

# HIGHLIGHTS OF GERMANY

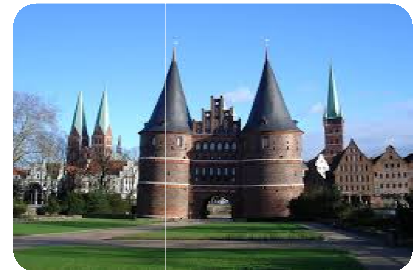
**11 Nights/ 12 Days**

Germany is Europe's largest nation, both in population and the size of its economy. Geographically it offers everything from North Sea and Baltic beaches to Bavarian Alpine splendor. Germany's rivers are legendary, and you can cruise many of them on special river ships, or explore them by rail or car. Whether you are looking for relaxation or adventure, refined culture or vibrant nightlife, you can find it in Germany.

## **Day to Day Itinerary :**

### **Day 1 : Arrive in Frankfurt, Germany.**

Check into your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to see some of Frankfurt. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers. **(Meals: Dinner)**



### **Day 2 : Frankfurt–Rhine Cruise–Cologne–Rhineland.**

Today's highlight is an included RHINE CRUISE from Oberwesel to Boppard to enjoy scenic views of the Rhineland, including the famous Lorelei rock. The next highlight is Cologne and a visit to its impressive gothic CATHEDRAL, started in 1248 and completed in 1880. **(Meals: Breakfast & Dinner)**

### **Day 3 : Cologne Area–Hamelin–Hamburg.**

This morning, journey into Niedersachsen to visit Hamelin. Admire its town center with its colorful historical buildings and magically fancy gables. Also hear the story of the Pied Piper. Continue to Hamburg, where you arrive in time for an optional harbor cruise. **(Meals: Breakfast)**

### **Day 4 : Hamburg–Lübeck–Berlin.**

Start the day with an orientation drive in Hamburg, one of Germany's greatest maritime cities. Later this morning, a comfortable drive to Lübeck, formerly a free Hanseatic city and independent state. Lübeck, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is considered the cultural capital of northern Germany. Thomas Mann, Günther Grass, and Willy Brandt—all Nobel laureates—were among the famous residents of this city. Continue eastwards on the Autobahn to reach Berlin in time to enjoy your first evening in the capital of Germany. **(Meals: Breakfast)**

### Day 5 : Berlin.



No longer divided but every bit as fascinating, Berlin was once the city of contrasts with the wall separating two different worlds. Now the city has developed into a harmonious blend of new and old, preserving its historical buildings and impressive boulevards as well as creating brand new buildings in the most daring architectural styles. See all of this on the included city sightseeing with a Local Guide. Maybe join an optional excursion this afternoon. **(Meals: Breakfast)**

### Day 6 : Berlin–Dresden–Leipzig.

This morning, travel southwest to Dresden, the old capital of Saxony, at one time rightly called the “Florence on the Elbe.” See the ZWINGER CARILLON PAVILION and much more of this city on your included sightseeing. Then it’s on to Leipzig, where the great composers Johann Sebastian Bach and Felix Mendelssohn lived the last years of their lives. It was Mendelssohn who founded the Leipziger Conservatory in 1843. **(Meals: Breakfast & Dinner)**



### Day 7 : Leipzig–Weimar–Coburg–Nuremberg.



Leave Leipzig for a stop in Weimar, home to many intellectuals of the past but mainly known for the name given to the historical period of the “Republic of Weimar.” This city is also famed as the home of the Bauhaus architectural movement in the 1920s. Next stop is Coburg. Visit the dominating and mighty VESTE COBURG CASTLE, built in 1225. Continue to Nuremberg for a visit to its famous town center dominated by the Imperial Castle. **(Meals: Breakfast)**

### Day 8 : Nuremberg–Rothenburg–Munich.

Drive along the Romantic Road, through towns and villages protected by medieval towered gates and battlements, with squares of half-timbered houses and richly decorated fountains. A fine example of this architecture is the center of Rothenburg, where you stop awhile. Overnight in Munich. **(Meals: Breakfast)**

### Day 9 : Munich.

With a Local Guide, take advantage of the included sightseeing tour of the city known as Germany’s “secret capital.” Time to admire the beautiful main square, MARIENPLATZ, do some shopping, and sample its most famous product—beer! **(Meals: Breakfast & Dinner)**



**Day 10 : Munich–  
Neuschwanstein–Black  
Forest Area.**

Leave Munich and drive into the heart of the Bavarian Alps to visit the most famous 19th-century, neo-romantic castle of the world, King

Ludwig II's NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE. Enjoy more fairytale scenery on your way through the Black Forest for an overnight here. **(Meals: Breakfast & Dinner)**



**Day 11 : Black Forest Area–Heidelberg–Frankfurt.**

The day starts by traveling to Heidelberg for a short visit. This city is the location of Germany's oldest university and became an inspiration and myth for the German Romantic movement. From here, just a few more miles to Frankfurt. **(Meals: Breakfast)**

**Day 12 : Frankfurt.**

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. **(Meals: Breakfast)**

**COME HOME WITH WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF YOUR TOUR!!!**

**Inclusions:-**

1. Accommodation in Standard & First Class hotels with breakfast
2. Meals as mentioned in the itinerary
3. Touring by private, first-class, air-conditioned motorcoach
4. Rhine cruise
5. Sightseeing as mentioned in the itinerary
6. Services of a local guide and professional Tour Director while touring