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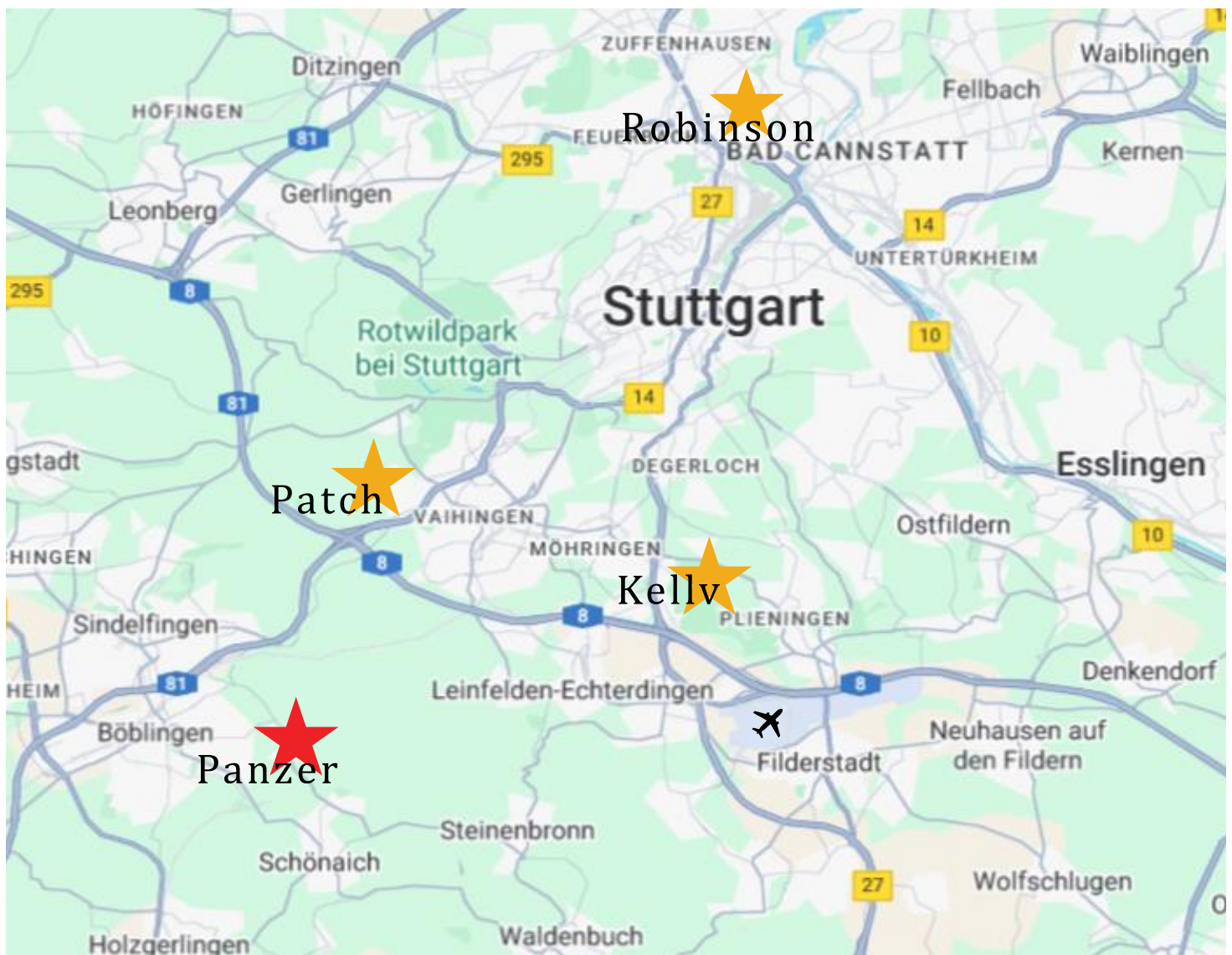
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The Stuttgart Area

MARFOREURAF is located on Panzer Kaserne. Also on Panzer is the Main Exchange, an elementary school, the high school, a small commissary, and the main hotel for incoming families.

