

TRIP START DATES

2023	2024
APR 14, 21, 28	APR 12, 19, 26
MAY 05, 12, 19, 26	MAY 03, 10, 17, 24, 31
JUN 02, 09, 16, 23, 30	JUN 07, 14, 21, 28
JUL 07, 14, 21, 28	JUL 05, 12, 19, 26
AUG 04, 11, 18, 25	AUG 02, 09, 16, 23, 30
SEP 01, 08, 15, 22, 29	SEP 06, 13, 20, 27
OCT 06	OCT 04

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REGIONAL JOURNEY

ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

12 DAYS

1 COUNTRY

16 MEALS

15 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★★

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER

Berlin: Savour the warm atmosphere of your delicious Welcome Dinner at Kreuzberger Himmel. This popular local restaurant actively supports refugees' integration into German society, providing apprenticeships.

INSIGHT EXPERIENCE

Black Forest: Discover the art of cuckoo clock making at a charming workshop in the Black Forest. Watch a demonstration by a lively artisan, while you enjoy a glass of cherry wine.

INSIGHT CHOICE

Munich: Choose to join a foodie walking tour in the heart of Munich. Alternatively, visit the famous Residenz.

Choose between two experiences in Rothenburg.

AUTHENTIC DINING

Lively Welcome Dinner in Berlin • Farm-To-Table Lunch in Bacharach • Dine-Around options in Rothenburg • Celebration Dinner in Munich.

TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Travel along the Rhine on a scenic cruise.

Visit Heidelberg Castle • Neuschwanstein Castle.

City Tours of Berlin, Dresden, Weimar and Frankfurt, all with Local Experts.

BEST OF GERMANY

"I love to show my guests that Germany is much more than just pretzels and beer. Mysterious forests, romantic castles and stunning rivers and valleys create an unforgettable setting for our journey." – Alex, Travel Director

IMPROVED ITINERARY



NEUSCHWANSTEIN,
GERMANY



BLACK FOREST



ROTHENBURG



DAY 1 WELCOME TO BERLIN

On arrival at Berlin Brandenburg Airport, transfers depart at 10.30, 13:00 & 16:00.

At 18:30, join a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER** * Experience with your Travel Director and travel companions at the Kreuzberger Himmel restaurant. Discover how this establishment helps support refugees as they integrate into German society over a Welcome Dinner with wine.(DW)

Crowne Plaza Berlin City Centre.

DAY 2 THE SPIRIT OF BERLIN

Relaxed Start. Join a Local Expert to see some of Berlin's many highlights. Travel along the Ku'Damm past the Memorial Church and drive through the Tiergarten to see the Reichstag building. Continue with a visit to Brandenburg Gate and along Unter den Linden, passing the Humboldt University and State Opera to stop on Museum Island.

The rest of the day is at your leisure. Perhaps choose to explore Potsdam? (B)

DAY 3 DRESDEN, A BAROQUE PHOENIX ON THE ELBE

In Dresden, join your Local Expert to see the Frauenkirche, 'The Procession of the Dukes' mosaic, the huge cathedral, Semper Opera House and Baroque Zwinger Palace. Although the town was heavily bombed during World War II, it remains a treasure trove of early German history and baroque architecture. (B)

Hilton Dresden.

DAY 4 MEDIEVAL ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER

Join a Local Expert in Weimar to explore the city of literary luminaries Goethe and Schiller. Continue to medieval Erfurt and to Rothenburg ob der Tauber, the best-preserved town on the Romantic Road.

Join your Travel Director for a city orientation where you will see medieval history come to life, as you wander the narrow cobbled streets.

For your Dine-Around Evening, choose from a hand-picked selection of restaurants within the walls of the Old Town.(B) (DW)

Hotel Altes Brauhaus, Rothenburg ob der Tauber.

