# Highlights of Germany 12 nights

## Program

#### Day 01 - Frankfurt





Arrival in Frankfurt and private transfer to your booked hotel.

Frankfurt is a city of contrasts, where tradition and the modern are nestled side by side in colourful harmony. Little wonder that Frankfurt is called "Mainhattan" with its skyscrapers of all shapes and sizes. In the afternoon you will get to know the city's highlights during a guided city tour. Remainder of day at leisure.

Overnight in Frankfurt

### Day 02 - Cologne





After breakfast depart for Cologne.

Cologne is addictive. Anyone who has ever lived in the cathedral city never wants to leave again. It is the unique feeling, the result of a cheerful way of life and Mediterranean flair that captivates everyone. Get to know the city during a guided motorized city tour. Pass by what remains of the Roman and mediaeval city wall, get an impression of how large the provincial capital Colonia was, how much larger Mediaeval Cologne was, and finally, how the city has spread out since the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Get fascinated by the view of Cologne's Old Town and the majestic Cathedral from the banks of the Rhine in the borough of Deutz, definitively one of the world's most attractive city panoramas.

# Day 03 - Hamburg





In the morning you continue to Hamburg.

With its maritime charm, Hamburg is for sure one of the most beautiful cities in Germany. The "Gateway to the World", as the port city is often called, has a lot to offer: the Jungfernstieg with its fantastic shopping opportunities, the downtown lakes "Binnenalster" and "Außenalster", the Reeperbahn, Hamburg's famous entertainment mile, as well as the largest port in Germany and the world famous "Speicherstadt". You will get to know Hamburg's most important sights during a guided city tour upon arrival.

Overnight in Hamburg

#### Day 04 - Berlin





Today you will drive to Berlin, the city where the 20th century began and ended.

The German capital knows how to look backward and forward at once, how to remember and how to renew. Shaking off its heavy past, today Berlin is fast-changing, lively and fun.

Look forward to exploring Berlin's numerous history-rich sights, such as the Brandenburg-Gate, the rebuilt Reichstag, the boulevard Unter den Linden, the Museum Island, the Berlin Wall Memorial and many more during an orientational city tour upon your arrival.

Overnight in Berlin

# Day 05 - Berlin





The morning will be dedicated to Berlin during World War II.

The city was seat of the Nazi leaders and also the site of suffering for victims of persecution, civilians, forced laborers. See the Reichstag, the Soviet War Memorial, the Bendlerblock, the former site of the offices and what became of the buildings of Goering, Goebbels, Himmler, Heydrich and the murderous dictator Hitler himself, as well as the site of his bunker where he died. The tour will finish at the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe.

Afternoon at leisure. Overnight in Berlin

#### Day 06 - Leipzig





Your journey continues today to Leipzig.

Leipzig has been a trade city since the time of the Holy Roman Empire and it is a place where tradition rubs shoulders with zeitgeist; where great art can be enjoyed just a few steps away from an exciting world of outdoor activities. With a history going back almost 1,000 years, the Saxon metropolis has earned more than a few claims to fame: as a city of music, of commerce, of heroes, as the site of the Peaceful Revolution, as Little Paris, Athens on Pleisse River, and the Venice of the North. Look forward to getting to know this wonderful destination during a guided city walk. Overnight in Leipzig

# Day 07 - Dresden





After breakfast onward journey to Dresden, the capital city of the "Free State of Saxony". Dresden has a long history as the royal residence for the Electors and Kings of Saxony, who for centuries furnished the city with cultural and artistic splendour. Look forward to getting to know this "jewel box" with its baroque and rococo inner city, the Katholische Hofkirche, the Semper Oper and the Dresdner Frauenkirche and many other wonderful sights during a guided city tour.

Overnight in Dresden

### Day 08 - Nuremberg





In the morning you continue to Nuremberg, a real lively and urban place.

Discover the harmonious interplay of historic buildings and modern architecture during a walk through the most beautiful old town and learn all about city's culinary uniqueness during a specially-themed tour. You will not just hear what is special about the city's beer, bratwurst and gingerbread, you will also sample all these Nuremberg specialties.

Overnight in Nuremberg



# Day 09 - Nuremberg & Munich





Take your time to explore more of Nuremberg in the morning.

Feel "live history" at the Imperial Castle, Nuremberg's grand landmark. Or visit the Former Nazi Party Rally Ground and Courtroom 600 to learn more about the "Nuremberg Rallies", the "Nuremberg Laws" and the "Nuremberg Trials" which link the city's name up to the present to the period of the Nazi rule. In the afternoon continuation to Munich.

Overnight in Munich

# Day 10 - Munich





The King wanted to turn Munich into "a town which does such credit to Germany that no man can say he knows Europe unless he has seen Munich". To make this dream come true King Ludwig II, his predecessors and successors created monumental buildings, magnificent squares and boulevards, and so created one of the most beautiful cities in Europe.

You will get to know much of this during a guided city walk. You will see Marienplatz square with new town hall and its world-famous Glockenspiel, Frauenkirche (Church of our Lady), as well as Munich's famous Residence, the Opera House and the food market Viktualienmarkt.

Overnight in Munich

### Day 11 - Stuttgart





Your journey continues today to Stuttgart.

The leading economic and scientific area of Stuttgart ranks high among Germany's ten major cities. This is due to the economic strength, its high level of life quality and a wide range of cultural, recreational and leisure offers. Also, Stuttgart is linked to world famous car brands – Porsche and Mercedes Benz. Look forward to explore a vibrant and creative city, a city on the move and inspiring travel destination. Do not omit to taste the regional Swabian cuisine, world famous for the Spätzle noodles.

Overnight in Stuttgart

#### Day 12 - Heidelberg





After breakfast continue to Heidelberg.

The name of Heidelberg stands for the world-famous castle and a picturesque old town in breathtakingly beautiful surroundings. The city of Heidelberg is known for both: for Germany's oldest university and modern research facilities, for historic streets and a lively university atmosphere. Upon arrival you will visit the world famous castle and then have time for a brief tour around the old town center, including sights, such as Alte Brücke, Karlsplatz or Hotel zum Ritter with its beautiful Renaissance façade.

Overnight in Heidelberg

# Day 13 - Departure

After breakfast private transfer to Frankfurt Airport and end of tour.