

10 DAYS
THE BEST OF GERMANY (2012/13)

INSIGHT VACATIONS

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Tour Summary

Locations Visited

Germany

INCLUDED QUALITY DINING

- * A Welcome Reception with light meal (WR)
- * Choose from a selection of local restaurants on your Dine-Around evening in Rothenburg (DA)
- * Celebration Dinner with wine in Berlin (CD)
- * 9 Buffet Breakfasts (BB), 1 three-course table d'hôte Dinner, or Buffet, plus tea or coffee (D)

INCLUDED FIRST CLASS SERVICES

- * Escorted by a professional Tour Director
- * Headsets for all guided visits and walking tours
- * Enjoy the unique comfort of Insight's luxury air-conditioned 40 seat coach with extended leg room and on-board restroom
- * Insight Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage
- * Insight Traveller Welcome pack
- * Airport arrival and departure transfers at scheduled times on Day 1 and Day 10 (Should your flights not coincide with these transfers, please make your own way to/from the airport or purchase a transfer)

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- * Rhine Valley: Enjoy a scenic Rhine cruise. See the Deutsches Eck Monument in Koblenz. Survey the views from the heights of the Liebstein fortress and the Niederwald Monument.
- * Heidelberg: Visit the Castle overlooking the Neckar River.
- * Black Forest: Hear about the origins and artisan manufacture of the cuckoo clock. Enjoy a scenic drive.
- * Donaueschingen: See the source of the River Danube.
- * Munich: See the Olympic Stadium, Marienplatz, Town Hall and Glockenspiel.

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- * Bavarian Alps: See the Passion Play Theatre in Oberammergau. Visit the Wieskirche a masterpiece of Bavarian rococo. Visit the fairy tale castle of Neuschwanstein
- * Nuremberg: See the city walls and tour the old town.
- * Rothenburg-ob-der Tauber: Explore the most well-preserved medieval town in Germany.
- * Bayreuth: Visit this famous musical city.
- * Dresden: See the Frauenkirche, mosaic mural, Opera House and Zwinger Palace.
- * Berlin: Drive along the Unter den Linden past the Humboldt University and Opera. See the Brandenburg Gate and Reichstag building.

My Itinerary

Day1: ARRIVE FRANKFURT – WIESBADEN

Welcome to a contrasting journey of cosmopolitan cities, historic old towns and breathtaking natural scenery. On arrival at Frankfurt Airport, your transfer leaves for Wiesbaden at 09:30 & 12:00. Your luxury hotel is a member of the 'Leading Hotels of the World' nestled in the centre of this elegant spa town, opposite the magnificent Kurhaus. Tonight, join your Tour Director for a Welcome reception with drink and a light meal. (Welcome Reception)

Day2: CASTLES OF THE RHINE EXCURSION

Begin the day with a relaxing cruise past steep sided vineyards, half-timbered taverns, the Cat and Mouse castles and the notorious Lorelei Rock. Alight at Boppard and continue to Koblenz where a gigantic equestrian statue of Wilhelm I guards the junction of the Rhine and Moselle. Cameras at the ready as you return along the eastern bank. Drive up to the twin castles of the 'Enemy Brothers' - from the ruined Liebstein fortress there is a fine panorama. Your next scenic viewpoint is at the mighty Niederwald Monument, comprising a 32 ton statue of Germania. Back in Wiesbaden you are at leisure. (Buffet Breakfast)

Day3: WIESBADEN - HEIDELBERG - BLACK FOREST

Head to Heidelberg, on the banks of the River Neckar. Enjoy the view from the heights of the castle fortress before a guided visit. See the Great Wine Vat, with its associated tales of the dwarf court jester, Perkeo! Now it's into the Black Forest, land of cherry cake and traditional farmhouses which dip their thatched roofs almost to the ground. Climb up to the High Road for superb views, then wind through the valleys and pine forests to visit one of the centres of the local cuckoo clock industry. Time then to browse among the shops and admire the brightly coloured houses before reaching your hotel. (Buffet Breakfast / Dinner)

Day4: BLACK FOREST – MUNICH

Leave the Black Forest via the small town of Donaueschingen, where a fountain forms the official source of the river Danube. Drive along the flower-decked shores of Lake Constance, which marks part of the Swiss border. Pass through the heart of Bavaria to fun-loving Munich. Your orientation tour shows you the Olympic Stadium, university, Victory Arch and ends in the Marienplatz, where crowds gather outside the Town Hall to watch the figures of the Glockenspiel stage an elaborate performance. Tonight, perhaps consider a lively evening at one of Munich's famous 'Bier Kellers'? (Buffet Breakfast)

