



# Oktoberfest: Historic Germany

12 days | 15 days with Vienna extension

Begin your adventure in artsy, edgy Berlin, reunited Germany's political and cultural capital. Stop at the historic outpost of Potsdam, then continue on to dramatic Dresden. Take a step back in time as you wander along the medieval streets of Bamberg before joining the legendary Oktoberfest celebration in Munich, the capital of Bavarian food and culture.



## Your tour package includes

- 10 nights in handpicked hotels
- 10 breakfasts
- 4 dinners with beer or wine
- 6 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach

## Included highlights

- Munich's legendary Oktoberfest
- Brandenburg Gate
- Berlin Wall
- Cecilienhof Palace
- Zwinger Palace
- Weimar
- Bamberg Cathedral
- Rothenburg ob der Tauber
- Munich's Residenz

## Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 1 hour daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with few hills.

## Group size

15-38

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## Overnight Flight → 1 night

### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Berlin today.

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## Berlin → 3 nights

### Day 2: Arrival in Berlin

*Included meals: welcome dinner*

Welcome to Germany! Meet your fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

### Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Berlin

*Included meals: breakfast*

A local guide introduces you to the monuments of Berlin's intricate past as well as the signs of its re-emergence as a vibrant cultural center.

- Discover the Brandenburg Gate, the symbol of a reunited Berlin
- See the Holocaust Memorial and the Berlin Wall's East Side Gallery
- Journey down Unter den Linden, the city's most elegant boulevard, passing the Reichstag and Museum Island

Enjoy a free afternoon in Berlin or add an excursion.

+ World War II Walking Tour

### Day 4: Potsdam

*Included meals: breakfast*

Travel to Potsdam, where American, British, and Soviet leaders drew up plans for the postwar administration of Germany at the Potsdam Conference.

- Explore the historic town center, New Garden, and Dutch Quarter with a guide
  - Step inside Cecilienhof Palace, site of the Potsdam Conference's iconic photo
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## Dresden → 2 nights

### Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Dresden

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Leave Berlin for a guided tour of Dresden, once considered to be the most beautiful city in the world.

- Stroll through the Old Town and pass the renovated Semper Opera House, site of the Saxon State Orchestra
- Admire the Dresden Frauenkirche and statue of Martin Luther
- See the Zwinger Palace, a striking example of Baroque architecture, and walk through the palace garden

This evening, sit down to an included dinner with your group.

### Day 6: Free day in Dresden

*Included meals: breakfast*

Spend a full free day in Dresden or add an excursion.

+ Görlitz

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## Bamberg → 2 nights

### Day 7: Bamberg via Weimar

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Travel to Bamberg by way of Weimar, the intellectual hub that nurtured the genius of Goethe, Nietzsche, and Schiller.

- Learn about the city's literary history on a walking tour through the Old Town
- See remnants of the Bauhaus architectural movement
- Discover the National Theater and its monument to Goethe and Schiller

Then, continue on to Bamberg where you'll sit down to an included dinner with your group.

*(Please note: Some departures may overnight in Würzburg, Bayreuth, or Coburg instead of Bamberg.)*

### Day 8: Sightseeing tour of Bamberg

*Included meals: breakfast*

Set off with a local guide on a walking tour through Bamberg, a city built on seven hills.

- Enter the towering Bamberg Cathedral and surrounding square
- Pass the Baroque New Palace and stand in awe of Old Town Hall
- Visit the quaint fisherman's village of Little Venice

Enjoy a free afternoon in Bamberg or add an excursion.

+ Historic Nuremberg

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## Munich → 3 nights

### Day 9: Munich via Rothenburg ob der Tauber

*Included meals: breakfast*

Set off for Munich, stopping en route in Rothenburg ob der Tauber for a sightseeing tour of the town's picturesque squares.

Enjoy a free evening in Munich or add an excursion.

+ Munich Home-Hosted Dinner

### Day 10: Oktoberfest in Munich

*Included meals: breakfast*

Join in on the Oktoberfest celebrations. Enjoy special admission to an Oktoberfest tent and sample Bavarian delicacies along with steins of Munich's famous beer.

### Day 11: Free day in Munich

*Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner*

Enjoy a free afternoon in Munich or add an excursion.

Say goodbye to your group at a farewell dinner this evening.

+ Bavarian Castle Visit

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## Flight Home

### Day 12: Departure

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or continue on to Vienna.

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## + Vienna extension

Vienna is famous for its musical history, beautiful Baroque architecture, and coffeehouse culture (three things that make it one amazing place). Continue your trip to explore the Austrian capital on a sightseeing tour, and soak it all in for yourself.

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## Vienna → 3 nights

### Day 12: Vienna via Salzburg

*Included meals: breakfast*

Pass through the Austrian countryside, stopping to explore Salzburg on your own en route to Vienna.

### **Day 13: Sightseeing tour of Vienna**

*Included meals: breakfast*

Get transported back to the Age of Empires on a guided tour of Vienna.

