixtures, given the ability to use standing areas in German league football. These sections often resemble the old-style terracing that we were used to in the 1970s and 1980s, before all-seater stadia were introduced.

We are expecting most fans to travel to the stadium from the Old Town. You can go directly to the stadium from Heumarkt, near the fanzone at the Old

Town. However, to make your journey a little smoother, we would recommend walking towards the station of Neumarkt. Trains from Heumarkt will likely be busy with people travelling from the Cologne Messe/Deutz station, whereas Neumarkt is the start of some trains, meaning they will be empty when you embark. Services will run every ten minutes from Heumarkt, and every five minutes from Neumarkt.

Alternatively, you do have the option of taking the S-Bahn 12 or 19 to Weiden West, changing back onto the tram on Red Line 1 and heading back to the stadium that way, which is likely to be much quieter.

The station closest to the stadium is Cologne Stadium, normally known as the Köln RheinEnergieSTADION, the stadium's usual sponsor.

From there, you will enter the stadium grounds through the "Stadion" arch and into a large grass area. Closer to the stadium you will enter the "OSP" (Outer Security Perimeter) to have your ticket activated, before entering the stadium via the turnstiles located in the corners of the stadium.

Exiting the stadium is expected to be busy, but extra services will be laid on for the tram service, which will hopefully make the process relatively quick.

Parking at the stadium can now be booked on a first come first served basis for €24 via <https://euro24-cologne.ticket.io/>

Getting Around



By Rail

As ever in a German city, the rail system is very impressive and easily accessible. The local Cologne rail system is served by the company VRS, and we would recommend downloading the KVB app for booking any rail transport outside of the 36-hour free period.

It is a very easy app to use, and use it you should: if caught on any of the rail services without a ticket, fines can be issued of up to €60.

You will have S-Bahn, U-Bahn and regional services available around the city.

By Car

The city centre is expected to be very busy with multiple road closures, so we would advise against driving into the city centre. Parking is very expensive and not readily available, so please make use of the park and ride facilities at the edge of the city.

There is a P&R at Weiden West, from which point you can use the Red Line 1 tram to access the city (and also the stadium).

By Taxi

Uber is available here and is relatively well priced.

There are also local taxi companies, whose cream coloured cars can be waved down in the street or found in one of the multiple taxi ranks around the city. Local taxis operate on a meter.





Bicycles and Electric Scooters



Hugely popular in most German cities, bicycles are available to rent around the city, as well as the electric scooters through companies such as Lime, Bird and Bolt.

We know how tempting it can be to rent one of these after a few beers, but please be aware that this is considered drink-driving, and you can be arrested for using this mode of transport under the influence.



By Boat

There will be a free ferry to take you across the Rhine from near the Old Town to the Deutz side of the river, near the Cologne Messe/Deutz Station and the Tanzbrunnen public viewing area.





If you fancy a trip outside of the city, you can head to the city of Bonn, just a short train ride from Cologne. There you have the Schloss Drachenburg, a castle towards the south of the city with views of the Rhine, as well as the Poppelsdorf Palace which is closer to the city centre. Bonn is the old capital of West Germany, so well worth a visit.

Hikers will find multiple options Near Bonn, some of which can take in one of the many vineyards in the region if you need a rest from the Kölsch.

And if you have time, take a day and head to Marburg, a pristine medieval hill town. While we realise this may put some of you off, there are more steps in the streets than in the houses.

Things to See and Do

Cologne and the surrounding region is very large and not short of a few things to do. We know fine well how cultured England fans are, so we asked the locals for a few options for you beyond just sitting in one of the many excellent bars drinking the time away.

Nearly all of the locals we spoke to mentioned one of the river cruises, especially one heading into the evening as the sun starts to set to witness the lights of the city and the cathedral. There are many places you can book the river cruises, either via cologne-tourism.com or by popping down to the river and approaching one of the multiple boats on offer. Prices start from around €15-20.

While you're in town you simply have to visit the cathedral and climb to the top. Tickets start from €6, and more information about tickets and

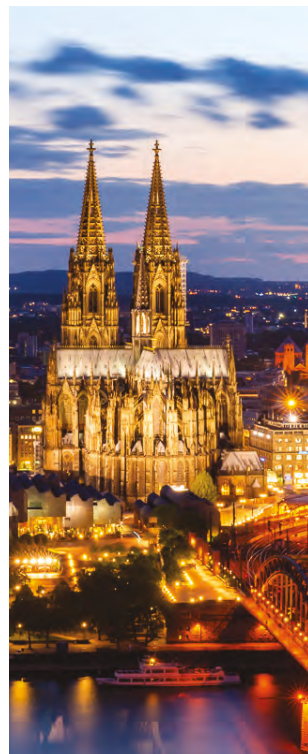
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There are multiple brewery tours. However, we'd expect Cologne to be busy at this time, so we're unsure how much of the tour you'll be able to complete without walking into a completely full bar of England fans.

There is the Cologne Zoo, but please note, this is not an offer of accommodation!

Alternatively, the Chocolate Museum will fill you with much information about cocoa and chocolate and how it first arrived into Europe. Any free samples should be delivered to the FSA Fans' Embassy in the Alter Markt.

For reference, you can purchase a KölnCard, which gives you discounts on some attractions as well as public transport.



Eating and Drinking

Cologne is just stunning, you won't struggle to find a bar or a restaurant to suit your needs. For your first port of call, we'd advise heading to the Old Town, which will no doubt be heaving. But if you're lucky enough to get into one of the many bars around the Heumarkt or Alter Markt squares, you will have a fantastic time.

We struggled to find a bad pub on our recce—and God knows we tried—but particularly highly recommended are: Peters Brauhaus, Brauhaus Sion, Brauhaus FRUH am Dom, Brauerei zur Malzmühle, Gilden im Zims and Brauerei Pfaffen.

If you're looking for a drink or a bite to eat with a nice view, head down to the waterfront near the Old Town, where multiple establishments with outdoor seating and wonderful views of the Rhine await. One



particular joint is Haxenhaus; if you like massive portion sizes, this is the place for you.

If you do head to the riverfront, please don't jump in the river: the current is very fast, it is illegal, and none of the Fans' Embassy team will be in any fit state to save you.

Other areas of the city to consider are the Chlodwigplatz,

and also the Belgisches Viertel—the Belgian Quarter—which is close to a lovely park area to get some fresh air in between the Kölsch bombardments.

Becoming ever more famous with English fans travelling to Germany is the Lukas Podolski Kebab Shop, and we are delighted to reveal that there is one right near the Heumarkt area of the city.



Local Speciality: Kölsch

The locals are very proud of this light and refreshing beer and you'll struggle to find a bar that doesn't serve it. Constantly.

Hopefully the Tartan Army, who play here just before us, will have left us some!

Kölsch is a style of beer that was first brewed in Cologne and while technically it is an ale, it also has some brewing traits typical of lagers. That's because warm-fermenting ale yeast is used during the initial brewing of Kölsch, but



then it is conditioned at a cold temperature like a lager.

Kölsch is not only a beverage but also a cultural symbol, with its own customs and traditions surrounding its consumption,

such as serving it in small, cylindrical glasses called "Stangen." Please don't insult the local bartenders by asking for one of the typical steins of Kölsch, there is a reason it comes in the small glasses.

By serving it this way, Kölsch is kept cool and fresh, and in the vast majority of bars they will continue to serve it to you until you tell them to stop. Glasses of Kölsch cost around €1.50-2.50, and the bartenders will tend to use a beer mat to keep a tally of how many you have had.

Accommodation

There are over 300 hotels and 31,000 beds within Cologne in varying categories. Your major hotel chains are all based here, from Hilton to Premier Inn, as well as multiple local hotels too.

Naturally, hotels in the city centre by now are very expensive. At the time of going to press, the likes of the Ibis reached in excess of £160 per night around the time England

are due to play. We would suggest staying a little bit further afield. Hotels, hostels and AirBnB's are cheaper on the outskirts of the city, and there are many options.

There is also a camping site available on the Deutz side of the river at Jugendpark, next to the public viewing area at Tanzbrunnen. As we went to print in early May, there was still plenty of availability remaining.



British Embassy



There is no British Consulate in Cologne, but the British Embassy will be contactable via the details found on page 156 should you need any assistance.

The British Embassy is located in Berlin, with Consulates-General located in Dusseldorf and Munich. All are contactable 24 hours a day in an emergency.

Fan Zones and Public Viewing Areas

The main fan zone for the city, and the one earmarked for England fans, will be based at Heumarkt in the Old Town, with a capacity for 7,000 people. This fan zone will open at 11am on match day (1pm on non-match days) and will close at the end of the last fixture of the day.

The bars surrounding the Heumarkt fan zone will not be included in the fan zone, so they will still be open as normal.

An additional public viewing area will be based on the other side of the river at Tanzbrunnen. It is likely to house more Slovenian supporters and will have multiple football pitches available if you fancied a game. Tanzbrunnen is larger than Heumarkt with a capacity of around 12,500.

At the time of going to print, discussions were underway about a larger public viewing area to watch the game should it be needed, depending on how many England fans travel to the city. This will be located along the riverfront, and we will of course be updating the usual channels with details if it is required.



Fan Project: Cologne

Thomas Lükewille: head of the Cologne fan project

Who are you: What role do you play in the fan project, what are your tasks? Which team do you support? What does it mean to you to be a fan?

Thomas Lükewille: I am the head of the Cologne fan project and my tasks include outreach work on match days for 1. FC Köln, as well as individual support, networking, open offers and events, and administrative tasks. I am very neutral when it comes to the EURO teams, as my heart belongs to the local football club. Being professionally involved in the stadium has changed my "fanhood". I naturally enjoy successes, but I am not as emotionally involved as I used to be.

How excited are you that your city is hosting games for EURO 2024 or that many international guests are coming to your city?

We are excited about welcoming thousands of spectators from all over Europe and want to show that Cologne is an open-minded city. We are happy to contribute to the fan message to hopefully make everyone feel comfortable and have a good time in Cologne.

"We are excited about welcoming thousands of spectators from all over Europe."

Do you have advice for fans in your city (good areas in the city for eating/drinking, a specific sports bar, sights, etc.)?

It's definitely worth getting to know the neighborhood culture in Cologne and exploring beyond the rather small old town. Especially the "Schäl Sick", or the right bank of the Rhine, is worth a visit during the EURO. At the Football Experience in Cologne Deutz, there's a colorful program with activities ranging from playing football yourself to panel discussions, public viewing, and many other things.

What can England fans expect in your city?

The most beautiful stadium at the EURO ;-)) and many visitors throughout the city, as many EURO stadiums are very close to Cologne.

Düsseldorf



German state: North Rhine-Westphalia

Population: 1653,253

Time zone: BST +1 hour

Average June Temperature: 21°C

Fixtures in Düsseldorf (local time)

17 JUNE 9PM

Group D



Austria



France

21 JUNE 3PM

Group E



Slovakia



Ukraine

24 JUNE 9PM

Group E



Albania



Spain

01 JULY 6PM

Round of 16

2nd Group D

2nd Group E

06 JULY 6PM

Quarter-final

Winner 40

Winner 38

Welcome to Düsseldorf



Düsseldorf is the capital city of the North Rhine-Westphalia region of Germany, and the second largest in the region behind Cologne.

Düsseldorf has built a very good reputation with travelling English football fans over the years, with the city acting as a great base for fans attending games in this region given its accessibility to other towns and cities via its rail network.

Düsseldorf is quite a trendy city, based on the river Rhine, with multiple fashion shows taking place in the city throughout the year. For Japanese communities, it is the third-largest city in Europe, and largest in Germany.

During WWII, the city was targeted for its oil refineries; production was eventually halted there. In 1943, over 700 bombers were used in one night to target the city, and

it eventually fell easily into American hands in April 1943.

Today, Düsseldorf has very much built itself into a powerhouse in Germany and particularly the North Rhine-Westphalia region, and we sincerely hope we are visiting here with England for a EURO 2024 quarter-final, all being well.

Strange fact, it is also the only city in Germany with red, yellow and green lights for pedestrians, so we're told.

Getting there



By Air

Düsseldorf airport is the fourth largest airport in Germany, serving 180 destinations across 4 continents, with 70 airlines passing through here on a regular basis.

Düsseldorf is easily accessible from most UK airports, with Eurowings, Lufthansa and British Airways all offering flights here, plus the budget airlines. The airport itself is relatively close to the city centre, and a quick journey on the Skyline will take you to the main station, from there it is around a 5 minute train journey into the Düsseldorf main station.

It is the main airport for the entire North Rhine-Westphalia region, so you can obviously expect it to be busy throughout the European Championships. As per, if flying

in direct from the UK you will be expected to go through passport control, which can take a little longer following Brexit. If flying in from the Schengen area, you'll be able to go straight through relatively smoothly.

From the airport, you can take multiple regional trains to the city which takes around 6 minutes. There are also taxis which will set you back around €25-30, so the train is definitely the quickest and cheapest option into the city.

You can reach multiple towns and cities around the region from Düsseldorf airport also, so this is a very good option to fly in and out of.

By Train

You can reach Düsseldorf from many major European cities.

It can be done with just one change, in Brussels, from London in a little over 5 hours. Many trains running from London also require you to change in Cologne, but equally there is plenty of availability, although costs are rising.

By Road

From London, Düsseldorf is roughly a 7-hour drive, if you weren't to stop, but it is likely to be a popular route for many England fans. We would advise booking a channel-crossing as soon as possible as these can sell quickly.

North Rhine-Westphalia has the densest network of autobahns in Germany and Düsseldorf is directly accessible via the A3, A44, A46, A52, A57, A59 and A524.

The Stadium



The Düsseldorf Arena

The Düsseldorf Arena possibly awaits England in the quarter-finals, should we win the group. It is also possible we could face the hosts Germany here too, but working out the possible routes of all teams is not something we have invested a lot of time in. What will be will be.

The stadium will hold 47,000 supporters for EURO 2024, it normally holds 54,600 for league games. The stadium, normally called the Merkur-Spiel Arena, is the home of Fortuna Düsseldorf, who currently battle it out in the second division of German football.

Based over two tiers, the stadium itself is very spacious and relatively modern. It is based slightly outside of the city centre, and is accessible by tram or even by walking from the Old Town along the river Rhine. We would recommend, if

it is a nice day, taking the walk along the river as the tram is likely to get very busy.

The walk is around an hour, but it is mostly flat along the river and we are hopeful there will be refreshment stands along the way.

This is one of the few stadiums that does offer considerable parking given the lack of public transport available, but we would still advise against getting a taxi to the stadium as traffic is likely to be very busy.

If you do get the tram, you want to use the U78 train which departs from multiple stations including the main station, and the Old Town from the Heinrich-Heine-Allee station. This will drop you off at the Europaplatz Sports Park Nord.

Please be aware upon exiting the stadium, you will use the

Merkur-Spiel Arena station, which is right next to the stadium on the south side. This is likely to be very busy and can take upwards of an hour to clear. We would advise walking back to the town centre if you can or, failing that, refreshment stalls should be open after the game if you want to let the crowd die down.



Getting Around



By Rail

Considered the '10-minute city' because of the mass availability of transport in Düsseldorf, everything really is at your fingertips.

The quickest way to get around Düsseldorf is definitely by using the U-Bahn, S-Bahn and tram lines. Tickets can be bought outside of the 36-hour free period via the DB app, or by local apps run by Rheinbahn or VRR. Tickets can also be purchased from the local stations, however physical tickets must be stamped by one of the machines before use. Staff will be on hand to assist with this.

By Car

Driving around Düsseldorf can get busy, especially at rush-hour, unsurprisingly. There isn't a huge amount of parking, and it can be expensive, so we would recommend if you are driving to use one of the park and ride facilities on the outskirts of the city. The city and some of the surrounding areas are bound by a low-emission zone, so again, as with other cities in Germany, make sure you have displayed the correct badge to show your vehicle is up to standard.

Walking

Most major points in the city can be reached by walking, and it is a lovely city for a nice stroll. So, if you do get the chance, please take up the opportunity of getting your steps in, you never know, you may stumble across an area or a bar not bombarded with football fans!





Bicycles and Electric Scooters

Bicycles and e-scooters are available to rent, but please make sure you are not renting one of these whilst under the influence of alcohol, this is illegal.

There may be areas where using the e-scooters won't be permitted due to facilities being erected for the tournament, and be aware of any specific parking areas related to your rental to avoid any extra charges.

Taxis

Uber and local taxi companies do exist in the city, with the local taxi rank cars being cream coloured. These will operate off the meter.

Bus

Local bus services are operated by RheinBahn and are located throughout the city.

Buses will be free during the 36-hour period for ticket holders whilst England play in Gelsenkirchen and Cologne, and obviously if we play here in the Quarter-final or Dortmund in the semis.



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Things to See and Do

Apart from enjoying the multiple bars and restaurants all over the city of Düsseldorf, the city is filled with plenty of art museums, if that tickles your fancy, and also a chocolate factory. One of the art museums, K21, has a feature called 'In Orbit', where a giant spider-web-like net made out of steel allows you to walk 25m above the ground, underneath the glass roof.

The tourism office of Düsseldorf is in the process of creating a 'Düsseldorf Fan Cart', which will entitle you to discounts in the Düsseldorf area for your culinary needs and sightseeing opportunities.

The tallest building in Düsseldorf is the Rheinturm, a telecommunications tower which is open to the public daily from 10:00-23:00. The observation deck provides

stunning views of the city and the Rhine.

It wouldn't be a German city on the Rhine without a river cruise, which once again is readily available for you.

Near the Schauspielhaus state theatre is the Kö-Bogen II building, Düsseldorf's response to climate change. It has over 30,000 plants and eight kilometres worth of hornbeam hedges covering the building.

Next to this is a grass triangular hill structure, which for the tournament will have a football pitch built on it. Now, we don't know about you, but watching a football game on a triangular piece of grass that is pretty much at a 45-degree angle sounds like fun! After a few beers, it may resemble some of the stuff we are used to watching on a Saturday afternoon back in England.



Eating and Drinking

There is a love-hate relationship between the locals in Düsseldorf and the locals in Cologne, and whilst we have advised you to drink Kolsch in Cologne, we would advise against ordering that in Düsseldorf, unless you want to face the wrath of the waiters and any locals overhearing your order.

In Düsseldorf, they drink Altbier, a darker, copper-coloured drink, akin to lager with a bit of fruitiness. It is a very nice drink, and is served in shorter but thicker glasses than the longer but thinner glasses in Cologne. We're saying nothing.

