

Historic Germany: Berlin to Bavaria

12 DAYS: Monday, July 22-Friday, August 2, 2019

\$4,209 per person double occupancy; \$4,799 for single reservations

Includes round-trip airfare, fuel surcharge and all air taxes and fees. Fuel surcharge, air taxes and fees subject to change. Passport required. Per person deposit is \$450.

Meet a country that's history-conscious but forward-looking. Begin your adventure in artsy, edgy Berlin, reunited Germany's political and cultural capital. Stop at the historic outpost of Potsdam, then continue on to Dresden. Take a step back in time as you wander along the medieval streets of Rothenburg ob der Tauber before ending in Munich, the capital of Bavarian food and culture.



Your tour package includes

- 10 nights in handpicked hotels, 10 breakfasts, 4 dinners with beer or wine
- 6 guided sightseeing tours, Expert Tour Director & local guides, Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- Brandenburg Gate, Museum Island, Cecilienhof Palace, Zwinger Palace, Weimar, Bamberg Cathedral,
- Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Nymphenburg Palace,

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 1 hour daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with few hills.

Overnight Flight

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Berlin today.

Berlin

Day 2: Arrival in Berlin

Included meals: Dinner

Welcome to Germany! Meet your fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Berlin

Included meals: Breakfast

A local guide introduces you to the monuments of Berlin's intricate past as well as the signs of its re-emergence as a vibrant cultural center. • Discover the Brandenburg Gate, the symbol of a reunited Berlin • See the Holocaust Memorial and the Berlin Wall's East Side Gallery • Journey down Unter den Linden, the city's most elegant boulevard, passing the Reichstag and Museum Island Enjoy a free afternoon in Berlin or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion World War II Walking Tour \$59/pp

Take a walk through history on this insider's tour of Berlin during World War II, detailing the rise and fall of Hitler and the Third Reich. You'll start in the Wilhelmstrasse area and see the building that once housed the headquarters of Hermann Goering's Luftwaffe. You'll also view the former headquarters of the infamous SS and Gestapo, the massive Reich Chancellery, and the Propaganda Ministry. Finally, stand directly above Hitler's Führerbunker as your guide details the last days of World War II in Europe. Lunch is included. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$69)

Day 4: Potsdam

Included meals: Breakfast

Travel to Potsdam, where American, British, and Soviet leaders drew up plans for the postwar administration of Germany at the Potsdam Conference. • Explore the historic town center, New Garden, and Dutch Quarter with a guide • Step inside Cecilienhof Palace, site of the Potsdam Conference's iconic photo

Dresden

Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Dresden

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Leave Berlin for a guided tour of Dresden, once considered to be the most beautiful city in the world. • Stroll through the Old Town and pass the renovated Semper Opera House, site of the Saxon State Orchestra • Admire the Dresden Frauenkirche and statue of Martin Luther • See the Zwinger Palace, a striking example of Baroque architecture, and walk through the palace gardens This evening, sit down to an included dinner with your group.

Day 6: Free day in Dresden

Included meals: Breakfast

Spend a full free day in Dresden or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion Görlitz \$95/pp

Until 1945, the modern-day towns of Zgorzelec, Poland, and Görlitz, Germany, were a single entity. In their current separated state, each town offers unique insights into their nations' shared history. Enjoy an included lunch in Zgorzelec, and then cross the bridge over the Neisse River onto the Germany side. Here, a local guide gives you a tour of Görlitz, including a visit to the Church of St. Peter and Paul. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$105)

Bamberg

Day 7: Bamberg via Weimar

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Travel to Bamberg by way of Weimar, the UNESCO-listed intellectual hub that nurtured the genius of Goethe, Nietzsche, and Schiller. • Learn about the city's literary history on a walking tour through the Old Town • See remnants of the Bauhaus architectural movement • Discover the German National Theatre and its monument to Goethe and Schiller Then, continue on to Bamberg where you'll sit down to an included dinner with your group. *(Please note: Some departures may overnight in Würzburg, Bayreuth, or Coburg instead of Bamberg.)*

Day 8: Sightseeing tour of Bamberg

Included meals: Breakfast

Set off with a local guide on a walking tour through Bamberg, a city built on seven hills. • Enter the towering Bamberg Cathedral and surrounding square • Pass the Baroque New Palace • Stand in awe of Old Town Hall, built in the middle of Regnitz River • Visit the quaint fisherman's village of Little Venice Enjoy a free afternoon in Bamberg or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion **Historic Nuremberg \$89/pp**

Step into history as you set off on a guided tour of Nuremberg, Bavaria's second-largest city. See where Nazi party rallies were held in the late 1920s and throughout the 1930s. Then, enter the Memorial Nuremberg Trials museum and see Court Room 600, where the infamous Nuremberg Trials took place after World War II. Then, enjoy free time to explore the city's charming old town and stroll along the Pegnitz river. Please note: This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure. Court Room 600 may be closed when trials are in session. Must book 20 days before departure

Munich

Day 9: Munich via Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Included meals: Breakfast

Set off for Munich, stopping en route in Rothenburg ob der Tauber for a sightseeing tour of the town's picturesque squares. Enjoy a free evening in Munich or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion **Munich Home-Hosted Dinner \$79/pp**

Join a local at their home in Munich to enjoy traditional dishes and dine like a true Münchner. During this dinner, you'll receive an authentic understanding of your host's day-to-day life while learning about Bavarian culture and traditions from a new perspective. Please note: This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure. Must book 20 days before departure

Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Munich

Included meals: Breakfast

Get to know the Bavarian capital on a guided tour. • Travel past the Englischer Garten and fashionable Schwabing district • Enter the Nymphenburg Palace, the Baroque home to past Bavarian royalty • Walk from Odeonsplatz through the nearby Hofgarten to view the Residenz, once home to the Wittelsbach dukes of Bavaria • Explore Marienplatz, Munich's medieval heart, and see the famed Glockenspiel Enjoy a free afternoon in Munich or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion **Dachau \$35/pp**

Once a typical German town, Dachau served as the first Nazi concentration camp during World War II. Visit this somber site, which has since been transformed into a Holocaust memorial museum that serves as a testament to the strength of the human spirit. A local guide will walk you through Dachau's poignant exhibits, which are echoed by the memorials to the victims that adorn the grounds. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$45)

Day 11: Free day in Munich**Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Spend a full free day in Munich or add an excursion. Say goodbye to your group at a farewell dinner this evening.

Optional Excursion Neuschwanstein Castle \$69/pp

Head into the mountains of Bavaria to visit the regal Neuschwanstein Castle —the historic retreat of Bavaria’s King Ludwig II, who was known for his reclusive tendencies. Disneyland’s Magic Kingdom Castle was modeled after Neuschwanstein's whimsical design, and you may choose to take the shuttle bus, walk, or take a horse-drawn carriage up the castle hill to the fairy-tale residence. As you tour the castle’s interior, you’ll discover many examples of its former king’s eclectic tastes, including murals depicting his favorite scenes from Wagnerian operas and a stalactite grotto. Choose to take a horse-drawn carriage or walk back down the hill. Please note: Carriage rides up are not included in the excursion price and the lines for carriage rides are often long. The path to the castle is mostly paved road, but the walk can take approximately 20–30 minutes. Winter months are prone to inclement weather and the shuttle buses may not run. In addition, the walk to the castle may be slippery and covered in snow. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$79)

Day 12: Departure**Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)**

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or continue on to Vienna.