

THE BLACK FOREST (GERMANY)

Dense forests as far as the eye can see and trees in the most varied shades of green characterize this region. The Black Forest is a fascinating mountain range in the southwest of Germany. It rains much more here than in other German regions. This is why trees and plants grow particularly well in this part of the world, as plants need a lot of moisture to grow. What is astonishing about this place is that the temperatures do not fluctuate very much at high altitudes. However, there are often very strong winds and, of course snow, especially in winter.



Spruce

This conifer has very dense branches. Some people say that the Black Forest gets its name from these trees. With their dark green needles, which make it difficult for the sun to shine through, they make the forest a dark but protected place.

Fern

Ferns bear neither flowers nor fruit, and when they grow, all their fronds unfurl from tightly coiled snail shapes at the center of the plants. Ferns have been around so long that they have been found as fossils.

Foxglove

Foxglove is a valuable plant, as it can be used for medicinal purposes. But be careful—it is very poisonous and dangerous to eat!

UNIQUE ANIMALS OF THE REGION

Hinterwald cow

These are a very old breed of cattle. They are small and agile, which is why they can live particularly well in this region. Cows are ruminants (grazing animals), which means that they get the most out of their food by chewing it several times.

Black Forest Coldblood horse

This is the name of a special breed of horse that was originally bred for heavy forest work in the region. They are very robust and hardy and have a brown coat and a beautiful light-colored mane and tail.