We imagine many England fans will head for the Old Town (Altstadt), a huge area filled with bars and restaurants all the way to the waterfront. There are multiple narrow streets with bars to suit all of your needs.

We have been told by the locals that heading to the Japanese Quarter, considered 'Little Tokyo',



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is well worth a visit. Located around Immermannstrasse and Klosterstrasse, you'll find all of your authentic Japanese cuisine and culture.

Are there Irish pubs? I hear you screaming. Yes, plenty. Head to Bolkerstrasse. There is a mix of your traditional pubs and German pubs, and even a McDonalds. Head into Zum Schlüssel, a traditional beer

house that will serve you Altbier, in a similar way to the way they serve Kolsch in Cologne, non-stop, it will cost around €3 a glass.

For the foodies, currywurst is obviously popular, but if you fancy a dish made from black pudding, potatoes and apple sauce then look for 'Himmel and Erde', or 'Rheinischer Döbbeckooche', a potato cake like dish.



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Accommodation

The transport system in Düsseldorf and the surrounding region means staying in Düsseldorf is not absolutely imperative, and for those on a budget we would suggest staying outside of the centre in areas such as Oberbilk, or many of the other towns and cities in the North Rhine-Westphalia region.

There are still some hostels available in Düsseldorf for a relatively decent price, but

demand is expected to be high. Upon going to print, there was some availability at the chain hotels, such as the Premier Inn near the station for around €114 per room.

Keep an eye on Booking.com or AirBnB as the tournament progresses if you haven't booked anything here yet. Experience tells us grabbing a good deal is possible the later into the tournament we go.



British Embassy

There is a British Consulate based in Düsseldorf, which is ideal. The British Embassy will be contactable via the details found on page 156 should you need any assistance.

They are contactable 24 hours a day in an emergency. The Embassy is located in Berlin, and the other Consulates-General is located in Munich.

Fan Zones and Public Viewing Areas



One of the main fan zones will be located at Burgplatz, which is on the river front near the Old Town. The capacity of this is 5,000. There is also a public viewing area just along from Burgplatz with two screens on the river at Rheinufer.

A smaller fan zone is available at Schauspielhaus, with a capacity of around 2,000.

Fans' Embassy

The Fans' Embassy will be located at Schadowplatz, not far from the main drinking area in the Old Town (Altstadt). At this stage, we obviously have no idea if we will be making use of this location, we're dependent on Gareth Southgate getting the job done for us, but if we do, we will communicate opening dates and times as soon as possible.



Joining us will be members of the Fans Welcome service, established by our good friends The KOS and the local Fan Projekts (Die Koordinationsstelle Fanprojekte). They will be on hand to discuss the work that they do, as well as help in any way they can. They are the local experts and we have been proud to work with them in the lead-up to this tournament.



Fan Project: Düsseldorf

Daniela, Torsten, and Benjamin: Düsseldorf Fan Project

Who you are: What role do you have in the fan project, what are your tasks? Which team do you support? What does being a fan mean to you?

We are Daniela, Torsten, and Benjamin from the Düsseldorf Fan Project and work in the socio-pedagogical context with the football fans of Fortuna Düsseldorf. Torsten has been involved with the fan scene, with breaks, since 1993. Benjamin has been a pedagogical employee of the fan project since 2010 and pedagogical director since 2019. Daniela has been part of the team since 2022. Our main tasks include: accompanying the fan scene to all Fortuna Düsseldorf matches, open offers and educational opportunities outside of match days, individual conversations and support for fans in their everyday lives.

Since we have been accompanying the fans here locally for quite some time, we can empathise well with their way of living, their fan culture and understand their passion. Therefore, we can also understand well when fans of national teams like the English team sacrifice money and

vacation days to accompany the team to major tournaments.

How excited are you that your city is hosting games for EURO 2024 or that many international guests are coming to your city?

As Düsseldorf was not a venue for the 2006 World Cup in Germany, we are very excited to be part of the big tournament in 2024. We are looking forward to many different people, different cultures, and hopefully peaceful coexistence in our beautiful city. We have already had some experiences in recent years with English fans who have played with their clubs in the Champions or Europa League in other cities around Düsseldorf and have visited the old town ;)

Do you have advice for fans in your city (good areas in the city for eating/drinking, a specific sports bar, sights, etc.)?

Speaking of the old town: When you are in the old town (it is known in Germany as the "longest bar in the world" because there is one bar after another in the old town and it looks like everything is connected), you must try the local "Altbier" in the five brewery houses (Schumacher, Schlüssel, Uerige,

Füchschchen, Kürzer). This speciality is only available in and around Düsseldorf. Otherwise, we can recommend the "Kasematten". Live sports are shown there, and you can enjoy your drink with a direct view of the Rhine. A visit to the Rhine Tower is also worthwhile. There, at 168 metres in height, you can have a nice overview of Düsseldorf with coffee and cake. If you are interested in the history of Fortuna Düsseldorf, you can visit the "Paul Janes Stadium" on Flinger Broich. This stadium is the actual home of Fortuna. The move to the former "Rheinstadion" took place in 1972 when the stadium was built for the 1974 World Cup. During the construction of the current stadium (2002–2004), Fortuna even played again at Flinger Broich, but at that time not in the 2nd league, but only in the 4th league.

What can England fans expect in your city?

Düsseldorf is a city known for shopping and gastronomy, and the people in the city like to enjoy themselves. The quality of life is very high, and we are sure that English fans will notice this and can look forward to it.

Dortmund



German State: North Rhine-Westphalia

Population: 609,000

Time Zone: BST +1 hour

Average July Temperature: 23°C

Fixtures in Dortmund (local time)

15 JUNE 9PM

Group B



Italy



Albania

18 JUNE 6PM

Group F



Turkey



Georgia

22 JUNE 6PM

Group F



Turkey



Portugal

25 JUNE 6PM

Group D



France



Poland

29 JUNE 9PM

Round of 16

1st Group A

2nd Group C

10 JULY 9PM

Semi-final

Winner 47

Winner 48

Welcome to Dortmund



Dortmund is the third largest city in the North Rhine–Westphalia region behind Cologne and Dusseldorf, and the ninth biggest city in Germany.

Once a major centre for coal and steel, the city centre had to be pretty much rebuilt in the 1950's, after 98% of its city centre buildings and 66% of surrounding houses were destroyed in the war. Many of its older buildings weren't rebuilt in a similar fashion, rather a 1950's

style was adopted and the city regrew to become the home of high-tech, biomedical and microsystem industries. Other key sectors include retail, the leisure and visitor economy, creative industries, and logistics.

Not to mention football. Most of us probably know Dortmund for its European giant Borussia Dortmund. The BVB Stadion Dortmund, some may know it as the Westfalenstadion, is synonymous across the world for its gigantic 'Yellow Wall', a

25,000 all standing mammoth of a stand.

We have two possibilities of coming to play here. Hopefully, for a Semi-Final tie if we top the group. Alternatively, we'll be back here if we finish second.

Dortmund is likely to be the home of the Turkish for the group-stages, given Turkey play here twice and are expected to travel in their tens of thousands.

Getting there



By Air

Dortmund does have its own airport, but is mainly used for low-budget airlines. It does travel to some major cities in Europe, including London, but you'll find many of the flights heading off to sunnier climes and Eastern European cities. The airport is growing however, so you may well be able to find flights to this city. The main airport for the region however is Dusseldorf, with good transport links available to and from Dortmund.

By Train

High speed trains can be used to get to Dortmund from European cities such as Paris, Brussels or Amsterdam, as well as pretty much all of Germany's major cities. The local rail service falls under the VRR company, whose app can be used to purchase tickets if outside of the 36-hour free period. You can also use the DB app.

Dortmund can be accessed easily from multiple cities that will be relevant to England fans, such as Dusseldorf, Gelsenkirchen, Frankfurt and Cologne, as well as cities further afield such as Hamburg, Berlin and Munich.

By Road

Main connections to Germany remain through the A1 and A2 Autobahn systems, however the Ruhrschnellweg, the Bundesautobahn 40, can be accessed from the Dutch border and is a continuation of the Dutch A67 road.

Unfortunately, we don't hold high hopes for the Ruhrschnellweg, considered the Ruhr's largest car park, given its constant traffic flow issues.

FlixBus routes operate to Dortmund on a regular basis for those travelling by bus.

The Stadium



BVB Stadion Dortmund

Normally hosting supporters of over 81,000, the capacity for EURO 2024 is capped at around 62,000. This is in part due to the mega 25,000 standing section that normally exists for Borussia Dortmund games having to be all-seater. It was built for the 1974 World Cup.

Home of Borussia 'BVB' Dortmund, former European Champions, this stadium would have been on the wishlist of most fans travelling to Germany. England did play here in a

friendly in 2017, in a farewell game for Lukas Podolski, losing 1-0.

Incredibly atmospheric, we sincerely hope we get the opportunity to see England walk out here.

In terms of getting there from the city centre, you can walk it as there are multiple pit stops available along the way. Public transport will be available, and the stadium can be accessed from the main station as well

as U-bahn stations further into the city centre at Stadtgarten and Reinoldkirche, but we are awaiting confirmation of which routes would be best depending on where we are situated in the stadium.

Parking is extremely limited and traffic is highly likely to be busy, so we would advise against getting a taxi to the stadium, you'll probably face a long walk to the ground anyway.

Getting Around



Public transport

Most things in Dortmund are walkable, but if you need to use public transport then there are still multiple networks available to you including the S-Bahn, U-Bahn and local bus services. This is definitely the cheapest mode of transport to get around. Tickets for these services can be purchased via the DSW21 app, DSW21 website or via ticket machines/counters in stations. Please note, physical tickets must be stamped before use.

Taxis

Both Uber taxis and private hire taxi companies operate in the city, with multiple taxi ranks based around the city, mostly outside the main hauptbahnhof (main station).





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Bicycles and Electric Scooters

As with most German cities, there is plenty of availability of rentable bikes and e-scooters via the usual apps such as Lime or Bolt. Please do be careful using such modes of transport in pedestrianised areas, and remember it is illegal to use this mode whilst under the influence of alcohol.





Things to See and Do

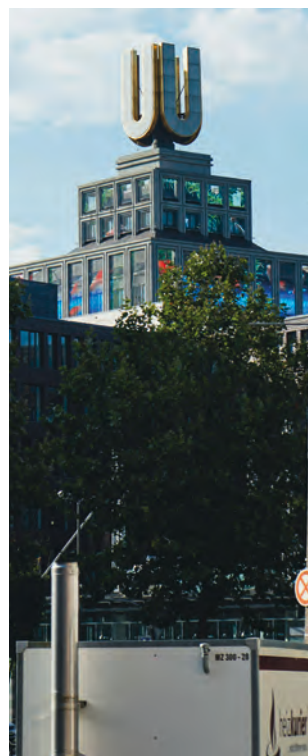
First stop on the tour of Dortmund has to be the Football Museum opposite the Dortmund Hauptbahnhof (main station). A brilliant experience which takes you through the history of German football both domestically and internationally. There was even a voting mechanism in the museum on our last visit asking visitors to vote on whether the ball crossed the line in the 1966 World Cup Final between England and West Germany. Upon last viewing, the votes were around 80% in favour of it not having crossed the line, we fully expect a major percentage change when England visits.

For anyone who travelled here in 2006 for the World Cup, you may remember the 'Red Carpet'. Well, in the spirit of sustainability, a Green Carpet will be laid out starting from the

central station all the way to the stadium, fan zones and public viewing areas.

The Dortmunder U is also worth a visit, once a brewery now turned art museum, the Golden U is much adored in Dortmund and offers panoramic views of the city from the rooftop. Inside, Adolf Winklemann's 'Flying Images' are well worth a look! For similar artistry, head to Phoenix des Lumières + Phoenix West which features a skywalk over an old gas pipeline leading to a blast furnace ascent. This also offers panoramic views of Dortmund.

If you're into water sports, head to Phoenix Lake which offers this kind of entertainment. An area very popular with the locals, multiple cafes, bistros and restaurants along the promenade will break up the 3km walk around the lake.



Eating and Drinking

Heading to the Markt square in Dortmund is always very popular for travelling English fans, with bars and restaurants such as Zum Alten Markt, Wenkers and a personal recommendation, 60 Seconds to Napoli, send any complaints elsewhere. We realise we're in Germany here, but L'Osteria is a great place for massive pizzas!

Heading towards the stadium, there is The Londoner pub, which is just over the road from Haus Freiberg, a Borussia Dortmund supporter bar which is also near the Borussia Dortmund Fan Projekt.



© Jorge Franaganillo

When heading to the stadium, Hohe Strasse has plenty of smaller bars and restaurants that are always very popular.

For your local cuisine, there are multiple food stalls in the main shopping area near Markt along Westenhellweg.



Accommodation

Much of the accommodation for the group stages has been snapped up by Turkey fans who are able to use this city as a base, but Dortmund itself is one of the more affordable cities that still caters to your varying needs.

Admittedly, when English clubs and indeed England fans have travelled here in the past, many have stayed in the surrounding region in cities such as Dusseldorf, Essen,

Duisburg or Cologne, but due to the transport options in this region that often isn't the worst thing when demand is so high in Dortmund itself.



For anyone travelling in an RV, there is availability for around

70 vehicles at Revierpark Wischlingen, which is around a 30-minute journey from the city centre. Galopprennbahn Dortmund (the racecourse) was in pending status at the time of going to print for a campsite.

As ever with any accommodation bookings, keep an eye on all of the major websites and book early if possible, there are still free cancellation hotels available.

Fan Zones and Public Viewing Areas



The main fan zone in Dortmund will be located at Friedensplatz, with a capacity of 6,200 people. This will show every game across the tournament.

There will also be a public viewing area available at Westfalenpark, not far from the stadium. This will have a capacity of 25,000 and will show all group stage games, all Germany games and any games in Dortmund, as well as the final of course.

Fans' Embassy and Fans Welcome Services

The Fans' Embassy location will be based just opposite the central station in Dortmund should England play here, near the Football Museum. We will be joined by members of the local Fans Welcome service and Fan Projekts in Dortmund.

British Embassy

There is no British Consulate in Dortmund, but the British Embassy will be contactable via the details found on page 156 should you need any assistance. They are contactable 24 hours a day in an emergency. The Embassy is located in Berlin, and the Consulates-General are located in Dusseldorf and Munich.

Fan Project: Dortmund

Nils: Dortmund Fan Project

Who you are: What role do you have in the fan project, what are your tasks? Which team do you support? What does being a fan mean to you?



I'm Nils from the Dortmund Fan Project, working here since 2011 with Borussia Dortmund fans. I'm mainly responsible for youth

work, Streetkick tours, and office organisation. The whole city of Dortmund lives for BVB, and I've been a passionate BVB fan since childhood. The social aspect and the fan community still fascinate me immensely.

How excited are you that your city is hosting games for EURO 2024 or that many international guests are coming to your city?

I'm very excited about the EURO, looking forward to the many international guests and great conversations. The difference from the Bundesliga or Champions League work area will certainly be very exciting. I hope all guests will feel comfortable in Dortmund.

Do you have advice for fans in your city (good areas in the city for eating/drinking, a specific sports bar, sights, etc.)?

Dortmund, being a long-standing beer city, is appealing to every visitor :) Otherwise, there are many nice bars and restaurants in the Kreuzviertl

area. The DFB Museum and the BVB Museum (BORUSSEUM) are very interesting from a football perspective. A stadium tour at the BVB stadium will also be possible during EURO. Highly recommended is the Skywalk at the blast furnace on Phoenix West at 142 metres height. (Skywalk at the blast furnace. Late shift at Phoenix West - skywalk-dortmund.de) Everyone should also take a look at the U-Tower, the landmark of the city (Home - Dortmund U (dortmunder-u.de)).

What can England fans expect in your city?

In Dortmund, you can expect hospitality, helpfulness, and football passion. And of course, the world's best currywurst ;)

Stuttgart



German State: Baden-Württemberg

Population: 635,911

Time Zone: BST +1 hour

Average July Temperature: 24°C

Fixtures in Stuttgart (local time)

16 JUNE 6PM

Group C



Slovenia



Denmark

23 JUNE 9PM

Group A



Scotland



Hungary

05 JULY 6PM

Quarter-final

Winner 39

Winner 37

19 JUNE 6PM

Group A



Germany



Hungary

26 JUNE 6PM

Group E



Ukraine



Belgium

Welcome to Stuttgart



Welcome to Stuttgart, Germany's sixth-largest city with a population of 635,911, with over 2,800,000 people in its surrounding administrative area, and 6,000,000 in its wider regions. It is the capital and largest city in the German state of Baden-Württemberg. Stuttgart is the location of our Quarter-Final tie should England finish second in the group and progress past the Round of 16.

Dubbed the "cradle of the automobile", it is widely believed that the automobile and the motorcycle were invented in Stuttgart, and to this day Mercedes-Benz and Porsche both have their headquarters in the city. It is also home to the headquarters of Bosch, Hewlett-Packard and IBM to name just a few. To say the tech-industry thrives here would be an understatement.

In 2008, the city developed a new logo and slogan, describing itself as "the new Heart of Europe". It has a vast history,

and quickly bounced back after allied bombing of its automobile services in the war. Queen Elizabeth II made a state visit here in 1965, since her great-grandfather, Duke Francis, was part of the Württemberg Royal Family.

The city itself lies in a valley, somewhat rare in Germany, and sits on the Neckar River. Despite being famous for its automobile industry, Stuttgart is also famed for its production of alcohol, namely wine. The region is one of the biggest in Germany for wine production as it is able to grow many of the grapes in the surrounding hills. And it wouldn't be Germany without its beer production too, Stuttgart is home to breweries such as Stuttgarter Hofbräu, Dinkelacker, and Schwaben Bräu.

In terms of football, Stuttgart is home to four key teams, and is of course the main sport here. VfB Stuttgart, 'The Reds', are the main team here and are currently in the Bundesliga. They were last the Deutsche Meisters

(German Champions) in 2007. 'The Blues', Stuttgarter Kickers are another team in this city, they currently play in the German fourth division, however this was also where a certain Jurgen Klinsmann started his career. They play their home games at the Gazi Stadium.

Other lower league teams here are Sportfreunde Stuttgart and FV Zuffenhausen, the former took part in what was considered the first European Cup, the Sir Thomas Lipton trophy in 1908, which West Auckland FC of County Durham from the English Northern League won outright in 1911, beating then amateurs Juventus. England had refused to send any team more senior.

