

TRAFALGAR

OUR GUESTS RATE US

92%

BASED ON 369
INDEPENDENT USER
REVIEWS

BEST OF GERMANY

12 DAYS, 8 CITIES

Baroque cities, the Bavarian Alps and mythical Black Forest - this one's straight out of a Brothers Grimm fairy-tale. Circle north, south, east and west to see the Pied Piper's Hamelin, medieval Rothenburg and Munich's musical Glockenspiel. Explore the magical castles of Neuschwanstein, and gain insight into a 'divided Germany' in Berlin and the little village of Mödlareuth.



HIGHLIGHTS

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- City tour in Berlin
- Cruise along the River Rhine
- Orientation of Frankfurt, Cologne, Hamburg, Dresden, Nuremberg, Rothenburg, Munich and Heidelberg
- See the Lorelei Rock, Cologne Cathedral and Bavarian Alps
- Visit Hamelin, the Berlin TV Tower, Mödlareuth Open Air Museum and Neuschwanstein castle

DINING

- 11 hot buffet breakfasts
- 1 lunch
(Be My Guest)
- 4 dinners

TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS

- Audio Headsets for flexible sightseeing
- Daily breakfast and an average of 50% of evening meals
- Luxury air-conditioned coach with WiFi in most countries or alternative transportation (such as rail journeys)
- Cherry-picked hotels, all tried and trusted
- Hand-picked Insider Experiences
- Optional Experiences and free time
- All portorage and restaurant gratuities
- Must-see sightseeing and surprise extras
- An expert Travel Director and separate Driver
- All hotel tips, charges and local taxes
- VIP entry to many sights

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

- Specific transfer information can be found on [the airport transfers page](#)

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 - ARRIVE FRANKFURT

Welcome to Frankfurt - a city renowned for its old-world charm and modern sophistication which you will have a brief opportunity to enjoy before meeting your Travel Director this afternoon for an orientation of the medieval Römerplatz and dynamic financial district. This evening we enjoy a Welcome Reception with our fellow travellers, including a light meal and welcome drink to kick off our discovery of the best of Germany.

HOTEL Sheraton Offenbach

MEALS Welcome Reception

DAY 2 - FRANKFURT – RHINE CRUISE – COLOGNE – DÜSSELDORF

Resist the alluring calls of Lorelei and board your leisurely cruise along the mighty River Rhine. Glide past the romantic vineyard-clad hills, stopping to experience an unforgettable Be My Guest banquet shared over stories of knights and feuding lords and ladies in a fairy-tale 13th century castle perched high above the river valley. After lunch, we continue north before arriving in Cologne, where we will view the Gothic spires of its magnificent cathedral during our orientation of the city. We continue to Düsseldorf where we will dine tonight at our hotel.

HOTEL Leonardo City Center

MEALS Buffet Breakfast Be My Guest Dining Dinner

DAY 3 - DÜSSELDORF – HAMELIN – HAMBURG

Journey through the lush green landscape of Lower Saxony, stopping in the legendary town of Hamelin, immortalised in the medieval tale of the Pied Piper. We continue to the international trade centre of Hamburg, where we'll join our Travel Director for an orientation tour of the city's iconic sights. Spend the rest of the day at leisure exploring the city's seafaring heritage. Wander along the trendy Mönckebergstrasse, visit one of the city's brewhouses or consider a guided cruise along the city's waterways and discover why Hamburg is called Germany's 'Gateway to the World'.

HOTEL Crowne Plaza City Alster

MEALS Buffet Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

The Port Of Hamburg Harbour Cruise

Despite being located 110 km (68 miles) inland, Hamburg is often referred to as 'Germany's Gateway to the World' due to the sheer number of ships that pass through the city. We'll enjoy a relaxing cruise with refreshments as we see Hamburg's skyline, historic fish market and shipyards while we learn about the city's maritime traditions.

Adult Price: **€31.00**

DAY 4 - HAMBURG – BERLIN SIGHTSEEING (2 NIGHTS)

Follow the picturesque Elbe Valley from Hamburg, crossing the former 'Iron Curtain' to the historic city of Berlin, whose once-turbulent history has shaped its rebirth as a charismatic capital city. Join your Local Specialist to explore the iconic landmarks of a unified Berlin. See the neo-Renaissance Reichstag, Tiergarten, Brandenburg Gate, Unter den Linden Boulevard and Kurfürstendamm, renowned for its shopping and entertainment. Enjoy some time at leisure this afternoon to explore the city on your terms. Relax with an Ebbelwei on the Friedrichstrasse and watch the world go by.

