

## **Independent Traveler Infos # 01 TGAC**

**Introduction of Environmental Zones in major German cities starting January 2008:** Cities such as Berlin, Hanover and Cologne start setting up “Environmental Zones” in order to reduce air pollution by traffic. Other German cities will follow later in 2008 including Munich and Regensburg. Within the zones (mostly the inner city centers), only those vehicles may travel that adhere to certain exhaust standards and that carry the proper badges on the windshield. The badge ordinance applies to both German citizens and all kind of visitors. Anyone driving in the Environmental Zones without a badge is subject to a fine. Our advice: At car rentals ask explicitly for the GREEN level 4 badge (Umweltplakette Stufe 4 gruen).

**Further information:** <http://www.umwelt-plakette.de>

**“BIO-Hotels” – Live the healthy spirit throughout your vacation:** “BIO-Hotels” is an association of independent hotels offering holidays based around natural products. You can choose between a wide selection of hotels in many different regions. BIO – This term is mostly associated with organic food and a healthy diet. A BIO-Hotel, however, means much more. The conversion to 100% bio in the area of alimentation has also served as a kick-off for an improvement in quality to fully 100%. Respect for all living creatures has grown into a basic element of the philosophy. Highly recommended are the BIO-Hotel’s package deals including wellness, medical wellness, fasting, exercise, culinary delights etc..

**Further information:** <http://www.biohotels.info/en>

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