DAY 5 ROTHENBURG AT LEISURE

Choose between an inspiring stroll through the narrow-cobbled streets with a Local Expert or, alternatively, take in panoramic views on the historic city walls walk, accompanied by a Local Expert. Spend the rest of the day at your leisure for further exploration on your own, or perhaps a guided visit to the medieval town of Nuremberg.(B)

DAY 6 FRANKFURT AND MAINZ

Relaxed Start. Continue your travels through to Frankfurt and take in the city's famed landmarks with a Local Expert. See the gable-roofed Römer, European Central Bank, Frankfurt Cathedral's Coronation Site, and the eminent Paulskirche. Complete your visit with a tasting of local Apfelwein.

Your hotel is in the nearby town of Mainz, a bustling and important town since the time of the Romans. Enjoy a guided visit of the Gutenberg Museum, dedicated to one of history's most important inventors. (B)

Hilton Mainz.

DAY 7 CASTLES OF THE RHINE EXPERIENCE

Relaxed Start. Enjoy a relaxing cruise as you pass steep-sided vineyards, half-timbered taverns, hilltop castles and the infamous Lorelei Rock.

Stop in Bacharach for a delicious Farm-to-Table Lunch, prepared with locally sourced ingredients.

Stop at the Ratsenburger winery for a tasting of its renowned wines. On this **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER** * Experience learn how eco preservation techniques are implemented, creating a sustainable business for future generations. (B) (LW)

DAY 8 HEIDELBERG AND CUCKOO CLOCKS

Continue your travels through to Heidelberg and venture inside Heidelberg Palace. See the Heidelberg Tun, a 130,000-litre wine vat, spend time in the Apothecary Museum and marvel at the panoramic vistas of the city and Neckar Valley from the castle fortress.

On your journey into the iconic Black Forest stop to meet the locals who still make cuckoo clocks by hand, a tradition passed down over 300 years. (B) (DW)

Maritim Titisee Hotel.

DAY 9 THE BLACK FOREST AT LEISURE

The best way to enjoy this enchanting region is on a lake cruise. Relax and soak up the atmosphere of the Black Forest. (B)

DAY 10 JEWELS OF THE BAVARIAN ALPS

Embark on an exciting visit to Neuschwanstein Castle, bristling with turrets and pinnacles, and built as a retreat for the wildly eccentric King Ludwig II. See the extravagantly decorated apartments, including the Throne Room and Lohengrin Grotto. Continue to Munich, Bavaria's capital city and home of the world-famous Oktoberfest. (B)

Munich Marriott Hotel.

DAY 11 THE BAVARIAN CAPITAL OF MUNICH

Relaxed Start. Explore Munich with Insight Choice. Choose to join a Local Expert for a foodie walking tour in the city centre visiting the famous Viktualienmarkt and Marienplatz. Alternatively, visit the famous Residenz, and see its museum and Treasury.

In the evening, round off your German experience with a farewell Celebration Dinner, complete with local wine. Prost! (B) (DW)

DAY 12 AUF WIEDERSEHEN MUNICH!

Your departure transfer arrives at Munich Airport at 07:00 and 09:00. (B)

KEY

✈ Join/Leave Options

UNESCO Heritage Site

1 Central Hotels + Nights

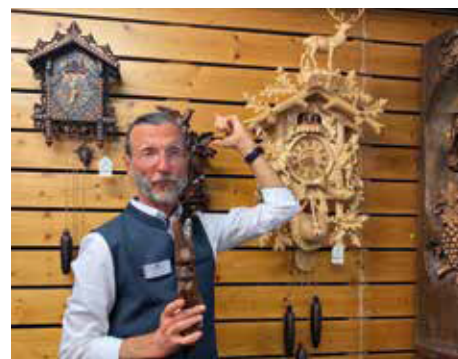
1 Scenic Hotels + Nights

● Place Visited

○ Optional Place Visited

**CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE**

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travellers.



INSIGHT EXPERIENCE Learn the history and ancient techniques of clock making. (Photo by @Jennifermfarmer, Day 8, Black Forest)



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