

# BEST OF GERMANY

September 8 - 18, 2016

Neuschwanstein Castle

★ Presentations on February 3, 2016 @ 2:00 & 6:00PM - Ask for Details. ★

Welcome to the journey of cosmopolitan cities, historic old towns and natural scenery. Be captivated by the old world charm of Rothenburg and Nuremberg, the mountain scenery of Bavaria and the amazing re-birth of Dresden to its former Baroque splendor.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- » With a master artisan, learn the history of the traditional pastry Schneebälle (snowball), followed by a tasting in Rothenburg.
- » Visit the archetypal fairy tale castle that allegedly inspired Walt Disney in Neuschwanstein. Enjoy the views aboard a traditional horse and carriage ride.
- » In the Black Forest, watch skilled artisans at work and learn the history and ancient techniques of clock making.
- » Climb up to the magnificent Castle built in red sandstone overlooking the Student Prince's town in Heidelberg.
- » Cruise beneath the semi-ruined castles and terraced vineyards in the Rhine Valley.
- » See the city walls and tour the old town of Nuremberg.
- » Visit Munich's Olympic Stadium, Marienplatz, Town Hall and Glockenspiel.

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- » Free parking with roundtrip transfers to airport
- » Roundtrip airfare from Newark International Airport
- » Roundtrip transfers – airport/hotel
- » Nine night hotel accommodations
- » Sightseeing as stated in itinerary by luxury coach
- » Services of professional Insight Tour Director
- » Meals: 9 Buffet Breakfasts, 4 Dinners
- » Welcome Reception
- » All local taxes, hotel service charges & portorage for one suitcase per person
- » AAA Group Leader

## PRICE PER PERSON

OCCUPANCY	AAA MEMBER	NON MEMBER
Double	\$4,029	\$4,074
Single	\$4,599	\$4,644
Triple	\$3,989	\$4,034

Rates are subject to availability at time of booking and include taxes, fees and fuel surcharges which are subject to change. All pricing and included features are based on a minimum of 25 full fare passengers.

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## TOUR ITINERARY

### Thursday, September 8: Depart for Berlin

Motorcoach transfer from Central PA to Newark International Airport for overnight flight to Berlin. (Airfare to be added once available.)

### Friday, September 9: Welcome to Berlin

Your tour begins at Berlin's Tegel Airport with a transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to begin to get to know this historical city. Later, join your Tour Director for a Welcome Reception with the opportunity to mingle over a pleasant evening of dinner and wine. Hotel: *Swissotel*, Berlin (Welcome Reception and Dinner)

### Saturday, September 10: The Spirit of Berlin

Set off this morning sightseeing with a local expert along the Ku'Damm to the Memorial Church. Drive through the Tiergarten to see Norman Foster's glass-dome which crowns the reconstructed Reichstag building. Next, pass the Brandenburg Gate, symbol of the reunification and travel down the Unter den Linden past the Humboldt University and Opera. Stop a while on Museum Island before enjoying an afternoon at leisure in this once divided city. (Buffet Breakfast)

### Sunday, September 11: Dresden

Hear about the origins of the legendary German autobahn network this morning as you travel south to Dresden. Join a local expert to see the splendors of the city. From the Frauenkirche, which has risen again from the destruction of World War II, walk past 'The Procession of the Dukes', a mosaic of colossal proportions on the Royal Palace façade. You also see the enormous cathedral, Semper Opera House and Baroque Zwinger Palace. Hotel: *Swissotel Dresden Am Schloss*, Dresden (Buffet Breakfast)

### Monday, September 12: Medieval Rothenburg

Today head for Rothenburg-ob-der Tauber, the most well-preserved town on the Romantic Road. Plunge back into the 16th Century as you walk through narrow cobbled streets lined with high-gabled houses to the market square dominated by its Renaissance town hall. With an artisan baker, enjoy a demonstration and learn the history of the traditional pastry Schneebälle (snowball), followed by a tasting. Afterwards, the rest of your day is free to explore and enjoy this quaint town. Tonight, for your Dine-Around experience, you are offered a selection of restaurants within the walls of the old town. Hotel: *Eisenhut*, Rothenburg (Buffet Breakfast, Dinner)

### Tuesday, September 13: Nuremberg & the Bavarian Capital of Munich

It's only a short drive to Nuremberg, still entirely enclosed by its fortifications. Witness the charming blend of stone and timbered dwellings in the Old Town before crossing the Danube to reach Munich. An introductory orientation shows you the Olympic Stadium, University, Victory Arch and ends in the Marienplatz, where crowds gather at the Town Hall to watch the antics of the Glockenspiel. Tonight, perhaps consider dinner at one of Munich's famous "Bier Kellers"? Hotel: *Hilton Munich Park*, Munich (Buffet Breakfast)