Additional bases include Patch Barracks, Kelly Barracks, and Robinson Barracks



German Language

Just to get you started, here are some useful words and phrases:

Welcome - Willkommen

Hello Hallo - Guten Tag

How are you? - Wie geht's?

I'm fine, thanks? - Mir geht es gut, danke!

What is your name? - Wie heißen Sie?

My name is... - Ich heiße....

Good morning – Guten Morgen

Good afternoon - Guten Tag

Good evening - Guten Abend

Good night - Gute Nacht

Goodbye - Auf Wiedersehen, Tschuss, Ciao

Cheers/Good health - Prost!

Do you speak English? - Sprechen Sie Englisch?

Excuse me - Entschuldigung

Thank you - Danke, Danke Schön

You're Welcome - Bitte, Bitte Schön

Where is the toilet? - Wo ist die Toilette?

German Culture: Helpful Hints

A few helpful tips:

1. Shopping is generally a no-no on Sundays, when supermarkets and retail outlets are closed in accordance with the law. Some small businesses— museums, tourist attractions, cafes etc.- will be open but with limited opening hours. Locals, instead, spend their Sundays indulging in simple pleasures like hanging out in the park, hiking, trawling flea markets, and going out for coffee and cake.
2. It remains surprisingly true: Germans prefer cash. Many smaller cafes, bakeries and bars don't accept card payments at all, but this is generally clearly stated at the door – or communicated once you've pulled out your card/phone to pay. It is important to carry coins for public toilets (which are rarely free).
3. Germans value their personal space and quiet time. In many residential areas, there are designated quiet hours (known as Ruhezeit) during the evenings (typically between 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM) and on Sundays. During these times, it's considered impolite to make loud noises, such as playing loud music, vacuuming, or doing construction work. Being mindful of quiet hours is especially important if you live off-post. It's part of the culture to respect others' space and maintain a peaceful environment.

More details found in the *German Culture Section*

Getting Started: PCS Guide

Important Materials/Contacts:

Orders: Active Component military personnel with dependents may elect to receive 36-month accompanied orders. Dependents must be command sponsored through a rigorous overseas medical screening that should begin within ten days of receipt of orders. Reserve Component personnel and civil servant orders are different and explained below.

Sponsor: All personnel with orders to MARFOEUR/AF Headquarters will be assigned a sponsor. We will try to match service, grade, marital status, family make-up, and future duty section.

Passports: Contact your outgoing installation travel office as soon as possible to start the process to get your official “No-Fee” passport. These are only for official government travel, so will also need an up-to-date tourist passport. See more in the *Passport Section*.

Forwarding Address (CMR): Can be coordinated with sponsor; see *Overseas Mail* for more details.

Other important documents: (birth, medical, child, pet, car, certs., EFMP, etc.) – As required

In-Processing:

- You will need to attend an in-processing brief and complete an in-processing needs assessment. More information can be found here: <https://home.army.mil/stuttgart/my-garrison/all-services/central-processing-facility>

USAG Stuttgart Informational Resources:

- U.S. Army Garrison (USAG) Stuttgart Mobile App (available in your app store)
- U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Website: <https://home.army.mil/stuttgart/>
- The Stuttgart Citizen: <https://www.stuttgartcitizen.com/>
- Stuttgart Welcome Center: <https://www.stuttgart.de/en/item/show/548383>
- Stuttgart MWR: <https://stuttgart.armymwr.com/>

Getting Started: Hotel Information

Arrival Lodging Information: Personnel can reserve rooms for up to 60 days at the USAG Stuttgart hotels and up to 30 days at a time at a few local hotels. Families with more than two kids may be eligible for reimbursement of two rooms, depending on sex and ages of children. Personnel may make their own reservations, or their sponsor may do this for them. A credit card is required for reservations. Temporary lodging entitlements vary if you are a military member or civil servant.