Day5: BAVARIAN ALPS EXCURSION

Travel into the beautiful German Alps to visit the village of Oberammergau, home since 1634 of the Passion Play. After seeing the immense Theatre and colourfully-painted chalets, continue along part of the Alpine Road amidst beautiful scenery to the Wieskirche, a masterpiece of Bavarian rococo. Now to the 'fairy tale' castle Neuschwanstein, perched on a spectacular Alpine mountainside. This was Ludwig II's favourite castle, though he spent little time here before his death. Visit exuberantly decorated apartments, including the Throne Room and Lohengrin Grotto. Return to Munich where you are at leisure. (Buffet Breakfast)

Day6: MUNICH - ROTHENBURG

Drive north across the Danube to Nuremberg, still entirely enclosed by its fortifications. Witness the charming blend of stone and timbered dwellings in the Old Town as well as the massive ramparts. Perhaps shop for delicious Lebkuchen (gingerbread) before continuing to Rothenburg-ob-der Tauber, the most well-preserved town on the Romantic Road. Plunge back into the 16th Century as you walk through narrow cobbled streets lined with high-gabled houses to the market square dominated by its Renaissance town hall. This evening, you are offered a selection of restaurants to choose from for your dining pleasure. (Buffet Breakfast / Dine Around)

Day7: ROTHENBURG - BAYREUTH - DRESDEN

Journey through wooded Swiss Franconia, passing rocky crags and 'Hansel and Gretel' style villages, to reach Bayreuth, famous for its annual Richard Wagner Festival. Your journey continues behind the former iron curtain to the 'Florence of the Elbe', Dresden. (Buffet Breakfast)

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Day8: DRESDEN - BERLIN

Join a local guide to see the splendours of the city. From the Frauenkirche, which has risen again from the destruction of World War II, walk past 'The Procession of the Dukes', a mosaic of colossal proportions on the Royal Palace façade. You also see the enormous cathedral, Semper Opera House and baroque Zwinger Palace. Now head north to the historic German capital.(Buffet Breakfast)

Day9: BERLIN SIGHTSEEING

A guided sightseeing tour takes you along the Unter den Linden past the Humboldt University and Opera. Stop on Museum Island before passing the Brandenburg Gate, symbol of the reunification. See Norman Foster's glass-dome atop the reconstructed Reichstag building and drive through the Tiergarten. Spend the afternoon at leisure or take an optional excursion to Potsdam, site of the post war meetings which resulted in the division of the city? This evening to round off your tour, enjoy a farewell Celebration Dinner with wine at a lively Berlin restaurant.(Buffet Breakfast / Celebration Dinner)

Day10: BERLIN

Your tour comes to an end after breakfast today. Departure transfers arrive at Berlin's Tegel Airport at 08:00 & 10:00.(Buffet Breakfast)

Available Departures

Departs	Returns	Twin Land Only	Single Land Only
04 May 2012	13 May 2012	\$2825.00	\$3620.00
11 May 2012	20 May 2012	\$2825.00	\$3620.00
18 May 2012	27 May 2012	\$2825.00	\$3620.00
25 May 2012	03 Jun 2012	\$2825.00	\$3620.00
01 Jun 2012	10 Jun 2012	\$2850.00	\$3645.00
08 Jun 2012	17 Jun 2012	\$2850.00	\$3645.00
15 Jun 2012	24 Jun 2012	\$2850.00	\$3645.00
22 Jun 2012	01 Jul 2012	\$2850.00	\$3645.00
29 Jun 2012	08 Jul 2012	\$2865.00	\$3660.00
06 Jul 2012	15 Jul 2012	\$2865.00	\$3660.00
13 Jul 2012	22 Jul 2012	\$2865.00	\$3660.00
20 Jul 2012	29 Jul 2012	\$2865.00	\$3660.00
27 Jul 2012	05 Aug 2012	\$2865.00	\$3660.00
03 Aug 2012	12 Aug 2012	\$2865.00	\$3660.00
10 Aug 2012	19 Aug 2012	\$2865.00	\$3660.00
17 Aug 2012	26 Aug 2012	\$2865.00	\$3660.00
24 Aug 2012	02 Sep 2012	\$2865.00	\$3660.00
31 Aug 2012	09 Sep 2012	\$2899.00	\$3694.00
07 Sep 2012	16 Sep 2012	\$2899.00	\$3694.00
14 Sep 2012	23 Sep 2012	\$2899.00	\$3694.00
21 Sep 2012	30 Sep 2012	\$2875.00	\$3670.00
28 Sep 2012	07 Oct 2012	\$2875.00	\$3670.00