The city has hosted games at major tournaments before, both at the World Cup in 1974 and in 2006, and also the 1988 European Championships.

Getting there



By Air

Stuttgart Airport is located roughly eight miles south of the city and is Germany's sixth largest airport. It is an international airport, and Germany's only international airport with only one runway.

Stuttgart can be reached directly from the UK via London Heathrow, Manchester and Edinburgh with British Airways and Eurowings, and of course you can reach Stuttgart via popular one-stop locations such as Amsterdam and Paris.

Overall, around 30 airlines operate here to both major cities in Europe and northern Africa, and most popular sunny holiday destinations.

In terms of reaching the city from the airport, it can be easily accessed via the S-Bahn lines S2 and S3 in around 30 minutes. Long distance buses such as FlixBus also pick up and drop off here from major cities in Germany.

By Train

Major rail routes of course run to Stuttgart, with most of them being direct routes, we would advise using the Deutsche Bahn website or app to book your rail services.

Long distance trains will run into Stuttgart Hauptbahnhof, where regional trains also operate for the Stuttgart metropolitan area. Stuttgart Hauptbahnhof also offers international services to Strasbourg, Vienna, Zurich and Paris five times a day.

The VVS network covers Stuttgart and the surrounding region. You can visit en.vvs.de to view the network map which will show you how far you will be able to travel under the 36-hour pass.

By Road

Stuttgart can be accessed via multiple autobahns such as the A8, A81 and the A831. There are also multiple expressways that are of autobahn standard, the B10, B14, B27 and B29. Due to its hilly surroundings, there are many tunnels here.

The city is bound by the low-emission zone laws in Germany, and correct documentation must be displayed on the vehicle to show it is of standard. There are 115 Park + Ride facilities near the city.

Major bus companies operate to Stuttgart, including the popular FlixBus services. Taxis from the airport can cost between €35-45.

The Stadium



The Stuttgart Arena

Named as the Stuttgart Arena for EURO 2024 for sponsorship purposes, the stadium is normally referred to as the MHPArena, or previously better known as the Neckarstadion, as to its locality with the river Neckar.

The stadium itself will have a capacity of 51,000 for the tournament, down from its 60,000 capacity for league matches. The Stuttgart Arena will host five games across the tournament, including four group stage games and a quarter-final, which could be England if we finish second in our group. Germany will play their second fixture here, with

Scotland also visiting for their final group game.

This is the home of VfB Stuttgart, and has played host to numerous games at international tournaments since 1974. This stadium hosted the first fixture for Germany after World War II against Switzerland, where it is rumoured 100,000 fans were in attendance. It also hosted the first game following reunification between East and West Germany, also against Switzerland.

England have played here twice before, losing 1-0 to the Republic of Ireland at the European Championships in 1988, we also

beat Ecuador here at the World Cup in 2006 in the Round of 16.

U-Bahn trains 11 and 19 will run you to the stadium from the city centre and will stop at Schlachthof, S-Bahn trains will run to Neckarpark. If England do play here, we will have further information as to the best way to the stadium in the 'Free Lions' fanzine and via our communication channels.

The stadium will of course be bound by the EURO 2024 rules, and there is space for flags. The stadium will supposedly take cash and card, so arm yourselves with both options.

Getting Around



By Taxi

Taxis run in this city via multiple taxi ranks and operate off the meter. Uber is also available here. Taxis are not recommended to get to the stadium due to the expected volume of traffic.

Walking

Much of the city can be visited on foot, but it is around an hours walk to the stadium from the city centre.

By Car

Driving within the city is not recommended for this tournament, rather those travelling by car are advised to use the park + ride facilities around the city. Stuttgart does have a low-emission zone, your car must meet these standards or risk facing charges.

Parking in the city is available however expensive. You can pre-book parking at the stadium via the EURO 2024 website, uefa.com/euro2024/

By Bus

Stuttgart has a large bus service which is also operated by the Stuttgarter Straßenbahnen AG (SSB). Tickets bought through the VVS network can be used on buses and on the rail networks





Bicycles and Electric Scooters



RegioRad is the company you will use if you wanted to rent a bike, and there are around 115 bike stations in the city.

E-Scooters are available in Stuttgart, but be aware of specific parking zones linked to the company you use to rent, and be sure to double check any areas you should avoid during the tournament. Pedestrianised zones are not going to be uncommon.

By Train

The Stuttgart Stadtbahn is a light metro system that operates here, with 15 lines running to various destinations. It's operational hours are between 04:00-01:00.

Tickets can be purchased ticket machines within the station, or even easier by the VVS app or website, which is the transport company for the region. Tickets bought can also be used on bus services. S-Bahn services, Deutsche Bahn services and Regional Train (RE) services also run in the region.

In terms of the 36-hour free travel pass for match ticket holders, a common question will be how far can you travel with these passes, and for Stuttgart you can use any mode of transport within the VVS (Verkehrs- und Tarifverbund Stuttgart) network. More information on this, and other cities can be found via the EURO 2024 website uefa.com/euro2024/, searching for '36-hour travel pass'.





Things to See and Do

If you are travelling to Stuttgart, you have to take in either the Mercedes-Benz museum or the Porsche museum. The Mercedes-Benz museum is located right next to the stadium, whilst the Porsche museum is located on S-Bahn lines S6 and S60 at Neuwirtshaus.

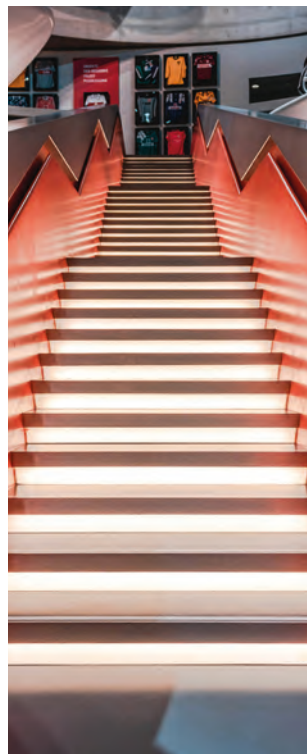
Common in Germany, and common with our recommended things to do in German cities is a visit to a landmark that is going to give you superb panoramic views of the city and the surrounding region, and Stuttgart has not let us down. You can take a trip to the Stuttgart TV Tower which will tick all of the above boxes.

The surrounding hills of Stuttgart provide the region with the ability to produce its own wine, due to the climate and the soil. However before we get to wineries, we would recommend

a trip to Birkenkopf, an artificial hill built from the rubble and ruins of World War II. Around 45% of Stuttgart was destroyed in the war, and the ruins were gathered and moved to the hill.

In terms of wineries, there are multiple hiking trails through the multiple hills where you can explore the making of the local wine, and even taste some. If this tickles your fancy, search “Weinwanderwege” on Google where it will take you to multiple different options.

And whilst we’re on hiking, if you are here for a while and are looking to explore the Baden-Württemberg state then you need to head to the Black Forest. This large forested mountain range is close to the borders of France and Switzerland and is bound by the Rhine Valley to the west and south. The highest peak here is the Feldberg, which sits 1493 meters above sea level.



Eating and Drinking

Stuttgart has plenty to offer from its local wine, beer and 'Swabian' dishes to satisfy the English palate.

In terms of local delicacies, Stuttgart is renowned for its Swabian cuisine. Dishes such as Zwiebelrostbraten (pan-fried beef with onions), Maultaschen (stuffed pasta pockets) and Spätzle (soft egg noodles) originate from here and are worth trying, amongst, of course, the currywurst. We're keen to know after this tournament which city has the best currywurst, as they all seem to battle over this illustrious title. The local Fan Project in Stuttgart has recommended Imbiss zum Brunnenwirt for this.

In terms of drinking, another recommendation from Thomas at the Fan Project was Palast der Republik on Friedrichstraße, with the area of Rathaus also coming



recommended. There is certainly no escaping the Irish Bar culture here, with many dotted about the city, but we would recommend using the many German pubs around the city, with the Steinstrasse area, near the Marktplatz, proving popular.

Sophie's Brauhaus is also a place to try the local beers and wines, with this location having its own on-site micro-brewery. The

Augustiner Beergarden is also recommended and is one of the biggest in the city.

As mentioned above, Stuttgart's local breweries produce Stuttgarter Hofbräu, Dinkelacker, and Schwaben Bräu. We're sure you'll have plenty of opportunities throughout this great city to sample the local tipples.



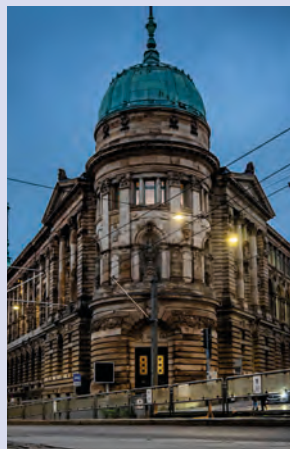
Accommodation

There is plenty of availability in Stuttgart should England play here or if you are travelling here for any other fixtures.

Both high and low price points can be satisfied here, and one of the more popular areas is the Stuttgart-Mitte and Bad Cannstatt districts. We have been advised that the outer areas of the city, as expected are a little more affordable.

Head to boroughs such as Stuttgart-Nord, Ost, West and Sud, as well as Degerloch to try and save a few pennies.

There us plenty of accommodation around the city however, both near the main attractions, nightlife and the stadium.



Fans' Embassy



Should England play here, or if you are travelling here for another game and you need some support or information, you will be able to find the Fans' Embassy or Fans Welcome services at Karlsplatz. We will confirm our opening hours should England progress in the tournament and end up playing here.

British Embassy

There is no British Consulate in Stuttgart, but the British Embassy will be contactable via the details found on page 156 should you need any assistance. They are contactable 24 hours a day in an emergency. The Embassy is located in Berlin, and the Consulates-General are located in Dusseldorf and Munich.

Fan Zones

There are four different fan zones available in Stuttgart, with the main one, holding 30,000 people being at Schlossplatz, this will also be the public viewing area. Other fan zones with multiple different activities such as football, culture, music, food and drink will be located at Marktplatz, Karlsplatz and Schillerplatz.



Fan Project: Stuttgart

Fanprojekt Stuttgart

Who you are: What role do you have in the fan project, what are your tasks? Which team do you support? What does it mean to you to be a fan?

As Fanprojekt Stuttgart e.V., we are actively engaged with and for football fans in the Stuttgart region on a daily basis. Particularly with the supporters of the two major Stuttgart clubs – the Stuttgarter Kickers and VfB Stuttgart, both clubs with a long and rich history. In addition to the MHP Arena, where the EURO matches are being held, just a few kilometres away on the Waldau is the venerable GAZI Stadium, one of the oldest – if not the oldest – stadiums in Germany, where the Kickers have been playing since 1905. An interesting aspect for our English football fans is certainly the fact that until 1975, the stadium had a wooden grandstand modelled at a 1:3 scale after that of the English football club FC Arsenal. However, due to various regulations from the German Football Association (DFB), this had to be replaced with a new main stand in 1976. The Waldau and the GAZI Stadium, with their special charm, are definitely worth a visit even outside of the EURO matches.

How excited are you that your city is hosting games for EURO 2024 or that many international guests are coming to your city?

The excitement is tangible, the anticipation is rising, and the upcoming weeks will not only make Stuttgart the scene of exciting football matches but also a place of encounter, shared celebration, and sporting togetherness. Let us together experience the unique atmosphere that such a major European football tournament can offer. Whether you support the colors of your home country or simply want to enjoy the magic on-site – we warmly welcome every football fan and invite you to be part of an unforgettable event. During the European Championship, we are available for you at the Fans Welcome point at Karlsplatz in downtown Stuttgart. In case of urgent problems or questions, we are happy to assist you. However, even outside of emergencies and issues, we always welcome your visit for some football-related entertainment.

Do you have any advice for fans in your city (good areas in the city for eating/drinking, a particular sports bar, attractions, etc.)?

Of course, we also have some exclusive culinary insider tips for an unforgettable stay in our city. For night owls and connoisseurs alike, we recommend a visit to the “Imbiss zum Brunnenwirt.” There, you will find the unbeatable currywurst in the city – a true culinary delight that perfectly rounds off your nocturnal experiences. If you still have energy left and are looking for a place to celebrate your team’s triumph or simply to unwind and enjoy the evening, the “Palast der Republik” on Friedrichstraße is just the right place. Here, you can linger until late into the night, whether cheering for a victory or getting to know each other better over a relaxed drink.

What can England fans expect in your city?

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Munich



German state: Bavaria

Population: 1,500,000

Time Zone: BST +1 hour

Average June temperature: 22°C

Fixtures in Munich (local time)

14 JUNE 9PM

Group A

 Germany

 Scotland

17 JUNE 3PM

Group E

 Romania

 Ukraine

20 JUNE 3PM

Group C

 Slovenia

 Serbia

25 JUNE 9PM

Group C

 Denmark

 Serbia

02 JULY 6PM

Round of 16

1st Group E

3rd A/B/C/D

09 JULY 9PM

Semi-final

Winner 45

Winner 46

Welcome to Munich



Welcome to Munich and welcome to Bavaria. Munich is the third biggest city in Germany behind Berlin and Hamburg, with a city population of around 1.5 million and a surrounding population of around 6.2 million.

Munich is located in the southeast of the country, not far from the border with Austria and sits on the banks of the river Isar, north of the Alps. Bavaria is also home of the Lederhosen, and we look forward to judging the multiple efforts of England fans to replicate this typically Austrian-Bavarian outfit.

Munich was considered the 'Capital of the Movement' for the Nazi party, and was heavily bombed during the war. Much of the city's old town was

rebuilt and Munich is now a global powerhouse in science, technology, finance, innovation, business, and tourism.

Munich hosts the annual Oktoberfest, the world's largest Volksfest (beer festival), which attracts considerable tourism.

Most people will associate Munich with European giants Bayern Munich when it comes to football, but they are joined by 1860 Munich and SpVgg Unterhaching, who both play in the third division of German football.

The stadium, most commonly known as the Allianz Arena, will be named the Munich Football Arena for EURO 2024. 1860 Munich used to play their home games here alongside Bayern.

But an offer of financial support from Bayern, when 1860 was struggling, caused a backlash from both sets of supporters. Eventually, the club filed for bankruptcy and sold their share of the Allianz Arena to Bayern. Munich 1860, ultimately, moved back to their old Grünwalder Stadion.

England last played in this stadium in 2022 in a 1-1 UEFA Nations League draw, but Munich will always hold a fond place in the hearts of travelling England fans after the 5-1 victory in September 2001. Should England finish second in our group, Munich would be the destination of a semi-final.

Getting there



By Air

Munich International Airport (MUC), also known as the Franz Josef Strauss International Airport, is the main airport for the region and is Germany's second largest airport. The airport itself is situated around 19 miles north of Munich, with good public transport options available to take you into the city.

Most major airlines operate flights to this airport, from multiple UK destinations. As with other German cities, there is an airport advertised as Munich West, Memmingen Airport. It is located around 68 miles from the city.

If you land at Munich International, you can use the S-Bahn train lines S1 and S8 to take you to the main station in Munich. The journey takes around 40 minutes. There is also an LH-Bus that leaves from Terminal 1D which takes you into the city centre.

By Train

Munich Hauptbahnhof is a 32 platform mammoth of a station, with 450,000 passengers every day passing through this station.

ICE trains and EuroCity trains operate frequently to the major cities throughout Germany, long-distance domestic services to Munich Central Station include Hamburg – Berlin – Munich, Dortmund – Cologne – Frankfurt – Munich and Karlsruhe – Stuttgart – Munich. International train destinations include Paris, Budapest, Salzburg, Klagenfurt & Vienna, Bologna and Zurich.

You can book tickets for trains to and from Munich via the Deutsche Bahn and the DB app.

By Road

There are 10 autobahns from various parts of the country that terminate in Munich and lead to the A99 Motorway, a ring road around Munich. So getting here by road is very easy. A low-emission zone is in place for Munich, and correct environmental documentation must be displayed at all times or risk paying a fine.

Driving around a city as big as Munich can be challenging if you have never done it before, but there are park and ride areas visible on the approach to the city that you can use, with good public transport links from there. Park and ride availability can be found at <https://www.parkundride.de/parken/anlagen>.

For those travelling by bus, the Central bus station is in Hackerbrücke close to Munich Central Station. All major European cities can be reached by the extensive long-distance bus network. We would recommend using the ZOB website to plan any journeys. <https://www.muenchen-zob.de/de>

The Stadium



The Munich Football Arena

The Munich Football Arena will play host to six different fixtures over the course of the tournament, including four group stage games, two from England's group, as well as two knockout games including one semi-final. Germany v Scotland will kick off the tournament at this stadium on June 14th.

The capacity for EURO 2024 fixtures is set at 67,000 at this stadium. The stadium itself is quite famous worldwide for its unique exterior lighting features, which can be lit up in any

combination of colours to mark the occasion.

Parking for the stadium can now be booked on a first come first serve basis, at a cost of €24 via this link <https://fcbayern.com/parken/home>

Access to this stadium is mainly done by rail. The station at the stadium is Frottmaning, and can be accessed from the centre of Munich at Marienplatz on the U-bahn U6 line. From there, it is around a 10-15 minute walk to the turnstiles. The station can

get busy after games, but you will have the option of using the facilities at the stadium if you want, to let the crowd die down.

Shuttle services will operate to the numerous fan zones and Biergartens around the city.



Getting Around



By Public Transport

Munich is served by multiple public transport systems including the U-Bahn, S-Bahn, tram and bus services.

Travel within the city and the surrounding region will be free for 36-hours around any game that takes place in Munich. Outside of those hours you can purchase tickets via the MVV or MVG websites or apps, plus via machines in major stations.

By Car

Driving around Munich is expected to be busy, and parking can be expensive so definitely plan ahead, and remember that the city is bound by a low-emission zone.

By Taxi

Taxis operate in Munich, both local taxis via the taxi ranks or Uber. Local taxis will operate off the meter and are identifiable with a roof sign and licence number on the vehicles.





Bicycles and Electric Scooters

E-Scooters can be rented throughout the city from companies such as Lime or Bird. There are some restrictions in place as to where they will work; for example they won't work near the Fan Zones as these areas are pedestrianised.

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Walking

Most of Munich's sights can be reached on foot, if you have the time and are able. As with other cities in Germany, you never know what you might stumble across.





