

# A visit to the city of Frankfurt is a warm welcome to the most international city in **Germany**

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Traditional German architecture visible in many older villages throughout the city



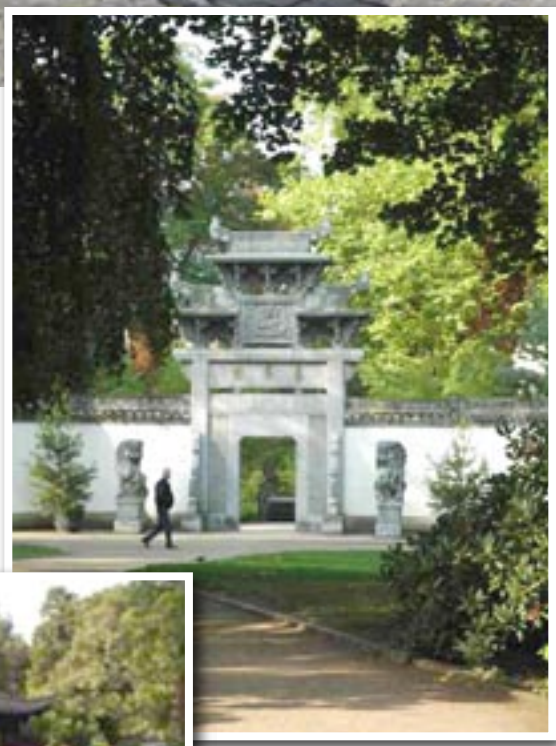
A stunning view of Frankfurt's skyline

**F**rankfurt — the largest financial centre on the continent, the historical city of coronations, and the city of Goethe and the Frankfurt School. In brief, it is the smallest metropolis in the world, in which there is a lot to discover close at hand.

Almost one in three of the people living in Frankfurt do not hold a German passport. No matter where visitors come from, they will always meet people in Frankfurt who speak their language and a restaurant that serves their favorite food. Although there is no distinct congregation of Asian and Asian-Germans in the Frankfurt area, the tastes and culture is evident. Throughout the city, you will find traditional Asian restaurants, Asian architecture and Asian arts and crafts stores within larger department stores. The experience is quiet exquisite and a visit to the various Asian accents of the city is a must.

### Bethmann Park

The Bethmann Park was once a private garden created in 1783 by the wealthy Jewish banker Moritz von Bethmann. In 1941, as part of the Nazis' confiscation of Jewish property the garden was handed over to the city of Frankfurt. It was opened to the public in 1952. Today Bethmann park is one of Frankfurt's most beautiful parks, featuring many colorful flowerbeds, and a Chinese Gate and Garden as its biggest attraction.



A Chinese Garden as architected by Chinese craftsmen



The beautiful Chinese gate into Bethmann Park

### Chinese Garden

In 1990, a Chinese garden, the 'Garden of Heavenly Peace' was created in memory of the victims of the Tiananmen Square massacre. The garden is authentic, created according to the principles of feng shui by Chinese craftsmen. Most of the materials were imported from China.

The walled garden's entrance is guarded by two Chinese lions. The garden features a temple, pagoda and the beautifully carved Jade Bridge.

### Asian Cuisine

Countless Asian restaurants are scattered throughout the city of Frankfurt. One noteworthy one would be the Rainbow Garden where dining is truly a unique experience .

The restaurant designer Som-Zei Lin, has created four different styles and tastes within the san san. Visitors can choose to dine in the modern and stylish "Bamboo-Lounge" or to lay back in the little separée "Shanghai Suite". The restaurant features top menu items from acclaimed chefs drawing tourists and locals alike for an exquisite dining experience.

### The Shopping Experience

Asian arts and crafts are popular items among Germans and Asian Germans alike. A stroll through a local mall or department store would offer the shopper the opportunities to view and purchase spectacular pieces from all over Asia to include fine teas, home décor, ornaments and Asian garments.



The picturesque landscape of Germany



An exquisite dining experience at the Rainbow Garden restaurant



A plethora of Asian decors, teas and trinkets found in many malls and department stores throughout the city



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