

GERMAN CITY HIGHLIGHTS DELUXE TOUR

fly & drive

11 days / 10 nights



Welcome to a transformative expedition through the heart of Europe, where the echoes of history harmonize with the vibrant pulse of modernity. This is not just a tour; it is an immersive self-drive adventure carefully curated to unfold the layers of Germany's captivating tapestry. Over eleven days, traverse landscapes, delve into the annals of time, and indulge in the sheer beauty that defines this remarkable nation. As you depart for Germany, anticipation dances in the air, promising a sojourn marked by discovery and wonder. Visit the pulsating cityscape of Frankfurt, a metropolis that seamlessly blends contemporary architecture with the echoes of a rich past, Limburg, where medieval charm welcomes you before leading to the iconic city of Cologne with its majestic Cathedral. Drive on to Munster, where the allure of its Old Town is a timeless embrace, to Bremen, weaving maritime history with fairy-tale aesthetics and to Hamburg, a captivating maritime jewel with its bustling harbor, avant-garde culture, and a nightlife that pulsates with energy. The road then leads to Berlin, the beating heart of the nation, with a complex history – from the solemnity of Checkpoint Charlie to the triumph embodied by the Brandenburg Gate. Berlin embraces its visitors with an open heart, offering an eclectic mix of art, culture, and culinary delights. Continue onward to Potsdam, where opulent palaces and meticulously manicured gardens tell tales of royal grandeur. Dresden, a city that wears its Baroque elegance with pride; Erfurt unfolds its medieval charm; Weimar, a city synonymous with literary and cultural significance where you feel the echoes of Goethe and Schiller. In fact, our "City Highlights Delux Tour" is more than a tour; it is an exploration of the soul of a nation, a narrative written in cobblestoned streets, historic palaces, and the warm hospitality that accompanies each step of the journey.

DAY 1 ARRIVAL IN GERMANY

Arrival at the airport in Frankfurt, where you will be greeted by a representative of our company. Pick up your rental car and drive to Frankfurt to your hotel. Frankfurt is the fifth largest city in Germany and serves as its financial and transport center. In fact, it is the largest financial center on continental Europe. Accommodation at the selected hotel. Free time to see the city.

DAY 2 FRANKFURT - LIMBURG - COLOGNE

After breakfast, we suggest you to head to Limburg (77 km), a small city on the banks of the river Lahn, one of the main tributaries of the Rhine River. This beautiful city conserves the charm and timber-framed architecture of the late medieval era as well as the Baroque neo-classical architecture of the 17th and 18th centuries. Limburg's old town is one of the prettiest and best preserved in the region. Take the time to visit the city, the old town and the Cathedral, an icon of Limburg and the seat of the Bishop of the Region. The St. Georg Cathedral (Limburger Dom) is one of the best example of late Romanesque architecture in Hesse. Then continue onward to the city of Cologne, known for its Gothic cathedral (119 Km). Arrival and check-in at the hotel. Cologne (Köln in German) is the country's fourth-largest city, straddling both sides of the Rhine River. The

PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY **from EUR 1.150.-**

Surplus single room EUR 465.-

Car rental for 11 days from EUR 254.- for 2-4 persons

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Anytime from April through October

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Private bus for transfers, sightseeing tours and connections
- 10 nights in 5**** selected hotels including buffet breakfast,
- 10 breakfast, 2 lunches and 3 dinners
- All excursions and transfers mentioned in the program
- City tour in 9 german metropolis
- Local english-speaking tour guide in all excursions and transfers.
- Entrance fees for all visits in Museums and National parks.
- Travel money security certificate
- 24 h. support (Hotline)

NOT INCLUDED

- o International and local flights.
- o Local airport taxes
- o 8-days rental car in the category of your choice. We help you with pleasure selecting the car you want.
- o Parking fees at the hotels and visits
- o Tips for Guides, drivers and Porters
- o Personal expenses
- o Optional tours
- o Other services not mentioned in the program

city's famous cathedral is the seat of the Catholic Archbishopric of Cologne. In 1996 the cathedral was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the afternoon you can enjoy a "cup of coffee" on board a boat, for a cruise on the romantic Rhine. After the cruise, visit Cologne's Old Town and Cathedral. (B).



