



Itinerary

Germany's Cultural Cities & the Romantic Road with Oberammergau Passion Play featuring Berlin, Hamburg, Marburg, Rothenburg and Munich

Pre Night: Hotel Riu Plaza Berlin



Would you like to begin your vacation with an additional Hotel in Berlin?

Day 1: Overnight Flight



This enchanting journey offers the best of Germany. Travel to some of the country's most iconic cities, view its stunning countryside and experience the epic Oberammergau Passion Play.

Day 2: Berlin, Germany - Tour Begins



Your tour opens in Berlin. This city blends a deep history, a modern flare and multi-cultural influences. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner.

Hotel

Hotel Riu Plaza Berlin
Berlin

Culinary

Dinner

Weather

High 70°
Low 53°
Rain 2"

Day 3: Berlin



This morning enjoy a traditional city tour that features Charlottenburg Palace, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the Schoenberg City Hall, Kurfuerstendamm, the Reichstag building and a stop at "Checkpoint Charlie," the best-known Berlin Wall crossing point between East and West Berlin during the Cold War.

Hotel

Hotel Riu Plaza Berlin
Berlin

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 70°
Low 53°
Rain 2"

Day 4: Berlin - Lübeck - Hamburg



Your destination is Hamburg with its winding canals and impressive harbor that have made it a center of trade for centuries. En route, make a stop in the medieval Hanseatic League town of Lübeck, the famed birthplace of marzipan and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Join a local guide for a tour of the town and have a chance to visit Café Niederegger to shop for the marzipan they have been making for 200 years. Arrive in Hamburg. Tonight, enjoy dinner out on the town.

Hotel

Reichshof Hamburg - Curio By Hilton
Hamburg

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Day 5: Hamburg



Come to know the city on a panoramic tour that showcases the Rathaus (Town Hall), the Alster, St. Michaelis Church, the city center, the beautiful Jungfernstieg promenade and, of course, the port of Hamburg - dubbed the "gateway to the world." Later, it's your choice! Board a harbor boat for a narrated cruise around the massive Hamburg shipping port highlighting the key maritime sights. Or, embark on a relaxing boat cruise on Alster Lake to take in stunning views of the shoreline dotted with the homes of Hamburg's elite. Later we gather for a walking tour of the Reeperbahn area, Hamburg's red light district, immortalized as the place where the Beatles cultivated their fame in the early 1960s. Join in the fun with your "singing and ukulele playing local Beatles expert" and travel down memory lane.

Hotel

Reichshof Hamburg - Curio By Hilton
Hamburg

Culinary

Breakfast

Day 6: Hamburg - Bremen - Hamelin



Today's first stop is in Bremen, at the beginning of the Fairy Tale Road. Join a local guide for a walking tour of this quaint town featuring the musicians of Brothers Grimm fame, the Town Hall (UNESCO), and the medieval Schnoor district. Later, travel to Hamelin, made famous by the Pied Piper legend from the stories of the Brothers Grimm. Feel like you have stepped into a storybook when the "Pied Piper of Hamelin" plays delightful tunes while he leads you on a discovery walk through Hamelin with its charming Tudor-style architecture.

Hotel

Hotel Stadt Hamelin
Hamelin

Culinary

Breakfast

Day 7: Hamelin - Trendelburg and Sababurg Castles - Kassel - Marburg



This morning you are transported back to childhood as you come face to face with the real life places that inspired the fairy tale classics. First, meet a local storyteller at Schönburg Castle, where you will have time to explore the enchanting grounds before traveling to the famed "Rapunzel's Castle" - Trendelburg. Continue on to Kassel, home to the Brothers Grimm Museum. At the museum, an expert will lead you on a tour through the interactive displays that bring you through the life of the Grimm Brothers. Journey to the medieval university town of Marburg with its endless alleys and stairways that lead to the castle perched above.

Hotel

Vila Vita Hotel Marburg
Marburg

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Day 8: Marburg - Würzburg - Rothenburg ob der Tauber



Journey to the perfectly preserved medieval town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, located in the middle of the famous Romantic Road and in the heart of the Franconia wine region. En route, make a stop in Würzburg, a Bavarian wine town known for its lavish Baroque and Rococo architecture. Enjoy time to explore the town on your own before continuing to Rothenburg, located high on a plateau overlooking the Tauber River. Arrive at your city center hotel, the perfect location to discover this captivating town. Take an evening stroll to a local restaurant where you'll enjoy a tasting of local wines followed by a traditional German dinner. Later, join a colorfully costumed local expert for the famous "Night Watchman" walking tour of this medieval town.

Hotel

Hotel Altes Brauhaus
Rothenburg

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 70°
Low 51°
Rain 2"

Day 9: Rothenburg ob der Tauber



Walk to a nearby bakery and taste a favorite treat of the locals – "schneeball" pastries, also known as "snowballs." Then, it's your choice! Tour the Medieval Crime and Justice Museum and get a peek into 1,000 years of grisly punishment -OR- take advantage of free time to explore the city on your own. Later, take a private tour through the famous Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas Museum, enjoy an ornament-making demonstration, and shop for handmade Christmas trinkets. The remainder of the day yours.

Hotel
Hotel Altes Brauhaus
Rothenburg

Culinary
Breakfast

Weather
High 70°
Low 51°
Rain 2"

Day 10: Rothenburg ob der Tauber - Neuschwanstein Castle - Oberammergau



Today we make our way through mountains and along winding country roads for a tour inside the famous Neuschwanstein Castle. Built by the "crazy" King Ludwig II, it is the most photographed castle in Germany. Next, continue to the quaint, picturesque village of Oberammergau.

Hotel
An Oberammergau Region Hotel
Oberammergau Region

Culinary
Breakfast & Dinner

Weather
High 71°
Low 51°
Rain 7"

Day 11: Oberammergau - Passion Play



This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honor the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast start to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travelers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance.

Hotel
An Oberammergau Region Hotel
Oberammergau Region

Culinary
Breakfast & Lunch

Weather
High 71°
Low 51°
Rain 7"

Day 12: Oberammergau - Munich



Today we travel to Munich, the exciting capital of Bavaria. Feel the energy of this lively city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park, the world-famous Glockenspiel,* and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Enjoy time to explore Munich before gathering with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of your memorable trip.

Hotel
Sheraton Munich Arabellapark Hotel
Munich

Culinary
Breakfast & Dinner

Weather
High 72°
Low 54°
Rain 5"

Day 13: Munich - Tour Ends



This morning your tour comes to a close.