- Contact Army Lodging to make a reservation in advance.
- Visit the Stuttgart MWR link below, to make a reservation at either Kelley or Panzer, on-post lodges. <https://stuttgart.armymwr.com/programs/panzer-hotel>
- If there is no availability at either hotel, you will be given a certificate of non-availability (CNA) for off-post lodging.
- If you are bringing pets, check with the base lodges for pet accommodations and/or off-post recommendations.

Popular Off-Post Hotels:

- Marriott Sindelfingen (near Panzer-driving/biking distance) Zum Russenstein (near Panzer-walking distance) <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/zpzde-stuttgart-marriott-hotel-sindelfingen/overview/>
- Hotel Bohler (near Panzer-walking distance) Pullman (near Patch) <https://www.hotel-boehler.com/>
- Si-Centrum (near Kelley) Dormero (near Kelley) or Si-Suites (near Kelley) <https://www.si-centrum.de/en/accomodation>

Housing Information

On-Post Housing:

There is housing on each of the 4 bases. To view eligibility, floorplans, and answers to FAQs, visit the Army Housing Office site. <https://home.army.mil/stuttgart/housing>

- Patch Barracks and Robinson Barracks are the two largest areas with approximately 60% of the total housing assets. Quarters include two, three, and four-bedroom units.
- For large families, there are a very limited number of five-bedroom units. Field grade, company grade, senior and junior enlisted housing is in multi-family apartment buildings locally known as “the stairwells”.
- Each unit comes with assigned storage within the building. Storage units vary in size.
- Many units will have a small outdoor area (possibly communal) if you would like to bring small outdoor furniture pieces, including grills.

IMPORTANT: On-post housing has 110 and 220 voltage outlets. You will be able to use your electronics and appliances from the states. Washers and dryers are provided.

On-Post Details:

- There is no A/C found in on-post housing. Many units do come with ceiling or wall-mounted fans. However, many do choose to purchase free-standing 220v fans or small portable A/C units.
- Because of the large communal spaces, residents work together to keep inside common areas clean, e.g. the stairwells. Contractors cover grass cutting, snow removal, tree trimming.
- Built-in closets and pantries are common but smaller than expected. Additional armoires are available through housing.
- Mini blinds are on all windows. Ceiling mounted curtain tracks are installed but American curtains will need to be altered.
- Residents are assigned parking spaces and additional/guest spots are very limited.
- Recycling bins are located around housing on all bases. Residents must follow a strict recycle protocol while living in Stuttgart.

Housing Information

Off-Post Housing:

- May only be offered if on-post housing isn't available.
- Unlike BAH in CONUS, when living Off-Post, you will receive OHA and a utility allowance.
 - OHA is a use it or lose it amount. If your rent is 2000Euro, but your OHA is 2400Euro, you do not keep the 400Euro. The utility allowance is a set rate every month and not dependent on specific bills. If you roll utilities into your OHA rent amount, you may not be eligible for [a utility allowance](#). This will be explained in more detail during your in-processing brief.

IMPORTANT: Off post housing will only have 220 voltage outlets, recycling is strictly enforced, and additional fees may be incurred for utilities, pets, appliances, and waste.

Off-Post Details:

- The Stuttgart area has hard water. German dishwashers require an additive to ensure calcium deposits are cleaned. Calgon in laundry helps prevent fabric fade.
- Check restrictions for the town you plan to live in. You may find it forbidden on Sundays to wash cars or mow. Warming up the car longer than a minute idle is considered a no-go.
- Lufting: Open windows 15 minutes a day is important to avoid mold or mildew issues.
- On-Post Details:
- A German home is not often equipped with American style/size refrigerator or washer and dryer. The housing office can provide these items to be delivered to the off-post location based on water exchange and venting capabilities.
- Most homes have "Roladons: which are lowered and raised as needed for privacy and temperature control. The concrete walls and privacy blinds can help with controlling the indoor comfort level.

Single and Unaccompanied Housing: If you are attached to Marine Forces Europe and Africa, you are likely to live in the barracks. However, there are options for living off base; make sure you are communicating with your sponsor about the current capacity of the living quarters. For individuals who are attached to U.S. European Command or Africa Command, you almost certainly will be living off base. There are pros and cons to living on base or off base. For Sergeants and above, you will rate your own room and will be given a single room.