HOTEL Hilton

MEALS Buffet Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Dinner And Berlin By Night

Tonight join us as we enjoy great food, wine, beer, music and company before discovering the stunning illuminated landmarks of the German capital.

Adult Price: **€60.00**

DAY 5 - BERLIN SIGHTSEEING

Ascend the iconic Berlin TV Tower for inspiring Cultural Insight providing 360° views of the city and meandering River Spree. Enjoy some time at leisure this afternoon to

explore the city on your terms. See the remnants of the Berlin Wall, consider visiting the infamous Checkpoint Charlie or enjoy an Optional Experience to the District of Potsdam, the former Prussian royal seat, for sightseeing and an unforgettable meal.

MEALS Buffet Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Berlin's Secret Past Revealed

Uncover secrets of Berlin's past with your Local Specialist on a guided tour of the city. View the Holocaust Memorial, touch a remaining section of the Berlin Wall, see the site of Checkpoint Charlie, and learn more about Berlin's WWII and Cold War past.

Adult Price: **€31.00**

Potsdam Highlights With Dinner

At the Western edge of Berlin, we'll stop on the shores of Greater Wannsee, the incongruously beautiful setting for the infamous 1942 conference to plan the 'Final Solution'. Next we'll cross Glienicke Bridge, the so-called "Bridge of Spies" of Cold War spy swaps fame. Reaching Potsdam, we continue to the beautiful Park Sanssouci, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, before finishing our afternoon by enjoying a meal in a former hunting lodge on the shores of the lake.

Adult Price: **€70.00**

DAY 6 - BERLIN – DRESDEN

A short drive south brings us to Dresden, the 'Florence on the Elbe', where you'll hear about the city's restoration following its devastation during World War II as you amble past its beautiful Baroque façades. See the Semper Opera, Zwinger Palace and fully reconstructed Frauenkirche. Consider delving into the treasures of Dresden joining an Optional Experience to explore this elegant city.

HOTEL Pullman Newa

MEALS Buffet Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Dresden Royal Treasury and Moritzburg Castle

See the highlights of the fabulous Green Vault, one of the richest treasure chambers in Europe, with your Local Specialist. Afterwards, driving out of Dresden, we'll stop for refreshments before reaching Moritzburg Castle to discover its opulent baroque interior. The surrounding woodlands were once a favourite hunting area for the Kings of Saxony.

Adult Price: **€53.00**

DAY 7 - DRESDEN – MÖDLAREUTH – NUREMBERG

Visit the village of Mölareuth which inherited the moniker of "Little Berlin" due to its wall separating 'east' and 'west'. Gain insights into a divided Germany at its open-air museum and see a section of the original wall with its security features. This afternoon we arrive in the Bavarian city of Nuremberg, once the unofficial capital of the Holy Roman Empire, today the economic, social and cultural capital of Franconia. See the mighty castle ramparts and St. Sebald's Cathedral on your orientation tour of the city, then spend the rest of your evening at leisure indulging in grilled Nürnberger and sauerkraut.

HOTEL Maritim

MEALS Buffet Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Franconian Lunch And Rally Grounds Documentation Centre

You'll enjoy a delicious light lunch with a drink at the world's largest bratwurst restaurant. Then we'll make our way to the rally grounds and unfinished Congress Hall of the former Nazi Party. This extraordinary structure has since been transformed and now houses an exhibition detailing the Nazi Party's fascination with rallies and the causes and consequences of National Socialism. An audio guide is provided.

Adult Price: **€47.00**

DAY 8 - NUREMBERG – ROTHENBURG – MUNICH (2 NIGHTS)

Amble through the charming cobblestone streets of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, its beautiful medieval centre seemingly frozen in time and encircled by a fortified town wall that remains intact after centuries. See the beautiful Market Square lined by quaint half-timbered houses and the Old Town Hall before following parts of the Romantic Road through picturesque villages and pristine countryside to the

sophisticated city of Munich. See the Olympic Stadium, built as the main venue for the 1972 Olympic Games, before arriving at your hotel.

HOTEL Sheraton Westpark

MEALS Buffet Breakfast

DAY 9 - MUNICH ORIENTATION

Today is yours to embrace the Bavarian heritage of Munich. Enjoy an orientation tour of the city's landmarks including Odeonsplatz and Marienplatz, famous for its Glockenspiel, enacting stories from the 16th century. Explore Baroque palaces and vibrant markets, and embrace the Bavarian region's rich beer brewing heritage at Hofbräuhaus am Platzl, built in the 16th century by Maximilian I.