Things to See and Do

Munich truly is a beautiful city, and very much traditionally German/Bavarian in its infrastructure and relaxed way of life.

Amongst the multiple beer gardens around the city, and well known areas such as Marienplatz, there is plenty to do whilst visiting this city.

Head to the Altstadt (Old Town), historically known for its imposing Gothic and baroque buildings like the Frauenkirche and Theatine Church. The Viktualienmarkt is based here. Originally a farmers market, today you can find everything your heart desires; be it cheap souvenirs to take home or sampling of the local cuisine.

Described as a real Eldorado for technology fans, The Deutsches

Museum in Munich is one of the largest science and technology museums in the world and worth a visit if you have time.

The English Garden is one of the largest inner-city parks in the world, covering an area of around 640 football pitches. The park has become known for its popular "surf wave" on the Eisbach river at the southern entrance.

You can head to the Olympic Park, which is definitely one of the better examples of repurposing an area following an Olympic games. It is the home of the Olympiastadion, the venue for the 1972 Olympics, but most famously known for the location where Emile Heskey made it FIVE against the Germans in 2001.



Eating and Drinking



You are not likely to find anywhere in Germany that is more prominent with the famous stein beers that we have come to know and love than Munich. First stop on the beer tour would be the famous Marienplatz. Filled with bars and restaurants, it is always popular throughout the year; be it for sitting outside in the summer or Christmas markets in the winter.

The lively neighbourhood of Glockenbachviertel also comes highly recommended for its nightlife and alternative scene, with Schwabing-Freimann and the Altstadt (old town) high on

the list of places to visit too. You can't really go wrong in Munich.

There are various options for those looking to party late into the night. There's the classic party street in Schwabing near the Münchner Freiheit or alternatively you can head to the districts around the Gärtnerplatz, near the Schlachthof or the Werksviertel-Mitte at the Ostbahnhof.

Multiple beer gardens are located around the city. A particular favourite of ours when here for the Nations League fixture in 2022 was the Augustiner-Keller, not too far from the main station in Munich.

But take your pick from the following: Biergarten Hirschgarten, Biergarten Hackerbrücke, Biergarten am Stiglmaierplatz, Biergarten am Chinesischen Turm, Biergarten Wiener Platz or Biergarten Nockherberg.

The local cuisine here ranges from pretzels to veal sausages, the Weisswurst. Other local staples include Bavarian Leberkäse (liver meatloaf), Spaetzle (a mac n cheese style dish), and Leberknödelsuppe (liver dumpling soup).

Accommodation



Munich has almost 700 hotels and 53,000 hotel rooms.

So there is no shortage of hotels in the city but as ever with a major event, prices go up. There are still many hotel rooms available to cater for your budgets, and since we won't know that we are playing in Munich until further into the tournament, experience tells us that many of the rooms currently taken up will be cancelled and become available. Hopefully for healthier prices.

British Embassy



There is a British Consulate in Munich, and the British Embassy will be contactable via the details found on page 156 should you need any assistance. They are contactable 24 hours a day in an emergency. The Embassy is located in Berlin, and the Consulates-General are located in Düsseldorf and Munich.

Fan Zones and Public Viewing Areas

There will be a Fan Zone located at the OlympiaPark, with a capacity of around 13,000. This will be open every day throughout the tournament. There will be plenty of eating and drinking opportunities here, as well as football activities throughout the park.

There will also be a public viewing area at the OlympiaPark which will be open daily. This will hold around 12,000 people and, again, will be open daily.

Fans' Embassy and Fans Welcome Services

The Fans' Embassy location, as well as the Fans Welcome services, will be based at Odeonsplatz in Munich. We will be sure to confirm our location should England end up playing here.



Fan Project: Munich

Fan Project Munich

Who you are: What role do you have in the fan project, what are your tasks? Which team do you support? What does it mean to you to be a fan?

Hello from Munich!

Our "Fans welcome" team consists of (Photo right to left): Janosch Jördens, former intern in the fan project and FC Bayern fan, Tobias Neumayer, fan project employee and FC Bayern fan, Günter Krause, former employee in the fan project, now retired and HSV fan, Christian Exner, ex-employee in the fan project, now KOS employee and 1860 Munich fan, Thomas Emmes, fan project employee and FC Bayern fan.

We run the "Fans Welcome Point" at Odeonsplatz during the European Championships for all 6th games in Munich.

Our work focuses on supporting travelling football fans from all participating nations. We

provide targeted information for football fans. Tailored to your needs, such as questions about your whereabouts or establishing contact with the relevant authorities.

Being a fan means supporting your club throughout your life, in good times and bad!

How excited are you that your city is hosting games for EURO 2024 or that many international guests are coming to your city?

We are very happy about the many different guest football fans in our beautiful city of Munich. Since some of us were already in action during the 2006 World Cup, we are calm about the 2024 European Championship. Through FC Bayern's regular participation in the CL League. We always have a lot of foreign football fans as guests.

Do you have any advice for fans in your city (good areas of the city to eat/drink, a specific

sports bar, places to visit, etc.)?

We recommend the beer gardens in Munich such as Augustinerbräu on Arnulfstraße, Chinese Tower in the English Garden or the Hirschgarten in Neuhausen.

For football broadcasts we can recommend the Kilians Irish Pub in the old town and the SAX on Hans-Sachs Straße. Otherwise, there will be many public opportunities to watch football live on TV during the European Championship.

An absolute MUST is the historic Olympic Stadium. The Grünwalder Stadium in Giesing is also well worth seeing. In the city centre you can climb the Alten Peter towers and the Rathausturm to see Munich from above.

What can England fans expect in your city?

Anyone who brings friendliness will also experience hospitality!

Hamburg



German State: Hamburg

Population: 1,945,532

Time Zone: BST +1 hour

Average July Temperature: 23°C

Fixtures in Hamburg (local time)

16 JUNE 3PM

Group B



Poland



Netherlands

19 JUNE 3PM

Group B



Croatia



Albania

22 JUNE 3PM

Group F



Georgia



Czechia

26 JUNE 9PM

Group F



Czechia



Turkey

05 JULY 9PM

Quarter-final

Winner 41

Winner 42

Welcome to Hamburg



Welcome to Hamburg, Germany's second largest city behind Berlin and the 8th largest city in the European Union with a population of almost 2,000,000 people. Hamburg resides in the city state of Hamburg, and the Hamburg Metropolitan Region has a population of 5,100,000.

Situated in the north of Germany, this city is the northernmost host for EURO 2024. Supporters may be more knowledgeable than we will have calculated the possibilities of how England could play here, so apologies if this information is incorrect but should we finish 3rd in our group and end up playing our Round of 16 game in Frankfurt, winning that will see us travel to Hamburg for a Quarter-final tie.

Hamburg lies on the river Elbe, which is 68 miles inland from the North Sea and aids Hamburg in being the third biggest port city in Europe, behind Antwerp and Rotterdam. It is an extremely popular destination for tourists, not least for its fabulous Christmas markets, but whilst we won't be here to sample those, Hamburg still has a lot to offer travelling

football fans and is a great host city for this tournament, it's a shame our chances of playing here are small.

Despite heavy bombings in World War II, the city has managed to rebuild itself and is home to two UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The Speicherstadt and Kontorhausviertel gained their titles in 2015, the former being the largest warehouse district in the world, and the latter an area of the city famed for its style of build and houses multiple listed buildings. There are 2500 bridges in this city, making it the city with the most in Europe, and it also contains 5 of the 29 tallest churches in the world.

More importantly, the St Pauli district of the city is also home to the Reeperbahn, one of two major nightlife districts in Hamburg, it is also the city's major red-light district.

In terms of football, the city houses two major football teams, Hamburger SV and FC St. Pauli, both at the time of going to print battling it out in the second division of German football, with St. Pauli well in the fight for automatic promotion, Hamburger SV are pushing for

the playoff. There is a fierce rivalry between the two sides, of which politics plays a part.

Hamburger SV play their home games at Volksparkstadion (The People's Park Stadium), which is also the host stadium for EURO 2024 matches in Hamburg. FC St. Pauli play their home games at Millerntor-Stadion, a multi-purpose stadium based near the Reeperbahn.

Hamburger SV are six-time former champions of Germany, last winning the league in 1983, winning the double that year after winning the European Cup. England legend Kevin Keegan played here for a few years before transferring back to England to Southampton.

FC St. Pauli have never won a major trophy in Germany, but due to its location it boasts a decent support. They became the first club to ban right-wing nationalist activities during the rise of fascist inspired football hooliganism in the 1980's.

Altonaer FC von 1893, commonly known as Altona 93, located in the Altona district of Hamburg currently reside in the lower divisions of German football.

Getting there



By Air

Hamburg airport is the oldest airport in Germany still in operation, and is the fifth-busiest airport in Germany.

Flights here from the UK are available, with British Airways offering flights here from London Heathrow, and easyJet flights from London Gatwick and Manchester. Eurowings also offer flights to Heathrow and Manchester. Naturally, you can also get here via one-stop airports such as Amsterdam and Paris.

The airport is located around 5 miles north of Hamburg, and you can use S-Bahn line S1 to reach the city centre. Trains run every 10 minutes and take around 30 minutes, tickets can be purchased from machines that are located in the luggage hall, arrivals hall and near the station.

Depending on the time of day, taxis can cost anywhere between €25-45 to the city centre, but there are local buses that also run, so public transport is certainly the quickest and cheapest option. These can be found just outside of arrivals.

By Train

Hamburg Hauptbahnhof is the busiest train station in Germany, and second busiest in Europe behind the Gare du Nord in Paris. There are direct connections to all of the major cities in Germany making this a really accessible city. It is the major hub for Scandinavian travellers to change for their onward connections.

There are EuroCity trains that travel to countries such as the Czech Republic, Switzerland, Denmark and Sweden. If travelling from the UK, you would likely face connections in Brussels and Cologne in order to reach this city.

Once you arrive here, local transport services are available via the S-Bahn, U-Bahn and local bus services for any onward journeys.

By Road

Hamburg is accessible by 4 different autobahns, although if England do play here, it is likely we will be travelling from Frankfurt which is over 5 hours away by road. There are multiple park + ride options within the vicinity of the city, and it is worth highlighting that there is NO public parking at the stadium.

Buses are available via the popular FlixBus from multiple other cities in Germany, with the main bus station being located in the city centre near the main train station in the St. Georg district.

If you are arriving via a supporter organised bus, make sure you have referenced this with the FA so that they can look to provide parking.

There is NO low-emission zone in Hamburg, the only major German city not to introduce environmental restrictions.

The Stadium



The Volksparkstadion

The Volksparkstadion Hamburg will be the location of EURO 2024 fixtures, and is the home of Hamburger SV. The capacity for the tournament will be 49,000, down from around 57,000 for league fixtures.

The stadium itself was rebuilt between 1951 and 1953 using many materials from the borough of Eimsbüttel, which was heavily bombed by allies in World War II. Hamburger SV moved into this stadium in 1963, moving from their previous location at Rothenbaum, however in 1998, ahead of World Cup preparations for 2006, the stadium was demolished and rebuilt, with safety standards being one of the deciding factors.

Fixtures in major international tournaments have been held here on multiple occasions, including the 1974 World Cup, the 1988 European Championships and the 2006 World Cup. It has also hosted the 2010 Europa League Final between Atletico Madrid and Fulham, Atleti running out 2-1 winners in extra time.

England have never played here, and the stadium is located quite far out from the city centre, roughly 40 minutes from the main train station. The nearest stations to the stadium are Stellingen railway station and Othmarschen railway station. Both will offer shuttle services for fans to the stadium, and fans with limited mobility

should use Stellingen.

On matchdays, you can use lines S3 and S21 to get to Stellingen, whilst if travelling to Othmarschen then you would use line S1. If England do play here, it may be that a certain train station is allocated to England fans, so we will provide further information on the best way to the stadium should England play here.

There is NO parking at the stadium, so we would advise you plan ahead to use the public transport facilities.

Millerntorstadion, home of St. Pauli, will be a training facility for teams playing in Hamburg.

Getting Around



By Road

Bus

There is an extensive bus service in Hamburg to accompany the rail system, further information on tickets, scheduling and routes can be found on the HVV website.

Car

If you're driving, Hamburg is not bound by the low-emission zone requirements for your vehicle, however driving here during the tournament is likely to be very busy. Expect some road closures along your routes if driving into the city.

Taxi

Taxis are readily available here and are the common cream colour. Forgive our colour-blindness if you end up thinking they are a different colour, we just couldn't be bothered to look up it's exact placing on a colour palette. These taxis will operate off the meter. Uber is also available.

By Rail

Hamburg has multiple rail network options to help you get around, with the S-Bahn, U-Bahn and AKN Networks. There are four lines overall and 68 stations, so getting around this city should be fairly easy by public transport.

Services run every 5 minutes or so during the day, extending to around 10 minutes in the evening until services end at 01:00am. The lines start operating from 04:30am. Tickets on these services will be free with the

36-hour pass, as long as you have a match ticket.

Travel outside of these hours, or if you don't have a match ticket can be purchased via the HVV website, or by ticket machines inside stations. Hamburg have zones, or 'rings', and tickets can be purchased for just the city centre areas or further afield. If buying a ticket just for the city centre, a day ticket can cost €8.80, whereas a single is €3.80. More info can be found at HVV.de/en/





By Ferry

There is a ferry service available in Hamburg, one you may even just want to do to say you have. There are six ferry lines that serve the harbour and the River Elbe. Tickets for this can also be purchased via the HVV website.

Bicycles and Electric Scooters

Bicycles and e-scooters can be rented throughout the city, and the cycling network in the city has certainly developed a lot over the years to cater for this mode of transport. During the tournament, it is likely there will be certain zones you won't be able to travel through using this method, so just double check this when booking, and make sure you are dropping them off in the designated parking areas as you can face a hefty bill if you don't.

Walking

Hamburg is quite a large city, but some of it can definitely be done on foot. For example, from Hamburg Central Station, it'll take around 10 minutes to walk to the city hall and Jungfernstieg.





Things to See and Do

You won't struggle to keep yourself entertained in Hamburg, and upon speaking with people from Hamburg ahead of this tournament there are certainly some popular recommendations.

As has been a common theme throughout this guidebook, we love recommending something that is going to give you panoramic views of a city to help you get your likes on 'the Gram', is that how you say it? If this is of interest, look no further than 'The Elphi'. A new attraction to Hamburg, Elbphilharmonie has access to the Plaza on top of the building, 37 meters high, is free of charge.

The Reeperbahn is likely something you will have heard of before, if not, it is well known as the popular area of Hamburg for nightlife, as well as where The Beatles made their name in the 1960s. Located in the St. Pauli

district, it is definitely worth a visit.

You can take a boat trip to visit the UNESCO World Heritage site at Speicherstadt and 'Warehouse City', filled with museums, attractions and dungeons, it is definitely worth a look around here. Access to the museums is chargeable, but walking around here is highly recommended.

If model railways are your thing, you can find the biggest in the world at Miniatur Wunderland which is also at Speicherstadt. You can learn a lot more about Germany, and in fact the rest of the world here.

Hamburg is home to 5 of the world's 29 largest churches, as referenced before, so you will easily come across them on your wanders around the city, and we would definitely recommend heading down to the Port of Hamburg also.



Eating and Drinking

Another city where it feels slightly unnecessary recommending places to eat and drink given most of you reading this are seasoned travellers and Hamburg is that brilliant you just won't struggle to find somewhere decent!

We'll still do it however, as we need to at least let you know about the local cuisine that you can sample if you visit.

Brilliantly, Aalsuppe (Hamburgisch Oolsupp), often translated in German as 'eel soup', is a dish now served in Hamburg. However, it's original ingredients didn't contain eel at all, it was meant to be translated as 'all', meaning all kitchen leftovers getting chucked in together to make a soup. However, they added eel so as not to disappoint the expectant visitors.

Another dish associated with Hamburg is Birnen, Bohnen und Speck, which is green beans cooked with pears and bacon. Alternatively, a dish here which is considered the cousin of



'Scouse', the traditional Liverpool-based dish, is also available and is known as labskaus, which contains corned beef, mashed potatoes and beetroot. The dessert dish here is a croissant-like cinnamon/sugary product called Franzbrötchen.

Many believe today's hamburger originated from Hamburg, you could argue it based on the local dish Frikadeller, a pan-fried beef patty, usually a bit larger than a normal burger, but it wasn't served with bread. Legend would have it that this dish sailed the seas and landed on American shores from Hamburg.

Gröninger Privatbrauerei is a location you should visit for both food and beer. It is one of the oldest breweries in Hamburg and serves the Groninger Pils.

Naturally, anything around the Reeperbahn area will be very popular, other areas such as Sternshanze and Karo Viertel districts also offer night time entertainment for food and drink.

There are multiple Irish bars around the city, and the London Pub not far from the river will also be popular. For drinks overlooking the river, head to Astra-Biergarten.



Accommodation

There are thousands of hotels in Hamburg and the surrounding regions of varying standards to suit your budgets. At the time of going to print, some camping facilities were possible, so it is worth checking this out.

Prices are obviously likely to have risen for the tournament, but a quick search and shown there is some availability for

the time that we are due here and some options aren't badly priced. Whilst it hopefully won't be needed based on how England progress through the tournament, having a free cancellation option here for the Quarter-final on the 5th July may not be a bad shout.



British Embassy

There is no British Consulate in Hamburg, but the British Embassy will be contactable via the details found on page 156 should you need any assistance. They are contactable 24 hours a day in an emergency. The Embassy is located in Berlin, and the Consulates-General are located in Dusseldorf and Munich.

Fan Zones and Public Viewing Areas

Fan Zone Heiligengeistfeld is the location for your fan zone needs in Hamburg, located not far from the Reeperbahn. It will be open on all matchdays throughout the EURO 2024 tournament, with the main fan zone itself having a 10,000 capacity. There is also a public viewing area here with a capacity of 40,000, which will show all games due to take place in Hamburg, all Germany fixtures and all knockout games.

Activities here will include of course drinking, eating, football (including its own Fan Arena) and entertainment activities to suit all ages.

Fans' Embassy

The Fans' Embassy in Hamburg will be located near the fan zone should England play here, however we will confirm this once confirmed. We will of course be out and about with the Free Lions edition as well.

If you are here outside of an England fixture and you need help and support from fan services in Hamburg, the local fan services will also be located at the fan zone.