IMPORTANT: There is no Marine Corps chow hall, which will be accommodated with extra pay. There are many food options on Panzer, the location of MFEA HQs, and on other Army Bases in the Stuttgart area. The drinking age in Germany is 16 which applies on-post as well. A single or unaccompanied Marine or Sailor can have drinks stored in their rooms however, the limit is classified by rank.

Schools, Sports, and Pets

Panzer Kaserne: Stuttgart Elementary and Stuttgart High School

Patch Barracks: Patch Elementary and Patch Middle School

Robinson Barracks: Robinson Elementary School

Note: There are no schools on Kelly, all students are bused to their assigned school. There is also only one middle and one high school in the area and students will be bused from their home base.

DODEA School Website: <https://www.dodea.edu/europe/eu-east/stuttgart-community-schools>

Other school options include local German schools, international schools, and homeschooling. For more information, you can reach out to the School Liaison Office at <https://stuttgart.armymwr.com/programs/school-liaison-officer-slo>

For sports and CDC registration, you will need to work directly with Child and Youth Services found at <https://stuttgart.armymwr.com/programs/parentcentral>. To help ease the process of enrollment, it is suggested to come prepared with recent physicals from your previous duty station.

Pets:

Germany and most of Europe is pet friendly and may provide accommodations for you and your pet while traveling.

- Contact the on-post veterinarian for in-processing requirements and other policies regarding pets, link below.
- Financial support may be available for transportation of your pet, for more details please visit: <https://www.travel.dod.mil/Support/ALL-FAQs/Article/3624131/pet-transportation-allowance/>
- A European Union pet passport may be provided by an off-post vet for European travel.
- For more details regarding pet services, please visit: <https://home.army.mil/stuttgart/vet-clinic>
- Reimbursement of pet travel may be available, for more details, please visit: <https://www.travel.dod.mil/Support/ALL-FAQs/Article/3624131/pet-transportation-allowance/>

Family Medical

To get assigned for local treatment, transfer your eligibility from CONUS to OCONUS by contacting TRICARE: Stuttgart BCAC <http://www.tricare.mil/overseas>

Stuttgart Army Health Clinic

U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart

Bldg. 2300, Patch Barracks
Hours: Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Appointment Line: 06371-9464-2900

Kelley Health Clinic Annex

Bldg. 3312, Kelley Annex
Hours: Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.)
Appointment Line: 06371-9464-2900

Emergency

There is no emergency room on the USAG Stuttgart installations.
Visit the nearest hospital or call 112.

Pharmacy

Bldg. 2300, Patch Barracks
06371-9464-1633
Hours: Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Refill Line: 06371-86-5601

TRICARE Service Center

Bldg. 2211, Patch Barracks | 06371-9464-1611

Stuttgart Army Dental Clinic

Bldg. 2996, Panzer Kaserne | 06371-9464-2800

Patient Liaison Services

Bldg. 2211, Patch Barracks
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Duty Hours Phone: 06371-9464-1606
Off-Duty Hours Phone: 06371-9464-5161 / 5262

Patient liaisons are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They can help with translation over the phone, in-person and will visit patients in the hospital.



Off-Installation Pregnancy and Childbirth Guide

Clinic Directory

Clinic	Location (Patch)	Phone
Allergy / Immunizations	Bldg. 2300, room 119	06371-9464-2900
Armed Forces Wellness Center	Bldg. 2320	06371-9464-1601
Audiology	Bldg. 2300, room 115	06371-9464-1604
Mental Health	Bldg. 2300	06371-9464-1615
EDIS	Bldg. 2320, room 112	06371-9464-1613
EFMP	Bldg. 2300, room 137	06371-9464-1637
Nutrition Services	Bldg. 2300	06371-9464-2540
Optometry	Bldg. 2300	06371-9464-1614
Patient Records	Bldg. 2300	06371-9464-1618
Physical Therapy	Bldg. 3352 (Kelley)	06371-9464-1603

Dental Services:

The Dental Clinic is also located on Panzer Kaserne. They are focused on oral health care for you and your family members, pending availability. They may also provide limited services to Reserve Service members on active-duty orders and retirees.