- Travel down the Ringstrasse to the Parliament building and the Vienna State Opera
- View the impressive art collection inside the Kunsthistorisches Museum
- See the grand Hofburg Palace, the Hapsburg's preferred winter residence

Enjoy a free afternoon in Vienna or add an excursion.

+ Traditional Viennese Heurigen Evening

### **Day 14: Free day in Vienna**

*Included meals: breakfast*

Spend the day exploring Vienna on your own or add an excursion.

This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.

+ Danube River Cruise & Melk Abbey

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## **Flight Home**

### **Day 15: Departure**

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

# Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.\* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: [goaheadtours.com/GMO](https://goaheadtours.com/GMO) | 1-800-597-0350

## Day 3: World War II Walking Tour

\$79/\$89\* (5 hours, departs in the afternoon, lunch included)

Take a walk through history on this insider's tour of Berlin during World War II, detailing the rise and fall of Hitler and the Third Reich. You'll start in the Wilhelmstrasse area and see the building that once housed the headquarters of Hermann Goering's Luftwaffe. You'll also view the former headquarters of the infamous SS and Gestapo, the massive Reich Chancellery, and the Propaganda Ministry. Finally, stand directly above Hitler's Führerbunker as your guide details the last days of World War II in Europe. Lunch is included.

## Day 6: Görlitz

\$115/\$125\* (7 hours, departs in the morning, lunch included)

Until 1945, the modern-day towns of Zgorzelec, Poland, and Görlitz, Germany, were a single entity. In their current separated state, each town offers unique insights into their nations' shared history. Enjoy an included lunch in Zgorzelec, and then cross the bridge over the Neisse River onto the Germany side. Here, a local guide gives you a tour of Görlitz, including a visit to the Church of St. Peter and Paul.

## Day 8: Historic Nuremberg

\$105 (6 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Step into history as you set off on a guided tour of Nuremberg, Bavaria's second-largest city. The destination has something for history buffs, foodies, and culture lovers. Begin your visit by Palace of Justice. You'll enter the Memorium Nuremberg Trials museum and see Courtroom 600, where the infamous Nuremberg Trials took place after World War II. Then, follow your Tour Director on a tour of the city's charming, walled Old Town. In the winter, the Old Town is home to one of the oldest Christmas markets in Germany. But even when it's not the holiday season, there's plenty to discover. Admire the traditional Bavarian architecture, walk along the Pegnitz River, or pop into a local shop to try some local beer or gingerbread cookies during your free time. Please note: Court Room 600 may be closed when trials are in session. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

## Day 9: Munich Home-Hosted Dinner

\$85 (3 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Join a local at their home in Munich to enjoy traditional dishes and dine like a true Münchner. During this dinner, you'll receive an authentic understanding of your host's day-to-day life while learning about Bavarian culture and traditions from a new perspective. Please note: Your Tour Director will not attend this excursion. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

## Day 11: Bavarian Castle Visit

\$95 (9 hours, departs in the morning)

Head into the mountains of Bavaria to visit the regal Hohenschwangau Castle, the childhood home of Bavaria's Mad King Ludwig II. Start with a photo stop at the fairy-tale Neuschwanstein Castle, which is believed to be the inspiration for Disneyland's castle. Then, transfer to nearby Hohenschwangau Castle for a guided tour of its rooms, such as the Drinking Hall, which has been turned into a chapel. View beautiful wall and ceiling murals illustrating German Folklore and medieval legends, and don't forget to keep an eye out for the all the homages to swans. They're the symbolic animal of the king's family. Please note: On some departures, a shuttle bus may be offered to take travelers up the hill to Neuschwanstein for a closer look. When shuttles are not running, the path to the castle is mostly paved road, but it's steep and the walk can take approximately 20–30 minutes. Winter months are prone to inclement weather, in the event of which shuttle buses might not run. This means the walk to the castle may be slippery and covered in snow. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

## Extension excursion options

### Day 13: Traditional Viennese Heurigen Evening

\$119/\$129\* (4 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

After a brief drive, your first stop is Vienna's Prater Ferris Wheel. Take a breezy ride to the top, which offers a one-of-a-kind view of the city. Next, continue on to a picturesque village and sit down at local restaurant where you'll indulge in a festive night of music, food, and entertainment. Dinner will feature dishes typical of traditional Austrian Heurigen, or wine taverns. During your meal, you'll have the chance to try some of the tavern's own locally made wine—the perfect addition to your cozy, Old-World setting.

### Day 14: Danube River Cruise & Melk Abbey

\$139/\$149\* (9 hours, departs in the morning)

Travel to Melk to take a guided tour of the UNESCO-listed Melk Abbey. This architectural wonder is perched high atop a cliff and is one of Europe's most beautiful Baroque monasteries. Then, embark on a leisurely cruise down the Danube River where you'll pass age-old castles and picturesque villages. Disembark in Dürnstein, where Richard the Lionheart was held captive, and enjoy free time to explore. En route to Vienna, stop in the Wachau Valley for a wine tasting of regional vintages. Please note: This excursion is seasonal and runs from April through October.

\*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at [goaheadtours.com/terms](https://goaheadtours.com/terms)