



Sample Itinerary

Berlin to Bavaria



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Brandenburg Gate



Day 1 • Depart

Our journey to Germany and Austria begins with our transatlantic flight to Berlin, Germany.

Day 2 • Berlin

Upon arrival in Berlin, a local guide takes us on a panoramic tour of the city where highlights include the **Brandenburger Tor**, the **Reichstag**, the **Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtnis-Kirche**, and the recently completed **Holocaust Memorial**. We also visit the **Museum of the Wall** at **Checkpoint Charlie** and a nearby section of the infamous wall. **D**

Day 3 • Berlin

A fascinating day begins with a visit to the **Pergamon Museum**, with exhibits from ancient Greek and Babylonian civilizations. We also tour a bunker built for the defense of Berlin during WWII. A visit to **Hohenschönhausen**, a former prison during the Communist era, reminds us of the 40 years of political repression that ended in 1989. This evening we take a stroll along **Unter den Linden**. **B/D**

Day 4 • Erfurt

Our destination today is Erfurt, capital of Thuringia. During the Middle Ages this was an intellectual,

Rothenburg ob der Tauber



commercial, and spiritual center known as the “German Rome.” En route we visit **Buchenwald**, the former Nazi concentration camp, now a memorial to a dark period in Europe’s history. In Erfurt a walking tour acquaints us with the **Augustinian Monastery** which Martin Luther entered to become a monk. **B/D**

Day 5 • Rothenburg

Our journey continues as we drive to Rothenburg ob der Tauber. Here we enjoy a tour of this beautiful medieval walled city, which includes Riemenschneider’s carved masterpiece, **Das Heiligblut-Altar**. The half-timbered buildings, narrow, cobblestone streets, and high ramparts remind us of life as it was 500 years ago! A visit to the **Kriminalmuseum** gives us a view of a by-gone – and definitely gruesome! – system of justice. **B/D**

Day 6 • Oberammergau

Nestled deep in the Bavarian Alps, we find **Neuschwanstein Castle**, the crown jewel of eccentric King Ludwig II and one of the most photographed and visited attractions in all Europe. We take a guided tour of the castle and then continue to Oberammergau, famous for its wood carvings and the *Passion Play*, performed here once every ten years. Tonight we enjoy a special dinner and magic at the **Zauberstub’n**. **B/D**

Cathedral hill of Erfurt Germany



Neuschwanstein Castle





Mirabel Gardens, Salzburg

Day 7 • Salzburg, Austria

We tour the **Passion Play Theater** this morning before driving across the border to Salzburg, Austria, the famous birthplace of Mozart and the film site of *The Sound of Music*. A guided tour introduces us to the city's highlights, including the **Salzburg Cathedral**, the **Getreidegasse**, **Mirabell Gardens** and more. This evening we hike up to the **Hohensalzburg Fortress**, where we enjoy a lovely view of this attractive city. **B/D**

Day 8 • Salzburg

We take an excursion today to nearby **Hallein**, where we don miner's apparel and descend into a salt mine for an unforgettable tour. Be prepared for the "slide" of your life! A short drive further takes us to the base of Hitler's mountaintop tea house, the **Eagle's Nest**, near Berchtesgaden. The final stage to the summit is an elevator ride up through the mountain! **B/D**

Day 9 • Munich

Recrossing the border into Germany, we soon find ourselves in Munich, the capital of Bavaria. We receive an introduction to the city by bicycle. Our tour starts at the **Glockenspiel** on the **Marienplatz** and continues as a rolling history lesson embellished humorously by our guide. Tonight we enjoy a special dinner and folklore



Bavarian fried sausages on sauerkraut

show at the historic **Hofbräuhaus**. **B/D**

Day 10 • Munich

The final day of our tour is open to many optional activities: a visit to the 1972 Summer Olympic grounds, the Deutsche Museum, the Viktualienmarkt, and the Alte Pinakothek. **B/D**

Day 11 • Return

Our journey through Germany and Austria comes to an end as we transfer via metro to the Franz Josef Strauss Airport for our return flight home. **B**



Eagle's Nest, Germany



Stadium of the Olympiapark in Munich

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast **D**=Dinner

Prices vary according to season, group size, and customization of each tour.
Contact our staff at students@ed-ventures.com for more information

Included

Transportation

- Private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach

Accommodations

- Youth hostels and multi-bedded tourist class hotels

Meals

- As indicated in itinerary

Sightseeing

- Admission to all activities as indicated in itinerary

Tour Guides

- Teacher serves as tour leader (Professional tour director can be added upon request)
- Local guides for city tours and major attractions

Taxes and Tips

- All taxes and tips for provided services except end of tour tip for driver

Complimentary Tours

- One per 8 paying participants

Not included

- Roundtrip air transportation (Included upon request)
- Professional tour director
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Beverages, except with breakfast
- End of tour tip for driver
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees (*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date*)
- Travel Insurance

This tour can be customized to your specifications.



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