- For more details, please call them at either DSN: 314-590-2800 or Commercial: +49-6371-94642800.
- Local Dentist Offices that offer services in English include Midwest Dentistry (+49 7031 7655920) and Boblingen Dental (+49 7031 2056062)

IMPORTANT: For emergencies, dial 112. Complete TRICARE updates prior to or upon arrival, don't wait until you're sick.

Vehicle Registration and Licensing

Driving in Europe:

- You will need a valid U.S. Driver's License and a U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR) Driver's License to drive in Germany. The course and testing can be done online prior to arrival. <https://home.army.mil/stuttgart/my-garrison/all-services/drivers-testing>
- If you're planning to drive outside of Germany, you'll also need an International Driving Permit (IDP). This can be done locally in Germany.
- If you're shipping a car, it's recommended to do so 3-4 months before arrival. It is suggested that you check on prices of rental cars if it is a better deal to rent in the states and receive your car upon arrival or vice versa.
- Children under 12 and less than 150 centimeters must be restrained in a car seat.
- For new or used car purchases upon arrival, you can reach out to Military Auto Source. There is also a "Lemon Lot" on Panzer for used cars sold by owner.

IMPORTANT: You cannot legally drive a rental car while you wait for your vehicle to arrive without a USAREUR driver's license.

Registration:

Vehicles can be registered for up to 2 years. You can also renew your vehicle registration up to 75 days before it expires. Appointments can fill up fast during PCS season. Details can be found here: <https://home.army.mil/stuttgart/my-garrison/all-services/vehicle-registration>

Fuel is also rationed, prior to driving, visit your local Exchange customer service to obtain a ration card.

For further details regarding laws and driving in Germany, visit: <https://home.army.mil/stuttgart/my-garrison/all-services/vehicle-registration>

For roadside emergencies, contact USAG Stuttgart Military Police: DSN: 431-3102/3095 or civilian 07031-15-3102/3095, German Police, and/or 110 or 112 for emergency services.

- Always carry your stateside and USAREUR licenses, insurance card, & vehicle registration with you in your car.
- Roadside assistance is available in Germany. Please contact your insurance agency for more details and/or visit your local Stuttgart ADAC station at the Panzer Exchange.

Motorcycles and Biking

Motorcycles:

To obtain a motorcycle license you will also need:

- Stateside (or foreign) license with motorcycle endorsement
- USAREUR POV license
- \$ 30.00 check, money order or credit/debit card
- *Military personnel only:* Valid Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) certificate (Advanced is valid for five years, Basic for one year)

Note there are no garages in on-post housing for motorcycle storage

Biking in Germany:

Biking in Germany as a form of transportation is common. There are trails and bike paths throughout the city. You will see both road and E-bikes. This could be a great option for single car families.

Staying Connected

Cell phones: Contact your cellular service provider to inquire about international usage to possibly continue using your American number. You may also visit the T-Mobile inside the Panzer Exchange for information on opening an account. To start service with a German provider: If you have a cellphone from the U.S. and want to use it in Germany, check to make sure that it is: (1) unlocked and (2) that your specific model can work on a GSM network. An unlocked device means you can pop out your current SIM card, purchase a German SIM card from a local carrier, put it in your phone, and have immediate service with a new local German number. There is a TKS for German service, located at the Exchange. Most U.S. cellphone providers will allow active-duty military to suspend their cellphone contracts free of charge with proof of overseas orders. Common apps you may use for international or local calling include WhatsApp, Signal, Facebook Messenger.

IMPORTANT: CHECK YOUR COMMONLY USED APPS FOR 2 FACTOR AUTHENTICATION WITH YOUR CURRENT NUMBER E.G. YOUR BANKING APPS. YOU WILL NEED TO ENSURE YOU ARE STILL ABLE TO ACCESS YOUR INFORMATION.

