

Itinerary

17-Jun

Board your overnight transatlantic flight to Stuttgart.

18-Jun

Arrive in Stuttgart. Transfer to our hotel. Time to explore the city and rest up. We gather at 5:30 pm for the Stuttgart activities orientation and dinner at a local restaurant. (Dinner)

19-Jun

Stuttgart. Morning city orientation tour includes Schlossplatz, Old Castle and City Hall. Afternoon on your own. Perhaps a visit to the Mercedes Benz museum? (Breakfast)

20-Jun

Stuttgarter Zeitung Marathon. 9 am start of Stuttgarter Zeitung Marathon event. Be a participant or cheer on our delegates. (Breakfast)

21-Jun

Stuttgart-Frankfurt Check out of hotel and transfer to Bahnhof for our train ride to Frankfurt. Transfer to our hotel. Time to rest or explore the bustling metropolis on the River Main (Breakfast)

At 6 pm, meet your Globus Tour Director and traveling companions for a welcome dinner at your hotel. (Dinner)

22-Jun

Frankfurt-Remagen-Cologne. A special treat at the very start of your journey through Germany is a RHINE CRUISE along the most scenic section of the Rhine River with castle-crested hills, terraced vineyards, pretty wine towns, and finally the Lorelei rock. Disembark and drive to the ruins of the bridge in Remagen, where American troops breached Hitler's West Wall. Spend the afternoon in Cologne and visit the awesome gothic CATHEDRAL. Its twin 515-foot towers, five naves, splendid stained-glass windows, and the shrine of the Three Holy Kings are eloquent testimony to the quality of medieval engineering and craftsmanship. (Breakfast, Dinner)

23-Jun

Cologne-Berlin. Ride the EURO CITY TRAIN to Berlin, capital of reunited Germany, where sightseeing with a Local Guide in the once-divided metropolis includes the elegant Ku'damm, the restored Reichstag, Charlottenburg Palace, a picture stop at monumental Brandenburg Gate, and the 210-foot Victory Column in the vast Tiergarten

Park. Visit the KAISER WILHELM MEMORIAL CHURCH with its bomb-damaged tower, drive along Unter den Linden Boulevard, and pass the State Opera House and Checkpoint Charlie. (Breakfast, Dinner)

24-Jun

Leisure in Berlin. You may wish to join an optional excursion to Potsdam, and tonight, why not sample Berlin's fine restaurants and nightlife? (Breakfast)

25-Jun

Berlin-Leipzig-Nuremberg. On your way south through what used to be the "other" Germany, visit Leipzig, an important center since the Middle Ages. Visit the THOMASKIRCHE, where J.S. Bach worked, and the Market Square with its fine renaissance buildings. Continue to Nuremberg, the town of children's toys and gingerbread. It is also the birthplace of painter Albrecht Dürer and poet and meistersinger Hans Sachs. Admire the impressive medieval ramparts and walk through the pedestrian area of the charming Old Town. Visit ST. SEBALD CHURCH, painstakingly reconstructed as a monument to peace from the rubble of near-total wartime destruction. (Breakfast, Dinner)

26-Jun

Nuremberg-Rothenburg-Munich. Today, focus on Germany's Romantic Road, which leads from the flat country towards the Alps. Enjoy a walking tour of medieval Rothenburg with its ramparts and towers, cobbled lanes, and 16th-century houses. Then, head south to the Danube Valley and Munich. Enjoy an orientation featuring the Olympic Park and its 1,000-foot-high Television Tower and MARIENPLATZ with its Old and New Town Halls. (Breakfast, Dinner)

27-Jun

Munich. Excursion to Neuschwanstein. Highlight today is a visit to King Ludwig's NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE, one of the most famous German castles. Follow your Local Guide through this fairytale castle on its craggy outcrop

high above a sparkling lake. Afternoon and evening at leisure; ask your Tour Director for suggestions. (Breakfast)

28-Jun

Munich–Oberammergau–Lindau–Black Forest. A scenic day starts out with a short stop in the Passion Play town of Oberammergau. Next, a leisurely drive along the panoramic German Alpine Road to the sunny northern shore of Lake Constance, Europe's largest freshwater reservoir. Stop for a lunch break in charming Lindau, then, continue north and visit the baroque CHURCH at Birnau on the way to your hotel in the Black Forest. (Breakfast, Dinner)

29-Jun

Black Forest–Heidelberg–Frankfurt. This morning, enjoy a WOODCARVING DEMONSTRATION before arriving in Heidelberg, Germany's oldest university town of Student Prince fame. Time to stroll around and to have lunch in the Old Town, followed by the highlight of today: a visit to the red-walled CASTLE where the GREAT VAT, a 49,000-gallon 18th-century wine cask, attracts particular attention. Then, back to Frankfurt for a farewell dinner with your companions of a fascinating vacation. (Breakfast, Dinner)

30-Jun

Depart by air from Frankfurt Your homebound flight arrives the same day

Add the Oberammergau Passion Play to Your Vacation

Extend your tour with the Oberammergau Passion Play (after the orientation in Munich, continue for a 2-night stay in Oberammergau instead of Munich and attend the Passion Play. Then rejoin the regular tour. Through June 25 same as group. From June 28, re-join the regular group.

The quaint village of Oberammergau is world famous for its spectacular Passion Play, performed by the locals just once a decade. Globus invites you to experience this legendary event on one of the special vacations being offered in 2010. In 1634 the Black Death decimated

Europe's population. Oberammergau remained untouched until a homesick villager returned one night, unknowingly bringing with him the dreaded plague. Almost 100 villagers died as a result. Frightened survivors vowed that if God saved them from the plague, once every 10 years they would reenact the agony and crucifixion of Christ. From then on there were no further deaths from the plague—and the villagers have fulfilled their pledge ever since.

26-Jun

Nuremberg-Rothenburg-Munich-Oberammergau.

Same as above. Then continue to Oberammergau.
(Breakfast, Dinner)

27-Jun

Oberammergau. Afternoon and evening devoted to the Passion Play. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Arrangements:

Per itinerary. Stuttgart arrangements by Travelplex. Globus Tours' German Highlights' tour is used from Frankfurt.

Included:

Airport-hotel-station transfers in Stuttgart.

Station-hotel transfer in Frankfurt.

3-day Stuttcard

Starting June 21 in Frankfurt, all arrangements per Globus Tours 'German Highlights' tour.

Meals: All breakfasts, 8 dinners

Hotels: Stuttgart Royal (F) Frankfurt Sheraton Congress (F), Cologne Barcelo City Center (SF), Berlin Arcotel John (F) or Hilton Berlin (SF), Nuremberg NH Nürnberg City (F), Munich Holiday Inn City Centre (F), Black Forest Precise Carlton (F) at Donaueschingen, Frankfurt Sheraton Congress (F) or Holiday Inn Frankfurt North (F)

Payments:

Deposit of \$450.00 per person for the tour. Oberammergau arrangements must be fully prepaid upon

reservations. Air fare and insurance are payable at time of booking.

Balance is due April 9, 2010.

Insurance:

Travel insurance is optional but is highly recommended. Please discuss your needs with me.

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