Adrian and Raffaele: Fans Welcome in Hamburg

Who you are: What role do you have in the fan project, what are your tasks? Which team do you support? What does being a fan mean to you?

We are Adrian and Raffaele, responsible for Fans Welcome in Hamburg. We take care of all people who are fans participating in EURO 2024. This includes both local residents and international guests. We are both fans of the magical FC St. Pauli.

How excited are you that your city is hosting games for EURO 2024 or that many international guests are coming to your city?

United by football is the motto of this year's Euro, and we also believe that football can unite people. Therefore, we are very excited to welcome as many people from different countries to our cosmopolitan city of Hamburg.

Do you have advice for fans in your city (good areas in the city for eating/drinking, a specific sports bar, sights, etc.)?

St. Pauli, Sternschanze, and Altona are full of good bars and nice spots. With a high density of gastronomy, there's something for almost everyone here. We particularly recommend enjoying a fish sandwich at the harbour and afterwards indulging in a Franzbrötchen for dessert.

“We are very excited to welcome as many people from different countries to our cosmopolitan city of Hamburg”

What can England fans expect in your city?

Little sunshine, so it's hard to get sunburned.

Berlin



German State: Berlin

Population: 3,850,000

Time Zone: BST +1 hour

Average July Temperature: 24°C

Fixtures in Berlin (local time)

15 JUNE 6PM

Group B



Spain



Croatia

21 JUNE 6PM

Group D



Poland



Austria

25 JUNE 6PM

Group D



Netherlands



Austria

29 JUNE 6PM

Round of 16

2nd Group A

2nd Group B

06 JULY 9PM

Quarter-final

Winner 43

Winner 44

14 JULY 9PM

EURO 2024 FINAL

Welcome to Berlin



We're on our way. We hope... Welcome to Berlin, the capital city of Germany and a major city for the European Championships. Berlin will be the host of this year's final on July 14th.

Berlin is the biggest city in Germany, and also the biggest city in the European Union with 3.85 million inhabitants. The surrounding region and Brandenburg state top this up to around 6 million.

Following Berlin's occupation after World War II, the city was divided into East and West by the Berlin Wall, surrounding the western part of the city. Berlin kept its capital status for East Germany, whilst the city of Bonn was declared the capital of West Germany. Following

reunification in 1990, Berlin was reinstated as the capital city for reunified Germany.

There is so much history to this famous city, some of which still feels very recent to many fans who will travel to the tournament. Today, Berlin is one of the most visited cities in the world and caters for everyone; the festival of football fan culture is going to be very evident to see here.

The final could be the first time in this tournament that we stray from west to east, with Berlin being located in the northeast of Germany. Berlin was also the host of the 2006 World Cup Final, and the venue for Zinedine Zidane's famous headbutt on Marco Materazzi during the final between France and Italy.

There are two main football teams in Berlin, with Hertha Berlin (Hertha BSC) occupying the Olympiastadion as their home, whilst rivals 1. FC Union Berlin occupies the Stadion An der Alten Försterei, which has a capacity of 22,000. Hertha Berlin currently battle it out in the second division of German football, whilst Union Berlin were playing in this year's Champions League, controversially having to play their games in Europe at the Olympiastadion, home of rivals Hertha, due to their own stadium not meeting UEFA requirements.

Getting there



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By Air

The Berlin Brandenburg Airport (BER) is the only airport for the city of Berlin and most of the state of Brandenburg. It is the third busiest airport in Germany, 46 million passengers per year passing through, with plans to expand this to 58 million by 2035. Most major airlines will operate out of Terminal 1, but flights can enter Terminal 2 and Terminal 5.

Airport Express (FEX) and regional trains run several times an hour between Berlin Central Station and station "Flughafen BER" (BER Airport). The S9 and S45 commuter trains (S-Bahn) run every 20 minutes to Berlin city centre. Regional train RE8 also runs every hour.

The train station at the airport can be found in Terminal 1.

Taxis from the airport will set you back around €45-50, so public transport is definitely the best way.

By Train

Berlin can be accessed from all major cities in Germany by ICE trains on the Deutsche Bahn, as well as European capital cities Amsterdam, Prague, Bratislava, Budapest, Vienna, Basel, Berne, Interlaken, Poznan, Gdansk and Warsaw. Additional destinations served by overnight trains include Minsk, Paris and Zurich.

Berlin Hauptbahnhof is the main station in Berlin, but as you can imagine with a city this size, the rail network system is huge, and onward journeys to hotels will likely include further rail journeys on the S-bahn, U-bahn or tram. You can download the Deutsche-Bahn (DB) app or the Berliner Verkehrsbetriebe (BVG) app to help you navigate around the city.

Travel around Berlin will still be free in the 36-hour period around any fixture here if you have a match ticket, however, depending on the zones you wish to travel in, if you aren't able to partake in the 36-hour free period, or if you are outside of this period, daily passes can be purchased at stations for around €11-12.

By Road

Berlin is bound by a low-emission zone, and you must be displaying the correct credentials for your car or potentially face a fine. Driving in Berlin will very much be like driving in London, however driving towards Berlin is pretty straightforward, with multiple autobahns headed towards the capital.

Parking in the city itself is available but sometimes expensive, so plan ahead. The main bus station in Berlin is the Zentraler Omnibusbahnhof Berlin, with over 35 coach companies operating out of this station, including multiple long-distance journeys being available regularly.

The Stadium



The Olympiastadion

The Olympiastadion in Berlin will be the host of three group-stage games, as well as three knockout games, including the final on July 14th 2024.

The stadium itself will have a capacity of 71,000 for the tournament, down from a normal capacity of just under 75,000. The stadium has played host to numerous historical sporting events, including World Cup finals, Olympic Games and Champions League finals.

The stadium was commissioned for the 1936 Olympic Games by Adolf Hitler, and over time has had to undergo multiple renovations to maintain its status as one of the best and grandest in Europe. To this day, its bowl design is unique for the gaping hole that sits behind one of the goals, which was the location for a giant Olympic Torch, this remains today.

The stadium is situated in Olympiapark Berlin; a huge sports complex. England's most

recent win here came in 2016, coming from 2-0 down to win 3-2 in what was a sensational night in the German capital.

Both the U-bahn (U2) and the S-Bahn (S3 and S9) have services that run directly to the stadium itself. However, we will have further information as to the best routes closer to the tournament if England end up playing here, as advice may change as to the best route to use based on where you are situated in the stadium.

Getting Around



Taxis

Uber and local taxis are available. Local taxis will all have a roof box, a licence number on the back that is never higher than 8000 and a Berlin number plate. Taxis within the city tend to go off the meter, but if travelling further afield there is room to negotiate.

Public Transport

In Berlin there are three fare zones: Fare zone A is limited to within the S-Bahn ring and includes the city centre. Zone B ends at Berlin's city limits. Zone C includes the surrounding area (e.g. Berlin Brandenburg Airport BER, Potsdam, Oranienburg).

Tickets can be purchased, and routes can be planned via the BVG app. Short, single journeys cost around €2.20, with 24 hour passes costing around €11-12.

Tickets will enable you to use the S-Bahn, U-Bahn and tram services.



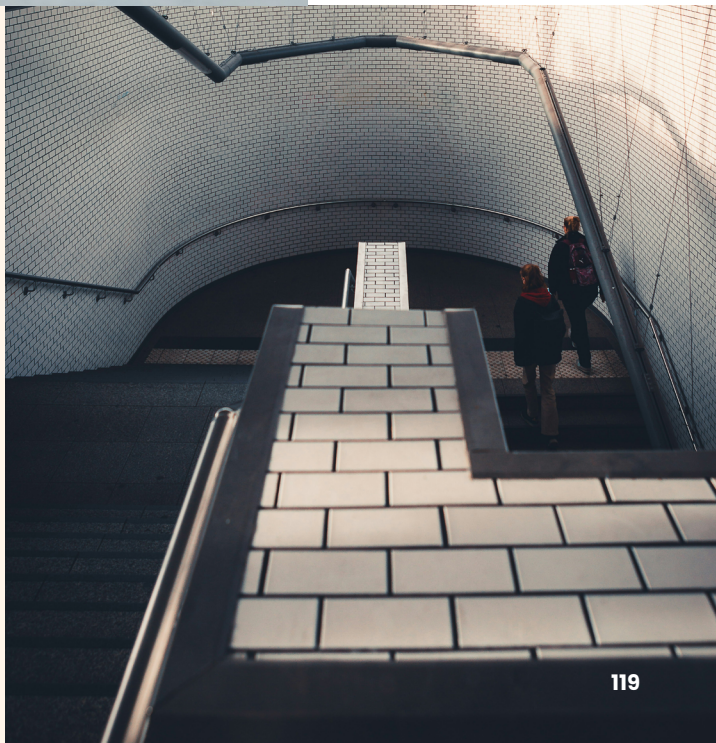


Bicycles and Electric Scooters

Both are readily available in the city, but as will become a boring and common theme in this section, use these with caution and respect for pedestrians, and do not use them when under the influence of alcohol, it is illegal.

Walking

If you are able and have the time to do so, Berlin is one of those fantastic cities that if you walk around, you will always stumble across something of interest, from an historical site to a cracking bar.



Eating and Drinking

It probably wouldn't be a trip to Berlin without a currywurst, a steamed, fried sausage (bratwurst) typically cut into bite-sized chunks and seasoned with curry ketchup, a sauce based on spiced ketchup or tomato paste topped with curry powder, or a ready-made ketchup seasoned with curry and other spices. The dish is often served with french fries.

Kreuzberg in West Berlin is a trendy, urban, multicultural district famous for its clubs, low key bar culture, and great dining options. You'll also find plenty of restaurants and bars in Oranienstrasse.

You won't struggle to find bars and restaurants anywhere you



go, and we imagine if England does make the final here, a complete takeover of the city will likely take place.

There are plenty of beer gardens located around the city, with one recommendation being the Prater Biergarten, named the oldest in Berlin.

The Friedrichstrasse area of the city is also recommended, you may even stumble across an Irish Bar.

Berlin has its own beer. Berliner Weisse is a bubbly, refreshing summer drink. It is more on the acidic side, made with wheat and barley and fermented in the bottle.

Accommodation

Berlin is naturally filled with plenty of hotels, with hundreds of thousands of beds around the city, of varying categories, ready to welcome you. Prices are obviously slightly higher for the tournament, but keep an eye out for a good deal, especially as the tournament goes on, you're more likely to see cancellations by fans who have gambled that their team makes the final.

There are multiple towns and cities in the surrounding regions, with good access links to the city that you can use to find something within budget, but may actually be slighter nicer than what you would get for the same price in Berlin.



Fans' Embassy and Fans Welcome Services

The Fans' Embassy service will likely be located outside the main Berlin train station and Washingtonplatz, however this was yet to be confirmed before going to print.

The Fans Welcome services, established by our good friends The KOS and the local Fan Projekts (Die Koordinationsstelle Fanprojekte). They will be on hand to discuss the work that they do, as well as help in any

way they can near the station and the Olympiapark, near the stadium. They are the local experts and we have been proud to work with them in the lead-up to this tournament.

Fan Zones and Public Viewing Areas



We know that Fan Zones aren't necessarily the done thing for England supporters, but we would ask that you make an exception in Berlin and pay a visit to the 120,000 capacity fan zone at Brandenburg Gate. The Brandenburg Gate will be covered in 'The Spectacular', a ridiculously huge football goal that will surround the gate itself, marking the festival of fan culture in Germany.

Another, albeit smaller, fan zone will be available for us at Reichstag.

British Embassy

The British Embassy is located in Berlin near the Brandenburg Gate. The British Embassy will be contactable via the details found on page 156 should you need any assistance. They are contactable 24 hours a day in an emergency. There are also Consulates-Generals located in Dusseldorf and Munich.



Things to see and do

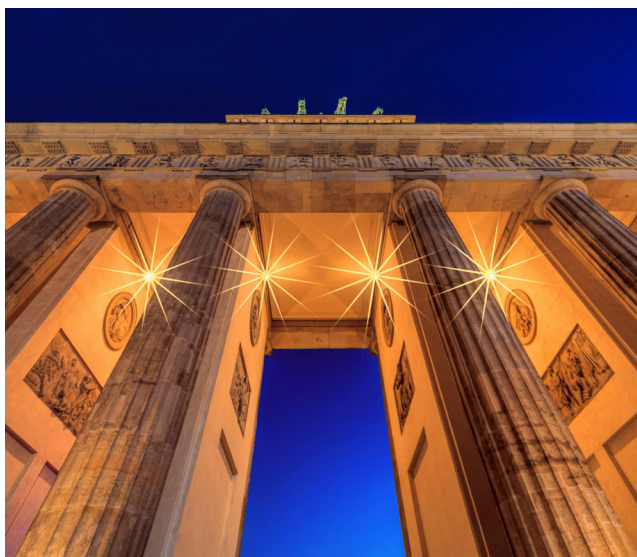
Where do we start? Berlin is filled with so much history that you would need a few days to get through it properly.

No visit is complete without a trip to the Brandenburg Gate, the very symbol of reunification in German, and the location for the Fan Zone for EURO 2024, on Pariser Platz on Unter den Linden boulevard. You can't really miss it. Located around the Brandenburg Gate are multiple embassies. We're told it's as deep underground as it is above ground. The British Embassy is just next door.

Just around the corner from the Brandenburg Gate is the Jewish Memorial. The 2,711 concrete slabs of varying sizes create a grid like pattern on a sloping field dedicated to those that lost their lives in the Holocaust. You can walk through the blocks of concrete, and it really is worth seeing.

We would also recommend going to see the Reichstag Building, home of the German parliament. But for views of the city, we would recommend visiting the Berlin TV Tower, the tallest structure in the city. A restaurant awaits at the top, including 360 views of Berlin. It was built as a symbol of power by East Germany. The tower could be seen for miles, including those situated in the west of the city.

You can visit the Berlin Wall memorial. It is located on Bernauer Straße at the corner of Ackerstraße. Multiple museums around the city are also available on the history of the city, including a Stasi museum,



well worth a visit. Checkpoint Charlie should also be on your list.

If you're looking to exit the city for a day, we would recommend a trip to Potsdam,

the residence of Prussian Kings and the German Emperor until 1918. This is a great location for sightseeing, but also for experiencing some lovely bars and restaurants in the town centre.

Fan Project: Berlin



Fan Project: Sportjugend Berlin

Who are you? What role do you play in the fan project, what are your tasks? Which team do you support? What does it mean to you to be a fan?

We are the team of the Fan Project of the Sportjugend Berlin. The offerings of the Fan Project are aimed at football fans of all genders aged 14 to 27 who are in the vicinity of Hertha BSC and BFC Dynamo. With our meeting place, the "Haus der Fußballkulturen," opportunities for educational, cultural, and leisure pedagogical activities such as readings, storytelling cafes, and football broadcasts are provided. The facilities of the Fan Project are excellently suited for wheelchair users, and the sanitary facilities are also barrier-free. An important focus of our work is outreach youth work on match days at home games, as well as accompanying and supporting fans at away games.

In the context of this year's EURO, our team is also managing the "Fans Welcome" point at Washingtonplatz in close proximity to the main train station. We are excited to provide you with information here as locals.

For us, being a fan means above all expressing emotions, dedication to one's club, as well as unity and encounter. Especially the latter point is our focus at an event like Euro 24.

How excited are you that your city is hosting games for EURO 2024 or that many international guests are coming to your city?

Of course, such a huge event in the city is also a highlight for us. The city has a lot of experience in hosting major sports events, and we feel well prepared to welcome international guests to our city.

Do you/you have any advice for fans in your city (good areas in the city for eating/drinking, a particular sports bar, attractions, etc.)?

We warmly recommend the "Curry Baude" at Bahnhof Gesundbrunnen as employees of the Fan Project Berlin. A gem among the Berlin snack bars away from the tourist hotspots like Kudamm or Potsdamer Platz. The traditional Curry Baude has been run by Reina Lehmann since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. As a trained butcher with an established butcher's shop, he offers sausage products

according to his own recipe, and the ketchup sauce is a family-created secret."

Additionally, for those who want to enjoy one of the best kebabs in the city, we recommend Hakiki not far from the U-Bahnhof Osloer Straße.

What can England fans expect in your city?

Berlin is a cosmopolitan metropolis, as well as a piece of freedom for many tourists who visit our city every year. Besides numerous bars and clubs, the city offers variety and fun for the whole family with its different neighbourhoods. Moreover, the city is a hotspot of German football, not only during the EURO. The Olympiastadion with its long history is a breathtaking venue, not least for the final of this European Football Championship. A visit is worthwhile even outside of match days. Naturally, Berlin will also be caught up in the EURO fever. There will be plenty of opportunities to watch your team's games outdoors with a good beer, at many corners of the city and on the official fan mile at the Brandenburg Gate.

Leipzig



German State: Saxony

Population: 628,718

Time zone: BST + 1 hour

Average July Temperature: 25°C

Fixtures in Leipzig (local time)

18 JUNE 9PM

Group F



Portugal



Czechia

21 JUNE 9PM

Group D



Netherlands



France

24 JUNE 9PM

Group B



Croatia



Italy

02 JULY 9PM

Round of 16

1st Group D

2nd Group F

Welcome to Leipzig



Welcome to Leipzig, which we believe is the one location England can't play at in EURO 2024, despite the varying ways with 3rd place finishes. If this information is wrong and we do end up playing here then it wasn't our fault, so direct your blame elsewhere.

Formerly in East Germany until reunification, Leipzig is home to a population of almost 630,000 people in the Saxony state of Germany. This will be the first time the city has hosted games at a European Championship.

Located 90 miles southwest of Berlin, Leipzig has been a trade city since Roman times. It is at the centre of Neuseenland (new lake district), where artificial lakes have been formed from former open cast mines.

Leipzig is home to one of Europe's oldest universities, the Leipzig University, which has produced no less than ten Nobel Prize Winners.

Germany wouldn't be where it is today without events in Leipzig in 1989. Protests in the

city on Monday October 9th 1989 was the start of the fall of the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) as tens of thousands of protesters lined the streets for a peaceful demonstration.

The protests became known as the Monday Demonstrations. On Monday October 16th 1989 the protest numbers had reached 120,000. By October 23rd, 320,000 protesters gathered from a population of 500,000. A popular chant by the protesters was "Wir sind das Volk!", which translates as "We are the people!" A message to the country's leaders that the people should lead the country, not undemocratically elected parties.

