



# Berlin to Bavaria

Berlin • Erfurt • Rothenburg • Oberammergau • Salzburg • Munich



## Day 1 • Depart

Our journey to Germany and Austria begins with our transatlantic flight to Berlin.

## Day 2 • Berlin

First stop, Berlin! A local guide takes us on a panoramic tour of Berlin where highlights include the **Brandenburger Tor**, the **Reichstag**, the **Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtnis-Kirche**, and the recently completed **Holocaust Memorial**. We also visit the **Museum of the Wall** at **Checkpoint Charlie** and a nearby section of the infamous wall. **D**

## Day 3 • Berlin

A fascinating day begins with a visit to the **Pergamon Museum**, with exhibits from ancient Greek and Babylonian civilizations. We also tour a bunker built for the defense of Berlin during WW II. A visit to **Hohenschönhausen**, a former prison during the Communist era, reminds us of the 40 years of political repression that ended in 1989. This evening we take a stroll along **Unter den Linden**. **B/D**

## Day 4 • Erfurt

Our destination today is Erfurt, capital of Thuringia. During the Middle Ages this was an intellectual, commercial, and spiritual center known as the “German Rome.” En route we visit **Buchenwald**, the former Nazi concentration camp, now a memorial to a dark period in Europe’s history. In Erfurt a walking tour acquaints us with the **Augustinian Monastery** which Martin Luther entered to become a monk. **B/D**

## Day 5 • Rothenburg

Our journey continues as we drive to Rothenburg ob der Tauber. Here we enjoy a tour of this beautiful medieval walled city, which includes Riemenschneider’s carved masterpiece, **Das Heiligblut-Altar**. The half-timbered buildings, narrow, cobblestone streets, and high ramparts remind us of life as it was 500 years ago! A visit to the **Kriminalmuseum** gives us a view of a by-gone – and definitely gruesome! – system of justice. **B/D**

## Day 6 • Oberammergau

Nestled deep in the Bavarian Alps, we find **Neuschwanstein Castle**, the crown jewel of eccentric King Ludwig II and one of the most photographed and visited attractions in all Europe. We take a guided tour of the castle and then

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continue to Oberammergau, famous for its wood carvings and as the home of the *Passion Play*, performed once every ten years. Tonight we enjoy a special dinner and magic at the **Zauberstub'n**. **B/D**

**Day 7 • Salzburg, Austria**

We tour the **Passion Play Theater** this morning before driving across the border to Salzburg, Austria. Then it's on to Salzburg, famous as the birthplace of Mozart and as the film site of *The Sound of Music*. A guided tour introduces us to the city's highlights, including the **Salzburg Cathedral**, the **Getreidegasse**, **Mirabell Gardens** and more. This evening we hike up to the **Hohensalzburg Fortress**, where we enjoy a lovely view of this attractive city. **B/D**

**Day 8 • Salzburg**

We take an excursion today to nearby **Hallein**, where we don miner's apparel and descend into a salt mine for an unforgettable tour. Be prepared for the "slide" of your life! A short drive further takes us to the base of Hitler's mountaintop tea house, the **Eagle's Nest**, near Berchtesgaden. The final stage to the summit is an elevator ride up through the mountain! **B/D**

**Day 9 • Munich**

Recrossing the border into Germany, we soon find ourselves in Munich, the capital of Bavaria. An introduction to the city is by bicycle. Our tour starts at the **Glockenspiel** on the **Marienplatz** and continues as a rolling history lesson embellished humorously by a guide. Tonight we enjoy a special folklore show at the historic **Hofbräuhaus**. **B/D**

**Day 10 • Munich**

The final day of our tour is open to many optional activities: the 1972 Summer Olympic grounds, the Deutsche Museum, the Viktualienmarkt, and the Alte Pinakothek. **B/D**

**Day 11 • Return**

Our journey through Germany and Austria comes to an end as we transfer via metro to the Franz Josef Strauss Airport for our return flight home. **B**

**Abbreviations for Meals: B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner**

**Cost of tour: \$1,359\***

*Land portion only*

*\*Based on minimum of 30 paying participants*

<u>Included</u>	<u>Not included</u>
<p><b>Transportation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach</li> </ul> <p><b>Accommodations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth hostels and multi-bedded tourist class hotels</li> </ul> <p><b>Meals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As indicated in itinerary</li> </ul> <p><b>Sightseeing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admission to all activities as indicated in itinerary</li> </ul> <p><b>Tour Guides</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher serves as tour leader (Professional tour director can be added upon request)</li> <li>• Local guides for city tours and major attractions</li> </ul> <p><b>Taxes and Tips</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All taxes and tips for provided services except end of tour tip for driver</li> </ul> <p><b>Complimentary Tours</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One per 8 paying participants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roundtrip air transportation</li> <li>• Professional tour director</li> <li>• Meals not indicated in the itinerary</li> <li>• Beverages, except with breakfast</li> <li>• End of tour tip for driver</li> <li>• Items of a personal nature such as passport fees <i>Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date</i></li> <li>• Travel Insurance</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>This tour can be customized to your specifications.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Tour Code: SPGB12</p>

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