



GERMANY IN DEPTH



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10 DAYS

Germany in Depth

Germany



Number of overnight stays in parentheses. This tour may also be reversed. Students from across Europe have studied at Heidelberg's well-known university since 1386.



Program Fee includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- 8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (11 with extension)
- Complete European breakfast and dinner daily
- Full-time bilingual EF Tour Director
- 4 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides: Berlin • Dresden • Munich • Heidelberg
- 2 sightseeing tours led by your tour director: Rothenburg • Cologne
- 1 EF walking tour: Munich
- 5 visits to special attractions: Checkpoint Charlie Museum • Zwinger Museum Dachau • Heidelberg Castle wine barrel Cologne Cathedral

OPTIONAL:

Neuschwanstein and Oberammergau

WITH EXTENSION All of this, PLUS:

- 2 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides: Paris • Versailles
- 1 EF walking tour: Paris
- 5 visits to special attractions: Strasbourg Cathedral • Versailles • Notre-Dame

Day 1 Flight

Overnight flight to Germany • Relax as you fly across the Atlantic.

Day 2 Berlin

Arrival in Berlin • Touch down in the capital of reunified Germany. It took nearly a decade, from 1989 to 1999, to move the former capital of Bonn to the slowly reconstructed Berlin. Since the Berlin Wall came down in late 1989, the city has continued to evolve into a thriving metropolis. One place to easily recognize Berlin's emergence is in Potsdamer Platz. This area filled with cafés and restaurants was a hub for artists and poets prior to World War II, which destroyed most of it. Today, Potsdamer Platz once again bustles, thanks in part to the sprawling Sony Center, as well as DaimlerCity, which boasts an observation deck with the continent's fastest elevator. After clearing customs, you are greeted by your bilingual EF Tour Director, who will remain with you throughout your stay. A private motorcoach takes you to your comfortable hotel for check-in.

Day 3 Berlin

Guided sightseeing of Berlin • Ride past the Kaiser Wilhelm Gedächtniskirche (left unrestored as a reminder of the ravages of war) and down the glittery Kurfürstendamm, Berlin's liveliest street. Pass the

Rathaus Schöneberg, where 1.5 million West Berliners flocked to hear President Kennedy's famous "Ich bin ein Berliner" speech in 1963. On your way to the Eastern sector, pass the Reichstag, former seat of the parliaments of the German Empire and the Weimar Republic. Arrive at the Brandenburg Gate, once the symbol of the undeclared Cold War and now the symbol of a reunited Berlin. It was at this gate that the famous images of East and West Berliners dancing atop the crumbling Berlin Wall were filmed and broadcast around the world. As you see where the Berlin Wall actually stood, imagine the bleak watchtowers and piercing spotlights that guarded "the border" until November 1989. Journey down Unter den Linden, once considered one of the world's most elegant boulevards. Visit to the Checkpoint Charlie Museum • On the site where Checkpoint Charlie once guarded the border between East and West Germany, you'll visit a museum devoted to the era of the Berlin Wall. Inspect the "escape cars" once used to cross the border. See if you can find the secret compartment where escapees hid. Then view a photo exhibit that evocatively portrays the 30-year separation of East and West Germany, reunified in 1989.

Free time in Berlin • Make some new discoveries of your own in Germany's capital. Near Alexanderplatz, you may visit the TV Tower and observation deck, where visitors have been taking in the ever-changing panorama of



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Day 4 Berlin • Dresden

Transfer to Dresden • Travel to Dresden, once considered by many to be the most beautiful city in the world.

Guided sightseeing of Dresden • Pass the renovated Semper Opera House, and a statue of Martin Luther. You'll also visit the magnificent Zwinger Palace—destroyed by the Allies' infamous Dresden firebombing in 1945, it was later rebuilt and remains one of the most impressive examples of Baroque architecture in Eastern Europe. Inside the Palace, pause before the works of such luminaries as Raphael, Dürer and Titian as you stroll through the Old Masters' Gallery.

Day 5 Dresden • Munich

Transfer to Munich via Nuremberg • On your way to the Bavarian capital, stop at the German town that became infamous for its association with Nazi Germany's Third Reich, and the trials that were held here to determine the perpetrators of war crimes.

