#### First page:

The city skyline is particularly impressive when at dusk the lights of the skyscraper banks and offices are reflected in the River Main – the very towers that have earned central Frankfurt the nickname of Mainhattan.

## Previous page:

This is what Frankfurt looks like from the visitor's platform of the Maintower, open all year round – and 200 m / 650 ft up! Beneath you in miniature are all the sights: the Paulskirche, Römerplatz, the cathedral, the River Main and the

skyscrapers and in the distance the hills of the Taunus, Vogelsberg, Spessart and Odenwald.

### Below:

Römerberg has served as a venue for markets, fairs and festivals since the 9<sup>th</sup> century – and also as a dreaded place of execu-



tion. Now popular with street artistes and tourists and humming with jovial activity, the mood here today is decidedly less bloodthirsty...

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The Katharinenkirche and the café at the Hauptwache offer welcome respite from the mad bustle of the city centre, with the Zeil shopping centre just a stone's throw away. The windows of the banks in the background remain lit until well into the evening hours.

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