Germany's Opportunity Card lets you move first and look for work after

You need a recognised qualification or enough points, and about €1,091 a month in funds. Citizenship can come after 5 years.



€1,091

a month in funds for the Opportunity Card

Capital	**Berlin**
Languages	**German**
Currency	**Euro**
Population	**83,577,140 (2025)**
Price level 2024 (EU = 100)	**109**
Minimum wage	**€2,343 a month**
Tax	**45% top income tax, 19% VAT**
Years to	**PR 5, citizenship 5**
English (EF index 2025)	**#4 in the world**

★ Capital ● City we cover ● Other city

WAYS TO MOVE

EU Blue Card	**€4,225/mo**
Opportunity Card	**€1,091/mo**
Freelance Visa	**case by case**

Income or funds asked for one person

COST FOR ONE, A MONTH

Berlin	**€2,400**
Munich	**€2,850**

Our estimate for a comfortable life

EAT LIKE A LOCAL

Schweinshaxe
Bratwurst
Sauerbraten
Currywurst

EMERGENCY
112

PLUGS
C, F

EU AND SCHENGEN
EU, Schengen

WORK-DAY OVERLAP
2 hours with New York

Visas, costs, taxes and cities for Germany: **livingineurope.net/countries/germany**

Sources: Population, price level and minimum wage: Eurostat. English: EF English Proficiency Index 2025. Peace: Global Peace Index. Visas and tax: official government pages, as listed on each of our guides. Europe-wide comparisons: Tax Foundation 2026 and Eurostat. City costs are our estimates. Dishes: Wikipedia, National dish. Map: Natural Earth. Rules change, so confirm with the immigration office. Checked 7 October 2026.