



# Oberammergau 2022: Historic Germany

12 days | 15 days with Prague extension

Explore the vibrant culture of Germany on this one-of-a-kind journey as you make your way from historic Munich to vibrant Berlin. Along the way, visit Neuschwanstein Castle and spend time touring the classic cities of Weimar and Dresden. In Oberammergau, watch history come to life during the Passion Play, a local performance that only happens once every ten years.



## Your tour package includes

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

## Included highlights

- Nymphenburg Palace
- Passion Play in Oberammergau
- Hohenschwangau Castle
- Bamberg Cathedral
- Weimar
- Zwinger Palace
- Cecilienhof Palace
- Brandenburg Gate

## Tour pace

You will walk for at least 1 hour daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with few hills.

## Group size

15-35

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## Overnight Flight → 1 night

### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Munich today.

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## Munich → 2 nights

### Day 2: Arrival in Munich

*Included meals: dinner*

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

### Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Munich

*Included meals: breakfast*

Get to know the Bavarian capital on a guided tour.

- Travel past the Englischer Garten and fashionable Schwabing district
- Enter the Nymphenburg Palace, the Baroque home to past Bavarian royalty
- Walk from Odeonsplatz through the Hofgarten to view the Residenz, once home to the Wittelsbach dukes of Bavaria
- Explore Marienplatz, Munich's medieval heart, and see the famed Glockenspiel

Spend a free afternoon in Munich or add an excursion.

+ Dachau

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## Oberammergau → 1 night

### Day 4: Passion Play

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner*

Head to Oberammergau and attend the 42nd performance of the world-famous Passion Play.

- Experience the storytelling and portrayal of the Old and New Testament that has taken place once a decade since 1634
- Enjoy the unforgettable open-air performance put on by the residents of the Bavarian town

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

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## Bamberg → 2 nights

### Day 5: Bamberg via Hohenschwangau Castle

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

On your way to Bamberg, travel through the Bavarian Alps making several stops along the way.

- Make a photo stop at Neuschwanstein Castle, the fairy-tale retreat of "Mad" King Ludwig II
- Revel in scenic views of the Alps as you relax during free time for lunch in the town below Neuschwanstein
- Enter Hohenschwangau Castle, the former summer and hunting residence of the Bavarian royal family

After, continue on to Bamberg and sit down for an included dinner.

### Day 6: Sightseeing tour of Bamberg

*Included meals: breakfast*

Set off on a guided walking tour through Bamberg, a city built on seven hills.

- Enter the towering Bamberg Cathedral and surrounding square
- Pass the Baroque New Palace
- Stand in awe of Old Town Hall, built in the middle of Regnitz River
- Visit the quaint fisherman's village of Little Venice

Spend a free afternoon in Bamberg or add an excursion.

+ Rothenburg

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## Dresden → 2 nights

### Day 7: Dresden via Weimar

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

On your way to Dresden, stop in Weimar and take a guided tour of the UNESCO-listed 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 German National Theatre and its monument to Goethe and Schiller
- Enjoy free time for lunch

Continue on to Dresden and sit down for an included dinner.

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### Day 8: Sightseeing tour of Dresden

*Included meals: breakfast*

Set off on 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

Spend a free afternoon in Dresden or add an excursion.

+ Görlitz

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## Berlin → 3 nights

### Day 9: Transfer to Berlin & sightseeing tour

*Included meals: breakfast*

Travel to Berlin, where a local guide introduces you to the monuments of the city'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

### Day 10: Free day in Berlin

*Included meals: breakfast*

Spend a free day in Berlin or add an excursion.

+ World War II Walking Tour

### Day 11: Sightseeing tour of Potsdam

*Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner*

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

- Step inside Cecilienhof Palace, site of the Potsdam Conference's iconic photo
- Explore the historic town center, New Garden, and Dutch Quarter with a guide
- Enjoy free time for lunch before returning to Berlin

This evening, gather with your group for a farewell dinner.

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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 extend your tour in Prague, Czech Republic.

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### + Prague extension

Continue your trip to learn why Prague is the City of One Hundred Spires. (Hint: There are a lot of spires, and it's a really beautiful place.) You'll also uncover some amazing history as you explore the Czech capital with a local guide.

