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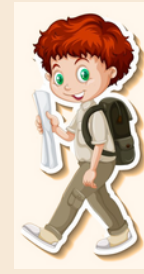


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# Little Explorers

## Wandering through the Black Forest



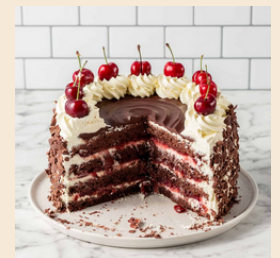
Have you ever imagined a place where fairy tales come to life? A place full of tall, dark trees, magical creatures, and delicious cake? That place really exists – it's called the Black Forest (**Schwarzwald**)! It's one of the most beautiful and mysterious parts of Germany.

The Black Forest gets its name from the thousands of tall pine and fir trees that grow so closely together, they make the forest look almost black when you look at it from far away. It stretches across a huge area in southwest Germany and is filled with hills, waterfalls, lakes, and tiny villages that look like they came straight out of a storybook.



Speaking of stories, did you know that the Black Forest inspired many fairy tales (**Märchen**) by the Brothers Grimm? Stories like Hansel and Gretel, Snow White and Little Red Riding Hood were imagined in dark forests just like this one. While you're not likely to run into a wicked witch or a talking wolf, exploring the forest can feel like stepping into a magical world – perfect for adventure!

And let's not forget about the food! The Black Forest is famous for a yummy treat called Black Forest cherry cake (**Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte**). It's a rich chocolate cake with whipped cream and juicy cherries.



Another cool thing from the Black Forest is the cuckoo clock (**Kuckucksuhr**). These clocks are handmade, beautifully carved from wood, and every hour, a little cuckoo bird pops out and calls "kuckuck". Some even have dancing figures and music.

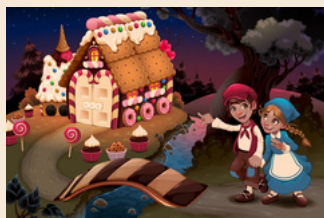
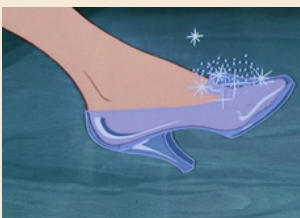
Whether you're climbing a mountain, hiking through the trees, or eating cake in a little village (**Dorf**), the Black Forest is full of surprises. And guess what? If you start learning German now, you'll be able to talk to the people who live there and read signs and menus.

# Totally German Once Upon A Time: In the World of Fairy Tales



Once upon a time, in the heart of Europe, there was a land full of dark forests (**Wälder**), towering castles (**Schlösser**), and magical creatures - that land is **Germany**, the home of some of the most famous fairy tales (**Märchen**) in the world!

Do you know the stories (**Geschichten**) of Cinderella (**Aschenputtel**), Snow White (**Schneewittchen**), Hansel and Gretel (**Hänsel und Gretel**), Puss in Boots (**Der gestiefelte Kater**) or Rapunzel (**Rapunzel**)? These enchanting tales were collected by two German brothers - Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm, also known as the Brothers Grimm. They did not invent the stories, but they traveled all around Germany to gather them from people in villages and towns. Then, they wrote them down so everyone could enjoy them.



In Germany, you can even follow the Fairy Tale Route (**Deutsche Märchenstraße**) - a magical journey that takes you to the real places that inspired the stories. You can visit Sleeping Beauty's (**Dornröschen**) castle, walk through the Black Forest (**Schwarzwald**) where Hansel and Gretel got lost and climb the tower where Rapunzel let down her long, golden hair.



One of the most famous castles is Neuschwanstein Castle, which looks like it belongs in a fairy tale - in fact, it inspired the Disney Castle.

German fairy tales are full of talking animals, brave children, tricky witches (**Hexen**), and powerful spells (**Zaubersprüche**). Sometimes they are funny, sometimes they are a little spooky - but they always take you on a great adventure. German fairy tales often start with "Once upon a time..." (**Es war einmal...**) and end with "... and they lived happily ever after".

# Fun Zone

## Matching Mania!



Answers are to be sent to our magazine team on [deutschkidsmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:deutschkidsmagazine@gmail.com) by Friday 5th December 2025. Complete the activity correctly to enter the pool for the lucky draw.

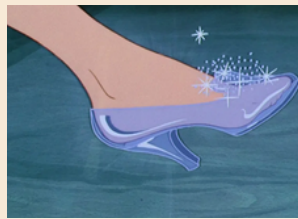
Ready to match? Use your pen to draw arrows from each picture to the right word.

Der gestiefelte Kater



Schwarzwald

Hansel und Gretel



Dornröschen

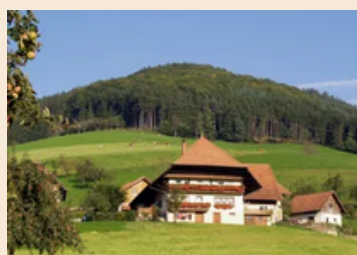
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Rapunzel

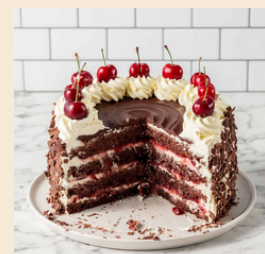
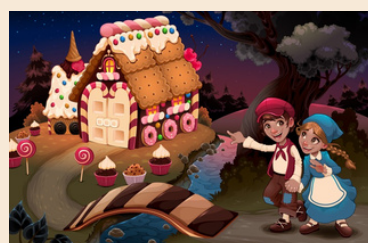


Kuckucksuhr



Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte

Deutsche Märchenstraße



# *In The World of Fairy Tales*

# Märchenwelt

Did you know there's a real road in Germany that takes you through the magical world of fairy tales? It's called the **German Fairy Tale Route!**

This special road is over 600 kilometers long and goes through towns and forests full of fairy tale magic. It follows the lives and stories of the Brothers Grimm, the famous storytellers who collected fairy tales.

Here are some of the coolest places to visit along the way:

## **Hanau - The Brothers Grimm's Hometown**

This is where the Grimm brothers were born. You can see statues of them and learn how they collected their stories.

## **Kassel - The Fairy Tale Library**

This town has a real Grimm Museum with books, drawings, and even magical items from fairy tales. It's like stepping into a storybook.

## **Hamelin - The Town of Pied Piper**

In this town, actors dress up like the Pied Piper, the man who played a magic flute. Every summer, there's a big play with music and costumes in the town square.

## **Trendelburg - Rapunzel's Tower**

Yes—it really exists! You can visit a tall tower where Rapunzel is said to have let down her hair. Some even say you can sleep there like a fairy tale prince or princess!

## **The Sleeping Beauty Castle - Sababurg**

This enchanted castle is in a deep forest and looks just like the one from Sleeping Beauty. There are even thorn bushes and beautiful gardens.

**Fun For Kids 😊 Along the Fairy Tale Route, you can:**

- Dress up like a fairy tale character.
- Watch live fairy tale plays.
- Taste yummy German sweets.
- Go on fairy tale treasure hunts.
- Hear real storytellers tell magical tales.



# ACTIVITIES

- Ready for a magical journey through fairy tales? Explore interactive stories and see how much you know with a fun quiz. Let's get started!

<https://www.tinytap.com/activities/g1gpa/play/the-grimm-brothers-and-grimms-fairy-tales>

- Get Creative! Colour in the picture below. Scan or take a photo of your painting and send it on [deutschkidsmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:deutschkidsmagazine@gmail.com). The school with the most entries will receive a special gift. Deadline: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025.



## GERMAN FAIRY TALE

