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**Getting around in Germany - Driving a car:** Germany has a great variety of “Scenic Routes” such as the “Avenues Route”, the “Castle Route” and the “Fairytale Route” as examples. Citizens of non-EU states with a valid driver's license may drive in Germany for the length of their stay up to six months. It is not usually necessary to carry an international driver's license, but recommended. The legal driving age in Germany is 18, though the age requirement for renting a car is often 21. Though speed limit signs aren't posted everywhere, that doesn't mean there aren't any. In cities and town, the speed limit is 50 km/h (31 mph), unless otherwise posted. On normal two-lane highways the limit is 100 km/h. Only freeways, or *Autobahnen*, have mostly a "suggested" speed of usually 130 km/h instead of a speed limit. Speeds of 160 to 200 km/h are common on some freeways. Be aware that at some sections there are also speed limits for the *Autobahn* - watch out for the signs! Germany has relatively strict car-seat laws. Children shorter than 150 centimeters (59 inches) or under the age of 12 are required to have a car-seat when riding in the car. Seat-belts are mandatory for both children and adults. You can find more detailed information about German road regulations (general information, speed limits, right of way, parking, traffic signs, gas stations) and about car rental in Germany here on our webpage:

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