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## Discover The Rhine

Driving in Germany is a dream. Drivers are generally polite and patient, the roads are well maintained and signage is clear. Just take care on the autobahn if you pull out to overtake – it takes a while to get used to the speed at which some vehicles travel. With no limit on many motorways, German drivers like to put their foot down.

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Pick up your car from **Frankfurt Airport** and away you go. Depending on traffic, it's only 20 minutes' drive to the city centre. Exploring the towns and villages around the Rhine and Main (pronounced 'mine') we take a leisurely five days, with a recommended two nights in Frankfurt. There are numerous moderately-priced family-run hotels en route. Nowhere is more than an hour's drive from the city, so if you prefer, you could do day trips, basing yourself in Frankfurt.

Our first stop is due north to the delightful town of Bad Homburg, where wealthy Frankfurt inhabitants have always come to relax. As the name suggests, it's a spa town and in the centre of the park – 100-acre Kurpark – is the Kur Royale spa, fed by natural thermal waters. A day pass allows you to use the extensive facilities. In the cobbled town centre you'll find independent boutiques and attractive restaurants. If you visit in the summer, you may catch one of several food fairs with mouth-watering stalls and a brass 'oompah' band drawing the crowds.

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