

COACH TOUR - BEST OF GERMANY - 11N/12D



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Best of Germany:
12days Tour (Trafalgar)

The scenery of the Rhine, Black Forest and Bavarian Alps; the history of Frankfurt, Rothenburg and Heidelberg; the modernity of Berlin and Munich - this trip reveals Germany at its best. You'll enjoy Insider moments like... your first glimpse through Castle Liebenstein's ramparts down to the villages and boats on the Rhine below, as you make your way up to the hillside fortress after your cruise along the river.



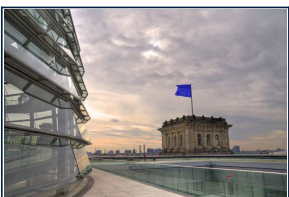
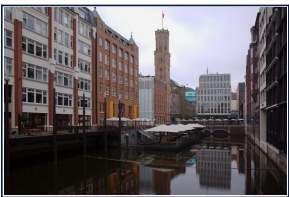
Day 1 : ARRIVE FRANKFURT

Welcome to Frankfurt. After check-in this afternoon your Travel Director takes you on an orientation of the city's dynamic financial centre and medieval Römerplatz. Tonight join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception including a light meal and welcome drink.

Meal(s)

Welcome Reception

Hotel : Sheraton Offenbach





Day 2 : FRANKFURT - RHINE CRUISE - COLOGNE

This morning see the site of the famous Lorelei Rock and cruise along the mighty River Rhine past medieval castles and terraced vineyards. Stop to experience a unique Be My Guest lunch at an atmospheric castle above the river. Pass the famous vineyards along the Rhine Valley before arriving in Cologne, Germany's fourth largest city. View the impressive Gothic cathedral during your orientation of the city. Dine tonight at your hotel.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Be My Guest Dining

Dinner

Hotel :Mercure Severinshof Köln City/Lindner City Plaza



Day 3 : COLOGNE - HAMELIN - HAMBURG

Drive through Lower Saxony and stop in Hamelin en route to Hamburg. Hamelin is a picturesque town of fairy tale fame and is immortalised in poems by Goethe and Robert Browning. Later in Hamburg see the main sights during your orientation tour with your Travel Director. Consider a guided cruise along the city's water ways and discover why Hamburg is called Germany's 'Gateway to the World'. Dine tonight at your hotel.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Dinner

Hotel : Crowne Plaza Hamburg City Alster



Day 4 : HAMBURG - BERLIN SIGHTSEEING (2 NIGHTS)

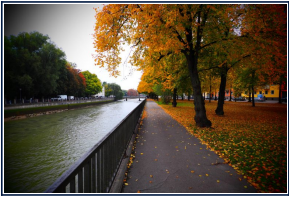
Follow the valley of the River Elbe from Hamburg, across the former 'Iron Curtain' to the historic city of Berlin, your home for the next two nights. This afternoon marvel at the landmarks of the old East and West sections of Berlin during your sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. See the Brandenburg Gate, Unter den Linden and the Reichstag Building which were all major points of focus 25 years ago in 1990 during the reunification of East and West Germany. Also see the Tiergarten and Kurfürstendamm famous for its shopping and entertainment.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Hotel : Hilton





Day 5 : BERLIN SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

This morning enjoy a Cultural Insight experience with fantastic 360° views of the city from the Berlin TV Tower. Spend the rest of your day exploring on your own and shopping for souvenirs.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Day 6 : BERLIN - DRESDEN

A short drive south brings you to Dresden - known as 'Florence on the Elbe'. See the highlights of this astonishing Baroque city including the Opera House and Zwinger Palace. Consider taking an in-depth look at the treasures of Dresden on a Optional Experience.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Hotel : Pullman Newa

Day 7 : DRESDEN - MÖDLAREUTH - BAYREUTH - NUREMBERG

Visit the Mödlareuth Open Air museum for an insight into 'divided Germany'. See the differences between East and West Germany as well as parts of the original Berlin Wall. In Bayreuth admire the Wagner Festival Theatre before arriving in Nuremberg, where you see mighty ramparts and St. Sebald's Cathedral on your orientation tour of the city.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Hotel : Maritim Nuremberg

Day 8 : NUREMBERG - ROTHENBURG - MUNICH (2 NIGHTS)

Your Travel Director takes you on an orientation walk of Rothenburg, perhaps the most well-preserved medieval town in Germany. Sights include half-timbered houses and the Old Town Hall. Shop for wooden Christmas ornaments before following parts of the Romantic Road through picturesque villages and pristine countryside to Munich, the lively capital of Bavaria. See the Olympic Stadium before arriving at your hotel.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Hotel : Sheraton Westpark/Hilton City

Day 9 : MUNICH ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME

See the city's landmarks on your orientation tour including Odeonsplatz and Marienplatz, famous for its Glockenspiel. You could visit Munich's fine museums or enjoy a walk in some of the beautiful city gardens. This evening consider an Optional Experience to one of Munich's world famous beer halls.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Day 10 : MUNICH - NEUSCHWANSTEIN - BLACK FOREST□Stop at Neuschwanstein to visit King Ludwig's fairy-tale 19th century castle. Admire the scenery as you drive through the hills and lakes of the Black Forest.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Hotel : Maritim Titisee

Day 11 : BLACK FOREST - HEIDELBERG - FRANKFURT

This morning enjoy a Cultural Insight when you learn how the famous cuckoo clocks are made during a demonstration of the craft. A scenic drive brings you to the famous university town of Heidelberg built alongside the picturesque River Neckar. View Heidelberg Castle, one of the most important Renaissance structures north of the Alps, as well as the Baroque style Old Town. Enjoy some free time for souvenir shopping before continuing on to Frankfurt. Tonight enjoy a Farewell Dinner with your travel companions as you celebrate the highlights of your trip.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Farewell Dinner

Hotel : Sheraton Offenbach

Day 12 : DEPART FRANKFURT

This morning, say 'Auf Wiedersehen' to your Travel Director and travelling companions as your memorable holiday comes to an end. Transfers to Frankfurt Airport are available. Conditions apply.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

INCLUSIONS:

Sightseeing Highlights:

City tour in Berlin

Orientation of Frankfurt, Cologne, Hamburg, Dresden, Nuremberg, Rothenburg, Munich and Heidelberg

Visit Hamelin, the Berlin TV Tower, M dlareuth Open Air Museum and Neuschwanstein castle

Cruise along the River Rhine

See the Lorelei Rock, the Wagner Festival Theatre in Bayreuth and Bavarian Alps

Dining

11 hot buffet breakfasts.

1 lunch (Be My Guest).

4 dinners.

Travel Highlights:

Luxury air-conditioned coach with WiFi in most countries or alternative transportation (such as rail journeys)

Hand-picked 4 and 5 star accommodation

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

Audio Headsets for flexible sightseeing

Airport Transfers