



# **BEST OF GERMANY BY TRAIN**

# 11 days – 10 nights

There are many possibilities to travel Europe. You can join a group, rent a car or travel on your own. Many destinations are always booked out and is usually very difficult to get a room in certain cities. On the other side, if you plan to travel using the train, buying your ticket on the spot could be really expensive.

GERMANC EXPERIENCES offers you now the possibility to travel by train through Germany without having stress and visiting the most important cities in the country. We will buy your train tickets (please note that in certain circumstances, the price is higher as planned in this itinerary, but we will let you know in advance the final price according to your travel dates), book your centrally located hotels and excursions as well as your transfers from the train station to the hotel. It is important for you to know, that the return will be on your own. This will save you money and in some cities you can even walk to the train station. Be aware that this package is also fully customizable. If you want to change some items or add more days, let us know and we will update your travel plans.

Start then your adventure in Frankfurt, the financial capital of Germany and headquarters of the European central bank. Continue to Cologne enjoying the beautiful rail ride along the Rhine River. You will see some of the most beautiful castles on the route. Cologne is well known because of the huge gotic cathedral. Continue to Bremen and Hamburg and be amazed with Dresden on an optional tour, the former residence of the Electors and King of Saxony. Of course, a visit to Germany is not completed if you miss Berlin and Munich. Curious? Get on board on the next train and live your German adventure with us.

### DAY 1 FRANKFURT

Upon your arrival at Frankfurt airport, reception through our company and transfer to your hotel in downtown Frankfurt. Rest of the day at leisure for private activities. Visit the Römer Platz, the main square and walk from there towards the Main River. Crossing the bridge to the other side will give you a nice view of the Mainhattan skyline, with interesting Skyscrapers. Overnight.

DAY 2 FRANKFURT - COLOGNE

Departure after breakfast towards Cologne, a city known for its Gothic cathedral. Go to the train station at the scheduled time. At arrival, a vehicle will be waiting for you and will take you to the hotel. After registering in the Hotel, you can walk around downtown and visit the cathedral. In the afternoon we will invite you to get on board a boat and enjoy the journey along the river Rhine. Overnight (B).

DAY 3 COLOGNE - BREMEN

PRICES PER PERSON
IN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

EUR 1.698.-

Surplus Single Room EUR 508.-

Train ticket bundle: from 263.- EUR

## **DEPARTURES 2024**

Everyday from January through December

Do you want to organize your group or customize your travel plan? Please contact us anytime.

#### **INCLUSIONS**

- Private transfers airport/hotel/airport
- Transfers from train station to the hotel in Cologne, Bremen, Hamburg, Berlin and Munich.
- 10 nights in selected hotels (3\*\*\* or 4\*\*\*\*) including breakfast.
- City tour in Hamburg and Berlin with professional local tour guides.
- Full day guided tour to Potsdam
- Full day guided tour to Neuschwanstein and Linderhof Castles
- Entrance to the Miniature Wonderland Museum in Hamburg
- Harbour boat tour in Hamburg NOT INCLUDED
- Train tickets in the routes detailed in the itinerary
- International or national flights
- Transfer from Hotel to the train stations
- Personal expenses
- Tips for drivers, guides and porters
- Meals and drinks not mentioned here.
- Health insurance and others.

After breakfast, departure by train to the city of Bremen, the capital of the federal state of the same name. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel in a private vehicle. After the check-in at the Hotel, free time to see the city on your pace. Visit the main square with the huge statue of Roland, symbol of right and liberty. See also the four musicians' statue and learn about one of the famous german fairytales from the Grimm Brothers, known all over the world. Don't forget to hold the donkey's legs if you want your wishes come true. Overnight. (B)

AY 4 BREMEN - HAMBURG

Breakfast at the Hotel. Bremen is a commercial and industrial city with a major port o the river Wesser. Enjoy the morning scrolling around the city and also shopping in the fancy boutiques and department stores. In the afternoon our journey continues to Hamburg. We will pick you up at arrival and take you to the hotel. Accommodation. (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. Take a walking tour with us around the city and harbour. The visit includes the city hall and the grand church St. Michaelis and the Warehouse. Then we will go to the harbour promenade, where we will board a boat and make a harbour tour to see the movement inside Germany's largest port. Therafter, go to the Speicherstadt, the largest warehouse district in the world where the buildings stand on timber-pile foundations, oak logs, in this particular case. It is located in the port of Hamburg—within the HafenCity quarter—and was built from 1883 to 1927. Among other things, you will find a Museum of superlatives, the Miniatur Wunderland, the largest model railway in the world and Hamburg's No. 1 tourist attraction. We will



provide your scheduled skip the line tickets. A unique miniature masterpiece was created on an area of 1,499 square metres in around 795,000 working hours, and it continues to grow. In addition to its sophisticated technology, it impresses above all with its richness of detail. Over 265,000 figures were lovingly staged, cars and ships move through the landscapes, and even airplanes take off from Knuffingen Airport every minute. The Wunderland is a breathtaking miniature cosmos that cannot be seen anywhere else in the world. In the evening, you may visit a Musical (eg The Lion King or Tarzan, in German, not included in the price). Overnight. (B)