Landlines: A lot of people skip landlines and just use cell phones, but there are some benefits to having a home phone. In medical emergencies, your address is visible to the emergency operator on a landline. It might be easier to teach kids how to dial the local emergency number (112) on a landline. If you work from home, a landline is a legitimate business expense for taxes. Some companies offer bundled services with unlimited U.S. calls at reasonable prices.

Off-Post Landline: If you want a German landline, you'll need to sign a contract with a provider. Many companies offer bundled services including internet, cable, and/or a landline. If you go this route, buy your landline phone on the economy and check your phone, modem, and wall outlets for compatibility. The biggest downside to only having a German landline or cell phone is not being able to provide a U.S. callback number.

Passport Details

There are three types of passports, and it's important to know the difference.

- Active duty personnel can apply for an Official Passport when they get orders for overseas duty. Dependents can apply for a No-Fee Passport or use their Tourist Passport, but they'll need a SOFA (Status of Forces Agreement) Visa Stamp.
- You can get this before you arrive or at the passport office on Panzer Kaserne (Building 2915, 3rd floor) once you're in Stuttgart. If you get your orders early enough, it's a good idea to get your passports and visa stamps before you arrive. Keep in mind that whichever passport you use for your PCS, it needs to be valid for at least 90 days after you arrive in Germany.
- Once you arrive, you cannot use an official passport for tourist travel. You could get hit with fees of up to €400, depending on the country you're visiting. If you're using an official or no-fee passport to PCS, you must switch to a tourist passport when you're traveling for fun. If you don't have a tourist passport, get one before you travel.
- The best thing to do is get a tourist passport before you arrive, along with your no-fee, official passport. That way, you don't have to wait for the process to be completed after you get to your new duty station.
- Visa regulations change, so visit a Passport Office near you before your PCS to make sure all your official travel documents are in order.
- Check out <http://www.travel.state.gov> for more information on official and non-official passports.
- More Info: <https://home.army.mil/stuttgart/index.php/my-garrison/all-services/passport-sofa-servicesOverseas>

Overseas Mail

Receiving – U.S. Mail: <https://home.army.mil/stuttgart/index.php/my-garrison/all-services/mail>

While you're living in the USAG Stuttgart community, you'll get a mailbox in a Community Mail Room (CMR). Marines assigned to MARFOREUR/AF usually get a mailbox at the CMR on Panzer Kaserne. That's where you'll pick up your mail and packages. You can get to your mailbox any time, but you can only pick up packages and general delivery items during "mail room hours" (about 4 hours per week). The mailroom staff will need to see your ID before they hand over any mail or packages. Check the USAG Stuttgart website or app for current operating hours.

Shipping – U.S. Mail

To mail a package or buy postage, you can go to any of the four U.S. Post Offices in the USAG Stuttgart community. Opening days and times vary, so check the USAG Stuttgart website or app for the latest info. A prepaid shipping label with a complete custom form is preferred.

Shipping on the Economy

Sometimes, you might need to hit up Deutsche Post DHL (aka the German Post Office) to pick up a package or mail something using the German postal system. Head to their website for office locations, hours, and postage prices: <https://www.deutschepost.de/en/home.html>.

Important: If you're picking up a package, bring your passport. If you're mailing a package, bring Euro, since they don't take credit cards.

Quick Tip: If you need to mail a letter to a German address (like paying a speeding ticket or canceling a contract), mail it from base in any US Post Office mailbox. Use a US First Class stamp if your return address is your CMR address

Banking in Germany

On-Post Banking: There are two banks on USAG Stuttgart: Community Bank and Service Credit Union. They both have free checking accounts and free ATM withdrawals at their ATMs. But you'll have to pay fees if you use their ATM cards at other ATMs. There are also fees for international bill payments and wire transfers. Plus, the Department of Defense sets the daily exchange rates for these banks, and they might be different from the rates off-post.

