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Germany

Sept. 20 - 29, 2024



Stadt
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an der Isar



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Moosburg a.d. Isar



Day 1: Friday, Sept. 20, 2024 • Depart U.S.

Our journey begins as we board our international flight bound for Munich, Germany. **Inflight meals**

Day 2: Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024 • Moosburg a.d. Isar (SISTER CITY)

We are met at Munich airport and drive to our first destination, Moosburg a.d. Isar, which is Rochester's Sister City. We check into our hotel and receive a welcome from our local hosts before enjoying dinner together. **D**

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

Day 3: Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024 • Moosburg a.d. Isar (Sister City)

We continue our exchanges with our Moosburg hosts today and learn about the town, which is the oldest town in southern Germany. Moosburg 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 instilling a sense of community pride in the younger generations, maintaining their own culture and enveloping new technology and ideas into venerated traditions. Moosburg officials will determine a schedule of activities, which may include visiting schools, museums, cultural centers, and grassroots community supporters. Today is the culmination of the 100 year anniversary of the Herbstschau festival. Our hosts have invited us to be part of the celebrations this afternoon, including a parade. **B, D**

Day 4: Monday, Sept. 23, 2024 • Rothenburg ob der Tauber

We spend the morning with our Moosburg hosts again today, before we make our way northwest to the medieval walled city of Rothenburg ob der Tauber. This delightful little town is a favorite

Rhine Cruise



Bicycling in Münster



of travelers from around the world. We arrive in time for dinner at our hotel, followed by a guided tour of the town accompanied by the Night Watchman from whom we learn more about life in medieval times. **B, D**

Day 5: Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024 • Rudesheim am Rhein

We enjoy a leisurely morning in Rothenburg in order to visit the St. James Church with its famous altar created by the renowned woodcarver, Tilman Riemenschneider. We also have time to walk along the city wall, admire the half-timbered buildings or shop at Käthe Wohlfahrt's Christmas Village. We then continue on our way to Rudesheim am Rhein where we board a cruise on the Rhine River. Along the way, we hear about the history of the many castle ruins and legends, including the siren *Lorelei*, whose beauty and singing caused sailors to crash their ships against the rocks. After our cruise, we transfer to our hotel and have some time for shopping before dinner. Tonight, we partake in a tasting of the region's fine Rhine wines in a local vintner's wine cellar. **B, D**

Day 6: Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024 • Münster (SISTER CITY)

We continue our journey north, with a visit to Cologne. This city was first established during the Roman period, then an important city during Medieval and Renaissance times, and a key Prussian city. Today the city is a cultural destination, with many museums, alluring architecture, and both historic and modern shopping districts. We tour the Cathedral, a centerpiece of the city's tourist attractions. Then we have some free time to explore on our own before continuing to our second sister-city visit in Münster. The city is very focused on becoming a leader in climate protection. Under the motto "Our Climate 2030" it is striving toward climate neutrality by the year 2030. We meet with local officials who are working in the areas of sustainability, local transport, water

Rudesheim





consumption and noise pollution. We also learn how they are promoting community member involvement and disseminating best practice information. We have a group dinner. **B, D**

Day 7: Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024 • Münster (SISTER CITY)

We continue our collaboration with the Münster Sister City delegation today. We also tour many of the highlights of the city, including the cathedral, the city hall, old town, and the city museum. Münster is known as the bicycle capital of Germany. Over 100,000 citizens use the "Leeze" - the translation of the word "bicycle" in Münster dialect - on a daily basis in order to get to work, school, sport or lectures or to discover the city. Münster is home to an estimated 500,000 bicycles. There is time this afternoon to explore the area's 4,500 kilometer cycling trails, including ones with castles. Others may want to visit some of the other 30 museums in the city or to stroll the botanic garden at the university. This evening we have dinner together. **B, D**

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Day 8: Friday, Sept. 27, 2024 • Amsterdam

A short distance from Münster, we visit Saerbeck, a city committed to producing more energy than it consumes. We tour the Bioenergy Park where solar panels, wind turbines and a composting plant create a sustainable source of power for the region and beyond. Following our tour of Saerbeck we continue to Amsterdam city center. This is a world-class city that has balanced a modern, forward-thinking population with a rich cultural history that is celebrated. We take a site seeing canal cruise on the UNESCO-designated canal system, learn how the Dutch East Indian Company brought the world to the city's doorstep, and discover how social forces of the past 50 years have created the multi-cultural Dutch society that exists today. After our cruise we have dinner at our hotel. **B, D**

Day 9: Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024 • Amsterdam

This morning we visit the Anne Frank House for a tour of the famous attic that housed the hopeful teenager as she poured her thoughts into her beloved journal. We have the balance of the day free to explore our own interests. The city has many museums and art galleries, the Heineken Beer Experience, old town squares and architecture that spans centuries. Tonight, we meet up again for our farewell rijsttafels (rice table) dinner. **B, D**

Day 10: Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024 • Return to U.S.

Regretfully, it is now time to say good-bye as we transfer to the Amsterdam Airport to catch our return flight to the United States. We return, however, with memories of fabulous castles, magnificent landscapes, enchanting cities, and a wealth of new friends! "Auf Wiederseh'n!" **B, Inflight meals**

Tour Price: \$4,199* per person

Includes estimated air from Minneapolis

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

Single supplement = \$475

Your Tour Includes:

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- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in superior tourist and moderate first-class hotels
- **Meals per the itinerary**
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- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
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- Luggage strap, luggage tags and trip journal
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services except as noted below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

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- 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 June 20, 2024: Balance per person

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Legal Name: _____

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Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female (*required by airline*)

Special Dietary Needs: _____

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Legal Name: _____

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Passport #: _____

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Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

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

Roommate name: _____ OR **Single supplement:** _____ Yes _____ No

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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ **Date:** _____

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