

Tour Code: MULL23

Eagle's Nest or Kehlsteinhaus



Germany, Luther & more!

September 2 - 14, 2023

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Neuschwanstein Castle

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*We are very excited about “Germany, Luther, and More” and invite you come with us. Mark is a Lutheran pastor, retired. LuAnn is a Registered Nurse. Together we have traveled on our own, with other groups, and this will be our eighth time hosting a tour in Europe. With Ed-Ventures we have crafted an experience of some of our favorite places (there are so many more!). There will be impressive castles, opulent palaces, places of history, important sites in Martin Luther’s life, natural beauty, good food and drink, and good friends—those you bring with you and those you will meet. Our surname, “Urlaub,” is German for “holiday” or “vacation.” Germans think it is funny but we like to “live up to our name.” Please contact us for more information and sign up soon. We think you need an Urlaub!
Mark and LuAnn*

Itinerary

Day 1: Saturday, September 2, 2023 • Depart USA

We begin our journey as we board our flight to Berlin Germany.

Day 2: Sunday, September 3, 2023 • Berlin

Welcome to Germany! On arrival in Berlin, we meet our tour guide and motor coach. A local guide joins us for a brief tour of the city. We will include stops at the famous Brandenburg Gate, Holocaust Memorial, and Topography of Terror to view a section of the Berlin Wall with history displays. We see the Cathedral, the Reichstag building, lively boulevards, and Check Point Charlie. Then we stop at our hotel and have a little free time to explore on our own. Perhaps some will want to visit the Pergamon Museum. Tonight, we enjoy a welcome dinner at our hotel. **D**

Day 3: Monday, September 4, 2023 • Wittenberg

This morning we drive to Wittenberg where our local guide takes us on a tour. It was here in 1517, that Martin Luther nailed his famous 95 Theses, sparking the Reformation. We also see the courtyard where the Cranachs painted the now famous portraits of Luther. The tour includes Castle Church and Stadtkirche St. Marien (St. Mary’s church) where Luther preached and his children were baptized. We see the Luther Oak where he burned the edict from Rome, which condemned him as a “heretic.” Spending time in the Lutherhaus Museum, we see where Luther lived first as a monk, then later with his wife and children. Here we view some of Luther’s very own personal library, rare manuscripts, and early Bibles. We have a free afternoon to explore on our own. This evening we dine in a local restaurant. **B, D**



Day 4: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 • Erfurt

After breakfast, we travel to Erfurt, where our local guide takes us on a tour including St. Mary’s Cathedral, St. Severin’s Church, and the famous Merchant’s Bridge. We end at the Augustinian Monastery where Luther became a monk on July 17, 1505. We be able to see his monastic quarters, including one cell furnished to look as it would have when he lived there. We have free time to explore before dinner on our own. **B**

Day 5: Wednesday, September 6, 2023 • Eisenach, Erfurt

Our day begins with an excursion to Wartburg Castle. In 1521, while fleeing from the wrath of the Pope, Luther took refuge in the Wartburg Castle after a fake kidnapping. We tour the Wartburg and see where Luther finished translating the New Testament into German in just 11 weeks. Next, we stop in the nearby town of Eisenach where Luther spent time as a schoolboy and sang in the choir of St. George’s Church. We see the Luther Haus and have free time for lunch. Then we continue on to Buchenwald Concentration Camp and remember a time in history never to be forgotten. We return to Erfurt for our overnight and dinner in traditional German restaurant with a flavor of Luther’s time. **B, D**

Day 6: Thursday, September 7, 2023 • Rothenburg ob der Tauber

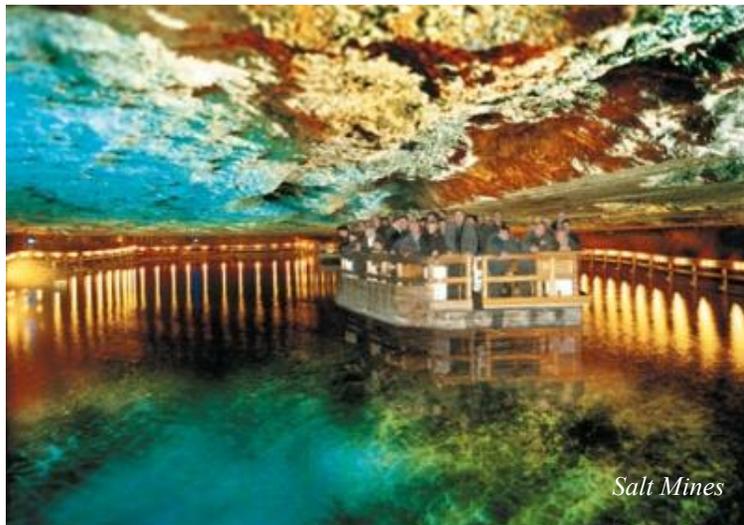
Today we drive to Rothenburg ob der Tauber, one of the most picturesque and best-preserved of the towns along the “Romantic Road.” It is one of Germany’s best walled medieval cities, with many of the buildings constructed by 1400. A local guide gives us a brief introduction. Then we have free time and a chance to walk the ramparts of the city walls, explore the amazing shops including Katie Wolfahrt’s world renown Christmas store, or perhaps see the famous Riemenschneider Altar. Tonight, after dinner we join the night watchman tour. **B**