DAY 6 HAMBURG - BERLIN

After breakfast, depart for the Federal Capital of Germany. Once in Berlin, transfer on a private vehicle and accommodation at the Hotel. Berlin is the largest city in Germany. After the Second World War was divided into four districts shared by the Allies who took the administrative responsabilities for the city. Since 1961 divided through a wall and since 1989 unified again. Afternoon tour in private coach visiting the most important attractions, the Brandenburg Gate, the German Parliament (Reichstag), and the famous Kurfürstendamm. We will also have the chance to see part of the (in)famous wall. Time for shopping. Overnight. (B)

#### DAY 7 BERLIN - POTSDAM - BERLIN

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we will offer you a guided tour to the city of Potsdam, the capital of the State of Brandenburg, south from Berlin Center. Potsdam has several claims to national and international notability. In Germany, it had the status Windsor has in Britain because it was residence of Prussian kings and German Kaisers, until 1918. Around the city there are a series of interconnected lakes and unique cultural landmarks, in particular the parks and palaces of Sanssouci, the largest World Heritage Site in Germany, place that is included in our city tour. After visiting the park, return to Berlin. In the afternoon, the Concentration Camp of Sachsenhausen is in our program on a guided tour, blind witness of the horror of the second World War and the Nazi Regime. Back to Berlin. In the evening, you can go for example to the Philharmonic or have drinks at Potsdam Square (Potsdamer Platz) or the Sony Center (not included) (B)

#### **DAY 8 BERLIN**

Breakfast at the hotel. You have the day at leisure because there are too many things to do in Berlin. You can stroll through the old East Berlin, the Cathedral, the Town Hall and the TV tower for a panoramic view of the city. Go to some of the many museums in the city. Suggestion: visit the Jewish Museum or the Wall Park to see the silent witnesses of the post war time in the divided city. But the most important thing to do is to visit the Museum Island, museum complex on the northern part of the Spree Island in the historic heart of Berlin. It is one of the capital's most visited sights and one of the most important museum sites in Europe. Another idea is to go out of the city and head to Dresden, 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. We'll explore the immaculately restored Old Town including the famous Church of Our Lady (Frauenkirche), the Semper Opera House, the 'Balcony of Europe' - once Dresden's defensive rampart on the River Elbe, and the Zwinger medieval fortress - home to the Old Masters Collection featuring works by Raphael, Rembrandt, Rubens and more). Hear stories of Dresden at the medieval times, on to horrific wartime experiences, the Communist era and also discover the vibrant city of today - enjoy free time to visit the world class museums, relax on the waterfront, or stroll through the flea market. In the afternoon return to Berlin. Overnight. (B)

# **DAY 9 BERLIN - MUNICH**

Breakfast. Departure towards Munich, the capital of the state of Bavaria. largest city in Germany, behind Berlin and Hamburg. Its native name, München, is derived from the Old High German Munichen, meaning "by the monks'place". The city's name derives from the monks of the Benedictine order who founded the city; hence, the monk depicted on the city's coat of arms. Once in the city, transfer on private vehicle to your hotel. Later on, walk through the historic city center, including Karlstor Gate, the Cathedral of Munich (Frauenkirche), the Odeon Square and Marienplatz (Marien Square) where the city hall is located. (B)

# **DAY 10 MUNICH**

After breakfast, leave the hotel on a guided tour to visit the most visited monument in Germany, the Neuschwannstein Palace. Departing from Munich, you'll first visit Linderhof Castle, a French rococo-style castle inspired by Versailles itself and surrounded by immaculately manicured gardens. A quick shopping and photo stop in the charming village Oberammergau will recharge your batteries for the second half of your day. You'll arrive at idyllic Neuschwanstein Castle around 1:00 p.m, where you're free to enjoy approximately 4 hours to explore the castle. Wander through the scenic German countryside on your way to the legendary extravagance of the German castles Neuschwanstein and Linderhof. Known for their elaborate construction and world-famous architecture, these two extraordinary structures were dreamed up by Germany's own Ludwig II, also known as the Swan King. You'll soon find out why many believe Neuschwanstein inspired Disney's storybook castles -get ready to feel like you're living a real-life fairy tale. Hidden in the seclusion of the mountains, German King Ludwig II built two of his dream castles: Neuschwanstein and Linderhof. Both testify to the vision of Bavaria's fairytale King. Return to Munich. Overnight. (B) DAY 11 MUNICH - AIRPORT

Breakfast at the Hotel. Before leaving the airport for your flight back home, we will have time to see the city again, go shopping or do another tour. We suggest you to visit Nymphenburg Castlle to complete your vision of Germany. After check-in at the airport, end of our services. (B)