On November 9th 1989, events in Leipzig and elsewhere lead to the fall of the Berlin Wall, and by March 1990, the German Democratic Republic was nearing its end. German reunification was on the horizon.

The protests are celebrated to this day in Leipzig on October 9th of each year, where up to 200,000 people have gathered for the 'Festival of Lights' to

celebrate the reunification of Germany.

Today, Leipzig has recovered from almost economic ruin whilst under East German rule. The city was heavily polluted due to heavy industry. Now, this hip urban city, often called the 'new-Berlin', is a major part of Germany's economy.

The German Football Association was founded in Leipzig in 1900.

Leipzig is home to two football teams, the oldest being 1. Fußballclub Lokomotive Leipzig e.V. who play in the fourth tier of German football. They were the first winners of the German National Football Championship in 1903.

The other, and probably better known in recent times, is RB Leipzig. In 2009, Red Bull took over the licence of club SSV Markranstädt which was a fifth-tier German side. The team quickly rose through the leagues in Germany and is now a prominent team in the Bundesliga, qualifying for the Champions League on multiple occasions.

The takeover by Red Bull caused controversy in Germany, going against tradition. In Germany, it is widely known that supporters effectively own 50% of their club, plus one vote, which gives them a majority. Clubs are not allowed to participate in the top two divisions of German football without this set-up.

RB Leipzig do operate by the 50+1 rule. However membership is expensive and only a handful exist, funnily enough, all employees of Red Bull.

Getting there

By Air

For anyone flying into Leipzig, you will be landing at Leipzig/Halle Airport, around 21 km from the city centre, located between Leipzig and Halle in Schkeuditz. This airport is of particular international importance due to its haulage of cargo. It ranks second to Frankfurt in Germany and fifth in Europe, but don't worry, commercial flights also operate.

The airport was heavily modernised ahead of a bid to host the 2012 Olympics, which of course went to London. The only direct flight from the UK is from London-Stansted, operated by Ryanair, but you can fly here via other German cities such as Frankfurt, Düsseldorf and Munich.

The majority of commercial flights from this airport are to holiday destinations in the Mediterranean or North Africa.

The airport is connected to the city via the S-Bahn train lines S5 and S5X, which stops at the Leipzig/Halle Airport railway station. There are Intercity (IC) trains that connect through here also. Flixbus operates from this airport if connecting via bus, or taxis are also available to take you to the city at a costly rate of anything between €55-70.



By Train

It's likely that if you are travelling to Leipzig you will arrive by rail rather than by air, due to the lack of availability of flights from the UK.

Leipzig Hauptbahnhof however is the largest by area overhead railway station in Europe. Most major cities in Germany are accessible from Leipzig, with Intercity Express routes running to Hamburg, Berlin, Nuremberg, Munich, Dresden, Erfurt. Lines also operate to Bremen, Dortmund, Cologne, Hannover, Magdeburg to name just a few!

The only international city that can be reached directly is Prague. If you did fancy travelling here by train from the UK, you'd likely face at least a couple of changes in Brussels/Frankfurt/Cologne along the way. It is doable in around nine hours.

By Road

Multiple motorways serve Leipzig if you were headed here by road; the A9 in the west, A38 in the south and A14 in the north.

You'll find that Flixbus operates here also, not just from major cities in Germany but also from around Europe, serving the Leipzig Central Station and Leipzig/Halle airport. The bus station in the city centre is located just east of the main train station.

The Stadium



The Leipzig Stadium

The Leipzig Stadium will be the name of the 40,000-seater Red Bull Arena (formerly Zentralstadion) for the EURO 2024 Championship. It normally operates with a capacity of around 47,000 for league games.

The old Zentralstadion was built in 1956 and could house up to 100,000 spectators, with multiple teams based in Leipzig calling this place home at some stage. However, the stadium fell into disuse and was costing the city too much money to maintain,

so, in 1997, the city decided to build a new state-of-the-art stadium within the old one, which was eventually opened in 2004.

The stadium itself hosted games at the 2005 FIFA Confederations Cup and the FIFA World Cup in 2006, and is now the home of RB Leipzig. The stadium has hosted multiple concerts over the years due to the impressive acoustics of the stadium roof. Tina Turner, Bruce Springsteen, AC/DC, Coldplay and most recently Pink have all performed here.

There will be no parking available at this stadium, so public transport on Tram lines 3, 4, 7 and 15 all go to the stadium. If you are located in Entrance A, Sportforum Sud will be your best stop, with Sportforum Ost, Feuerbachstrasse or Am Muckenschlosschen for Entrances B and C. You can also walk from the main station in around 30 minutes, which will save any battles on busy public transport.

Getting Around



By Rail

Leipzig city centre is served by 30 S-Bahn stations with endpoints of the S-Bahn lines including Wurzen, Zwickau, Dessau, and Lutherstadt Wittenberg.

The likely way around this city, if not by walking, will be by tram. The Leipziger Verkehrsbetriebe, has 15 lines operating around the city for use, with the majority passing by the central station. Certain lines run with varying frequencies, but we doubt you'll be waiting any longer than 15 minutes on any line, with the more popular ones running every 2–3 minutes.

Tickets can be purchased via ticket machines in stations, or via the LeipzigMOVE app.

By Road

Driving around the city is possible, albeit covered by the low-emission zone. Parking can be expensive, and there are multiple traffic-calming measures in place, so best be familiar with German road signs to ensure you don't end up going the wrong way in a one-way system!

There are multiple park and ride facilities available on the approach to the city. If you are attending a game here and have a match ticket, travel from the park and rides will be free for 36 hours starting at 6am on the day of the game.

The Leipziger Verkehrsbetriebe (local transport) runs the local bus services in the city, with 47 bus lines in operation.

Taxis of course operate here and will run off the meter, Uber is also available.





Bicycles and Electric Scooters

Bicycles can be rented around the city, and great strides have been made here to make this a very cycle friendly city. Multiple bike-renting services are available, take a look at the bike you intend to rent to know which app you need to download to activate it.

E-scooters can also be rented via the LeipzigMOVE app, or again by the company name the scooter is registered to, as there can be multiple.



Walking

Walking around the majority of the city centre is very much possible, including main drinking areas and the stadium, so it is very much a good place to get the steps in.





Things to See and Do

Leipzig is home to three different rivers, the Parthe, Pleisse, and the White Elster. Fun fact, the city of Leipzig also has more bridges than Venice, 427 to Venice's 400, we challenge you to tick every single one of these off. You could tick off most of these by taking a canoe tour. With Leipzig's very own Lake District available, we would definitely recommend this if you have time, assuming the weather is nice.

Near the Fan Zone at Augustusplatz, you'll find the Panorama Tower. From the 31st floor you'll have views of the city and the region. The last we knew was this would come at a cost of €5, but we're sure the views won't let you down. And speaking of panoramic, there is also the Panometer museum, with visual panoramas available with varying themes throughout the years.

If you have the time, located just over a mile from the stadium is the Leipzig Zoo, one of the oldest in the world. With over 600 animal species on show, we wonder which one broadcasters will use to make predictions for each game at the tournament.

If you're looking for decent monuments, then take a trip to the Battle of the Nations monument, located south-east of the city. The monument was built to commemorate the Battle of Leipzig in 1813 fought during the liberation wars against Napoleon. It is quite stunning and features an observation deck offering great views of the city.

If you're looking to tick off some stadiums whilst here, there are some smaller ones available for the groundhoppers amongst you. The Alfred-Kunze-Sportpark and the Bruno-Plache-Stadion are available for you, and all within relatively short distances by public transport.



Eating and Drinking

There are a few pub districts in Leipzig, including bars located around the Marktplatz Leipzig, along streets such as Bruhl street to Fleischergasse and into the Marktplatz Square itself, and up to the New Town Hall.

If you're looking for some decent nightlife, the Karl-Liebnecht-Strasse (KarLi) runs through the Sudvostadt area of the city; lined with multiple bars and restaurants, including Irish bars and cocktail bars. The Pie Maker Irish Pub and Killiwilly come highly recommended.

Leipzig is known for its own dish called the Leipziger Allerlei, a mix of seasonal vegetables and crayfish form this stew, and you can wash it down with Gose, a warm fermented beer now considered local to Leipzig, although it was originally brewed in the German town of Goslar in the 13th century.



Leipzigers are known for their love of coffee, and until recently, Zum Arabischen Coffe Baum, a coffee shop and restaurant, was the oldest in Europe to have been continually in operation. There are numerous coffee houses around the city offering up the hot drink from Arabia.

Upon every bit of research about Leipzig, the one that always pops up is the

Auerbachs Keller. Given its worldwide reputation from Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, a famous German writer, their very own William Shakespeare if you will, who wrote the play Faust, part of which was set in this restaurant.



Accommodation



There are plenty of your normal hotel chains located around the city at varying standards to suit your needs. Local hotels also operate, including Air BnBs and hostels, so there should be something for everyone here, albeit at slightly inflated prices for the tournament, which is to be expected.

There are surrounding areas that you could use that are easily accessible to the centre of Leipzig, such as Halle.

Fans' Embassy



At the time of going to print, we were unsure of where the Fans' Embassy would be located should England be playing here. But if we do, we'll be sure to communicate this. We do anticipate that the Fans Welcome services will be located at the Fan Zone at Augustusplatz should you need any help and support.

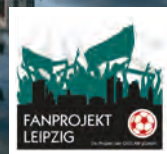
British Embassy

There is no British Consulate in Leipzig, but the British Embassy will be contactable via the details found on page 156 should you need any assistance. They are contactable 24 hours a day in an emergency. The Embassy is located in nearby Berlin, and the Consulates-General are located in Düsseldorf and Munich.

Fan Zones

The main Fan Zone for Leipzig is based at Augustusplatz, has a capacity of just under 10,000 and is located around 700m from the main station. All matches for the tournament will be shown here, and will be open throughout the tournament. It will contain a football pitch, and also a Ferris Wheel!

Fan Project: Leipzig



Christian: Leipzig Fan Project

Who you are: What role do you have in the fan project, what are your tasks? Which team do you support? What does it mean to be a fan for you?

Hello, my name is Christian and I work for the Leipzig Fan Project. As part of social pedagogical work, fan projects in Germany accompany the youth and young adult fan scenes of the clubs. In Leipzig, we work with the fans of Chemie, Lokomotive, and Rasenballsport Leipzig. I myself am responsible for the fans of Rasenballsport Leipzig.

Football is the most beautiful thing in the world for me, which allows me to discover exciting places, passionately follow games, and build friendships. It's almost irrelevant which team your heart ultimately beats for.

How excited are you that your city is hosting games for EURO 2024 or that many international guests are coming to your city?

Of course, it is a great highlight for Leipzig to be able to

welcome international football fans and co-host a major tournament again after the 2006 World Cup. However, from our perspective, this is also associated with greater restrictions for the civilian population and more difficult changes in the cityscape, which dampen the anticipation a bit. For us fan project workers, it is primarily a major effort and an additional burden that we nevertheless want to handle to everyone's satisfaction. That's why I might be a little excited, but not so much because of the European Championship itself.

Do you have any advice for fans in your city (good areas in the city for eating/drinking, a specific sports bar, sights, etc.)?

Leipzig is a city of short distances. But it also plays an immense role in German football. The German Football Association was founded here. With VfB Leipzig, a predecessor of 1. FC Lokomotive Leipzig, the first German champion also comes from Leipzig. BSG

Chemie Leipzig sensationally became GDR champion in 1964 as an underdog. And with Rasenballsport Leipzig, the city is home to one of the most exciting, but also controversial, football projects. So it's really worth wandering the football-cultural paths of the city, visiting the Alfred-Kunze-Sportpark (Chemie), the Bruno-Plache-Stadion (LOK), and the Hofmeister-Haus with the founding plaque of the DFB.

It is also recommended to visit the Völkerschlachtdenkmal, from whose top you can enjoy a great view over the city. But also a walk through the city centre with its pub miles, Gottschedstraße, and Barfußgässchen is highly recommended. You can traditionally eat at Auerbachs Keller, which should be world-famous thanks to Goethe's Faust.

What can England fans expect in your city?

One of the most beautiful places in the world!

Stadium Rules

Imagery of banned items to the right of the page.

Flags

Flags are welcomed into all EURO 2024 stadiums as long as they don't exceed 2x1.5m in size. Flags must not contain any promotional, commercial, ideological or political items or language or logos considered to be offensive. There must be no discriminatory, racist, xenophobic, politically radical, religious or political propaganda or material glorifying violent messages.

Space inside stadiums to hang flags will vary, but stewards in attendance will look to assist as much as possible. Flag or banner poles that are not made of wood, PVC or similarly flexible materials will not be allowed, and the size must not exceed 1 metre or 1 cm in diameter.

Bags

We would advise against taking bags to the stadium if possible, however, if you have to, the bag must be no larger than A4 size (height 297mm, width 210mm and depth 210mm).

Bag Storage

We have been told that bag storage will be available at all stadiums, however locations and prices of the storage areas had yet to be confirmed before going to print. We will get this information to you closer to the tournament.

Power banks

Given that we are expected to use our phones, power banks are allowed inside stadiums as long as it does not exceed the size of your phone.

There will be points around the stadium to assist with phone charging if needed, just approach the nearest steward for assistance.

Cash or no cash?

We are expecting most stadiums to be cashless. However, upon going to print this was still up for debate at some grounds. We would advise having both cash and card available in order to purchase any food or drink inside the stadium.

Ticketless fans

If you are without a match ticket, we would strongly advise not travelling to the stadium. There will be nothing at the stadium for you, and should you be unsuccessful in obtaining a ticket, you will face a long journey back to find somewhere to watch the game, not to mention the burden on limited public transport options in some cities if ticketless fans also make the journey.

Experience tells us that ticket touts will operate in the area, and we have major concerns about England fans being scammed for tickets that don't exist or don't work. Please only use legitimate means of buying tickets either through the England Supporters Travel Club or directly from UEFA. We will not be able to assist supporters who have been scammed.



Photo cameras,
video cameras
without permission



Unmanned aerial
systems



Flags and banners
bigger than 2m x 1.5m



Backpacks, suitcases,
large bags over
DIN A4



Weapons,
dangerous objects



Pyrotechnic
objects



Gas spray cans,
deodorant and
similar



Fire load increasing
materials



Bulky objects



Items that can
prevent identification



Glass & plastic
bottles, cans and
similar



Animals (except
assistance animals)



Alcohol & drugs
of any kind



Food of any kind



Mechanically and
electrically operated
noise instruments



Stick umbrella,
helmets



Racist, xenophobic,
discriminatory
and political
propaganda material



Laser pointer



Promotional &
commercial items

*This list
is not
exhaustive
and is based
on the UEFA
EURO 2024
Stadium
Rules



Train Travel

EURO 2024 is very much built as the sustainable tournament, and train travel is likely to be the most popular mode of transport throughout the tournament. We have tried to give as much detail as possible on all of the available options should you still need help and advice. There is a lot to cover, and if you have any specific questions about any of the below information, feel free to reach out to us.

36-hour Free Travel Pass

UEFA announced ahead of the tournament that supporters with match tickets are entitled to 36 hours worth of free travel, starting at 6am on the day of the game, and ending at 6pm the following day. One common question is how far can you travel with these passes, and how to use them throughout the tournament.

How far can I travel?

The travel pass entitles you to free travel within the region operated by the same regional travel company. So for example, if you are staying in Cologne for the first game in Gelsenkirchen, Because the VRR and VRS networks have committed to working together in their respective cities and regions, you will be entitled to free travel for this journey.

What this does mean however, is that if you are staying in the VRR/VRS network areas, you cannot use this free pass to travel to Frankfurt for the second game, as it is outside of the same region.

Further information can be found at uefa.com/euro2024/ as well as on each travel operator's website. Each website will have a map that shows you how far you can travel within that network.

What do I do if I am asked to show proof on the train?

Ahead of the tournament, fans will be asked to download the EURO 2024 ticketing app, within this app will be a travel pass that you can show when onboard a train.

Does having any match ticket entitle you to free travel in any city?

No, the free travel pass is only valid if you have a ticket for a match taking place in the region you are travelling within.

What networks operate in each city?

Each city has a travel network attached to it, and this will be visible in train stations and at ticket machines which will help you understand what company you are travelling with. Below is a list of the networks in each city, if the networks are



the same as where you are travelling from and to, then the travel is free.

Each travel company will have its own app and website to enable you to view train times and book tickets outside of the 36-hour free travel period. Each website will also have a map as to how far their travel network extends, so you can work out whether your accommodation is within that travel network area.

I'm travelling to support England but don't have a match ticket, can I obtain a free travel pass?

No, you are not entitled to, nor can you obtain a free travel pass without a valid match ticket.

Can I use any train that is going to my destination?

NO, please note this. The free travel pass is only valid on regional trains, and the train number attached with the train

will begin with RE or similar. Station staff will be able to assist with this. You CANNOT use ICE, IC or EC trains.

What if I get on the wrong train that doesn't accept the free travel pass?

You will likely be asked to pay for the full fare for your journey, or be asked to leave the train at the next stop, ignoring this could lead to a fine. It is best to double-check that you are getting the correct train with station staff.

Networks

Berlin – VBB

Cologne – VRS and VRR

Dusseldorf – VRR and VRS

Dortmund – VRR and VRS

Frankfurt – RMV

Gelsenkirchen – VRR and VRS

Hamburg – HVV

Leipzig – MDV

Munich – MVV

Stuttgart – VVS

National Train Travel

Travelling around Germany will hopefully be a pain-free experience, and the main company you will be looking to book travel through is the Deutsche Bahn (DB). Popular apps such as Trainline also work here, if you are more familiar with that in the UK.

Train offers

We only have so much room to discuss train offers, but by visiting the link below you will find multiple offers available for all ages on the Deutsche Bahn, including Super Saver deals that have some tickets available for as little as €17.90. <https://int.bahn.de/en/offers>

Take a look at www.flixbus.com also, which also offers cheap train travel options

Deutschland-Ticket

The German government have extended the very popular €49 train ticket which entitles you to travel for one entire month on regional and local train services. You cannot use these on the IC, ICE or EC trains, however with regional trains often travelling quite far, you can really benefit from this ticket if you are planning to do a lot of travelling around Germany.

In order to buy, you can use the Deutsche Bahn app/website or any local rail service app/website. Be warned, this does run as a subscription, and it doesn't activate from the date you start using it, it just runs month by month, so if staying for the duration of the tournament you will need one for June and July. However, if you do not want it to roll into the following month, you must cancel the subscription. For example, if you have a pass for July but don't want it for August, you must cancel by the 10th of July.

Further information can be found at <https://bit.ly/deutschland-ticket-offer>

Special fares

Fans have the ability to book special fares with the DB for long-distance journeys that enable you to use IC, ICE and EC trains. Tickets are available for €29.90 one-way for second class, and €39.90 one-way for first class seats.

Who are these fares available to?

Match ticket holders only!

How many can I buy?

Each match ticket entitles you to 2 train tickets, so you will be able to book a return.

When can I start buying tickets?

You can buy them right now via the DB website, the fares are available from the 12th June-16th July. You can purchase your DB Ticket EURO 2024 until 2 days before you travel during the group stage. Once the group stage has concluded from 27th June, you can buy your DB Ticket EURO 2024 until 1 day before you travel.

How far can I travel?

The special fares are only available for travel within Germany. International travel is not included.

What is availability like?

Tickets are limited, so it is best to book as early as possible. It is however possible that some tickets may be available at a cheaper rate than those available with the EURO 2024 fan pass, tickets bought at a cheaper rate do not need to be presented with the fan pass.

For more information on how to book, visit uefa.com/euro2024/

What if I am travelling with children?

Under 5s always travel for free in Germany, and children from the age of 6-14 can also travel for free if travelling with someone over the age of 15. This must be indicated when booking.

Interrail Pass EURO 2024

Fans travelling from the UK with match tickets are entitled to a 25% discount and round-trip travel from 32 European nations. Further information can be found at <https://euro2024.interrail.eu/en/go>

What tickets are available?

Interrail passes are available for 4, 5, 7, 10 and 15 days. Depending on how long you plan to be in Germany for will depend on what ticket is suitable for you. Any travel taken with your pass will remove 1 day of availability that you can use your pass for.

Ticket holders are entitled to one Interrail EURO 2024 pass per match ticket that they own.

Which is the best ticket to purchase?

It depends on how long you are travelling for, but let's say you're travelling from the north of England, you can use 1 day of your pass directly from your home town/city to London, use the Eurostar to get to Brussels and then onto your final destination in Germany, as long as that journey takes place in the same 24-hour period.

If you're travelling for just the group stage, a 4-day pass costing €213 for an adult means you could use 1 day's worth of travel to get to Gelsenkirchen (or the surrounding region) from home, you could then use 1 day's worth of travel to get to Frankfurt for the second game, 1 day's worth of travel to then get to Cologne for the final group game and then your final day to get home.

Do I need to book a reservation on the trains I am travelling on?

Yes, definitely, especially for the Eurostar and for trains in Germany. There is an extra cost involved with this, which can be upwards of £60 on some Eurostar trains, so do factor this in to your cost planning. Reservations for trains within Germany can be made for as little as €4.99 in some cases.

How long are the passes active for?

You can travel between the 9th June and the 21st July, however, please note that 4, 5 and 7 day passes must be used within one month. So keep this in mind, as you may be planning to travel to Germany on the 14th June for the first game and possibly returning on the 15th July, the day after the final, the pass would in this case not be valid for the return journey.

Passes for 10 or 15 days entitle you to travel over the course of 2 months, so if you're looking to cover your stay for the entire tournament, we would suggest purchasing a 10-15 day pass, which for adults are €336 and €415 respectively. 4, 5 and 7-day passes can be purchased up until the 13th July, whereas 10 or 15 day passes must be purchased by the 8th June. All passes will expire on July 21st.

What are the age categories?

For Interrail EURO 2024 passes, Youth tickets can be purchased by anyone aged between 12-27, adults from 28-59, seniors is 60+ and children aged 4-11 can travel for free. If you have a birthday during this trip, or after booking but before travel which would see you change age group, your ticket will be valid depending on the age you are on the first day of travel.

What do I need to show on board?

You will be required to show your valid Interrail travel pass, as well as your EURO 2024 Fan Pass.

Can I book without my Fan Pass?

Yes, you can book before your Fan Pass is available in the app provided by UEFA and EURO 2024. Just make sure you have it to hand on the day of travel.

Further information

We would recommend having a look at the <https://www.interrail.eu/en> website to double check the train companies you wish to travel with accept the pass and whether you need to book a reservation. We would suggest booking your reservations before you travel to Germany, trains are likely to fill up. We would advise using the Interrail route planner on their website.

Who are ya? About the FSA

The Football Supporters' Association (FSA) is the national, democratic body for football supporters, representing matchgoers' views to the authorities in England and Wales,

So while we want England to succeed, and we're disappointed to see Wales miss out on the Euros, we couldn't possibly comment on whether we'd find it hilarious if another home nation once again crashed out at the group stage, as we don't cover Scotland.

“Football is for all and we work closely with organisations such as Kick It Out and Level Playing Field.”

As an organisation we cover such a range of work that it's easier to break it down into different subject areas, more on that throughout this section, but in short we are the leading advocates for supporter ownership, fan engagement, fair ticket prices, safe standing, supporter rights, diversity and good governance to protect our historic clubs.

We have regular contact with the Premier League, the EFL, National League, and the FA, as well as a whole host of other organisations within football such as the PFA and PGMOL. Football is for all and we work closely with organisations such as Kick It Out and Level Playing Field to ensure that core belief is happening in the real world.

We are founder-members of Football Supporters Europe (FSE) the voice of fans at a continental level and, via FSE, we also have contact with UEFA.

FSA core activities:

Fans' Embassies

You're probably reading this in preparation for a trip to the Euros, or maybe you're already in Germany for the tournament, in which case it makes sense to explain a little more about our Fans' Embassy work which sees teams of volunteers dishing out guidebooks and fanzines for travelling fans.

We pioneered the concept of Fans' Embassies and have helped fans of both the England and Wales national teams at tournaments across the planet. We were also proud to offer fans of the Lionesses similar support for the first time at the Women's World Cup in 2019 and that continued through to the Women's World Cup 2023.



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Giving fans a voice

A lot of our public-facing work involves giving supporters a coherent voice at a national level on issues which cut across all clubs and nations.

There are many examples of that over the years as our campaign work on away ticket pricing led to the Premier League introducing the £30 away ticket price cap, with many EFL clubs also prompted to start doing their own cheaper away deals.

Elsewhere we successfully persuaded the FA to give 7,000 more tickets directly to the clubs competing in the FA Cup final - so more tickets for matchgoers - while our Safe Standing Campaign led to a change in the law and those areas being implemented in many grounds.

More recently we have helped defeat the European Super League, brought fans' groups together to combat tragedy chanting and gave a unified voice in support of FA Cup replays.

Casework

Our casework helps hundreds of fans every year who feel they've been poorly treated by their clubs, stewards, or police. We give those fans behind-the-scenes advice and point them in the direction of the most experienced football-specific legal support. If a case is especially newsworthy we might even put that supporter in touch with the media or cover it on our website. There's the media stereotype of a "football thug" but often supporters find themselves criminalised because of laws which only exist in a football stadium, or treatment which we don't always agree with, and we believe those fans deserve help and advice.

Fan-led Review

When some of Europe's most successful clubs decided they needed even more money, and tried to stitch up the game via a European Super League, supporters across Europe kicked back so hard that not only was the plan stopped, but within 48 hours the UK Government had promised a Fan-led Review into the governance of our game.

We were at the heart of that process and our recommendations have largely been incorporated into proposed legislation which, via a new regulator, will ban domestic clubs from joining any breakaway league, go much further in protecting our clubs and their heritage from bad owners and give supporters a bigger voice within the game.



Women's Game

The women's game is growing rapidly, with dozens of new supporter groups joining us in the past couple of years, and a great deal to celebrate. All of this gives us new things to work on and those issues that cause concern in the men's game – ticketing policy, TV kick-off times, supporter engagement matters – exist in the women's game too.

We meet regularly with the FA and it's a pivotal moment for the women's game with the establishment of NewCo to run the professional game in England. We look forward to having a voice and influence within that process and have taken our place on the Government's ongoing Review of women's football.

Supporter ownership

Promotion of supporter (or community) ownership is something that we hold very dear and giving people the chance to own their club can increase their connection with it, so supporters share the responsibility of sustaining 'their' club. If supporters know that the money they spend will be reinvested in the club, they are more likely to spend or donate more.

But when we talk about community ownership what do we mean? A minimum of 50% +1 of the voting rights of the club to be controlled collectively by a democratic entity based on one

member, one vote, with profits reinvested back into the club. The financial realities mean many of these clubs operate in the non-league sphere although there are examples such as AFC Wimbledon and Exeter City.

Fans for Diversity

The Fans for Diversity campaign is a partnership between the Football Supporters' Association and Kick It Out. Its aim is simple – to celebrate diversity in football to ensure all fans feel safe and welcome at the game, regardless of; age, disability, gender, race, faith, sexual orientation or any other protected characteristic.

Football tribes, football colours and the love for your team – those are the only things which should separate one fan from another. Being visible, being welcomed, being accepted. It's a difficult journey for some and we want to make it easier, making football a place where people can enjoy our national game without fear of discrimination and abuse.

Training

Healthy, well-run fan groups at club level are vital to the success of the FSA's national campaign work, which is why we offer training on critical board-level roles to all supporter organisations.

Much is demanded of the volunteers who run fan groups, supporters trusts and community-benefit societies

– many of whom are thrust into the roles with little or no experience – and we deliver core training for those fans to help them get to grips with their roles.

Networks

One of the main ways we represent our vast membership is via the FSA Networks system – a collection of representatives chosen by you to work on behalf of supporters at all levels of the game.

The representatives on those networks – Premier League, Championship, League One and League Two, non-league football, community-owned clubs and the women's game – are chosen by the FSA membership at our AGM held each summer. In turn those networks nominate an appointee to the FSA National Council, the national-level policy making forum between AGMs, who elect our board.

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England Supporters Travel Club info

We hope you are all looking forward to the tournament this summer. There is going to be a huge following in Germany and the team will thrive off the excitement and support created by those who have travelled, as well as knowing the country back home will be watching and cheering them on in numbers.

The travelling support can, and regularly does, showcase the greatest elements of English football. We hope that all fans will continue to keep in mind the importance of representing England in the right way whilst abroad. Our presence here is an opportunity to demonstrate the best of England, both on and off the pitch.

Below you will find some important information on how to get in touch with The FA over the course of the tournament should you need to.

Thank you as ever for your support and we hope you enjoy your trip!

General Advice

All members should visit and familiarise themselves with the FCDO advice for this tournament. You will be able to find information on:

- Visa and entry requirements
- Health and Travel insurance
- Support for British nationals abroad

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/germany/euro-2024>

How to Report an Incident whilst Abroad

As always, when travelling abroad, we ask that members treat the cities and locals with respect. Any unacceptable behaviour whilst following England may result in:

- Police involvement and possible criminal proceeding
- Football Banning Order applications in England
- Suspension from the ESTC membership
- Withdrawal of future match tickets (including during the tournament)



Members are ambassadors for the England team and should act in such a way that will continue to enhance the image of English supporters and the national side on the world stage.

If you see, hear or experience any behaviour that you feel to be inappropriate, anti-social, abusive, racist, homophobic or discriminatory whilst you are in Germany, we encourage you to report the incident directly to us, if you feel comfortable doing so, by emailing ESTC@thefa.com

Alternatively, if you are at the game, please report the matter immediately to a steward. It would also help for you to send as much information as possible directly to us via the email address outlined above so that we can follow up with all relevant stakeholders as soon as possible.

The FA will not tolerate any excessive behaviour and will always investigate reports of inappropriate behaviour with the utmost urgency.

Join the Official WhatsApp group and stay up-to-date whilst in Germany!

The FA will be opening up a dedicated Whatsapp group for travelling England supporters in the coming weeks. This group will look to provide important information about England fixtures throughout the summer and some behind-the-scenes content. An email with a link to join will be sent to all ESTC members ahead of the tournament.

General Enquiries

We will be working closely with the FSA, FCO, and Local Government to address any issues arising throughout the tournament.

If you need to get in touch with the England Supporters Travel Club during your time in Germany, you can do so via email in the first instance at ESTC@thefa.com.

We will also be offering an additional mobile service on (+44)7790371105 for ticket holders only on the day before and the day of a match.

ESTC staff will be contactable in person at the FSA Fans' Embassy at various points throughout the tournament. The exact times will be published and emailed to all members in due course.



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- A chance to win Club Wembley hospitality upgrades every home fixture at Wembley Stadium for you and your guests
- Win the chance to attend opening training sessions, meet the England players, signed shirts, and more
- Attend exclusive membership events and forums
- Get the chance to play on the hallowed turf, under the arch at Wembley Stadium, on the annual 'ESTC Pitch Day'

Visit www.Englandfootball.com/england/mens-senior-team/England-Supporters-Travel-Club for more, or scan the QR code opposite:





A message from The FSA

Ahead of the tournament, the ESTC set up a working group made up of supporters from the membership to act as a sounding board for supporters ahead of EURO 2024.

With FSA representatives in attendance, fans were able to share their views on topics including fan behaviour, ticketing, fan activities, transport, safety and security and much more, which helped

provide senior FA staff, the FSA and the UKFPU with excellent feedback which will help shape communication plans and will help information gathering ahead of the tournament.

Our experience of the working group was fantastic and thank the ESTC for arranging it, and each member in attendance should be applauded for their input.

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FANS WELCOME

operated by the KOS



Under the motto **FANS WELCOME**, the KOS is operating central meeting points in the ten host cities together with the local fan projects. Here all visitors and those interested in EURO 2024 can find information about the tournament, host cities, and various fan cultures. The benefit of integrating the fan projects in this kind of fan support is that their knowledge about fan culture, specific needs of football fans and their big network in the city is invaluable. They are in contact with various authorities, consulates and others to give fans the information and support they need in their specific situation.

Intensive cooperation between KOS and Football Supporters Europe (FSE) allows the Fans' Embassies of participating teams to integrate their offers into the EURO 2024 fan support program. In summary, what makes the FANS WELCOME hubs unique is the expertise of fan projects that understand the world of football fans.

Our fan projects are eagerly looking forward to welcoming English fans to the hubs. Regardless of the nature of their inquiries or concerns, they will strive to find a solution. Additionally, alongside assistance, there will be a variety of events offered.

The Fan and Visitor Support Program is coordinated by the Coordination Office for Fan Projects (KOS) on behalf of the German Sport Youth (DSJ) and funded by the Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community.

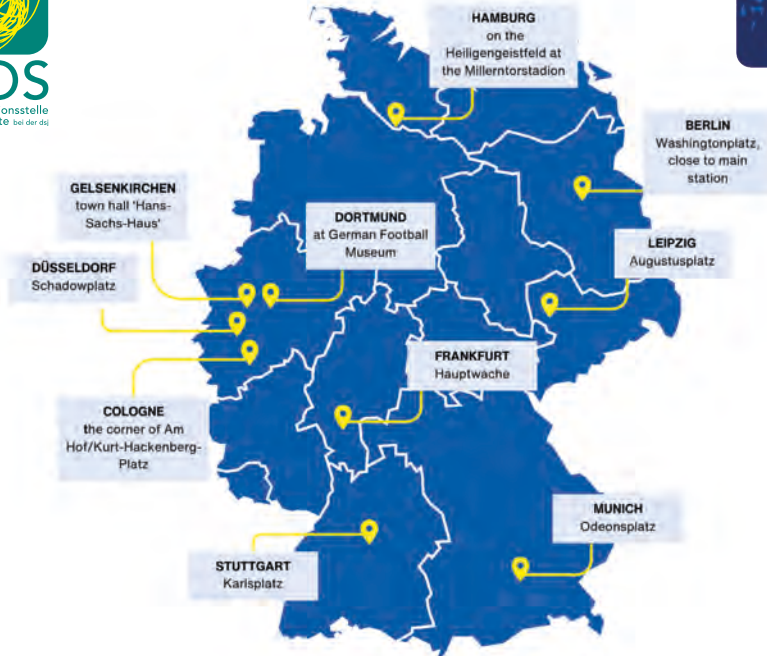
Locations and opening hours:

[Fans Welcome | EURO 2024 | Deutschland | Fan Support \(fans-welcome-euro2024.com\)](#)

Social Media:

[FANS WELCOME \(@fans_welcome_euro24\)](#)
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Fan Projects in Germany

A specific kind of fan work in Germany is made by socio-educational fan projects, or Fanprojekte. The first fan projects were established in the early 80's in Bremen and Hamburg, where students began to research football fan culture and went on to the terraces at grounds to get better knowledge.

Fan projects are mostly run by professional social workers. Today their work is funded by the German FA (DFB) for the 3rd division and lower or German Football League (DFL) for

Bundesliga and 2nd Bundesliga, as well as the municipality and the federal state where the fan project is located.

The work of fan projects is oriented towards the fans' everyday lives, taking place in settings such as stadiums, away trips, fan meeting points, and fan tournaments. Many fan projects have their own rooms where fans can meet during the week, get in contact with each other or find support for their daily life problems. The success of their work relies on building a trusting relationship with the youth and appreciating their fan culture, far from repressive measures. This allows them to counteract phenomena of violence, discrimination, and political extremism through

socio preventive measures. Problematic behavior is addressed, and alternative problem-solving approaches are developed collaboratively with the fans.

The Coordination Center for Fan Projects (KOS), who together with the FSA are co-founders of Football Supporters Europe, was established in 1993 to provide substantive support, coordination, and assistance in the establishment of additional fan projects for the socially pedagogical work carried out by fan projects. The KOS is also operating the German Fans' Embassy at international tournaments.

Currently 70 fan projects are working in Germany.

Football Supporters Europe



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Football Supporters Europe (FSE) is the democratic voice of European football supporters. Founded in 2008 at the first European Football Fans Congress, it is registered in Germany; and is active in 55 UEFA nations.

We are an independent, non-profit association of supporters recognised as a representative body on fan issues by institutions including UEFA and the Council of Europe.

Whether in men's or women's football, international tournaments, UEFA club competitions or at grassroots level, we understand that supporters are the heart and soul of football. We believe fans are entitled to watch their team in a safe environment, whatever their background, enjoy the

same freedoms as the general public, and have a bigger say on how the game and their club is run, including the promotion of formal supporter involvement up to and including Fan Ownership. And we envisage a more equal, competitive, and sustainable football—one that works for everybody, not just a select few.