MEALS Buffet Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES

Bavarian Evening

Munich is the heart of Bavaria and it's fuelled by some of the best food and drink in the country. See the Hofbräuhaus before you enjoy a selection of traditional Bavarian dishes in a typical local restaurant and absorb the atmosphere of a real Bavarian beer hall.

Adult Price: **€65.00**

The Dachau Memorial Site

Germany's first concentration camp was opened immediately after Hitler's rise to power, just outside Dachau, near Munich. Maintained as a memorial, this visit will provide an insight into this tragic period in history.

Adult Price: **€31.00**

DAY 10 - MUNICH – NEUSCHWANSTEIN – BLACK FOREST

Snap your fingers and be transported to a land of fables and folklore. This morning we tread in the footsteps of shy King Ludwig II visiting his fairy-tale Neuschwanstein Castle, built as a retreat for the king to withdraw from public life. We continue through the magical countryside to the Black Forest, whose mystical landscape inspired fantasy and fiction from the famous Brothers Grimm. This evening, we dine at our hotel.

HOTEL Best Western Hofgut Sternen

MEALS Buffet Breakfast Dinner

DAY 11 - BLACK FOREST – HEIDELBERG – FRANKFURT

Admire the centuries-old craft of cuckoo clock making during a Cultural Insight before driving to the famous university town of Heidelberg, straddling the Neckar River. View the ruins of Heidelberg Castle, one of the most important Renaissance structures north of the Alps, as well as the Baroque-style Old Town with its bustling market squares and colourful façades. Spend the rest of the afternoon finishing up some last-minute shopping before continuing on to Frankfurt. Our exploration of the fascinating sights and sounds of Germany is at its end. Tonight we enjoy a Farewell Dinner with our travel companions reminiscing over the highlights of our trip.

HOTEL Sheraton Offenbach

MEALS Buffet Breakfast Farewell Dinner

DAY 12 - DEPART FRANKFURT

After breakfast we say a fond farewell to our newfound friends and Frankfurt after a memorable holiday. Transfers to Frankfurt Airport are available. Conditions apply.

MEALS Buffet Breakfast

AVAILABLE DEPARTURES

DEPARTS	RETURNS	TWIN LAND ONLY	SINGLE LAND ONLY
7 Apr 2018	18 Apr 2018	2825 USD	3495 USD
14 Apr 2018	25 Apr 2018	2825 USD	3495 USD
21 Apr 2018	2 May 2018	2825 USD	3495 USD
28 Apr 2018	9 May 2018	2825 USD	3495 USD
5 May 2018	16 May 2018	2825 USD	3495 USD
12 May 2018	23 May 2018	2825 USD	3495 USD

19 May 2018	30 May 2018	2825 USD	3495 USD
26 May 2018	6 Jun 2018	2825 USD	3495 USD
2 Jun 2018	13 Jun 2018	2825 USD	3495 USD
9 Jun 2018	20 Jun 2018	2850 USD	3520 USD
16 Jun 2018	27 Jun 2018	2850 USD	3520 USD
23 Jun 2018	4 Jul 2018	2850 USD	3520 USD
30 Jun 2018	11 Jul 2018	2850 USD	3520 USD
7 Jul 2018	18 Jul 2018	2850 USD	3520 USD
14 Jul 2018	25 Jul 2018	2850 USD	3520 USD
21 Jul 2018	1 Aug 2018	2850 USD	3520 USD
28 Jul 2018	8 Aug 2018	2825 USD	3495 USD
4 Aug 2018	15 Aug 2018	2825 USD	3495 USD
11 Aug 2018	22 Aug 2018	2825 USD	3495 USD
18 Aug 2018	29 Aug 2018	2825 USD	3495 USD
25 Aug 2018	5 Sep 2018	2825 USD	3495 USD
1 Sep 2018	12 Sep 2018	2825 USD	3685 USD
8 Sep 2018	19 Sep 2018	2825 USD	3685 USD
15 Sep 2018	26 Sep 2018	3050 USD	3910 USD
22 Sep 2018	3 Oct 2018	3050 USD	3910 USD
29 Sep 2018	10 Oct 2018	2925 USD	3785 USD
6 Oct 2018	17 Oct 2018	2925 USD	3785 USD
13 Oct 2018	24 Oct 2018	2825 USD	3495 USD