

20 German cities on Street View

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(AP) -- Internet users can now take a virtual tour of 20 of Germany's largest cities on Google Inc.'s panoramic Street View program - but they won't always get a full view.

The Internet giant put 3-D images of Berlin, Hamburg, Munich and 17 other cities online Thursday, although some buildings were pixelated to respect privacy concerns.

Google's [Street View](#) plans prompted a surge of concern over privacy in Germany, with officials arguing [Google](#) could capture people in situations they want to keep private. More than 245,000 Germans requested that the pictures of their homes be blurred.

Justice Minister Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger cautioned Google in an interview with the daily Hannover Allgemeine Zeitung against "taking data protection lightly."

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