Useful information and travel tips

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Gesellschaft zur Förderung der Dental-Industrie, the commercial enterprise of the Association of German Dental Manufacturers (VDDI)

Koelnmesse
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1-day ticket: € 17.00
2-day ticket: € 21.50
Season ticket: € 27.00
1-day ticket for students/special ticket for children accompanied by adults: € 8.50

IDS app
With an online search, interactive hall plan, personal checklist and other interesting information regarding IDS 2017, the IDS app allows visitors to plan their trip at any time and from anywhere, according to Koelnmesse. Other services include a product database, information about the fairground, as well as integrated access to Business Matchmaking 365, a service that aims to bring visitors and exhibitors together even before the show. The app is free and can be downloaded from the iTunes Store and Google Play.

Press and media
Free copies of the today international daily show newspaper will be distributed on site and provide visitors with the latest from IDS 2017, new products and things to do in Cologne. Daily news updates, photographs and videos in English will also be available online at www.dental-tribune.com.

Passport and Visa
Owing to the Schengen regulations, nationals from a country of the European Union do not require a visa to enter the Federal Republic of Germany. All other foreigners require a visa for stays in the country. A visa is not required for semi-annual visits of up to 90 days for nationals of those countries for which the European Union has abolished the visa requirement. A current list is available on the website of the Federal Foreign Office at www.aussenwirtschaft-ant.de/EN.

How to get to Cologne
Cologne/Bonn airport is served by most European and international airlines. With more than eleven million passengers per year, it currently ranks number six in a nationwide comparison of passenger statistics. As official airline of IDS 2017, the Lufthansa Group is offering visitors reduced rates for flights from over 250 cities in around 100 countries to the airports in Cologne, Düsseldorf and Frankfurt/Main. In order to make use of the discount, users must visit www.lufthansa.com/meetingsandevents and enter the code “DEZZERD”.

Visitors planning to travel by train can take advantage of the discounted fares offered by Deutsche Bahn (english.de.deutsche-bahn.de/de/travel-and-accommodation/arriving/)). The exchange rate is about €0.94 to the US dollar (as at 10 February 2017). Credit card usage is still low compared with other European countries and limited to larger department stores, hotels, restaurants and petrol stations. Maestro Cards, however, are accepted almost everywhere. With a few exceptions, like newspaper stands, bakeries and fast-food restaurants, which only accept cash. Banks are open from 8:30 to 16:30 on weekdays.

Medical insurance
Although the German healthcare system has declined slightly recently, the country still has a high standard of medical care. Emergency treatment, however, can be costly and therefore travel health insurance, which is offered by most insurance companies, is highly recommended.

Links
www.germany.travel/en
www.lonelyplanet.com/germany
wikitravel.org/en/Germany
www.germany.travel/en
www.cologne-tourism.com
www.kolnmesse.com/2016/10/05/t-magazine/travel/cologne-germanyguide.html

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