

Germany Trip Itinerary April 18-27, 2019

Overnights: Heidelberg (1), Rothenburg (1), Salzburg (1), Munich (2), Lucerne (2), Frankfurt (1)

What's Included: Round-trip airfare • 8 nights in three & four-star hotels • Full-time CHA Tour Director • Breakfast & dinner daily • On-tour transportation by private motorcoach • Guided sightseeing & walking tours • Visits to special attractions shown below.

Included Visits: Rhine River Cruise • Heidelberg's Medieval Castle • St. Sebald Church • Salzburg Cathedral • Grounds of Hohensalzburg Fortress • Nymphenburg Palace • Neuschwanstein Castle

Day 1: Departure from the USA

Day 2: Frankfurt-Rhine River Cruise-Heidelberg Upon arrival in Frankfurt, meet your CHA Tour Director at the airport. First on today's agenda is a relaxing cruise along the Rhine River past enchanting castles and the famed Lorelei. Proceed to the Heidelberg area for your overnight stay.

Day 3: Heidelberg-Wuerzburg-Rothenburg Your morning sightseeing of the "Student Prince" town of Heidelberg includes a visit to the Medieval Castle, site of the town's annual drama festival. Then journey to Wuerzburg to see its splendid baroque palace. Later, travel along the fabled Romantic Road to Rothenburg for a tour of its splendid medieval treasures.

Day 4: Rothenburg-Nuremberg-Salzburg The day begins with a short drive to Nuremberg where sightseeing reveals the medieval walls and its cliff-side fortress-castle and includes a visit to St. Sebald Church. Later, cross the Austrian border as you head to storybook Salzburg, setting of the popular film "The Sound of Music."

Day 5: Salzburg-Munich Your morning guided sightseeing of Salzburg introduces you to Mozart's birthplace, Residenz Square and St. Peter's Churchyard. Included are visits to the Cathedral with its pale marble facade and the Grounds of Hohensalzburg Fortress where you savor incredible views of the Salzach Valley below. Proceed to Munich, Germany's "Secret Capital," where you join your Tour Director on an Evening Walking Tour.

Day 6: Munich-(Dachau)-(Bavarian Evening) Guided sightseeing of the Bavarian capital highlights double-domed Frauenkirche Cathedral, the Opera House, the Hofbrauhaus, and the Olympic Stadium. Included is a visit to elegant Nymphenburg Palace, the one-time summer residence of Bavarian rulers, and the Glockenspiel in the Marienplatz (time permitting). This afternoon, opt for an excursion to Dachau. Tonight, why not attend a fun-filled Bavarian Evening?

Day 7: Munich-Neuschwanstein-Liechtenstein-Lucerne Drive high into the Alps as you make your way to fairytale Neuschwanstein Castle. Enjoy a tour of the castle commissioned by Germany's eccentric King Ludwig II in the 1870's. Afterwards, proceed via Vaduz, the capital of the tiny principality of Liechtenstein, to the lovely lakeside Lucerne area.

Day 8: Lucerne-(Alpine Peak)-(Swiss Fondue & Folklore Show) Today's sightseeing features Lucerne's medieval ramparts, the restored 14th century covered bridge, and the beloved Lion Monument, a tribute to the heroism of King Louis XVI's Swiss Guards. Enjoy a free afternoon, or consider an exciting Alpine peak excursion. Tonight, opt to attend a traditional Swiss Fondue Dinner and Folklore Show.

Day 9: Lucerne-Freiburg-Frankfurt Travel to Freiburg, once home to young Viennese-born Marie Antoinette before her departure for France where she became the wife of the future King Louis XVI. Continue to the Frankfurt area where you spend your final night in Germany.

Day 10: Departure for the USA