On-Post Banking Pros vs. Cons

Advantages: Convenient location and English-speaking staff. Free transfers to and from CONUS institutions. You can pay bills to German individuals and businesses. Staff knows about service members' situations. You can deposit/withdraw USD and EURO. Direct deposit from DFAS. They give you an IBAN number with your account.

Disadvantages: No locations off-post No ATMs off-post. Limited options. Exchange rate might not be the best.

Off-Post Banking A lot of folks who live off-post choose to open a German bank account. There are tons of options in the Stuttgart area, like Baden-Württembergische (BW) Bank, Commerzbank, Deutsche Bank, Kreissparkasse, N26 (online bank), Santander, and Volksbank. To open an account, you'll need a physical address in Germany, your passport, and a deposit. A cash deposit will make things easier. Keep in mind that some banks might have other requirements. Banking fees will be different depending on the bank.

Off-Post Banking Pros vs. Cons

Advantages: Better exchange rates. ATMs all over Germany and Europe. Locations all over Germany and Europe. Easy to pay bills and expenses. Direct deposit from DFAS. They give you an IBAN number with your account.

Disadvantages: Sometimes, the staff doesn't speak much English. No on-post locations. You can't withdraw USD. You must pay fees to transfer money to CONUS banks.

Tips from other Marines, Sailors, Civilians, and Family Member: You don't need a local bank account to take money out of an ATM off-post. You just need an ATM card with the MasterCard or Maestro logo. Fees will vary from machine to machine, just like in the U.S. If you bank with USAA, they'll reimburse your ATM withdrawals up to \$10.00 each month. When you travel to other countries in Europe (or anywhere else), don't exchange your money at the "money exchange shops" in airports and shopping areas. Pay attention to the exchange rates on your credit cards.

German Culture

Shopping in Germany Germany is basically a cash economy. Don't be surprised if your debit or credit card isn't accepted, or if there's a minimum purchase required before you can use it. To get a German EC (electronic cash) card, you'll need to open a local bank account. Pro tip: Always carry euros! Reusable bags and euro coins are your new best friends when you step out into German culture. You'll use coins for: Parking, borrowing shopping carts, occasionally using public restrooms

Most German stores will charge you for bags - whether they're paper, plastic, or cloth. Smart move? Keep a few shopping bags or totes in your car for unexpected purchases.

Prices in Europe (online or in stores) include Value-Added Tax (VAT). In Germany, the typical VAT is 19%. Unlike U.S. sales tax, this is already built into the price. U.S. Forces personnel can participate in the VAT Relief Program by getting forms from the VAT Tax Relief

- Office on Panzer Kaserne (Building 2915, 3rd floor). Just remember, participating is voluntary for German vendors.

"Pfand" makes recycling both fun and profitable! Most grocery stores have automated machines that accept glass and plastic bottle returns. Feed your bottles in, and the machine generates a store voucher. Look for the "PFAND" label on bottles - that means cash back for you!

Store hours are not like back home. Forget 24/7 shopping and late-night retail therapy. Typically, German stores: Open between 9-10am and close around 6 p.m. and often close for a few hours at lunch. Saturday stores might close between 2-4 p.m. Most stores are closed on Sundays (though restaurants and beer gardens are often open)

Flea markets and farmers markets are year-round and fantastic for: Finding unique souvenirs, grabbing fresh produce, experiencing local culture. Check the town's webpage for market schedules, and always keep plenty of euros in your pocket

Grocery Shopping: German grocery stores (called Lebensmittelläden or Lebensmittelmarkt) are everywhere and packed with local and organic foods. Several major chain stores offer different products and prices, so you'll want to explore and find your favorites

Public Transportation

Always buy a ticket to ride. Do NOT try to use public transportation without a ticket. Ticket checkers are hard to spot, and if you get caught without a ticket, you'll be slapped with an immediate fine. Remember to punch your ticket before you ride, both going and returning. Look for the orange boxes near escalators or on the platform to punch your ticket.

- Pro Tips for Public Transit: Country flags (American or British) on ticket machines will walk you through purchasing a U-Bahn or S-Bahn ticket in English. It's legal to bring your dog or cat on German trains, but make sure your pet handles crowds well. Trains get packed during morning and evening rush hours.