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## Prague → 3 nights

### Day 12: Transfer to Prague

*Included meals: breakfast*

Make your way to Prague, Czech Republic.

### Day 13: Sightseeing tour of Prague

*Included meals: breakfast*

Discover why Prague is known as the City of One Hundred Spires on a guided sightseeing tour.

- Visit Prague Castle, from which Charles IV governed the Holy Roman Empire
- Admire the soaring Gothic vaults of St. Vitus Cathedral
- Ride a tram from Castle Hill down to the Vltava River
- Cross the elegant Charles Bridge for breathtaking views of the city
- Stroll through Old Town Square to view the 15th-century Astronomical Clock

### Day 14: Free day in Prague

*Included meals: breakfast*

Spend a free day in Prague or add excursions.

+ Walking Tour of Prague's Jewish Quarter

+ Château Sychrov

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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.ca/GOO](https://goaheadtours.ca/GOO) | 1-800-754-5066

## Day 3: Dachau

\$85CAD/\$95CAD\* (4 hours, departs in the afternoon)  
Once a typical German town, Dachau served as the first Nazi concentration camp during World War II. Visit this somber site, which has since been transformed into a Holocaust memorial museum that serves as a testament to the strength of the human spirit. You'll take a self-guided audio tour through Dachau's poignant exhibits, which are echoed by the memorials to the victims that adorn the grounds.

## Day 6: Rothenburg

\$75CAD/\$85CAD\* (6 hours, departs in the afternoon)  
Visit Rothenburg, the most well-preserved walled Medieval town in Germany. Upon arrival, join a local guide and embark on a sightseeing tour of the city. You'll stop at the Town Hall, the Medieval Crime and Punishment Museum, and St. Jakob's Church, where you'll see a 500-year-old, hand-carved, wooden altarpiece.

## Day 8: Görlitz

\$159CAD/\$169CAD\* (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 10: World War II Walking Tour

\$109CAD/\$119CAD\* (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.

## Extension excursion options

### Day 14: Walking Tour of Prague's Jewish Quarter

\$159CAD/\$169CAD\* (3.5 hours, departs in the afternoon, lunch included)  
Head to Josefov, Prague's Jewish Quarter, nestled between the Vltava River and Old Town Square. You'll enjoy a lunch of regional specialties at a nearby restaurant and join a local guide for a walking tour of the Quarter's remains, which survived devastation during World War II and oppression during the Communist era. Afterward, pay a visit to the Jewish Museum of Prague,

housed in a collection of former synagogues, one of which displays the names of all the Czechs sent to concentration camps. You'll learn about the Golem myth, a story forever entwined with Prague's Jewish history, and see sites once frequented by Franz Kafka, the enigmatic author of "The Trial" and "Metamorphosis." Please note: This excursion involves a significant amount of walking and standing. On some departures, this excursion will begin with the walking tour of the Jewish Quarter and end with lunch at a local restaurant.

### Day 14: Château Sychrov

\$205CAD/\$215CAD\* (6 hours, departs in the afternoon, dinner included)  
Head into the Czech countryside for an experience exclusively available to Go Ahead travelers. Built in the classic Neo-Gothic style, the 17th-century Château Sychrov is an aristocratic residence owned by the Rohan family for over 200 years. You'll step inside the opulent château after it closes to the general public. Soak in the beauty of the castle on a private tour, admiring the colorful walls, intricate wood carvings on the ceilings, and built-in furniture as you make your way through the rooms. From the beds to the bureaus, each area of the castle has perfectly preserved pieces of 19th-century decor on display. See famous paintings of French royalty and the Rohan family while learning about their daring escape from persecution in France. After you finish touring the manicured grounds, head to the on-site restaurant. Here, you'll attend a private recital of classic Czech music performed by some of Prague's most talented musicians and enjoy a private dinner featuring regional specialties and local beer or wine. Please note: This excursion runs from January through mid October. The château does not have heat or air conditioning, therefore we recommend dressing accordingly based on the season. When the Orangerie is closed, dinner will served in a different wing of the Château.

\*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.ca/terms](https://goaheadtours.ca/terms)