

Germany Private Tour

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Overview

A place of deep history and reflection, there is a range of emotions associated with visiting the concentration camp of Dachau near Munich and Berlin Wall Memorial that is balanced by visits to the medieval town of Rothenburg and the fairy tale Neuschwanstein castle. A country rich in culture, Germany has hundreds of museums brimming with international artifacts, world-renowned art, and cutting-edge technology. It's not hard to find peaceful retreats outside of the cities, including the verdant Black Forest and the heavenly spa town of Baden-Baden.

GERMANY

Temperature Range

Highs: High 70s°F

Lows: Mid 20s°F

Area

357,027 SQ KM

137,849 SQ MILES

Population

82 Million

Language

German

Capital

Berlin

Currency

Euro

Day 1

Fly Home/Munich

Through our sister company, premium air provider TRAVNET, we may assist with your international airfare, as well as with mileage points conversion.

Day 2

Arrive Munich

Upon arrival in Munich, you will be privately transferred to The Charles Hotel.

The Charles Hotel

Situated in the heart of Munich, the Charles Hotel is synonymous with refined. Overlooking the Old Botanical Garden or the sprawling city, each of the 136 rooms was designed by Olga Polizzi, blending classic Bavarian detailing with contemporary design. Special features of the Charles Hotel are its indoor pool, which is the longest in all of Munich, Sophia's restaurant serving modern European cuisine, and complimentary WiFi throughout the hotel. The Rocco Forte Spa within the hotel is a

true place of relaxation, with five treatment rooms, a beauty salon, Finnish sauna, steam room with color therapy and aromatherapy, foot baths with a heated bench, and a state-of-the-art gym.

Meals: --

Accommodations: The Charles Hotel

Day 3

Munich Private Tour

Using one of our expert private guides, your day will begin with a visit to the Church of Our Lady (Frauenkirche), a gothic church whose two domed towers people often say look like beer steins bubbling over. For lunch, you will stop at Marienplatz Square, a bustling area filled with street performers, restaurants, and unique shops. Then you may visit Rathaus, Munich's city hall, a gorgeous building whose famous Glockenspiel chimes one to three times a day. Afterward, you will continue to St. Peter's Church (Peterskirche) where a climb to the top of the tower greets you with an unparalleled view of Munich. Your day will end at Augustiner-Keller, one of the last remaining traditional beer gardens in the city center. Enjoy refreshing pints as you relax after a long day of touring.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: The Charles Hotel

Day 4

Dachau Private Tour Excursion

Thirty minutes outside of Munich, Dachau was one of the first Nazi concentration camps in Germany that would later serve as a model for following camps and a “school of violence” for SS members. Here you will walk the “Path of the Prisoners,” created using firsthand accounts, that follows their arrival to the camp, daily life, and their journey to either death or liberation — this is quite a sobering experience. In the afternoon you will be returned to Munich with the remainder of the day free.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: The Charles Hotel

Day 5

Neuschwanstein Castle Private Tour + Transfer to Rothenburg ob der Tauber

You will be privately driven to the Neuschwanstein Castle, an approximately 1.75-hour drive from Munich. The 19th-century Romanesque Revival “castle of the mad king”, Neuschwanstein was built by King Ludwig II as a private retreat that now sees 1.4 million visitors each year. The fairytale castle was inspired by the dreamlike works of Richard Wagner and has, in turn, inspired other castles, including that of Disney’s *Sleeping Beauty*. In the evening, you will be transferred to Rothenburg ob der Tauber for the Night Watchman’s walking tour, where you will learn what daily medieval life was once like in this charming town.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Hotel BurgGartenpalais

Hotel BurgGartenpalais

The Hotel BurgGartenpalais is housed in one of the oldest buildings in Rothenburg, right in the heart of the city. The hotel has a warm, romantic air, though the 17 rooms are rather spartan, yet quite comfortable. The real draw here is the hotel’s rose garden, one of the largest private gardens in the city and the perfect place to enjoy a nice cup of coffee after a day of touring. Other features of the Hotel BurgGartenpalais are its restaurant serving delicious regional specialties and free WiFi.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Hotel BurgGartenpalais

Day 6

Rothenburg Private Tour + Transfer to Baden-Baden

Germany’s second largest city in the Middle Ages, Rothenburg ob der Tauber still maintains its medieval charm. You will embark on a morning walking tour, beginning with the Town Hall tower, where you will climb to the top for a sweeping view of the walled city and surrounding countryside. You will continue to St. Jakob’s Church with a 500-year-old altarpiece hand carved by Tilman Riemenschneider. Stop in the local shops for some trinkets to take home before lunch. In the afternoon, you will be transferred to Brenners Park-Hotel & Spa in Baden-Baden.

Brenners Park-Hotel & Spa

First opened in 1872, the 5-star Brenners Park-Hotel & Spa has been a haven for relaxation for over 145 years. The 104 rooms are furnished in a classic, warm style with balconies overlooking the villas of Baden-Baden, the lush park, or the babbling River Oos. The true draw of Brenners is its Destination Spa within the historic Villa Stéphanie that focuses on four distinct areas combining beauty, detox and nutrition, emotional balance, and

medical care. The medical and spa facilities, with only 15 rooms, are hand-tailored to the individual. The hotel additionally includes a pool, fitness center, complimentary WiFi, and three restaurants: Rive Gauche, Wintergarten, and Brenners Park-Restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Brenners Park-Hotel & Spa

