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Germany

Germany is a beautiful country teeming with a rich history and an even richer culture. Its landscape is filled with a variety of different atmospheres - it has the charms of sophisticated big cities, the picturesque visage of small towns, the fascinating qualities of pagan-inspired harvest festivals, a vast array of truly interesting art, history and culture, the wild allure of huge tracts of forests, old and elegant castles, and of course, the German food culture of ever-flowing wine and beer.

Germany is a place that can't be encapsulated in a series of paragraphs, so it is truly best to grab the chance to experience it in all its finery when the opportunity comes. Come for the beer and bratwurst, stay for the philosophy and art. Germany is continually evolving and visitors get to enjoy the fruits of its being at the center of the world stage.

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04 Nights / 05 Days Germany



Destinations Covered

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Frankfurt, Eisenach, Weimar, Wittenberg, Potsdam, Berlin, Dresden

Itinerary

Day 01: Frankfurt - Eisenach - Weimar

Depart from Frankfurt in the morning and drive to Eisenach, dominated by the Wartburg Castle. Visit one of the most important edifices of German history and see the room where Luther worked and spent the last years of his seclusion. Continue to Weimar, one of Germany's greatest cultural treasures. Poets like Schiller and Goethe, composers like Liszt and Richard Strauss, the philosopher Nietzsche and the architect Gropius lived and worked there. In the evening enjoy your 3-course welcome dinner. Overnight at Hotel (D).

Day 02: Weimar - Wittenberg - Potsdam

After breakfast we move to Luther's Wittenberg where reformation started when he pinned his 95 thesis to the portal of the church. Continue to Potsdam and visit of Sanssouci Palace, the former summer residence of Frederick the Great, King of Prussia. Overnight at Hotel (B).

Day 03: Potsdam - Berlin

In the morning departure for Berlin. See the highlights of Germany's most important and most exciting city like 8 Visit some important places Martin Luther visited or lived at. Brandenburg Gate, our Parliament Reichstag, Check Point Charlie and Protestant Cathedral (Berliner Dom). Afterwards, check-in at your hotel. The afternoon is free for own activities like exploring the numerous, well known museums or roam around the various boutiques and department stores like the KaDeWe. Take the opportunity of doing a boat trip optionally which gives you some impressive views fromthe channel Spree. Overnight at Hotel (B).

Day 04: Berlin - Dresden - Berlin

After breakfast we go on to Dresden. On a city tour youwill get to knowone of the loveliest cities of central Europe - "Florence of the Elbe" it is called - and see its important sights like the restored Frauenkirche, the Semper Opera House, the baroque Zwinger, the Green Vault and many more. In the late afternoon return to Berlin and small city tour. (B).

Day 05: Berlin (B)

Now you have 3 options:

- » A: Tour ends with breakfast
- » B: Transfer back to Frankfurt (optional)
- » C: Continue with "Berlin and Fairytales"

Inclusions:

- » Four overnight stays at specially selected first class and tourist superior hotels including tax, service charges and baggage handling (one piece per person)
- » All rooms with private bath or shower and toilet
- » Transportation by air-conditioned motorcoach with WC
- » Professional English/Spanish speaking guide throughout the tour
- » All excursions and city tours not marked as optionals.

Meals:

- » Welcome dinner
- » Four breakfast buffets
- » Entrance Fees / Fares

Additionals:

- » Wartburg Castle, Eisenach
- » Sanssouci Palace, Potsdam
- » Green Vault, Dresden

04 Nights / 05 Days Berlin and Fairytales



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Berlin, Dresden, Hamburg, Bremen, Hamelin, Frankfurt

Itinerary

Day 01: Berlin

Arrival at Berlin by own arrangements or optional train transfer from Frankfurt to Berlin. The afternoon is free for own activities like exploring the highlights Brandenburg Gate, our Parliament Reichstag and Check Point Charlie. Visit the numerous, well known museums or roam around the various boutiques and department stores like the KaDeWe. Take the opportunity of doing a boat trip optionally which gives you some impressive views from the channel Spree. In the evening your guide contacts you. Overnight at Hotel.

Day 02: Berlin - Dresden - Berlin

After breakfast we go on to Dresden. On a city tour you will get to know one of the loveliest cities of central Europe - "Florence of the Elbe" it is called - and see its important sights like the restored Frauenkirche, the Semper Opera House, the baroque Zwinger, the Green Vault and many more. In the late afternoon return to Berlin and enjoy a small city tour.(B)

Day 03: Berlin - Hamburg

Today we are heading north. Next stop is Hamburg. Enjoy a city tour incl. all themain sights of this impressive city like the Michel, Reeperbahn, Alster and many more before discovering Germany's largest seaport on a harbour cruise. The evening is free for own activitiesmaybe awalk through the Reeperbahn. This amusement quarter originallywas visited by sailors who were able to spend a whole 6 month pay in only one happy night. Nowadays, of course, you can also see more "civilised" areas. Overnight at Hotel. (B)

Day 04: Hamburg - Bremen - Hamelin

In the morning departure for our next stop - Bremen, the Free Hanseatic City with an old tradition of trade and seafaring. See the picturesque market place with the statue of "Roland", the city hall, the cathedral and the Old Town. Driving along the German Fairytale Road we will reach Hamelin, the city of the Pied Piper. In the evening 3-course farewell dinner. Overnight at Hotel. (B/D).

