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FRANKFURT

THERE'S
MORE THAN ONE
WAY TO DISCOVER
A DESTINATION.

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IT'S EASY TO ASSUME THAT THE BUSINESS OF FRANKFURT is all business, especially now that it flaunts aspirations of becoming Europe's post-Brexit financial capital. But beyond the armada of pinstriped suits holding forth in office towers is a charismatic city with deeply cherished traditions and a progressive outlook. Through it all courses the mighty Main River, for centuries a conduit for trade and international influences that are reflected in the city's vast multicultural population. Whether taking in the museums, admiring spruced-up medieval landmarks, relaxing in the ample parks or making new friends in a traditional tavern, Frankfurt is bound to charm and surprise you.

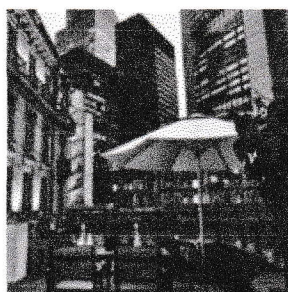
FRANKFURT

FOODIE

WHERE TO STAY ▶

Steigenberger Frankfurter Hof

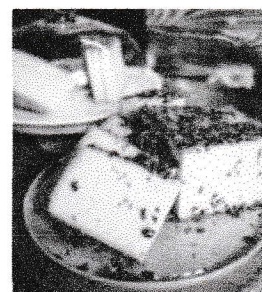
A playground of the rich, famous and royal since 1876, this timelessly elegant hotel teems with crave-worthy restaurants, including the Michelin-starred Français. The gorgeous spa is also a perfect bliss-out station. steigenberger.com



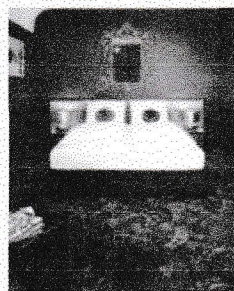
MORNING

Kleinmarkthalle

Apples to zucchini, cheeses to chocolates, you'll find them all at this landmark market hall, in business for well over a century. Casual and kid-friendly, it's a fun place for browsing, snacking or people-watching. kleinmarkthalle.de



HIPSTER



WHERE TO STAY

25hours Hotel by Levi's

Part of a seriously hip German chain of lifestyle hotels, Frankfurt's 25hours is as relaxed as a pair of well-worn Levi's jeans that inspired its quirky design theme. Karma points for the free Mini car, bike and longboard rentals. 25hours-hotels.com



◀ LUNCH EatDoori

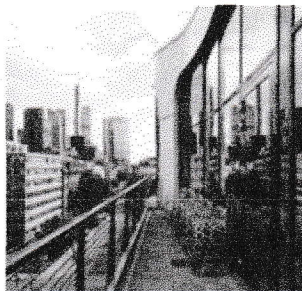
Contemporary Indian street food in folklore-free surrounds is the ammo of this bustling joint dreamed up by three local students. Fun factor: Tick off dishes from a tear-off menu pad before pinning your order above your table with a clothespin. eatdoori.com

ART & DESIGN LOVER

WHERE TO STAY ▶

Roomers

Shiny black surfaces meet sensuous fabrics and furniture by Roberto Cavalli and other designers at this coveted crash pad for lifestyle-conscious nomads. End the day in the exclusive hotel bar that enjoys a cult following among with-it locals. roomers-frankfurt.com



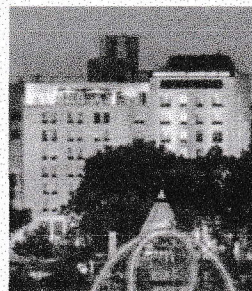
MORNING

Fahrgasse

Edgy new art from Germany and beyond is mostly what you'll find in the galleries lining Fahrgasse, a quiet street in the city center that's also filled with cafés and the excellent craft beer bar Naiv.



HISTORY BUFF



WHERE TO STAY Grandhotel Hessischer Hof

Owned by the princes of Hesse, this luxury abode ranks among Frankfurt's most illustrious defenders of grand tradition. Bed down in sumptuous oversized suites, work out with a skyline view and sip whiskey in the clubby Jimmy's Bar. hessischer-hof.de

MORNING ▶ Stroll the historic center

Although much of historic Frankfurt was leveled in WWII, you can still admire the gabled town hall, half-timbered houses, cathedral where German emperors were crowned and St. Paul's Church, where the country's first constitution was drafted in 1848.

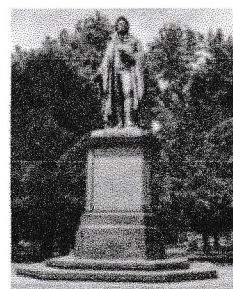
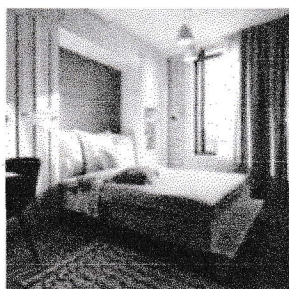


GREEN TRAVELER

WHERE TO STAY ▶

Libertine Lindenberg

Not a fan of anonymous cookie-cutter hotels? This ecoconscious contender combines stylish private rooms with communal facilities such as a shared kitchen and living room-style café where you can meet and mingle with fellow free-spirited guests. das-lindenberg.de/libertine



◀ MORNING Wallanlagen

Lace up your sneakers and hit the trail winding through the 3-mile-long park encircling the city center. This oasis of flower beds, ancient trees and grand monuments follows the course of the medieval city wall.

