

# Best of Germany

12 Days | 1 Country | 16 Meals | Balanced Activity

See all the sights on this jam-packed Best of Germany trip. From cutting-edge Berlin, you'll travel back in time and enjoy a medieval banquet in a castle, watch life along the Rhine unfold on a cruise and see how the beauty of the Black Forest inspired fables and fairy tales.



- Key
- Start
  - End
  - ① Overnight
  - Sightseeing

**Day 1 Welcome to Frankfurt** On your first day in Germany, see the sights of Frankfurt on your own before meeting your Travel Director for an orientation of Römerplatz and the financial district. Later, enjoy a light meal and welcome drink. **(D)**  
**Hotel: Sheraton Offenbach**

**Day 2 Cruise along the Rhine and journey to Cologne** Board your leisurely Rhine cruise, stopping for lunch at a 13th-century castle where we **Connect With Locals** at our **Be My Guest** experience and lunch with views over the Rhine Valley. Visit Cologne and view the Gothic spires of its cathedral during an orientation. **(B, L)** **Hotel: Mercure Koeln Belfortstrasse**



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*Join a Local Specialist to appreciate the splendor of Munich and learn how the city is creating a more sustainable future, meeting passionate contributors along the way.*

**Day 3 Onwards to the Port City of Hamburg** Journey through the lush landscape of Lower Saxony to the international trade center of Hamburg for an orientation tour. Spend the rest of the day at leisure exploring the city's seafaring heritage. Tonight, we will dine at our hotel. **(B, D)**  
**Hotel: Crowne Plaza City Alster**

**Day 4 Journey to Berlin** Cross the former 'Iron Curtain' to Berlin where your **Local Specialist** will reveal the city's iconic landmarks, including the neo-Renaissance Reichstag, the Tiergarten, Brandenburg Gate and Unter den Linden. Enjoy some time at leisure this afternoon. **(B)**  
**Hotel: Catalonia Berlin**

**Day 5 Discover the History and Icons of Berlin** Ascend the iconic Berlin TV Tower for 360° views of the city and Spree River. You'll learn how this landmark changed from being a symbol of the communist regime of East Germany to a symbol of a reunited Berlin before enjoying some time this afternoon to explore Berlin your way. You could choose to join an Optional Experience to delve into the

secrets of Berlin's past, including a visit to the site of Checkpoint Charlie. **(B)**

**Day 6 Off to Dresden** Visit Dresden, the 'Florence on the Elbe' and learn about the restoration of the city's beautiful Baroque façades following its devastation during World War II. See the Semper Opera, Zwinger Palace and the fully reconstructed Frauenkirche. This afternoon, you could choose an Optional Experience to visit the Dresden Royal Treasury, one of the richest treasure chambers in Europe, followed by a visit to Moritzburg Castle. **(B)**  
**Hotel: Bilderberg Bellevue Dresden**

**Day 7 Venture to Historic Nuremberg** Gain insights into a divided Germany at Mödlareuth's open-air museum and see a section of the original wall with its security features. This afternoon, arrive in Nuremberg, once the unofficial capital of the Holy Roman Empire. During your orientation, see the mighty castle ramparts and stand in the Hauptmarkt main square, then spend the rest of your evening at leisure, perhaps indulging in grilled *Nürnberger Rostbratwurst* with *sauerkraut*. **(B)** **Hotel: NH Collection**

**Day 8 Continue to Medieval Rothenburg and Munich** Stroll through the medieval center of Rothenburg, seemingly frozen in time and encircled by a fortified town wall that remains intact after centuries. Admire its beautiful market square and the Old Town Hall before following part of the Romantic Road through villages and the countryside to Munich. **(B)** **Hotel: Holiday Inn Westpark**

**Day 9 Explore Munich** Immerse yourself in the splendor of Munich on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience guided tour with a **Local Specialist**, discovering Munich as a diverse, inclusive and sustainable city. See the distinctive towers of the Cathedral as well as Marienplatz, with its charming glockenspiel. **(B)**

**Day 10 Admire Neuschwanstein Castle and the Black Forest** Snap your fingers and be transported to a land of fables and folklore. Visit King Ludwig II's fairy-tale Neuschwanstein Castle, then continue to the Black Forest, whose mystical landscape inspired fantasy and fiction from the famous Brothers Grimm. This evening, we dine at our hotel. **(B, D)** **Hotel: Hofgut Sternen**

**Day 11 On to Heidelberg and Frankfurt** Witness the centuries-old craft of cuckoo clock making as you **Dive Into Culture**. Then view the ruins of Heidelberg Castle, as well as the Baroque-style Old Town. Tonight, we enjoy a Farewell Dinner with our newfound friends. **(B, D)** **Hotel: Sheraton Offenbach**

**Day 12 Farewell Germany** After breakfast, we say a fond farewell to our newfound friends after a memorable vacation. Find out more about available airport transfers at [trafalgar.com/freetransfers](http://trafalgar.com/freetransfers). **(B)**

Included meals: Breakfast **(B)** Lunch **(L)** Dinner **(D)**  
Hotels: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

Trip code: GBOG

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### Departure months

Mar - Oct

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for dates and prices



## Included highlights and must-sees

**Explore** Berlin with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Frankfurt, Cologne, Hamburg, Dresden, Nuremberg, Rothenburg, Munich and Heidelberg

**Visit** the Berlin TV Tower, Mödlareuth Open Air Museum and Neuschwanstein Castle

**View** Cologne Cathedral and Heidelberg Castle

**See** the Lorelei Rock and the Bavarian Alps

**Scenic Cruise** along the Rhine River

**Be My Guest** lunch in a medieval castle high above the Rhine River valley



*"We spent many hours going back through photos and remembering how special the trip was and the friendly people we met along the way. We are still in touch with one of the couples we met on the trip."*

- Mike Hannott

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