

# Armchair Explorer

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The **Great Smoky Mountains** are a mountain range rising along the Tennessee–North Carolina border in the southeastern United States. The Great Smoky Mountains National Park was established in 1934 and protects most of the range. The range is home to an estimated 187,000 acres of old growth forest, the densest black bear population in the Eastern United States, and the most diverse salamander population outside of the tropics.

Read: *Bear in the Back Seat I: Adventures of a Wildlife Ranger* by Carolyn Jourdan and Kim DeLozier

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**Heidelberg** is a town on the Neckar River in southwestern Germany. It's known for venerable Heidelberg University, founded in the 14th century. Roam the cafe-lined Marktplatz, a town square in the Altstadt (Old Town). Explore the red-sandstone ruins of Heidelberg Castle, a noted example of Renaissance architecture, overlooking the town on Königstuhl hill.

Read: *Mark Twain's Guide to Heidelberg* by Mark Twain, Werner Pieper (ed.)

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