### Wednesday, September 14: Munich & the Jewels of the Bavarian Alps

In the morning, travel to Oberammergau in the Bavarian Alps, home since 1634 of the Passion Play. See the immense theatre and colorfully-painted chalets then continue along part of the Alpine Road amidst beautiful scenery to the Wieskirche, a masterpiece of Bavarian Rococo. Now to Neuschwanstein, the fairy tale castle spectacularly perched on an Alpine mountainside. This was Ludwig II's favorite castle, though he spent little time here before his death. Visit the exuberantly decorated apartments, including the Throne Room and Lohengrin Grotto. Upon leaving the castle, descend the mountain by traditional horse and carriage. Return to Munich for free time. (Buffet Breakfast)





**Thursday, September 15: Lindau on Lake Constance & into the Black Forest**

Travel through lush, rolling dairy country to Lindau, an island in Lake Constance connected to the mainland by a causeway. Stroll through the narrow streets past old inns and half-timbered houses, to admire the fantastic backdrop of the Swiss and Austrian Alps across the lake. Next, enjoy a delightful drive along the shores of Lake Constance, lined with orchards and vineyards, to the Black Forest. Your hotel is nestled amid the trees alongside the clear waters of Lake Titisee. Hotel: *Maritim Titisee*, Black Forest (Buffet Breakfast, Dinner)

**Friday, September 16: University City of Heidelberg & Mainz**

The Black Forest! Land of cherry cake and cuckoo clocks, where traditional farmhouses dip their thatched roofs almost to the ground. Stop to meet skilled masters of the trade who still make cuckoo clocks by hand, a tradition passed down over 300 years. Then through the valleys, where villages and isolated farms nestle beside fast flowing streams, before joining the motorway north to Heidelberg. Enjoy the view from the heights of the castle fortress before venturing inside to see the Great Wine Vat. Spend time in the Apothecary Museum, before enjoying panoramic views of Heidelberg and the Neckar Valley. Your hotel is in the nearby town of Mainz. Hotel: *Hilton Mainz*, Mainz (Buffet Breakfast)

**Saturday, September 17: Castles of the Rhine Experience**

Begin the day with a relaxing cruise past steep sided vineyards, half-timbered taverns, the hilltop castles and the notorious Lorelei Rock. Continue to Koblenz where a gigantic equestrian statue of Wilhelm I guards the junction of the Rhine and Moselle. Enjoy the scenic views from the mighty Niederwald Monument. This evening, round off your German experience with a farewell Celebration Dinner overlooking the River Rhine, complete with the local wine. Prost! (Buffet Breakfast, Celebration Dinner)

**Sunday, September 18: Depart Frankfurt**

After breakfast, transfer to Frankfurt Airport for your flight home and transportation to Central PA. (Buffet Breakfast)

*Hotels and itinerary are subject to change at anytime without notification and/or compensation.*





## GENERAL INFORMATION

### TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Original, signed passport valid for 6 months beyond stay, and with at least one blank visa page for visa stamp(s).

### PAYMENT

Deposit of \$200 per person will confirm your reservation. Final Payment is due to AAA by June 24, 2016.

### CANCELLATION/PENALTIES

Deposit date to day of departure	\$25 per person, plus...
From June 6 – July 10, 2016	\$200 per person, plus additional suppliers' fees
From July 11 – 25, 2016	10% per person, plus additional suppliers' fees
From July 26 – August 17, 2016	25% per person, plus additional suppliers' fees
From August 18 – 31, 2016	30% per person, plus additional suppliers' fees
From September 1 – 7, 2016	50% per person, plus additional suppliers' fees
After September 7, 2016	NON REFUNDABLE

**\*Airfare is non-refundable after final payment.**

### INSURANCE

For your protection AAA recommends travel insurance. Pre-existing medical conditions may be waived with proper coverage if travel insurance is purchased within 14 days of initial deposit only. Other conditions may apply; ask your travel agent. AAA recommends Allianz.

### FLIGHT

Air arrangements are handled by the tour operator. Seat assignments cannot be confirmed until the tour operator releases names to the airline 30 days prior to departure. Specific seat requests cannot be guaranteed. Some flight schedules may contain code share agreements.

### CLOTHING/CLIMATE

Temperatures for Germany in September average in the 60's with cooler evenings. Pack for a variety of temperatures. Casual clothes that can be layered work best. Comfortable walking shoes and a small umbrella are recommended.

### BAGGAGE

One suitcase per person will be allowed. You may also bring a carry-on bag small enough to fit under your seat. Baggage fees and other charges may be directly assessed by airlines or airport.

### TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

For personal comfort, group participants who need assistance are required to have a traveling companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the needed assistance.

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