Day 05: Hamelin - Frankfurt

With a delightful old quarter which is a listed site of historical interest, Hamelin is known for the story of the Pied Piper. It became wealthy as a result of its favourable location as a trading centre on the River Weser. This wealth was reflected in its lavishly decorated houses and the town became a jewel of the Weser Renaissance style. Enjoy the historical town and all it has to offer. Today we will drive along the German Fairytale Road until Hann.Muenden. We continue south and will make stops along the road depending on the weather and traffic situation. In the afternoon we reach Frankfurt. Enjoy a panoramic city tour of Germany's financial capital. Overnight (B)

Day 06: Frankfurt

Tour ends with breakfast or continues with "Romantic Germany".(B)

Inclusions:

- » Five overnight stays at first class and tourist superior hotels including tax, service charges and baggage handling (one piece per person). All rooms with private bath or shower and toilet.
- » Transportation by modern air-conditioned motorcoach with WC
- » Professional English/ Spanish speaking guide throughout the tour
- » All excursions and city tours not marked as optionals

Meals:

- » Five breakfast buffets
- » Farewell dinner

Additionals:

- » Green Vault, Dresden
- » Harbour cruise, Hamburg

06 Nights / 07 Days Romantic Germany



Destinations Covered

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Frankfurt, Wuerzburg, Rothenburg, Augsburg, Fuessen, Neuschwanstein, Linderhof, Oberammergau, Ettal, Garmisch, Partenkirchen, Munich, Lindau, Lake Constance, Konstanz, Freiburg, Black Forest, Heidelberg, Ruedesheim

Itinerary

Day 01: Frankfurt - Wuerzburg - Rothenburg

Depart from Frankfurt in the morning for a drive through the Spessart mountains to Würzburg. Enjoy a tour of the magnificent Residence, a masterpiece of German baroque architecture and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue on the Romantic Road to Rothenburg, Germany's well reserved "Jewel of the Middle Ages". After a walking tour incl. the Jakobskirche (church) with an altar by Tilman Riemenschneider, free time to explore the city. In the evening enjoy a 3-course welcome dinner with a welcome drink. Overnight at Hotel in Rothenburg (D)

Day 02: Rothenburg - Augsburg - Fuessen

Today we continue our trip along the Romantic Road. See charming towns like Dinkelsbuehl and Noerdlingen. We pass the Fugger city Augsburg and another architectural treasure, the glorious rococo church in Wies. From there you can already view the fantastic Bavarian Alps. Arrival in Fuessen and overnight (B)

Day 03: Fuessen - Neuschwanstein - Linderhof - Oberammergau - Ettal - Fuessen

From Füssen it is only a short trip to Hohenschwangau and the fairytale castle of King Ludwig II, Neuschwanstein, which we will visit in the morning. Continue to Linderhof Castle, less known but even more beautiful than Neuschwanstein. In the afternoon we arrive at Oberammergau, home of the famous Passion Plays which take place every 10 years - the last one in 2010. After a short stop at the Benedictine abbey of Ettal we drive back to Füssen. Overnight at Füssen (B)

Day 04: Fuessen - Garmisch - Partenkirchen - Munich

After the breakfast we drive to Garmisch - Partenkirchen, one of the most important Olympic towns in Southern Germany situated at the foot of Germanys highest mountain "Zugspitze". In the early afternoon continue to Munich. Enjoy a city tour, showing you all the main sights of the splendid Bavarian capital incl. Nymphenburg Palace and Olympic Tower. Afterwards, free time until optional "Bavarian Evening" incl. dinner and entertainment. Overnight at Hotel in Munich (B).

Day 05: Munich - Lindau - Lake Constance - Konstanz

In the morning we move to Lake Constance. Arrive at the north shore of the lake which is located between Germany, Switzerland and Austria and flown through by the river Rhine. Enjoy a walking tour of the picturesque Lindau before we continue to Konstanz. The largest town on Lake Constance with much of historical interest. Located on Germany's border with Switzerland, Constance is also the birthplace of Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin, the famous airship pioneer. Continue to Singen. Overnight at Hotel (B)

Day 06: Konstanz - Freiburg - Black Forest - Heidelberg

After breakfast depart for the Black Forest and Freiburg, a region known for the cuckoo clocks. See the town of Triberg and Lake Titisee before we arrive at the 'capital of the Black Forest' - Freiburg. After a city tour we continue to the old university town Heidelberg. Enjoy a 3-course farewell dinner at famous Restaurant Zum Ritter St. Georg built in the 16th century. Overnight (B/D).

Day 07: Heidelberg - Ruedesheim - Frankfurt

In the morning visit of the inner courtyard of the impressive castle, UNESCO World Heritage Site, and its wine cellar with the big barrel. Afterwards, your coach will take you to the Upper Middle Rhine Valley, also UNESCO World Heritage Site, famous for its wines and vineyards. Take a short Rhine cruise from Ruedesheim to St. Goarshausen, passing romantic castles and the Loreley Rock. Back to Frankfurt and panoramic city tour of Germany's financial capital ending at approx. 6:00 pm.(B)

Inclusions:

- » Six overnight stays at specially selected first class and tourist superior hotels including tax, service charges and baggage handling (one piece per person)
- » All rooms with private bath or shower and toilet
- » Transportation by modern airconditioned motor coach with WC
- » Professional English / Spanish Speaking guide throughout the tour
- » All excursions and city tours not marked as optional

Meals:

- » Welcome dinner incl. welcome drink
- » Six breakfast buffets
- » Farewell dinner

Additionals:

- » Residence, Wuerzburg
- » Jakobskirche, Rothenburg
- » Neuschwanstein Castle
- » Linderhof Castle
- » Nymphenburg Palace, Munich
- » Olympic Tower, Munich
- » Heidelberg Castle inner courtyard and wine cellar
- » Rhine River Cruise from Ruedesheim to St. Goarshausen

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