

# Best of Germany

29 August – 05 September

8 days from €231 (Lm 99) per day Prices quoted are per person in Euro and may vary without notice. Conditions apply

**Tour Pace** - Driving days are not long and there are two-night stays in both Munich and Berlin, but with so much packed into this itinerary, time will appear to pass quite quickly. Essentially, it's a well planned tour to allow you to experience the very best Germany has to offer in just over a week.

**Hotels** - There is an excellent selection of modern hotels in all the cities on this tour. There is one exception, however, the Eisenhut in medieval Rothenburg, which is full of character and tradition and lies just a few steps from the magnificent Town Hall.

**Fellow Passengers** - Being a shorter duration, this tour is well suited for travellers based in the northern hemisphere. It also appeals to those with an interest in German tradition and culture, medieval architecture, as well as the more recent history of WWII.

**Highlights** - Be captivated by the old world charm of Rothenburg and Nuremberg and the amazing re-birth of Dresden to its former baroque splendour. Contrast the red sandstone castle of Heidelberg with that of Neuschwanstein, which is more reminiscent of a Disney fairytale!

Tour Rothenburg, the best preserved medieval town in Germany



## Day 1 – Malta – Frankfurt – Mainz.

Meet the tour leader at Malta International Airport where we check in for our Lufthansa flight to Frankfurt where upon arrival we are transferred to our hotel. From the Rhine Valley to Bavarian Alpine peaks and the dynamic capital of Berlin, this is a tour of contrasts! Experience lively cosmopolitan cities, historic old towns, as well as breathtaking natural scenery. As night falls, join your Tour Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Drink. **Hotel: Hilton City Mainz. (D)**

## Day 2 – Mainz – Rothenburg.

Begin your exploration of Germany with an orientation tour of Frankfurt, seeing the Romerberg Square, the 14th century cathedral and the house where Goethe was born. Continue to Heidelberg, the city of the 'Student Prince', set on the banks of the River Neckar. Sightseeing includes the view over the old quarter of the city from the heights of the famous castle fortress. Now on to Rothenburg-ob-der Tauber, the most well-preserved

town on the Romantic Road. Plunge back into the 16th Century as you walk through narrow cobbled streets lined with high-gabled houses to the market square dominated by its magnificent Renaissance town hall. In the evening, enjoy a delicious Highlight Dinner of local cuisine. **Hotel: Eisenhut. (BB,HD)**

## Day 3 – Rothenburg – Munich.

Enjoy an enchanting journey through peaceful countryside and villages of flower-decked farmhouses as you follow the Romantic Road south to Munich. An orientation tour of the fun-filled Bavarian capital passes the Olympic Stadium with its amazing 'hanging' roof, and continues along the imposing Ludwigstrasse past the university and Victory Arch into the heart of the city. In the Marienplatz, crowds gather outside the soaring neo-gothic Town Hall to watch the enameled copper figures of the Glockenspiel stage an elaborate performance. **Hotel: Westin Grand Arabella. (BB)**

## Day 4 – Bavarian Alps Excursion.

Travel through the beautiful scenery of the German Alps, and visit Oberammergau, home since 1634 to the Passion Play: see the immense theatre and admire the colourfully painted chalets. Afterwards, continue along part of the German Alpine Road to the Wieskirche, a masterpiece of Bavarian rococo, before arriving at the 'fairytale' castle Neuschwanstein, perched on a spectacular Alpine mountainside. This was Ludwig II's favourite castle, though he spent little time here before his death. Visit exuberantly decorated apartments, including the Throne Room and Lohengrin Grotto. Return to your Munich hotel later this afternoon. Tonight, consider joining the locals for a lively evening of dinner, entertainment and foaming beer at one of Munich's world-famous 'Bier Kellers'? **(BB)**

## Day 5 – Munich – Dresden.

Drive north across the Danube to Nuremberg, still entirely enclosed by its fortifications and home of Albrecht Dürer. Although the town was heavily bombed in World War II, it still remains a treasure trove of early German history and medieval architecture. Tour the Old Town, to see the charming blend of stone and timbered dwellings and the massive ramparts with its 46 towers. Take some time to shop for delicious Lebkuchen (gingerbread) before heading for the 'Florence of the Elbe', Dresden. **Hotel: Westin Bellevue. (BB,D)**

## Day 6 – Dresden – Berlin.

Join a local guide to see the splendours of the city. From the Frauenkirche, which has risen again from the destruction of WWII, walk past 'The Procession of the Dukes', a mosaic of colossal proportions on the Royal Palace façade. See the cathedral, Semper Opera House and baroque Zwinger Palace, before departing for the German capital, Berlin. This evening, you might like to try some traditional Berliner cuisine? **Hotel: Steigenberger Hotel Berlin. (BB)**

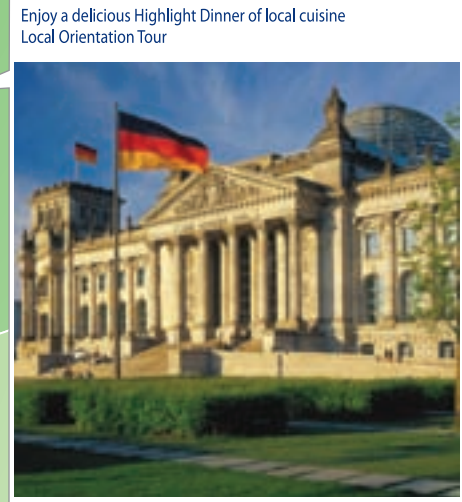
## Day 7 – Berlin Sightseeing.