Websites for train info: German train system (within and outside Germany): www.dbahn.de

Stuttgart regional train and bus: www.vvs.de

Both sites have English pages where you can book tickets and check schedules.

Download helpful apps include: SSB, MoveVVS, and DB Navigator. These apps provide train schedules, ticket purchases, and other important travel info.

- Taxis and Uber is available for use but may be expensive.
- Train or bus transportation is commonly used in Germany and Europe.

IMPORTANT: Not all transportation services will accept credit/debit card payment.

Employment and Volunteer Opportunities

Civilian Employment:

- For information about employment opportunities and for points of contacts with questions here in Stuttgart, visit: <https://home.army.mil/stuttgart/about/employment-opportunities>
- Other resources for seeking employment include <https://careers.usmc-mccs.org/> and <https://www.usajobs.gov/>
- To connect with local working professionals, these groups may also prove helpful to you: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MSPNStuttgart/> and <https://www.awagleadership.org/>

IMPORTANT: If you're transferring here with a remote U.S. based employer, you may need to consult with a legal professional.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- There are many volunteer opportunities available throughout the Stuttgart community, first and foremost of which includes MARFOREUR/AF. To become a volunteer with us, and/or to view other volunteer opportunities in Stuttgart, please register for an account at <https://vmis.armyfamilywebportal.com/> and sign up to become a MARFOREUR/AF volunteer.
- Once your application is received, you'll be contact by either a member of our Family Readiness team or the Single Marine Program team (SMP).
- The SMP is always looking for more motivators to assist in the betterment of the organization and building of camaraderie of single and unaccompanied Marines. For inquiries or more information please contact our SMP representative through SharePoint.

Travel Opportunities

In Stuttgart:

Mercedes Benz and Porsche Museums

Wilhelma Zoological-Botanical Garden

Schlossplatz – Palace Square

Solitude Palace

Württemberg Mausoleum

Markthalle – Indoor Vendor Market

Ritter Sport Museum

There are also several festivals throughout the year to include Spring Frühlingsfest, Fall Volksfest, and Weihnachtsmarkt (Christmas Markets.)

Germany Adventures:

- Check out the medieval vibes in Nuremberg.
- Dive into Munich's vibrant culture.
- Explore the stunning Black Forest.

Quick Trips to Neighboring Countries:

- Switzerland: Perfect for those picturesque mountain views.
- France: A must for foodies and wine lovers.
- Austria: Explore its rich history and beautiful landscapes.
- Italy: Savor the incredible Italian cuisine and soak up the art and history.

Weekend Getaways:

- Hop over to Prague for some cobblestone street magic.
- Barcelona is just a quick flight away

Conclusion

We sincerely hope you found this Unofficial Welcome Guide helpful during your transition and settling into Stuttgart, Germany. There are many opinions out there, but our hope is that knowing this information came directly from other military and their spouses will reassure you in the days ahead. There are official documents and apps which can provide specific information in more detail for matters like schools and healthcare. You may want to research additional resources for the personal subjects that help you settle in such as fitness options, religious support, and volunteer opportunities. We encourage you to download the Stuttgart Garrison App to find this information and more. Look for the United States Army Garrison Stuttgart App in your app store.

Geniesse die Reise! Enjoy the journey!

Phone Numbers to have on hand:

German Emergency Number (all) 112

Military Police Emergency (on base) 0711 680 114 (daytime) 0711 680 114(after hours)

MP Desk (non-emergency) 07031 15 3102/3095

Medical Clinic (Patch Barracks) 06371-9464-2900

Patient Liaison Call MP Desk

Deployment Readiness Coordinator 07031 15 3593

US Army Garrison Stuttgart School Liaison Officer 0711-680-7465

US Army Garrison Stuttgart Family Childcare Program 0711-680-4100

US Army Garrison Stuttgart ID/CAC Card Processing 07031-15-2333

US Army Garrison Stuttgart Commissary 0711-680-8401