



Itinerary

Germany's Cultural Cities & the Romantic Road featuring Berlin, Hamburg, Rothenburg and Munich

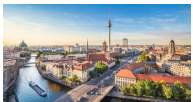
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Pre Night: Hotel Riu Plaza Berlin



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

Day 1: Berlin, Germany - Tour Begins



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

Hotel

Hotel Riu Plaza Berlin
Berlin

Culinary

Dinner

Weather

High 12°
Low 3°
Rain 1"

Day 2: 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. This afternoon you may choose to join an optional excursion outside the city to visit Potsdam and the Cecilienhof Palace.

Hotel

Hotel Riu Plaza Berlin
Berlin

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

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Rain 1"

Day 3: Berlin - Lübeck - Hamburg



Travel to Hamburg, "the Venice of the North," with winding canals and an impressive harbour that made it a centre for 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

Culinary

Day 4: Hamburg



Come to know the city on a panoramic tour that showcases the Rathaus (Town Hall), the Alster, St. Michaelis church, the city centre, the beautiful Jungfernstieg promenade and, of course, the Port of Hamburg, dubbed "the gateway to the world." Later, it's your choice! Board a harbour 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.

HotelReichshof Hamburg - Curio By Hilton
Hamburg**Culinary**

Breakfast

Day 5: 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 the quaint town featuring the musicians of Brothers Grimm fame, the Town Hall (UNESCO), and ending in the medieval Schnoor district. After free time for lunch, 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 whilst he leads you on a discovery walk through Hamelin with its charming Tudor-style architecture.

HotelSchlosshotel-muenchhausen
Hamelin**Culinary**

Breakfast

Day 6: Hamelin - Schönburg and Trendelburg 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 Travelling 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.

HotelVila Vita Hotel Marburg
Marburg**Culinary**

Breakfast & Dinner

Day 7: 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. You will 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 centre 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 the medieval town.

HotelHotel Altes Brauhaus
Rothenburg**Culinary**

Breakfast & Dinner

WeatherHigh 13°
Low 3°
Rain 1"

Day 8: Rothenburg ob der Tauber



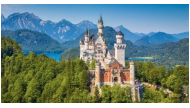
Join in a walk to a local bakery to taste "schneeball" pastries – snowballs – a favourite treat of the locals. Then, it's your choice! Enjoy free time -OR- tour the Medieval Crime and Justice Museum. Later, we gather to spend time at the famous Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas Museum where you will be treated to a private tour, enjoy an ornament-making demonstration, and shop for handmade Christmas ornaments. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

HotelHotel Altes Brauhaus
Rothenburg**Culinary**

Breakfast

WeatherHigh 18°
Low 8°
Rain 2"

Day 9: Rothenburg ob der Tauber - Neuschwanstein Castle - Munich



Leave Rothenburg behind and make your way through mountains and along winding country roads for a tour inside the famous Neuschwanstein Castle. Built by “crazy” King Ludwig II, it is the most photographed castle in Germany. Next, continue to Munich, the exciting capital of Bavaria. Your evening is free to explore the city independently.

Hotel

Sheraton Munich Arabellapark Hotel
Munich

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 17°
Low 7°
Rain 4"

Day 10: Munich



Come to know the energy of this lively and fascinating city during a panoramic walking tour that highlights the world-famous Glockenspiel* and Marienplatz – a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. This afternoon, it's your choice! Join a local guide and venture to the innovative BMW World to learn the history of this dynamic global automaker; then ride to the top of the Olympic Tower to take in stunning views of the Munich cityscape -OR- embark on a poignant journey through history as you travel to the Dachau Memorial; a local expert guides you through the former concentration camp where you will learn firsthand about the terrors as well as the resilience of the human spirit that occurred within those walls. The remainder of your day is at leisure. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a beer tasting followed by a farewell dinner in one of Munich's most famous restaurants.

Hotel

Sheraton Munich Arabellapark Hotel
Munich

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

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Day 11: Munich - Tour Ends



This morning your tour comes to a close.

Post Night: Sheraton Munich Arabellapark Hotel



Enjoy the culture of classic Munich from this modern hotel. The Sheraton Arabellapark Hotel is just steps away from one of Munich's central attractions, the English Garden. Experience the beer gardens and beauty of the city from the comfort and convenience of the hotel.