

# Switzerland and Germany

**\*\*For Oktoberfest\*\***

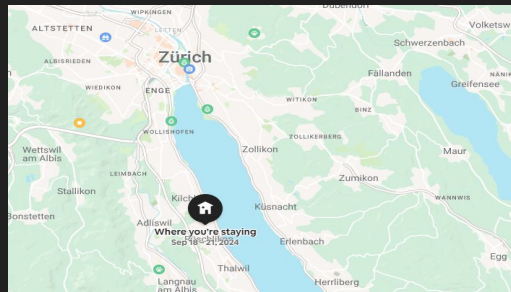


Travel Out with Overnight Flight  
Arrival Day - Zurich  
Day 1-2 - Switzerland\*\*  
Day 3 - Train to Munich  
Day 4 - Munich/OktoberFest  
Day 5 - Nordlingen  
Day 6 - Heidlenburg  
Day 7 - Koblenz  
Days 8-10 - Cologne  
Day 11 - Train to Zurich  
Day 12 - Fly Home

# ARRIVAL DAY

September 18th

Flight Arrived at 10:35 AM  
Zurich, Switzerland



Alte Landstrasse 23 (Airbnb)  
Check In and Walk the  
Neighborhood



# Zurich

## Arrival Day

- Discover the City!
  - Zihl River Walk
  - Altstadt (Old Town)
  - Zurich Zoo
  - Walk the Bahnhofstrasse
  - Dolderbahn
  - Zurich's Munsters (Churches)





# Arrival Day





# From the Locals:

## Bars/Clubs

- Wednesday: Helden Bar for Cheap Drinks and Dancing (Gay Bar and Cash Only)
- Thursday: Kweer Bar for Karaoke (Gay Bar)
- Friday for Cocktails: Old Crow
- Friday: Club Heaven

## Honorable Mentions:

- Barfuubar
- Jules Verne Panoramabar (Day Time)
- Tales Bar

## In Zurich:

## Food

### Breakfast:

- Recommended: Babu's
- Recommended: La Soupiere

### Lunch:

- Recommended: Ristorante Bianchi
- Recommended: Swiss Chuchi Restaurant (Fondu!)

### Dinner:

- Restaurant Blockhus
- Recommended: William Butcher's Table (\$\$\$)



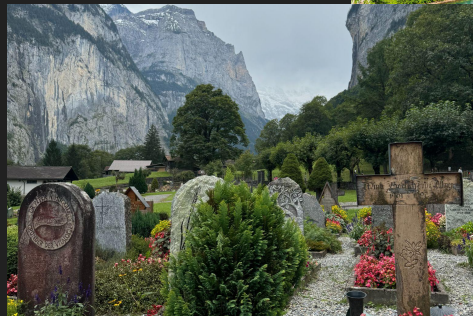
Schloss Wildegg

# Trip to Bern

## Day 1

(Driving Time 2.5 Hours)

Bern Old Town



Lauterbrunnen

- Old Bern Town (+1 hour)
- Thun Castle and Town (Drive Through)
- St. Beatus-Holn Caves (+ 1-2 Hours)
- Interlaken (Drive Through)
- Lauterbrunnen (1 Hour)
- \*\* Grindelwald Peak (+ 2 Hours)
- Lucerne (+ 1 Hour)



# Rigi Panorama

## Day 2

(Driving Time 1.5 Hours)

- Rigi Panorama Hike
  - Rigi The Path of Nature Treasure (Moderate)
- Höllgrotten Baar - Caves



Rigi Panorama

Höllgrotten Baar



# Train to Munich

## Day 3

- Train to Munich 3.5 Hours (\$100 pp)
  - Make sure to figure out your ticketing prior to the day you depart
  - I find it always easiest to go to the station for Passport Control etc.
  - We found it easiest to use the Airport Train Terminal





# Munich

## Arrival



Nymphenburg Palace

Fischbrunnen

Olympiapark München

- Monopteros im Englischen Garten

- English Garden

- Friedensengel

- Stachus

# OKTOBERFEST

Day 4

Brairsol Tent

**\*\*Gay Day at Oktoberfest\*\***

*The First Sunday of Oktoberfest is Gay Day at Brairsol Tent!*

*Check the Blog for Tips on how to get your Table!!*





# From the Locals of Munich:

## Munich:

### Bars/Clubs

- NY Club (Techno)
- Prosecco\*
- Blitz
- DNA
- RoteSonne
- Nil
- Underground (Leather bar)

Beach: Flaucher

### Food

- Fesch
- Fraunhofer
- Brenner Grill Mediterranean  
(Reservations)
- Munchner Stubn
  - Ganze Schweinshaxe

Gayborhood: Glockenbachviertel

### Breweries

- \*Augustiner-Keller
- Hofbrauhaus Munchen

### Saunas

- Deutsche Eiche
  - (Busy Sun 3pm-7pm)
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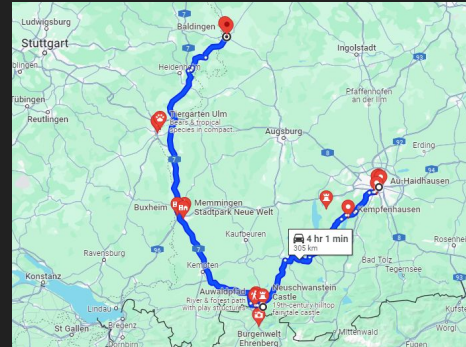
# Road to Nördlingen

## Day 5 5 Hours Driving

- Neuschwanstein Castle (1 hr 45 min)
- Romantische Str to Nördlingen (2 hr 30 min)



Neuschwanstein Castle



JUFA Hotel





## “On the Daniel”

The 90-metre-high church tower on the market square is not only the emblem of Nördlingen, but can be seen from far and wide throughout the Ries.