EF walking tour of Munich • Stroll through the very heart of Munich as you pass the twin copper domes of the Frauenkirche, a long-standing symbol of the city. Arrive at Marienplatz, once the intersection of medieval trade routes. Here you can see the neo-Gothic Rathaus and the golden Mariensäule, a monument commemorating Munich's divine salvation from rampaging Swedish hordes. Then continue past the Hofbräuhaus, Munich's most famous beer hall. On a good day, almost 30,000 liters of beer are sold here.

Day 6 Munich

Guided sightseeing of Munich • Your guided tour takes you past the Olympic Stadium, BMW's headquarters and the fashionable Schwabing district. You'll also pass the Residenz (once home to the Wittelsbach dukes of Bavaria), the Deutsches Museum, the university and the Alte Pinakothek. Your tour concludes at Marienplatz, Munich's medieval heart, home of the city's famed Glockenspiel. "Munich" derives from the city's German name, München (little monk), so named because the original settlement bordered a monastery.

Optional excursion to Oberammergau and Neuschwanstein • Head for the Bavarian Alps as you make your way to scenic Oberammergau, the village known for its open-air staging of the Passion Play, Germany's oldest festival. Then visit "Mad" King Ludwig's fairy-tale castle of Neuschwanstein, the real-life model for Disneyland's Sleeping Beauty Castle. Learn about the life and mysterious death of the young king, one of Europe's most eccentric rulers. King Ludwig so preferred dreams over reality that his servants could address him only from behind a screen. In fact, the original plans for the castle were drawn up by a theater set designer, not an architect.

Day 7 Dachau • Rothenburg

Excursion to Dachau • Visit Dachau, a WWII Nazi concentration camp built in 1935 and liberated by the Allies in April 1945. It now serves as a memorial museum.

Transfer to Rothenburg • Transfer to Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber, Germany's best-preserved medieval town.

Tour director-led sightseeing of Rothenburg • Recall the Thirty Years War as you stroll past half-timbered homes, through twisting cobbled lanes, and along the wooden ramparts of the city's walls. Learn how a 17th-century mayor of Rothenburg saved his city by drinking a jug of wine.

Day 8 Rothenburg • Heidelberg

Transfer to Heidelberg • Travel via the Romantic Road to Heidelberg, one of the most lovely and beloved towns in Germany.

Guided sightseeing of Heidelberg • Become acquainted with Germany's oldest university city—the university dates back to 1386. See Heidelberg's 700-year-old *Schloss* (palace) and its famous *Fass* (wine barrel), the world's largest. From the castle's historic battlements, you'll enjoy a stunning view of the Neckar Valley, where *Homo heidelbergensis* roamed 500,000 years ago. You'll also see the town's medieval streets and Marktplatz, where witches were once burned at the stake. Writers as diverse as Mark Twain (who once floated down the Neckar on a raft) and Goethe (who was inspired by the view from the *Schloss*) have long praised Heidelberg's enduring beauty.

Day 9 Heidelberg • Rhineland

Rhine cruise • Listen for the song of the *Lorelei* (the German equivalent of a Greek siren) as you cruise down Europe's longest river. Pass age-old castles, narrow

church spires and terraced vineyards as you experience the heart of Romantic Germany.

Transfer to Cologne • Travel to Cologne, a town located along the legendary Rhine and known for its scented waters—the city gave its name to the famous Eau de Cologne, created by an Italian chemist who settled here in 1709.

At night, Munich's Neues Rathaus casts a glow over the Marienplatz.



Tour director-led sightseeing of Cologne •

Your tour director acquaints you with the ancient city of Cologne, which began as a Roman camp more than 2,000 years ago. It was in Cologne that Karl Marx began his career as a local newspaper editor. Visit one of Germany's most moving symbols: Cologne's sublime, war-scarred Gothic cathedral (the Kölner Dom), which took more than 600 years to complete. Within the cathedral you'll find a medieval shrine to the Three Wise Men.

Overnight in the Rhineland • Continue on into the Rhineland region, where you'll spend the night.

Day 10 Home

Return home • Your tour director assists with the transfer to Frankfurt, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

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