

Taking a Taxi

Worried about taking a taxi in a German-speaking country? Traveling by taxi is a great way to get around the city quickly, but if you can't communicate with the driver, it can be quite intimidating. Learning key phrases can help solve this problem!

That's where we come in: in the tables below, we've collected essential phrases that you can use the next time you want to take a taxi. Have a look and get prepared!

Essential Phrases

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Questions and Statements: Passenger

Below, you'll find phrases that you can use to speak with your taxi driver. They'll ensure that you arrive exactly at the places you want to go to!

Ich muss zum Flughafen.	I need to get to the airport.
Können Sie mich zur Bibliothek in der Rosenstraße fahren?	Can you take me to the library on Rose Street?
Können Sie mich in der Innenstadt absetzen?	Can you drop me off in the city center?
Wie lange wird es Ihrer Meinung nach dauern, dorthin zu gelangen?	How long do you think it will take to get there?
Glauben Sie, dass wir es in 20 Minuten bis dorthin schaffen?	Do you think we can make it there in 20 minutes?
Wie viel kostet die Fahrt?	How much is the fare?
Könnten Sie bitte etwas langsamer fahren?	Could you please drive a bit slower?
Könnten Sie die Klimaanlage einschalten?	Could you turn on the AC?
Könnten Sie hier auf mich warten?	Could you wait for me here?
Kennen Sie gute Pizzerien in der Stadt?	Do you know of any good pizza places in town?

Questions and Statements: Taxi Driver

Having trouble understanding taxi drivers? These phrases will help you improve your comprehension. Check them out so that you don't feel lost the next time you're in a taxi!

Wohin wollen Sie?	Where are you heading?
Wohin soll es gehen?	Where to?
Von hier zum Flughafen kostet es ungefähr 50 €.	From here to the airport it'll cost about 50 €.
Es sollte nicht länger als 15 Minuten dauern.	It shouldn't take longer than 15 minutes.
Wenn nicht zu viel Verkehr ist, kann ich Sie in 10 Minuten dorthin bringen.	If traffic isn't bad then I can get you there in 10 minutes.
Ich kann draußen auf Sie warten, aber der Zähler läuft.	I can wait around outside for you, but the meter's running.
Was bringt Sie in die Stadt?	What brings you to the city?
Das italienische Restaurant in der Hauptstraße bietet großartiges Essen an.	The Italian restaurant on Main Street has some great food.

Answers to the Most Common Questions

What are the most essential German phrases to know when taking a taxi?

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Können Sie mich in der Innenstadt absetzen?

Can you drop me off in the city center?

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Könnten Sie hier auf mich warten?

Could you wait for me here?

Was bringt Sie in die Stadt?

What brings you to the city?

How common are taxis in German-speaking countries?

Taxis are fairly common in major cities throughout the German-speaking world. You'll most likely find them around a city's center. Although, most people travel by public transportation, bike, or with their own car. Outside of cities, or on their outskirts, taxis are much less common.

What do taxis look like in German-speaking countries?

Taxi cars can look different from city to city and country to country. In Germany for example, they are often a light yellow, beige, or white color. Taxi drivers also attach a little taxi sign to their roofs, so you can easily identify them.

How much do you tip a taxi driver in the German-speaking world?

Happy with how your taxi ride went? Normally, you would tip a German taxi driver similarly to how you tip a waiter or waitress at a restaurant. That means tips are usually 10-15% of what your fare costs.

How do I tell a German-speaking taxi driver where I want to go?

Here are some different ways to tell a taxi driver where you want to go:

Ich muss zu + ORT. (*I need to get to + PLACE.*)

Ich muss zum Flughafen. (I need to get to the airport.)

Ich muss zur Universität. (I need to get to the university.)

Ich muss zu dieser Adresse. (I need to get to this address.)

Können Sie mich zu + ORT + fahren? (*Can you take me to + PLACE?*)

Können Sie mich zur Bibliothek in der Rosenstraße fahren? (Can you take me to the library on Rose Street?)

Können Sie mich zu dieser Adresse fahren? (Can you take me to this address?)

Können Sie mich zu dem Café in der Eichenstraße fahren? (Can you take me to the café on Oak Street?)

Können Sie mich + ORT + absetzen? (*Can you drop me off + PLACE?*)

Können Sie mich in der Innenstadt absetzen? (Can you drop me off in the city center?)

Können Sie mich am Campus der Universität absetzen? (Can you drop me off at the university campus?)

Können Sie mich an der Ecke der Hauptstraße absetzen? (Can you drop me off at the corner of Main Street?)



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