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Dear Friends of Design & Construction,

While on a short trip to Germany for our family's 80th birthday celebration, the travel chaos discussed in the news did not occur and actually travel was surprisingly easier with many facial recognition devices now for boarding and passport controls.

Now happy to be home again, we want to share a few design and construction impressions from Germany and wishing everyone a pleasant Labor Day Weekend with Family & Friends!

Eric Overstrom

The Best Team

Our team is like family so our family is also part of our team. Enjoying the short time with family for their celebrations and Germany's nature was really nice while staying in the Northern part of Germany in a little village known for its world class horsemanship where even Olympians train.



Building Savvy

Historic preservation

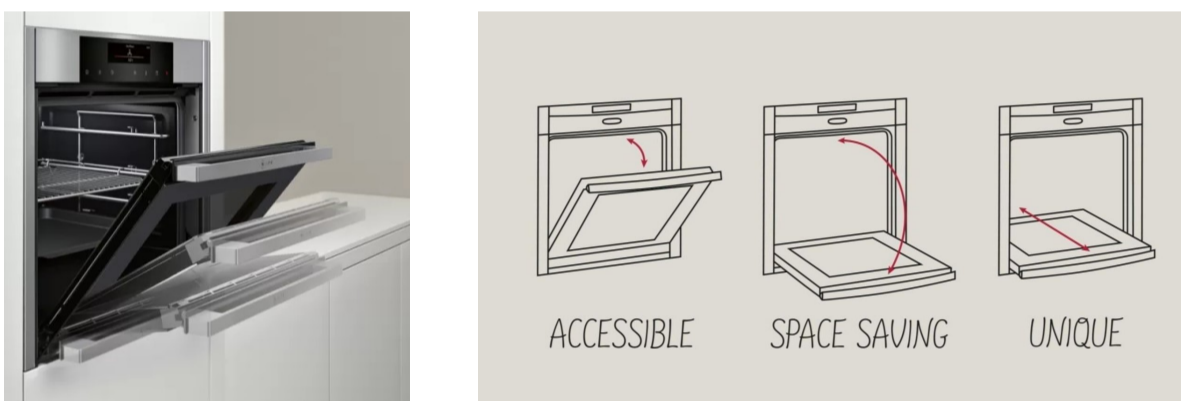
Germany is big on historic preservation of their homes, especially the half timbered homes and in the area where family lives, the thatched roof homes as well. Many new construction homes follow the style with modern amenities.



Product Spotlight

Slide & Hide Oven Doors

Widely used in Germany are Neff's patented Slide & Hide ovens where you can hide the entire oven door underneath the unit for easy and safe loading and unloading of the food into and out of the oven.



Tilt & Turn Windows

German homes have tilt & turn windows allowing for different positions and highly efficient thermal insulation. The open position is great for easy cleaning and full air circulation, especially as air conditioning is not common. The tilted position allows for some air circulation while keeping rain and strong winds out.

Seemay also has distribution in the US: <https://www.seemay.com/tilt-and-turn-windows/>



Rolling Shutters

The majority of homes are equipped with rolling shutters on the outside which completely close out the windows. This has many benefits including partial to complete black out, protection against burglary and weather including heat, cold, wind, fire, storms as well as high energy efficiency.

California Distributor: <https://www.enviroblind.com/>



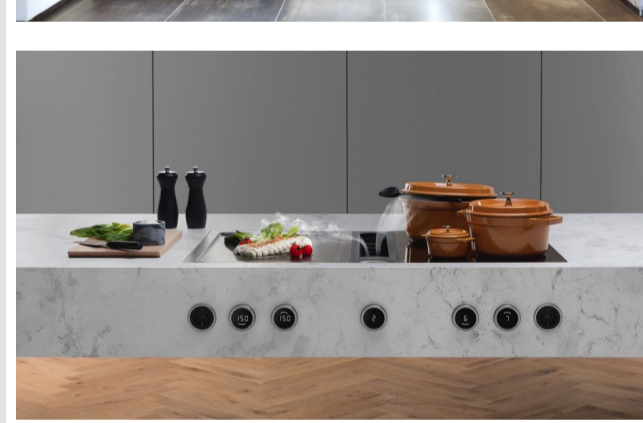
- Good to Know & Consider in your Plans for your new Home -

Trends

German Kitchentrends



Floating islands, floating countertops with very thin counter top materials (1.2cm), floating dual countertops so you don't clutter your working surface with items that just need to lay on the countertop for charging, cookbooks, etc.



Floating island with very in-demand induction cooktops which are very fast with flexible cooking surfaces adjusting to your pot sizes automatically and now also integrated venting features.



In October, "Elica" releases the new "Nikola Tesla Unplugged" cooktop with fully integrated vent:

- Powerful, quiet & energy efficient
- Automatic power adjustment based on sensors detecting steam
- Very easy to clean filters

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We are BIG on Communication and Technology during the design, construction phase and throughout the warranty period. Trust & Transparency are key, we allow clients, architects and designers to access our online construction software, Buildertrend, which centralizes communication, shows real time schedules, budget and design selections.

RCGC is a member of the Construction Specification Institute and utilizes its industry standard CSI codes ensuring that all areas of construction are considered in your initial estimate and to work most effectively with the architect and designer teams involved on your project.

We are passionate about building and it shows because: "The details are not the details. They make the design." - Charles Eames.



Best Regards,

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