



German Heritage Tour: Family Emigration & Origins

12 days

Set out from Hanseatic Hamburg to see the highlights of this dynamic country. Soak up culture in Cologne and Munich, cruise along the Rhine River, and wander through Bavaria's charming cities, visiting museums that bring the past to life as you go. On this adventure through Germany, created in collaboration with Ancestry®, you'll gain new insight into your family's genealogy.



Your tour package includes

AncestryDNA® kit
10 nights in handpicked hotels
10 breakfasts
5 dinners with beer or wine
9 sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Genealogist from AncestryProGenealogists®
Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

Special AncestryProGenealogists® sessions
BallinStadt Emigration Museum
German Emigration Center Bremerhaven
Cologne Cathedral
Rhine River Cruise
Hessenpark Open Air Museum
Würzburg Cathedral
Residenz

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 1.5 hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with few hills.

Group size

14–28

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Hamburg today.

Hamburg → 2 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Germany

Included meals: dinner

Welcome to Hamburg! Transfer to your hotel and get settled in, then get an introduction to German genealogy and the ways you will be tracing your heritage with your genealogist from AncestryProGenealogists®. Enjoy a welcome dinner with your Tour Director and fellow travelers this evening.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Hamburg

Included meals: breakfast

This morning, join a local expert on a guided tour of Hamburg, Germany's second largest city and a historic port on the Elbe River.

- Pass by the neo-Renaissance Rathaus, the city hall
- Admire St. Michaelis Church, the largest Baroque church in northern Germany
- Explore the Speicherstadt, the city's historic harbor district
- Take a scenic cruise on the Alster River and lakes
- Enter the BallinStadt Emigration Museum, where you'll take a guided tour and learn about German genealogy at the family research center

Cologne → 2 nights

Day 4: Cologne via Bremen

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Make your way to Cologne today, traveling through Lower Saxony.

- Enter the German Emigration Center in the port city of Bremerhaven to discover exhibitions that detail the history of German migration over the past three hundred years
- Stop in Hanseatic Bremen to enjoy free time for lunch, perhaps paying a visit to the Ratskeller, the city's traditional wine cellar

Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Cologne

Included meals: breakfast

Today, you'll join a local expert to discover the highlights of Cologne on a guided tour.

- Travel through the waterfront Rheinauhafen district
- Walk through the city's charming Old Town, passing the historic City Hall, Great St. Martin Church, and Alter Markt, a central square
- Enter Cologne Cathedral, a Gothic masterpiece and UNESCO World Heritage site

Frankfurt → 2 nights

Day 6: Rhine River Cruise & Hessenpark Open Air Museum

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Travel south through Rhineland and Westphalia to explore the region on a series of visits today.

- Soak in the spectacular sights of the Rhine River Valley on a scenic cruise, passing castles from the Middle Ages
- (Please note: From mid-October through March you will enjoy a German wine tasting instead of the cruise)*
- Take a guided tour of the traditional buildings in the Hessenpark Open Air Museum, located in the state of Hesse, and experience what German village life was like throughout the past five centuries

Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Heidelberg

Included meals: breakfast

Travel to Heidelberg, the historic capital of the Palatinate, and get to know its romantic cityscapes and Baroque architecture on a guided tour.

- Wander through Heidelberg's elegant Market Square in the city's Old Town
- Explore the grounds of Heidelberg University, the oldest university in Germany
- Take a funicular ride to the city's rose-colored hilltop castle for panoramic views of the Old Bridge and the Rhine River below
- Explore the art and archaeological collections of the Museum of the Palatinate

Nuremberg → 2 nights

Day 8: Nuremberg via Würzburg

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Cross into the state of Bavaria, stopping to visit Würzburg en route to Nuremberg.

- Enter the historic Würzburg Cathedral, built in the Romanesque style
- Enjoy free time to visit the Catholic archives or explore the city on your own

Day 9: Ansbach & Rothenburg

Included meals: breakfast

This morning, follow a local guide through the Ansbach Residence, a palace and seat of the administration of the Middle Franconia region. Then, take a walking tour through the well-preserved cobblestone streets of Rothenburg.

- Explore the romantic alleyways and picturesque squares of the historic Old Town
- View Market Square and the 13th-century Town Hall Tower
- Take in views of charming half-timbered houses in the Plönlein area, which is framed by the Siebers Tower and Kobolzell Gate

Munich → 2 nights

Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Nuremberg

Included meals: breakfast

Take a guided tour of Nuremberg today before continuing on to Munich.

- Enter the Memorium Nuremberg Trials Museum
- Walk through the Old Town, passing St. Sebaldus Church, St. Lorenz Church, and the Rathaus, the city hall
- Enjoy free time to explore on your own before continuing on to Munich

Tonight, your genealogist from AncestryProGenealogists® shares a summary of all you've learned about German heritage.

Day 11: Sightseeing tour of Munich

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Get to know the Bavarian capital on a guided tour.

- Make your way to the city center to explore the Marienplatz, Munich's medieval heart, and see the chiming of the famed Glockenspiel
- Pass by Munich Cathedral, St. Peter's Church, and the Old and New Town Halls
- Enter the Residenz, once home to the Wittelsbach dukes of Bavaria, and then explore the manicured Hofgarten and the Odeonsplatz

- Travel past the Englischer Garten and the fashionable Schwabing district

Spend a free afternoon in Munich or add an excursion.

Then, say goodbye to your fellow travelers at a farewell dinner.

+ Dachau

Flight Home

Day 12: 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/QGM | 1-800-754-5066

Day 11: 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.

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