A guided sightseeing tour takes you along the Unter den Linden past the Humboldt University and Opera. Stop on Museum Island before passing the Brandenburg Gate, symbol of the reunification. See the glass-domed Reichstag building and drive through the Tiergarten. Spend the afternoon at leisure or take an optional excursion to Potsdam, site of the post war meetings which resulted in the division of the city? This evening perhaps round off the trip by sampling Berlin's famed nightlife? **(BB)**

**Day 8 – Berlin – Malta.** Your tour comes to an end today. Transfer to airport for our flight to Malta.



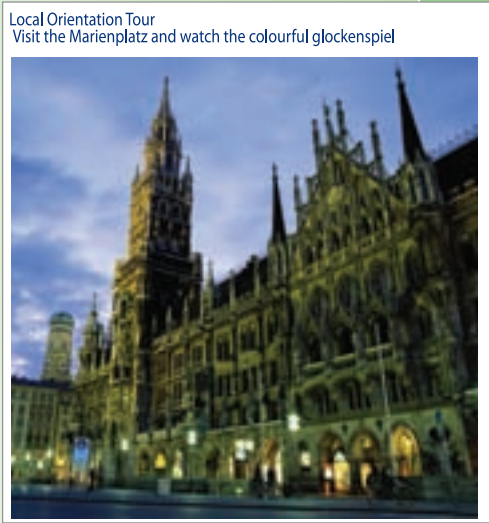
Locally Guided Sightseeing Tour



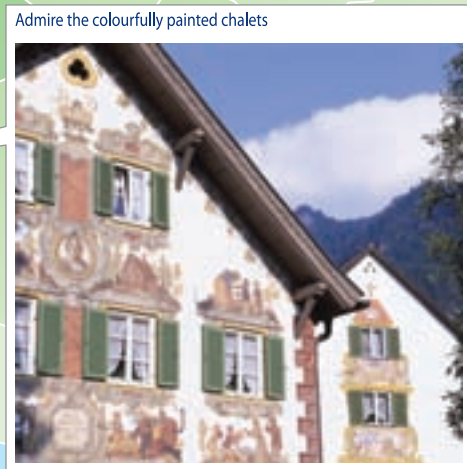
Enjoy a delicious Highlight Dinner of local cuisine Local Orientation Tour



Local Orientation Tour



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Admire the colourfully painted chalets

Visit this 'Fairytale' Castle, perched on a spectacular Alpine mountainside

CENTRAL HOTELS & NIGHTS

## Enjoy Your Included Tour Features

### Premium Highlights

Visit Neuschwanstein, the fairy-tale castle built in the 19th century by "mad" King Ludwig II

### Additional Excursions & Sights

See Romerberg Square, the cathedral and Goethe's house in Frankfurt  
Ascend to the terrace of Heidelberg Castle for views over the old town and Neckar River  
Explore Rothenburg-ob-der Tauber, the most well-preserved medieval town in Germany  
Drive along parts of the German Castle Road and the Romantic Road

See Munich's Olympic Stadium, Marienplatz, Town Hall and Glockenspiel

See the theatre and colourful chalets in Oberammergau - home of the Passion Play  
Visit the Wieskirche, a masterpiece of Bavarian rococo

See the city walls and tour the old town of Nuremberg  
In Dresden, see the Frauenkirche, mosaic mural, Opera House and Zwinger Palace  
Drive along Berlin's Unter den Linden past the Humboldt University and Opera  
See the Brandenburg Gate and Reichstag building

### First Class Services

Escorted by a professional Tour Director  
Luxury air-conditioned coach with onboard toilet  
Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage  
Airline Taxes, Fuel Surcharge and Service Charge  
Traveller document wallet, map book journal and information pack  
Airport arrival and departure transfers.

### More Included Meals

Highlight Dinner of local cuisine in medieval Rothenburg (HD)  
6 Buffet Breakfasts (BB) and 2 three-course table d'hôte Dinners, or Buffets, plus tea or coffee (D)

Triple	€ 1849	Lm 794
Twin	€ 1849	Lm 794
Single	€ 2229	Lm 957
Child 5- 11	€ 1639	Lm 704
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