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Stepping Out Of The Shadows
Bremen Is Full Of Surprises

At the 40th Germany Travel Mart
with Adrienne Lem Burkett

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Answer the daily quiz for a chance to win a dankeschön gift basket!

Day 4: Finishing Up In Frankfurt

The GTM was all wrapped up for another year. But just before it was time to head home, there was one last stop on my itinerary... Frankfurt!

Frankfurt is a great starting and/or finishing point for trips within the surrounding regions. Centrally located, [FRA \(http://www.frankfurt-airport.com/content/frankfurt_airport/en.html\)](http://www.frankfurt-airport.com/content/frankfurt_airport/en.html) is a hub for Lufthansa, while [Frankfurt Hauptbahnhof \(http://www.frankfurt.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=317580\)](http://www.frankfurt.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=317580) is the hub for Deutsch Bahn. It's a great walking city – ideal for a 1 or 2 day layover, yet there's plenty to see for a longer stay.



Historical buildings blend with Frankfurt's modern skyline



Cheers to my guide Verena Röse

I met with [Verena Röse \(http://frankfurtcityguide.com/\)](http://frankfurtcityguide.com/), my personal city guide for the day, and we headed towards the Main River. Was it ever picturesque, lined with sycamore trees and paths for pedestrians and cyclists. Geographically, the river divides the city between the north and its south sides.

While we are used to skyscrapers and city views, Frankfurt is the only European city with a modern skyline similar to the ones found in North America (something the locals are very proud of). Most of these buildings, located on the north side of the Main River, are the head offices of some of the world's most influential banks and financial firms. "The northern part of the city is where all the money is made, while the southern side of the city is where the money is spent," said Verena, half jokingly.



Frankfurt Cathedral

So it was time to spend some money and across the river we went, south, to [Sachsenhausen](#)



Schnitzel and asparagus with grüne sosse (green sauce)

(http://www.frankfurt.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=317578&ffmpar%5b_id_inhalt%5d=5021012) – a traditional, yet trendy neighbourhood known for its local eateries, bars and boutiques. We stopped at the famous [Apfel Wagner \(http://www.apfelwein-wagner.com/\)](http://www.apfelwein-wagner.com/), a restaurant where locals and tourists convene over communal tables, local fare and apple wine. I had one of the most delicious meals of my trip here – schnitzel and its seasonal Grüne Sosse (green sauce), with a side of boiled potatoes and white asparagus topped with Hollandaise. You'd think that I'd be schnitzeled or asparagused out after eating it for almost every meal the last few days... apparently not.

After lunch, Verena gave me an insider's tour of her favourite spots in the city. We walked through [Die Kleinmarkthalle \(http://www.kleinmarkthalle.com/e/\)](http://www.kleinmarkthalle.com/e/) (an indoor farmers market), marvelled at the vaulted ceilings of the Frankfurt Cathedral and visited the peaceful courtyard of the [Carmelite Monastery \(http://www.frankfurt.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=5021813&ffmpar%5B_id_inhalt%5D=5021005\)](http://www.frankfurt.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=5021813&ffmpar%5B_id_inhalt%5D=5021005). Once we made it to the [Römerberg \(http://www.frankfurt.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=317578&ffmpar%5b_id_inhalt%5d=5021028\)](http://www.frankfurt.de/sixcms/detail.php?id=317578&ffmpar%5b_id_inhalt%5d=5021028), the main square in Frankfurt's Old Town, it was time to go our separate ways.

All checked in for the return flight home, I had the chance to wait in one of Lufthansa's [Senator Lounges \(http://www.lufthansa.com/ca/en/Lounges\)](http://www.lufthansa.com/ca/en/Lounges) – a quiet, comfortable space to catch up on sleep or work, with a generous selection of complimentary beverages and food. The time had come to say "Auf Wiedersehen"... but not before I get another helping of schnitzel and asparagus!

Daily Quiz Question - Day 4

This is the last quiz question of the blog. Be sure to answer the questions correctly of all the previous blog entries and your name will be automatically entered into the draw to win a gift basket filled with German goodies! Play as often as you like!



The Römerberg (the historic heart of Frankfurt)

Frankfurt is the only European city that features...

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