Day 7

Black Forest Private Tour

Today, your tour will begin with a visit to Titisee, a glacial lake that passes through deep gorges. Here you may sail, swim, or pedal along the lake, before visiting the Triberg Waterfalls, one of the highest waterfalls in Germany that flows over 534 feet down the Gutach River. There are three different hiking trails you may choose from: Naturweg, Kulturweg, or Kaskadenweg. In the evening, you will be returned to Brenners Park-Hotel & Spa.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Brenners Park-Hotel & Spa

Day 8

Fly Baden-Baden/Hamburg + Hamburg Private Tour

Following breakfast at Brenners Park-Hotel & Spa, you will be transferred to the Baden-Baden Airport for your flight to Hamburg. Upon arrival in Hamburg, you will be assisted with your baggage and transferred to the Port of Hamburg for a walking tour of the area. You will walk along the 19th-century Warehouse District. Along the waterfront is the Köhlbrandbrücke, a 2.4-mile bridge that spans the harbor, and Elbphilharmonie or “Elphi”, a concert hall with a striking architectural design. Following your walking tour, you will be transferred to the Fairmont Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten.

Fairmont Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten

The 156-room Fairmont Hotel is an elegant hotel where all room and suites have recently been renovated with attention to detail and modern amenities, including Apple docking stations, private tablets, and heated bathroom mirrors that don't fog. The Spa and fitness center includes seven different treatment rooms, a sauna, steam baths, and a gym. For dining, there are the Michelin-starred Restaurants Haerlin, Jahreszeiten Grill, and Nikkei Nine serving Japanese-Peruvian fusion cuisine.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Fairmont Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten

Day 9

Hamburg Private Tour

You will spend today wandering down Hamburg's Museum Mile, featuring five major galleries. On one end is Kunsthalle, housing one of Europe's largest art collections, including works by Paul Klee, Max Ernst, and Picasso. On the other end is Deichtorhallen, formed from two 19th-century market halls, one now a minimalist Art Hall with works by Baselitz, and Beuys, and the other a photography exhibit with pieces by Martin Parr, Richard Avedon, and Sarah Moon. Following, you will cross underneath the Elbe River by walking through the Old Elbe Tunnel, a retro-futuristic tube adorned with Art Deco ornaments. After dinner, you will visit the red-light district of Reeperbahn, with bars, dance clubs, and great places for live music, in addition to other shops you'd expect to see in this area.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Fairmont Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten

Day 10

Hamburg Private Tour + Transfer to Berlin

Before making the drive to Berlin with your private driver, you will visit Planten un Blomen, a 116-acre park created with the planting of a Platanus tree in 1821, which is still there today. The Planten un Blomen includes a rose garden, Japanese garden, and a tropical greenhouse. Don't miss the "Wasserspiele", a display of fountains that 'dance' to music ranging from Beethoven to jazz to tango. After lunch at a local restaurant, you will be driven to the Rocco Forte Hotel de Rome in Berlin.

Rocco Forte Hotel de Rome

Converted from a 19th-century bank headquarters on the historic Bebelplatz off Unter den Linden, the 146-room 5-star Hotel de Rome is a smaller, less noisy (less touristy!) version of the landmark Adlon Hotel. We love the rooms' sleek, contemporary aesthetics, many with high ceilings and particularly nice and spacious bathrooms, limestone vanities, walk-in showers, and mosaic marble tubs. Among the dining options here is the hotel's rooftop terrace, which offers great views of Berlin's historic areas. The Rocco Forte de Rome provides a nice spa, gym, and interesting 65-foot indoor swimming pool (housed in the original bank vault!).

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Rocco Forte Hotel de Rome

Day 11

Berlin Private Tour

Following breakfast at the Rocco Forte Hotel, you will be met by your guide and driver for a full-day private tour of Berlin, including the following stopovers: Mauerpark, Gedenkstätte Berliner Mauer, the Berlin Wall Memorial, and Checkpoint Charlie, the crossing point between East and West Berlin during the Cold War. You will continue to Museumsinsel (Museum Island), a UNESCO World Heritage Site featuring five world-renowned museums. Visit the Reichstag building, created to house the Imperial Diet of the German Empire; the Jewish Museum, reflecting on the history and culture of the Jewish people, and the massive Moorish-Byzantine style Stiftung Neue Synagoge Berlin-Centrum Judaicum.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Rocco Forte Hotel de Rome

Day 12

Berlin Private Tour

Your tour will begin with a visit to the Memorial of Murdered Jews of Europe, designed by the architect Peter Eisenmann. The focal point of the sculpture is the "Field of Stelae" with more than 2,500 geometrically arranged concrete pillars. Continue to the Brandenburger Tor, inspired by Athen's Acropolis and built for King Frederick Wilhelm II in 1788. In the evening, your local guide will take you on a bike tour of Berlin, focusing on the high-energy area of Prenzlauer Berg, and several cultural and culinary hotspots, where you will choose a locally-owned restaurant for dinner.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Rocco Forte Hotel de Rome

Day 13

Potsdam Excursion

Following breakfast at the Rocco Forte Hotel, you will be met by your guide and driver for a full-day excursion

to the historical city of Potsdam. En route, you will make a stop at Wannsee Villa, the locale where in January 1942 the Nazi's agreed upon the "Final Solution". Among your stops in Potsdam will be the Cecilienhof Palace (where the Potsdam Agreement was signed in 1945 by Truman, Stalin, and Churchill), the city's fun, attractive Dutch Quarter (ideal for a late lunch), and the Sanssouci Gardens, the grounds of the royal residence of Frederick the Great.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Rocco Forte Hotel de Rome

Day 14

Fly Berlin/Home

Meals: Breakfast