To this end, we are committed to lobbying UEFA and other governing bodies on everything from maintaining sporting merit in European competitions and protecting domestic football to defending fans' rights and lower ticket prices.

We know the best way to achieve our vision and objectives is through collective action, solidarity, and democracy.

Our core principles emphasise all three:

- Opposition to any form of discrimination (including discrimination based on ethnic origin, ability, religion and belief, gender, sexual orientation, and age).
- Rejection of violence, both verbal and physical.
- Empowerment of grassroots football supporters.
- Promotion of a positive football and supporters' culture, including values such as fair play, good governance, as well as supporter liaison, representation, and influence.





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Members

FSE has members in over 50 UEFA nations, from individuals and local fans' groups to national organisations and transnational initiatives. Together, they represent millions of supporters from across the men's and women's game ranging from grassroots to professional club level and international football.

The essential features of a fans' embassy service is the provision of accurate, reliable, up-to-date, independent, and objective information on any matters of interest to travelling fans.

Fans' embassies also provide information that is tailored to

the specific interests of fans, such as the (inter)national fan culture and alternative activities in host cities. In addition, fans' embassies provide help and assistance in case of emergency (physical violence, theft, etc.) and can be addressed as mediators in conflict situations.

Fans' Embassies

A fans' embassy is an advice, information, and support service for national team fans travelling to away games or international tournaments in a foreign country. The provision of a fans' embassy service forms a constructive and positive part of the hospitality programme at an international tournament.





Police Interview

Chief Superintendent Colette Rose

Head of Delegation

UK Football Policing Unit

We caught up with Colette Rose, Chief Superintendent and Head of Delegation at the UK Football Policing Unit ahead of the tournament. The FSA's Fans' Embassy has worked closely with the UKFPU for many years and has established a brilliant working relationship when travelling abroad to ensure the best environment for England fans.

What does it mean to be leading/working with the UKFPU heading into EURO 2024?

It is a huge privilege for me to be leading the Police team in Germany. We have been working for some time now with our German counterparts to ensure we support them to deliver a fantastic and safe event.

I am leading a team of extremely experienced officers who are equally as proud to be part of the team travelling out to Germany and I am sure many of you will see and talk to them during the tournament.

This tournament promises to be a very exciting one for England, and we are all looking forward to playing a part in making it as safe and enjoyable as possible for the travelling fans.

We've worked together for some time now following England abroad, how much are you looking forward to Germany?

We are looking forward to it greatly.

We know that when our fans travel to Germany there is really good feedback on the experiences they have.

From a policing perspective we have a great relationship with the Germans, and this was again the case when England played in Munich recently.

There will be a sizable contingent of UK Police in Germany working with the local Police, and they will act as a point of liaison between the England supporters and German Police to give our fans advice. If you see any of the England Officers out and about, please come and say hello and if you need any support and assistance, we will do our best to help.

What will your roles look like in Germany, will fans see you out and about regularly?

Most of our officers deployed in Germany will be out and about

throughout the tournament, and we hope we will meet many of our fans during this time.

Our role is to support the German authorities to deliver a safe event and to that end we will be mingling with our fans and offering advice and support. Please come and speak to us and we will offer any help we can to make your experience as enjoyable and safe as possible.

Of course, it is also our job to root out those fans whose behaviour is unacceptable, the minority who will tarnish the reputation of England football fans. I have travelled with England fans over the last two years and have great pride in the way the vast majority of our fans conduct themselves, sometimes in challenging circumstances.

As the head of the Policing team in Germany, I will want us to deal quickly and efficiently with those individuals and groups whose behaviour falls below an acceptable level. We will work with our German counterparts to identify and pursue those that seek to ruin the tournament or the reputation of our English football.



What are your expectations for the tournament?

Euro 2024 is the first tournament in a while which has been this accessible for England fans. We've had recent tournaments in Qatar, Russia and the Covid hit Euros in 2021, so for many fans it will be their first tournament abroad.

We expect large numbers of England fans to attend the England games as well as many who will travel to Germany without match tickets to immerse themselves in the experience of a football tournament.

From what we have seen the Germans are more than ready to host this tournament and are keen for travelling fans to have a fantastic experience in their country.

We are keen that it is an enjoyable and safe experience, and we know that in Qatar there wasn't a single incident involving fans from the home nations, so it all looks very positive for the team and the fans.

What message do you have for travelling England fans?

As with any trip it is important to plan in advance, and the Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office's (FCDO) website provides clear guidance on travel and accommodation within the host cities.

We know that large events do attract some who will try and exploit it for their own ends which can be criminal activity. Whenever you are abroad, be aware of your environment and local ways of behaving, be mindful of your surroundings, enjoy yourself and drink responsibly.

We always ask our fans to be good guests when visiting other countries whether that's at the stadiums, in local bars and restaurants or whilst travelling around the country, it's a good rule of thumb to treat others as you would like to be treated yourself, be safe and enjoy the event.

The last time England played in Germany for a tournament – the World Cup in 2006 – our fans were voted as the best there and we'd love that to be the case again.



The FCDO in Germany

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Interview with Alice Truman from the British Embassy in Berlin

What does it mean to be working at EURO 2024 for the FCDO?

It's actually mixed emotions. I've been a huge football fan since I first went with my dad and my grandpa to see Aston Villa play at the age of six (we lost to Newcastle). Since then, football, and my beloved Villa, have always been part of my life, my family and my friendships. So on one hand, it's great to combine it with my job. And it's been a huge privilege to work with the Fan Associations and The FA to get an insight into how they operate. But at the same time there's work to be done during the tournament so it will be a different experience this time, making sure everything goes smoothly from the FCDO side – worrying about that as well as about how far England can go.

What experience are you bringing from previous international football tournaments?

Absolutely nothing of use. During the last Euros I was working in Israel and quite surreally ended up watching

England vs Germany on a beach with Liz Truss who was visiting as Secretary of State for International Trade. Not sure what she made of some of our quite enthusiastic singing about Harry Maguire.

Luckily, I'm part of a team of people who have loads of more relevant experience. British teams visit Germany regularly to take part in the Champions' League (Villa next season?), Europa League etc. We have a successful track record of ensuring that those fans have a safe and enjoyable time. Plus, our FCDO colleagues around the world have extensive knowledge and experience of working on major sports competitions. We can draw on this wisdom and adapt it to our preparations for the Euros in Germany.

What are your hopes and expectations for EURO 2024?

Off the pitch, I just hope that fans will have an enjoyable tournament. I think Germany loves football almost as much as we do so the atmosphere will be amazing. We're expecting huge numbers to travel out so

really, it's just stay safe, look after each other, follow our Travel Advice, and have fun.

On the pitch, I obviously want to see England win. Best scenario: we play dynamic attacking football to get there. We have such a young and talented squad. I suspect this may be the tournament where we talk even more about Jude Bellingham, arguably the best footballer in the world at the moment. But if we lift the trophy after a series of boring/nerve-wracking 1-0s, who cares.

What does the FCDO do and how are you preparing for EURO 2024?

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) is the lead UK Government department for Britain overseas.

Germany is so good at planning for big sporting tournaments so that's made our preparations easy. My colleagues and I are travelling around the country, meeting the police, fan ambassadors, stadium management, local authorities, and receiving practical



information on how the cities are preparing. We've asked questions about transport and accommodation and will have mobile British Embassy teams in each city when England plays in case support is needed.

We'll put as much practical information as possible into our FCDO travel advice to help fans get ready for the tournament and are delighted to be partnering with the FSA on this guide which has so much great information in it.

How might the tournament differ from tournaments in previous years?

There are quite a few differences compared to the most recent Euros back in 2020. If you think back to the last Euros, which was already postponed by a year due to the global pandemic, it was such a different experience from earlier tournaments. Games were played across the continent, sometimes in front of full stadiums, sometimes in front of just a few thousand fans. This time around it has a feeling of a traditional tournament with one host country, which is accessible and affordable to many fans.

We know for that reason that this might be the first time that younger supporters have had the chance to follow England abroad and that there will be a lot of excitement.

What is your advice to fans who are travelling to watch England?

We really want fans travelling to Germany to have an incredible time. As with all major sporting events, our main priority is just to ensure that fans keep safe and don't end up needing our help. Our web pages and this magazine have tons of useful information. However our top 3 bits of advice are:

1. Go to www.gov.uk/Euro2024 to read our important travel advice to stay informed of anything that might affect your travel or plans whilst in Germany. Sign up to the alerts on this page, as well. There are important things to do before you leave!

2. Keep your personal belongings and valuables safe. Losing your phone will impact your ability to access your match ticket and enter stadiums. If your passport is lost or stolen, you will need to apply for an emergency travel document via our gov.uk website.

3. Respect local cultural sensitivities. As with any foreign country, it is important that all British fans act appropriately and are respectful of Germany's local customs, whilst paying attention to the host country's regulations.



The FCDO in Germany

The Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) and UK embassies, high commissions and consulates can help British nationals abroad in a range of circumstances. This includes, for example, supporting those who have lost their passport, been a victim of crime or who have been hospitalised or arrested. The vast majority of fans enjoy the tournament without incident. However, if you're abroad and you need emergency help from the UK government, you should contact the nearest British Embassy, or Consulate. There are certain things the British embassy can help with:

THE BRITISH EMBASSY CAN:

- Issue a replacement travel document (subject to a fee) if you lose your passport
- Help you get medical attention if you need it
- Provide you consular assistance if you're in hospital/prison
- Put you in touch with lawyers if you need them

THE BRITISH EMBASSY CANNOT:

- Pay your hotel, legal, medical or any other bills
- Investigate a crime
- Make travel arrangements for you
- Give you legal advice
- Get you out of jail
- Get you a ticket for the final!

Key Info

At the end of the day, government advice sounds a bit boring, but it's really important. We all want you to have a great time while in Germany, so do give it a read through before leaving. Save www.gov.uk/Euro2024 in your phones and send it round your group.

Our phone lines are available 24/7, every day of the year. They're for emergencies involving British people, definitely not if you've lost your mates or the bar has no more beer. We've got detailed plans in place to provide assistance for football fans up to the end of the tournament.

In the event of an emergency, call the **police** on **110**.

For urgent consular assistance, call **+49 (0) 30 204570** or **+44 (0)20 7008 5000**.

Further information, travel advice and contact details are available on:

www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/germany

You can also sign up to email alerts here. **Specific Euro 2024 advice is available on www.gov.uk/Euro2024**

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A message from the German Ambassador

Dear football supporters,

A very warm welcome to Germany for what we are calling the “home match for Europe”! We’re thrilled to be hosting fans from across Europe over the next four weeks.

I’m a lifelong football fan and a supporter of SC Freiburg, having grown up near their ground. I got hooked as a boy during the 1974 World Cup in what was then West Germany. My playing days may be long behind me but since that Germany-Netherlands final of 1974 (which Germany won, in case you’d forgotten), I’ve watched pretty much every World Cup and European Championship match the German team have played.

Football has become a lifelong passion of mine. So being posted as German Ambassador to the massive footballing nation that is the United Kingdom couldn’t have suited me better. An absolute highlight of my time here has been the European Women’s Championship final at Wembley Stadium between Germany and England – an experience

that will stay with me forever (although the final score now eludes me). Since then I’ve been fortunate enough to see a lot of matches in person in England. I’ve been to nearly all the Premier League grounds in London and Manchester; a few weeks ago I had the honour of watching Jürgen Klopp’s side at Anfield. The atmosphere in English stadiums is out of this world. That’s why I’m sure you’ll bring that same great atmosphere with you to the England matches across Germany during the Euros.

In this guidebook you’ll find lots of useful information about Germany and the 10 host cities. I really hope you all have a fantastic time in Germany, both in terms of the football and your visit as a whole. Our host cities are putting on an unprecedented programme of exciting activities, including fan fests, festivals and much more.

Let me share with you my must-do recommendations for the cities hosting the Three Lions: check out the historical Zollverein coal mine industrial complex in Essen, close to Gelsenkirchen, try the German

cider known as “Äppelwoi” in the Frankfurt-Sachsenhausen taverns, and visit the breweries in Cologne, where you can taste the local speciality beer “Kölsch”.

In Germany, at “DFB Pokal” matches (Germany’s equivalent to the FA Cup) the club fans chant “Berlin, Berlin, wir fahren nach Berlin” (“Berlin, Berlin, we’re going to Berlin”). Finals are always held at the Olympiastadion in Berlin. That includes EURO 2024. The list of memorable encounters between England and Germany is long (1966, 1990 & 1996 to name but a few), and as German Ambassador in London, it will come as no surprise that I’ve got my fingers crossed for a Germany vs England final on July 14. I see the Three Lions as one of the favourites to win EURO 2024 and wish the England squad all the best on their journey to Berlin!

Kind regards,

Miguel Berger

German Ambassador to the United Kingdom



Acknowledgement and Thanks

Where to start? If ever there was an example of how football fans and key stakeholders can work together in football to make it a better and enjoyable environment for all, it was the build-up to this tournament. Fans across Europe have been involved along the way in the planning stages, and this 'Festival of Fan Culture' will hopefully show the positive results of proper fan engagement at the tournament in the summer.

We have worked very closely with the Football Association for well over a year in the build-up to this tournament, and have spent many hours travelling and working with the team at ESTC, and if you are reading this page, it is primarily in part to Richard Weekes for sharing our passion and enthusiasm in creating something that could be delivered to England fans with key information inside that will help make your trip that little bit easier. A special mention for Lewis Rice who helped us get the ball rolling with the information in this guide whilst meeting each host city at an event in Frankfurt earlier in the year.

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There are so many others we could probably name, but it is likely you were forgotten in the rush to get this guidebook finished, but you will know who you are and thank you! To be acknowledged next time, maybe work a bit harder?

Tickets



In what is becoming the norm at international tournaments, EURO 2024 will use digital ticketing. Ahead of the tournament, ticket holders will receive an email about how to download the UEFA Ticketing App and how to register, personal information will be required to progress.

The email address you used to buy tickets, or the email address to which the tickets have been forwarded by the lead booker, will be needed upon registration. A code will be sent to activate the app, at which point your tickets should be visible.

Tickets will be sent to the app approximately five days before each fixture. Each ticket will contain a QR code, however this will only become visible around three hours before the gates open. Don't worry if your friends and family start receiving theirs before you, it is done in stages.

Upon approaching the stadium, you will need to ensure you have Bluetooth activated

on your phone, staff at the stadium have to activate your ticket before you approach the turnstiles, it won't work without this happening. SCREENSHOTS WILL NOT WORK - so don't even attempt it.

For any ticket-related issues, please contact the England Supporters Travel Club if you have bought tickets directly through The FA or visit the EURO 2024 if you bought tickets through UEFA.

Souvenir Tickets

Despite protests by the FSA's Fans' Embassy team in the build-up to this tournament, souvenir tickets will not be made available during or after the tournament. We know how frustrating this is for many of you but, apparently, the take-up from other countries is not enough to warrant investing money into this element.

Programmes

At the time of going to print, we are not sure if a match programme or a tournament programme will be made available.

UEFA EURO 2024 app

UEFA have launched an official app to keep on top of all the key news from the tournament, it will also contain some key information for fans travelling to Germany. Titled 'UEFA EURO 2024 Official' it can be downloaded from the App Store and Google Play.

The app will also unlock your personal Fan Pass and, if you have match tickets, enable you to enjoy discounted travel across the country, including free matchday travel.

Checklist



Passports

See page on passport validity

Driving license

See page on driving to Germany and the requirements for your license

Health Insurance

Ensure comprehensive health insurance before you travel and read our advice on health insurance in this guide

Prescribed medication

See our advice on health and health insurance

Cash and Card

Cash is key in Germany so get those Euros before you go, but some stadiums may be cashless, so have a debit card and be aware of the charges from your bank

UEFA EURO 2024 app

Make sure you have downloaded the UEFA EURO 2024 official app. More info to follow from UEFA

Accommodation

See the appropriate city guide for advice on accommodation

Internal travel

See our advice throughout the guidebook on getting around Germany

Travel alerts

Sign up to travel alerts at <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/germany>

Keep up to date

Follow us on X(Twitter) @WeAreFreeLions, Free Lions on Facebook and join our WhatsApp channel EURO 2024 - England Fans' Embassy

Looking ahead - UEFA Nations League 2024/25

Following UEFA EURO 2024, England will be resuming action in September in the UEFA Nations League. England were relegated to League B of the tournament last time out, meaning some new/unfamiliar opposition and trips away were always likely.

Fixtures

SEPTEMBER 7TH 2024

17:00 Aviva Stadium, Dublin*

 Republic of Ireland

 England

SEPTEMBER 10TH 2024

19:45 Wembley Stadium*

 England

 Finland

OCTOBER 10TH 2024

19:45 Wembley Stadium*

 England

 Greece

OCTOBER 13TH 2024

17:00 Helsinki Olympic Stadium, Helsinki*

 Finland

 England

NOVEMBER 14TH 2024

19:45 Agia Sophia Stadium (AEK Arena), Athens*

 Greece

 England

NOVEMBER 17TH 2024

17:00 Wembley Stadium*

 England

 Republic of Ireland

*Stadiums have yet to be officially confirmed.

Ticket information and allocations will be confirmed in due course, with security visits taking place after EURO 2024. It is worth remembering that our opposition does only have to give us 5% away from home, but ourselves and the FA will always push for more.



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Nobody knows better the sort of information that football supporters need when navigating their way through a major tournament than football fans themselves, and it's this 'by fans, for fans' ethos that's made the FSA's Free Lions fanzine a staple at matches for over two decades.

We've certainly tried to leave no stone unturned in uncovering all the vital information that matchgoers will need at this summer's Euros, as well as cultivating contacts behind the scenes with key people from the tournament's organisation. If we don't already know the answer to your question, we'll be able to point you in the direction of someone who will.

For many, this tournament in Germany is almost a return to the norm in terms of tournament, and for another good few of you this will be your first tournament, either way, we hope you have a fantastic time and we hope to speak to you face

to face in Germany. This guidebook is based on literally hundreds of hours of painstaking research, who knows how many Zoom/Teams calls with key stakeholders and multiple trips to Germany to make sure the England fan voice has been listened to throughout.

This all wouldn't have been possible without the support and advice of the Football Association and the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, and once again we're able to provide these 160 pages free of charge. Take heed of its advice and use it wisely in planning and enjoying the best possible tournament experience this summer.

See you in Germany.
COME ON ENGLAND!