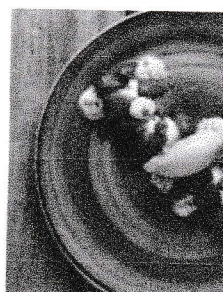
◀ LUNCH Farmers Market

Nosh on local specialties such as *handkäs mit musik* (cheese with onions), *grüne soße* (herb sauce) or frankfurter sausage at bustling markets like the central Schillermarkt or Kaisermarkt. On Saturdays, hip Markt im Hof serves up international street food. marktinhof.de

AFTERNOON ▶

Imori Patisserie

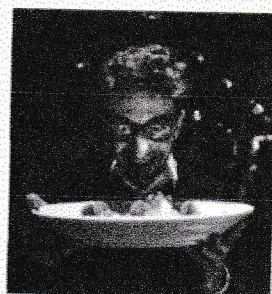
Dainty macaroons, tangy pear tarts or luscious green-tea cake: Azko Imori's sweet temptations make a delightful afternoon pit stop. The salon-style café is also popular for its opulent breakfasts and Sunday brunch. iimori.de



◀ DINNER

Stanley Diamond

Named after a New York mafioso, this chic outpost shines the spotlight on European classics from paella to osso buco, all served in a setting of green marble, rich woods and warm lighting. stanleydiamond.de



AFTERNOON Bahnhofsviertel

Take a stroll around the Bahnhofsviertel quarter to keep tabs on how Frankfurt's traditional red light district is morphing into the city's trendiest quarter with humming cafés, chic bars and upscale restaurants.

◀ DINNER Walon & Rosetti

It's often standing room only at this cosmopolitan bar and grill with its forest green walls, wooden bar and crowd that's like a two-inch heel: chic but sensible. Trend-chasing menu (quinoa, ceviche) and raveworthy cocktails. walon-rosetti.com

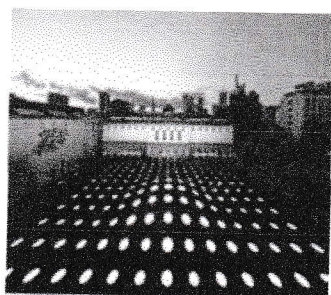


◀ NIGHT Cocktails

Plug into Frankfurt's nightlife scene in such fab libation stations as speakeasy-style The Kinly Bar, see-and-be-seen Maxie Eisen and the arty Amp. kinlybar.com, maxieeisen.de, ampyourself.de

◀ LUNCH Holbein's

This sleek restaurant with its globally inspired fare—from sushi to the signature bratwurst—is a great launch pad for an afternoon of cultural immersion along the Museumsufer, a necklace of 13 museums draped along the banks of the Main River. meyer-frankfurt.com



◀ AFTERNOON

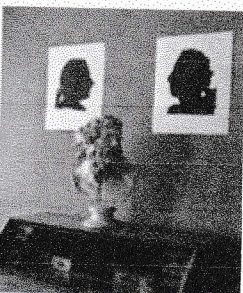
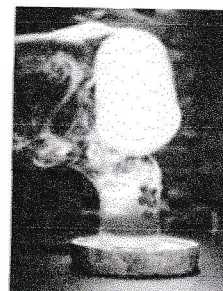
Städel Museum

One of Germany's premier art museums, the Städel hopscoches around seven centuries of European art with head-turning masterpieces from Botticelli to Baselitz. staedelmuseum.de/en

DINNER ▶

Breeze by Lebua

This labyrinth of slate walls, candle-lit ponds and timber accents exudes spalike tranquility and delivers supreme Asian fare, including a mean duck salad and crunchy wasabi prawns. breezebylebua.com



LUNCH Cafe Karin

Students to bankers, everyone loves this café for its all-day breakfasts, delicious salads, soups and tantalizing cakes. If you can't snag a table here, there are plenty of other nice cafés within skipping distance. cafekarin.de

◀ AFTERNOON Goethe House and Museum

No need to strike up a "Faustian bargain" to see where Johann Wolfgang Goethe was born in 1749. The pretty Baroque house delivers a peek into the life of one of Germany's greatest writers. goethehaus-frankfurt.de



◀ EVENING Daheim im Lorschbacher Thal

Frankfurt's "national" libation is a potent apple wine called Ebbelwei, and this tavern still brews its own. Keep your brain balanced with heaping portions of traditional German fare, perhaps seated in the tree-canopied courtyard. lorschbacher-thal.de

LUNCH Naschwerkstatt

In her pint-sized culinary lair, Katharina Bäcker coaxes maximum flavor from local produce to turn out delicious meatless soups, tarts, salads and other light lunches. Her homemade jams, pesto and chutney make nice souvenirs. naschwerkstatt.de



AFTERNOON ▶ Naturmuseum Senckenberg

Frankfurt's huge natural history museum is an eye-opening journey around the world, from mammoths to mummies, Komodo dragons to dwarf horses. Top billing goes to T. rex and his Jurassic buddies. senckenberg.de

◀ DINNER Lafleur

Cap a stroll around the Palmengarten, the city's botanical gardens, with a French gourmet meal. Top toque Andreas Krolik follows the organic-regional-seasonal credo to craft his creative fare. palmengarten-gastronomie.de