Day 7: Friday, September 8, 2023 • Oberammergau

We start early today. Our day is filled with highlights as we continue south into the Bavarian countryside. We tour Schloss Neuschwanstein, the most famous of King Ludwig II’s castles. The palace is so impressive and dream-like that it inspired Walt Disney to create his own Fantasyland Castle. We visit the Wieskirche, the pilgrimage Church in the Meadow. We end the day in Oberammergau, site of the famed Passion Play, which takes place every ten years. **B, D**

Day 8: Saturday, September 9, 2023 • Oberammergau

This morning we visit the opulent Linderhof Palace with Wagner’s grotto on the grounds. Our afternoon is free to explore the shops of Oberammergau, visit with the woodcarvers, and



learn about the famous play. An optional day excursion is available to the Zugspitze, a beautiful highpoint in the Alps near Garmisch. **B, D**

Day 9: Sunday, September 10, 2023 • Berchtesgaden

Today we travel to the Kehlsteinhaus. Formerly known as the "Eagle's Nest," this retreat for Adolf Hitler has been turned into a restaurant with an impressive view of the surrounding countryside. We have time for lunch on our own before riding the elevator back down. Then we don protective miners' clothing and take a tour of a salt mine. Our guided tour takes us through the mine and shows us how salt has been extracted from the mountains around Salzburg and how important salt was to people for hundreds of years. Overnight in Berchtesgaden and dinner at a local restaurant. **B, D**

Day 10: Monday, September 11, 2023 • Salzburg

Today, we travel to the city of Salzburg, birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and the sites of the Sound of Music. A local guide takes us on a tour of this important city. We see the mighty Hohensalzburg Fortress above the city, the famous Getreidegasse and the impressive Salzburg Cathedral. We attend the noon organ concert in the Dom. Our afternoon is free to explore the city of Salzburg on our own, perhaps to take the funicular up to Hohensalzburg or take a Sound of Music Tour. **B, D**

Day 11: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 • Munich

We depart to nearby Oberndorf where we visit the Silent Night Chapel. Then we set off to explore Munich, home of the Oktoberfest and "Gemütlichkeit," that Bavarian blend of fun, relaxation, and good cheer! After lunch on our own at the Marienplatz (maybe try a traditional Munich Weisswurst), we have a walking tour of the area. Tonight, we have dinner at the famous Hofbräuhaus. **B, D**

Day 12: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 • Munich

Today we have a relaxed start to the day. This afternoon we have free time to visit the beautiful Residenz with its fabulous Treasury, the Viktualienmarkt, tour a museum, or just relax on the Marienplatz and enjoy the Glockenspiel. Tonight, we celebrate the conclusion of our tour with a farewell dinner at our hotel. It is time to reminisce about the places visited and the new friends we have made along the way. **B, D**

Day 13: Thursday, September 14, 2023 • Auf Wiedersehen

Sadly, we bid farewell to Germany as we depart to the Munich Airport for our flight home. **B**

TOUR COST: \$4,499* per person

Includes estimated air from Cedar Rapids, IA

**Price is based on a minimum of 25 paying participants, double occupancy*

Single supplement = \$700

Your Tour Includes:

- Estimated **Roundtrip airfare** from Cedar Rapids, IA to Berlin and return from Munich, related taxes and fees (\$1,425)
- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in superior tourist and moderate first-class hotels
- **Meals per the itinerary**
- Services of **Professional Tour Manager**
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- Luggage strap, luggage tags and trip journal
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for tour manager or coach driver
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. *(This insurance is available and offered by Ed-Ventures.)*

Payment Schedule:

Deposit with registration: \$500 per person
Final payment due May 15, 2023: Balance per person

Invoices will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

Currency:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 100 days before departure a \$100/person administrative fee plus any airfare & land penalties will be assessed. From 119-31 days, a \$300/person cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling less than 30 days prior to departure will receive no refund.

Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.

Abbreviations for Meals

B=Breakfast, D=Dinner

Terms and Conditions

We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of participation. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available, but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible, that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client. Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip for a medical reason only. You will be mailed trip cancellation insurance information with the brochure or upon receipt of your deposit.

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Due to COVID-19, we have a right to adjust the tour in order to follow the guidelines and policies set by the CDC and the local governments.

The airline(s) concerned are not held responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time passengers are not on their planes or conveyances. The passenger's contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of this tour and/or passenger. Any and/or all transportation companies herein mentioned shall not have nor incur any responsibility to any traveler aside from their liability as common carriers. Air and land costs are subject to change without notice. **Air transportation is via special, non refundable airfare. Any additional airfare assessments made by the airlines for any changes whatsoever shall be the responsibility of the client.** Other rules may also apply. Services of any A.R.C. or I.A.T.A. carrier may be used in conjunction with this tour. If there is a change in air prices and/or currency exchange rates, we reserve the right to adjust prices prior to ticketing.

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Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Best practice is to include a photocopy of your passport with the application.*

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female (required by airline)

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Best practice is to include a photocopy of your passport with the application.*

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female (required by airline)

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Work phone/cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed (1 bed) Twin Beds (2 beds)

Roommate name: _____ OR Single supplement: Yes No

Travel Insurance (\$323.93 per person in a double room; \$374.33 per person in a single room)

- I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.
- I wish to decline the travel insurance offered. I understand I am solely responsible for any cancellation penalties and out of pocket expenses occurred should I have an emergency before or during the tour.

Deposit Payment Information (please check one)

Enclosed is my \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make check payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.**

Please charge \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Card ID Code:* _____ *last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card

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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____



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