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SouthWest Germany: Your SPRINGboard to family fun

With spring on the way, families are looking for breaks that guarantee fun and value for money. The answer is SouthWest Germany. Easy to get to, thanks to direct flights from the UK to Stuttgart Airport, the German federal state of Baden-Württemberg ticks all the boxes. Attractions include Europa-Park, voted the world's No 1 theme park for the past three years. On Lake Constance, Mainau Island has glorious lake and mountain scenery, as well as special child-friendly playgrounds. Every well-priced hotel and café welcomes the whole family, from youngsters to grandparents. And spring comes early to Germany's sunniest region.

Europa-Park: Europe's most exciting new attraction

With its thrilling rides and 15 European-themed areas, Europa-Park has over 100 attractions and shows – and all are included in the price of entry! New in 2017: A new major attraction is set to take off at the best theme park in the world. Project V, the largest Flying Theater in Europe, carries its passengers away to the most beautiful and fascinating places across the continent. The park's five 4* themed hotels make Europa-Park a unique short break destination in the border triangle of Germany, France, and Switzerland.

Open April 1 to Nov 5, 2017

More information: www.europapark.de/en/park/attractions-shows

Mainau Island: Flowers and family fun

Set on Lake Constance, one of Europe's most beautiful lakes, Mainau is renowned for its flower-filled gardens. But there is also plenty for families with younger children. Blumi's Lakeside World is perfect for letting off steam, while Water World is a challenging, but safe, adventure playground. For 2 to 4-year-olds, the miniature village has tiny huts to hide in and a wooden railway. And in one of Germany's largest butterfly houses, children love getting close to 80 species of exotic butterflies. Good for 2 adults and their children under 15, the Family Ticket (41 EUR) represents excellent value.

Open year-round

More information: www.mainau.de/de/opening-hours-prices.html

Stuttgart Airport: Gateway to the Heart of Europe

Getting to SouthWest Germany is easy from all over the UK. Stuttgart Airport welcomes regular flights from Birmingham (FlyBe), London Heathrow (British Airways; Eurowings),



London Gatwick (EasyJet), London Stansted (Eurowings), Manchester (Ryanair) and Edinburgh (EasyJet). And fares are very competitive. In summer, there are also flights from the Channel Islands (Germania). Exploring SouthWest Germany is also easy. From the airport, the train gets you to Stuttgart Central Station in 27 minutes (line S2 or S3). If you rent a car, join the A8 motorway right at the airport; you can be at Europa-Park or at Lake Constance in 90 minutes.

More information: www.stuttgart-airport.com