



Rochester's sister cities in

Germany

June 12 - 22, 2026



Stadt
Moosburg
an der Isar



Rothenburg



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Day 1: Friday, June 12, 2026 • Depart U.S.

Our journey begins as we board our international flight bound for Munich, Germany. We look forward to new experiences and connections. **Inflight meals served**

Day 2: Saturday, June 13, 2026 • Arrival in Munich

We arrive in Munich, the city of *Gehmutlichkeit* (Good Cheer!) and start our exploration with a locally guided walking tour of the city's historic center. We see Marienplatz, the Frauenkirche, and Viktualienmarkt as we soak up the vibrant atmosphere. This evening, we enjoy a welcome dinner together and prepare for the days ahead. **D**

Day 3: Sunday, June 14, 2026 • Munich

Today, we set out to explore some of Bavaria's most charming treasures. Our morning is spent at Linderhof Castle, the smallest but most lavish of King Ludwig II's palaces. We wander through its richly decorated rooms and visit the enchanting Wagner Grotto, an artificial cave created by Ludwig as a private retreat to experience the music of his beloved composer, Richard Wagner. Though Wagner himself never performed here, the grotto featured special lighting and hidden orchestras, immersing Ludwig in a theatrical musical inspired by Wagner's operas. We continue to Ettal. We admire the beautiful baroque basilica and peaceful monastery grounds. The abbey is renowned not only for its spiritual heritage but also for its centuries-old tradition of brewing beer. Since the early 1600s, the monks have brewed beer here. We experience this tradition firsthand with a beer tasting, savoring the rich flavors crafted by the dedicated monks. Then we enjoy a delicious lunch at the abbey's restaurant, sampling authentic Bavarian dishes in a warm and historic atmosphere. In the late afternoon, we return to Munich, where we gather for a traditional Bavarian dinner in Munich's historic Ratskeller, enjoying hearty regional dishes and the warmth of local tradition. After dinner you can head back to the hotel, or you can visit the lively Hofbräuhaus on your own. **B,L,D**

Day 4: Monday, June 15, 2026 • Moosburg an der Isar (Sister City)

This morning, we explore the Alte Pinakothek, home to a remarkable collection of Old Master paintings. Later we visit the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site. Here, we reflect on the importance of peace and remembrance as we walk through the grounds and exhibits. It is a moment in



history never to be forgotten. In the afternoon, we head to Moosburg an der Isar, Rochester's sister city. Upon arrival, we receive a warm welcome from our hosts and begin cultural exchanges with local officials. We visit significant local landmarks including the Kastulus Minster, the peaceful Isar nature preserve, and the memorial fountain for Stalag VII -A, a WWII prisoner of war camp. **B,D**

Note: *Itinerary can be changed based on events with local dignitaries.*

Day 5: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 •

Moosburg an der Isar (Sister City)

This historic town on the Isar River invites us to experience its rich heritage and community spirit. It is the oldest town in southern Germany, with a Benedictine Abbey established as early as the 8th century. The town has a cultural and historical richness that it fosters to set itself apart from nearby, larger municipalities. Our team meets with local officials to observe how they are fostering community pride in the younger generations, maintaining their own culture and enveloping new technology and ideas into venerated traditions. **B,D**

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Day 6: Wednesday, June 17, 2026 •

Rothenburg ob der Tauber

This morning, our journey continues with a guided tour of Nuremberg, including the Documentation Center Nazi Party Rally Grounds. Then we savor a traditional Nuremberg lunch famous for its Nürnberger Rostbratwurst before we depart for Rothenburg ob der Tauber. This delightful little town is a favorite of travelers from around the world. We have some free to walk along the city wall, admire the half-timbered buildings or shop at Käthe Wohlfahrt's Christmas Village. After dinner, we learn more about life in medieval times as we accompany the Night Watchman on a guided tour of the town. **B,L,D**

Day 7: Thursday, June 18, 2026 • Münster (Sister City)

Today we head north toward Münster. Along the way, we make a scenic photo stop at Marienberg Fortress in Würzburg, offering panoramic views over the Main River, vineyards, and the baroque cityscape—a perfect spot to stretch our legs and capture memorable group photos. We continue north making a stop in Kassel where we visit the



Grimmwelt Museum, dedicated to the Brothers Grimm and their famous fairy tales. We explore exhibits highlighting German folklore and storytelling traditions. Afterwards, we continue to our sister city of Münster for dinner and overnight. **B,D**

Day 8: Friday, June 19, 2026 • Münster (Sister City)

We visit City Hall to meet the new Mayor and exchange greetings. A guided city tour—possibly by bike—highlights Münster's walkable and bike-friendly design, including its bike garages and promenade. We pause for lunch on our own along the river or harbor stopping at the Dominikaner Church to see the swinging pendulum sculpture. This evening we have a night history tour to learn about the church, the cages, and the horn blown each night.. **B,D**

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Day 9: Saturday, June 20, 2026 • Münster (Sister City)

We start the day at Münster's lively farmer's market before a visit to Saerbeck's Bioenergy Park to learn about local sustainability initiatives. The afternoon includes time at the university's botanical gardens or shopping in the old city center. We end the day with a group dinner, reflecting on our time with our sister city partners. **B,D**

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Day 10: Sunday, June 21, 2026 • Travel to Amsterdam

We travel to Amsterdam, arriving with time to explore this vibrant city. We may stroll along the canals, visit a museum, or enjoy local shopping. We share a final dinner tonight. **B,D**

Day 11: Monday, June 22, 2026 • Return to U.S.

Today, we transfer to Amsterdam Schiphol Airport for our flights home, carrying memories of our journey and new friendships forged and stories to tell when we return home. **B**

Abbreviations for Meals

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner



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