

BYGONE AND PRESENT DAY DISCOVERY OF GERMANY

8 days from Berlin to Nuremberg and Munich

Vacation Highlights:

Arrival transfer from Berlin airport to the hotel; or alternatively, join from Kompas' "Grandeur and History of Poland" tour

8 day/7-night guided tour featuring:

- o Centrally located first class hotels:
 - 3 nights in Berlin
 - 1 night in Nuremberg
 - 3 nights in Munich
- o Buffet breakfast daily
- o A welcome reception in Berlin (heavy hors d'oeuvres, a glass of wine, beer or soft drink)
- o A lunch in Berlin (coffee or tea included)
- o A Farewell Reception in Munich (coffee or tea included)

Hotel taxes and service charges

Touring by modern air-conditioned motor-coach

Professional English-speaking tour director

Sightseeing tours with licensed local guides

Admission included where indicated in bold letters

Luggage handling at the hotels

Whisper technology enhanced touring

Departure transfer from Munich to Munich airport or to Prague for your continuation with Kompas' "Capitals of the Habsburg Empire" tour

Tour spotlights:

Berlin, capital and chief urban center of Germany
Potsdam and its Sanssouci palace
Munich, gateway to Bavaria
Neuschwanstein Castle

Special Features:

River Cruise in Berlin

Woodcrafting in Regensburg

Lunch at the Hofbrauhaus in Munich

Hotels:

Berlin: Hotel Abba (F) or similar

Nuremberg: Park Inn Nuremberg (F) or similar

Munich: Maritim Munich (F) or similar

This tour can be extended with Kompas' "Capitals of the Habsburg Empire" tour

Itinerary:

Day 1, arrive in Berlin, Sunday

You will be met and transferred to your hotel. There's time to relax before tonight's welcome reception with your tour director and fellow travelers **(WR)**

Day 2, in Berlin, Monday

During this guided city tour, we see the landmarks of Germany's capital: the Brandenburg Gate, the

Reichstag, the Victory column, the Palace Bellevue, the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Memorial Church, Checkpoint Charlie, the Unter den Linden Boulevard, the Berliner Dom and some remains of the Berlin wall. We end our sightseeing with a one-hour **Cruise on the River Spree**. The afternoon and evening is free to enjoy your own activities. **(B)**

Optional tour: Visit of Pergamon Museum

Day 3, in Berlin, Tuesday

The former royal city of Potsdam, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its extraordinary collection of palaces and parks, lies just a stone's throw from the center of Berlin. The Rococo palace of Sanssouci became the favorite refuge of Prussia's greatest king, Frederick II. The french poet Voltaire was a frequent guest amongst many other luminaries and philosophers. Our excursion of **Sanssouci Palace** includes a stroll through the magnificent gardens, the Dutch quarter and the Russian colony. Afterward, we return to Berlin where the remainder of the day is at leisure. **(B)**

Optional tour: Berlin beer tour

Day 4, Berlin to Nuremberg, Wednesday

After breakfast, we motor to Dresden, the capital of the Free State of Saxony. Dresden has a mild climate, and because of its baroque architecture the city is also called 'Florence on the Elbe'. We see the Semper Opera House, the baroque Zwinger (palace), and the restored Frauenkirche. After our visit, we continue to Nuremberg, where, between 1945 and 1946, a series of World War II military tribunals were held. The evening is free. **(B)**

Day 5, to Munich, Thursday

We continue our journey to Regensburg, "Germany's best-preserved medieval city" and a regional trading center since the 9th century. After a short visit, we travel to the **Dachau Concentration Camp** Memorial Site. It was here, on the grounds of an abandoned munitions factory, that the first German concentration camp, initially for political prisoners, opened in 1933. Later in the afternoon, we arrive in Munich where the rest of the day is at leisure. **(B)**

Day 6, in Munich, Friday

A Morning guided tour of the Bavarian capital includes Nymphenburg Castle and the Olympic Grounds. After the tour, we visit the famous Hofbrauhaus and enjoy a traditional lunch. The afternoon is at leisure to explore this great city. **(B, L)**

Optional tour: Munich Food Tour

Day 7, in Munich, Saturday

We explore more of the Freestate of Bavaria with a visit to **Neuschwanstein Castle**, commissioned by Ludwig II of Bavaria as a retreat for and in honour of Richard Wagner. It was completed in 1882. Its Romanesque beauty and fairytale setting attracts a great many visitors from around

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the world. Its architecture served as inspiration for Disneyland's Sleeping Beauty Castle. After our visit to Neuschwanstein, we continue to the Village of Oberammergau, famous for its once-a-decade Passion Play and for its wood-carving craftsmen. Here, we visit Pilatushaus and observe a wood-carver at work. Thereafter, we return to Munich. In the evening join your fellow travelers and your travel director for our farewell dinner. **(B, D)**

Day 8, depart Munich, Sunday

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your departure flight. Alternatively, you can continue your journey and join Kompas' "Capitals of the Habsburg Empire" Tour **(B)**

Bygone and Present Day Discovery of Germany (K050)		
departure dates	\$ pp double occupancy	\$ single supplement
25-Apr-21	\$1.980	\$650
11-Jul-21	\$1.980	\$650
8-Aug-21	\$1.980	\$650
29-Aug-21	\$1.980	\$650
19-Sep-21	\$3.350	\$1.490
5-Dec-21	\$2.230	\$890

*Oktoberfest pricing

Rates are gross, per person, in US dollars