In Nördlingen



## Tanner Quarter

Close to the little river Eger, the Lederergasse and the Vordere Gerbergasse are home to many imposing tanners' houses, some of which have been restored beautifully

## Nördlingen Fountain

Nördlingen served as the site of two historic battles, and marked a turning point in the Thirty Years' War. In the first Battle of Nördlingen in 1634, the Swedish Protestant forces were decisively defeated for the first time by the imperial Habsburg troops.





# Heidelberg

## Day 6

- Altstadt Heidelberg (Shopping and Site Seeing)
- Heidelberg Castle



## Heidelberg

### Market Square (Marktplatz)

In the heart of the Old Town, surrounded by beautiful baroque buildings, it's the perfect place to unwind and watch the world go by. Try a local delicacy, like a piece of creamy Käsekuchen (cheesecake).



### Philosopher's Walk

A scenic path that has inspired great thinkers for centuries. The trail provides panoramic views of the city and is especially beautiful in spring and autumn.

### Heidelberg Castle

As Mark Twain, former resident part-time, aptly described it, the castle has a sandstone facade and is beautifully set against the lush rolling green of the mountains.





# Koblenz

## Day 7

- Cochem Castle or Ruedesheim am Rhein (Wine)
- Sporkenburg Ruins or Marksburg Castle



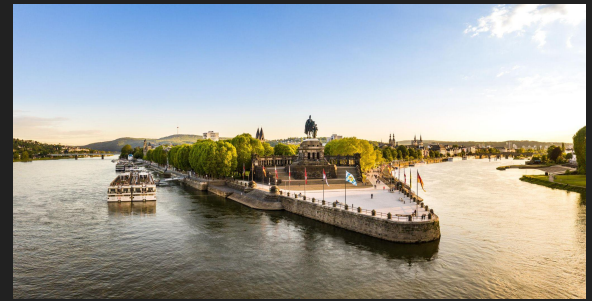


## Koblenz

### Deutsches Eck

*with Emperor's Monument*

The Deutsches Eck (German Corner) rises strikingly into the waters and forms the confluence of the Moselle and Rhine. The statue of Kaiser Wilhelm rises imposingly here. At 37 metres high, it was one of the most imposing bronze statues in Germany



### Schloss Koblenz

Majestic 18th-century palace compound known for its sprawling, neoclassical design & lavish gardens. (Near Deutsche Eck)



### Stolzenfels Castle

Only a few kilometers from the city center of Koblenz rises in the district of the same name, high above the left bank of the Rhine, the 19th century Stolzenfels Castle.

### Fortress Ehrenbreitstein

The large fortress situated on a hill overlooking the city of Koblenz and the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers. It is one of the most impressive historic fortresses in Germany.



# Cologne, Germany

## Days 8-10

- Cologne Cathedral
- Old Town Cologne
- Chocolate Museum
- Botanical Gardens





## Cologne

### Chocolate Museum (\$16 ish)

From cocoa plantations to the chocolate factory  
*"Follow the path of cocoa and chocolate"*

Learn about the inventors, entrepreneurs and traders from the cocoa to the package!



### Flora Botanical Gardens

A beautiful, serene, lush botanical garden located near the Cologne Zoo. Be filled with tranquility and awe!



### Schaafenstraße

There's a high density of bars along the 150 metres of Schaafenstraße, as well as loads of clubs and party venues. You can spend all night going from bar to bar!

### \*Bath Houses\*

Phoenix Sauna (Better People)  
Babylon (Has a Pool\*\*)

### Bus Tour

The "hop on, hop off" bus is ready to take you on a city tour of Cologne.





# From the Local Gays:

## Cologne:

### Bars/Clubs

- The Borough of Ehrenfeld
  - Helios 37
  - Club Bahnhof
  - Artheater
- Bootshaus - #4 Club in World
- Mumu
- Exile
- (Ex)Corner
- Pullermanns (more 'stuff' going on)
- Barcelon\*\*
- Zur Kaiserin\*
- Baustelle4U

### Food

- Breakfast: St. Louis Breakfast Club (*Reservation*)

**\*Specialty Dish: "Himmel Und Ad"**

\*Check for Gay Parties when there\*

### Breweries

- Paffgen Brauhaus \*

### Saunas

- The Pheonix Sauna
  - "Twinkish" Feel
  - Younger Crowd
- Babylon Sauna
  - "Nicer"
  - Big Pool

# September 29th

## Train to Zurich and then HOMEWARD BOUND



Uetliberg ↗



↙ Thermalbad & Spa

B&B Hotel Zurich: Airport Rumlang (Add \$96/pp)