DAY 3 COLOGNE - MUNSTER - BREMEN

After breakfast, take the highway to Bremen, capital of the federal state of the same name. On the way you can visit the city of Münster, the most important in the region of Westphalia, site of one of the oldest cathedrals in Germany. It is located in a landscape studded with dispersed settlements and farms known as "Münsterland". The trip continue to Bremen, where you will check-in at the Hotel. (B)

DAY 4 BREMEN - HAMBURG

Breakfast at the Hotel. Bremen is a commercial and industrial city with a major port at the river Wesser. You will have a guided walking tour of the Old City, with a visit to the most famous monument in Bremen, based on a tale by the Brothers Grimm. You will also see the Cathedral and the pedestrian promenade, where you will have free time for shopping. In the afternoon your journey continues to Hamburg. Accommodation at the hotel. (B)

DAY 5 HAMBURG

Breakfast at the hotel. Hamburg is the second largest city in Germany, situated on the river Elbe and the third largest port in Europe. Our tour includes a guided walking tour of the city and harbor. The visit includes City Hall, the grand church St. Michaelis and the Warehouse. Next is the harbor promenade, where you will board a boat for a tour of the harbor, where you will see the movement inside Germany's largest port. At night, you might want to take in a play or musical (such as The Lion King or Tarzan, in German, not included in the price). (B)

DAY 6 HAMBURG - BERLIN

After breakfast departure for the Federal Capital of Germany (293 Km). Arriving in Berlin, check-in at your hotel. Berlin is the largest city in Germany. After the Second World War, the city was divided into four districts, shared by the Allies, who took the administrative responsibilities for their sector. In 1961 Berlin was divided by a wall isolating the sector run by Russia. In 1989 the wall came down and the city was unified once again. Parts of the wall are still standing, as a memorial to that time. You will have an afternoon guided tour of the city's most important attractions: the Brandenburg Gate, the German Parliament (Reichstag), and the famous Kurfürstendamm, as well as part of the (in)famous wall. Time for shopping. (B)

DAY 7 BERLIN

After breakfast, stroll through the old East Berlin and visit the Cathedral, Town Hall and the TV tower for a panoramic view of the city. Free afternoon. We suggest additional excursions, such as the Concentration Camp of Sachsenhausen, a blind witness of the horror of the second World War and the Nazi Regime; or a visit to one of the hundred museums in Berlin. Our particular favorite is the Egyptian museum, with priceless original pieces. At night you can enjoy a concert at the Philharmonic or have drinks on one of the popular squares, Potsdam Square (Potsdamer Platz) or the Sony Center (not included.) (B).

DAY 8 BERLIN - POTSDAM - BERLIN

Breakfast at the hotel. Leave early in the morning for the city of Potsdam, capital of the State of Brandenburg, (24 km, 15 miles) south of Central Berlin. Potsdam has several claims to national and international fame. In Germany, it had the status that Windsor has in Britain, having served as the residence of Prussian Kings and German Kaisers until 1918. Around the city are a series of interconnected lakes and unique cultural landmarks, in particular the park and palace of Sans Souci. It is the largest World Heritage Site in Germany and is included in the guided city tour. After your tour, at the end of the afternoon, return to Berlin. (B)

DAY 9 BERLIN - DRESDEN

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning you will head to the city of Dresden (194 Km), in eastern Germany. Dresden has a long history as the capital and royal residence of the Electors and Kings of Saxony, who for centuries furnished the city with cultural and artistic splendor. The city was known as the Jewel Box, because of its baroque and rococo city center. After checking-in at your hotel, have a walk through the city center to see the Cathedral, the Old Castle, the Fürstenszug, a large mural of the rulers of Saxony. Wander the old narrow streets and visit the Semper Opera House. Afternoon at leisure. (B)



DAY 10 DRESDEN - ERFURT - WEIMAR

After breakfast you will head towards Erfurt (227 Km), the capital of the state of Thuringia and the city nearest to the geographical center of Germany. You will visit the Cathedral and the Church of San Severino, both with valuable treasures worth seeing. The program also includes the Augustinian Convent, where Martin Luther spent some several years, and the Petersberg Citadel, built from 1664 to 1707 with a magnificent view of the region. Continue on to Weimar, a city where Germany's first democratic constitution was signed after World War One, giving its name to the Weimar Republic, and the period in German politics, of 1918-1933. The city was also the focal point of the German Enlightenment and home to the leading authors of Weimar Classicism such as Goethe and Schiller. (B)

DAY 11 WEIMAR - FRANKFURT

Breakfast at the hotel. You will start the day with a drive to Frankfurt am Main (274 Km), Germany's financial capital. There you will see the City Hall and the Zeilgalerie: a mall with interesting sights on the Zeil shopping street. Marvel at the skyscrapers that have become the icons of Frankfurt, and stroll along the river Main. Head out to the airport, return the rental car and check in for your flight End of our services. (B)

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner