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**Flea Markets in Germany – A Treasure Chamber for Collectible, Antiques, Books, Clothes, Jewelry, Art, Handcrafts and many odd items:** Aside the fun shopping at boutique retail stores and fancy modern shopping malls, there is an entirely different shopping experience to be explored in Germany: Flea Markets. There is almost nothing you won't be able to find – if you do your homework and search for the right flea market at the right place and the right time. Every flea market has its own character and special items mostly depending on the vendors and the clients they expect. The spectrum of vendors starts with people having there occasional personal garage sales at a rented booth and goes all the way to regular professional vendors who can be highly specialized in collectible, old books, antique furniture or pretty much every item you can think of. Most flea markets take place on weekends and some of them only during summer season. In Berlin as an example, the oldest and largest flea market is located at the “Strasse des 17. Juni” near the S-Bahn station “Tiergarten” and takes place every weekend throughout the year. This is one of the more expensive flea markets but also the most comprehensive and versatile in town! Bargains on second-hand clothes, books, jewelry, handcraft, art, decoration and souvenirs you are more likely to find at the flea market at the “Kupfergraben” next to the Museum Island in central Berlin or at one of the many local and smaller district flea markets in the many neighborhoods. A young, alternative and adventurous Berlin flea market “Am Mauerpark” is located right where the Berlin Wall used to separate West and East Berlin 20 years ago. Every Sunday it's an event attracting the locals from the neighborhood of the scene district Prenzlauer Berg as well as many young tourists. Most items are so individual that there is only one advisable way to find what you are looking for: Visit the flea markets on-site yourself, find your favorite markets, pick your items of interest and make personal contact with vendors and collectors. TGAC offers a Individual Trip Planning Service for independent travelers to Germany. We plan, prepare and organize your unique trip together with you – step by step. We also assist you with shipping procedures, custom and German VAT refund options.

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