

Sample Itinerary

Around the Black Forest (8 days)

Heidelberg – Maubronn – Baden-Baden – Gengenbach – Triberg –
Schonach – Furtwangen – Titisee-Neustadt – St. Blasien – Freiburg –
Donaueschingen – Calw – Stuttgart – Ludwigsburg – Stuttgart



DAY 1 **USA – Frankfurt**

Departure from the USA (overnight flight)

DAY 2 **Frankfurt – Heidelberg**

Arrival in Frankfurt

Transfer to Heidelberg – 58 miles (by car, coach, or ICE high speed train)

Hotel check-in

Guided city tour

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**DAY 2
Cont'd**

Heidelberg

Places of interest:

- Heidelberg Castle
- Church of the Holy Spirit
- Baroque Old Quarter
- Old Neckar Bridge
- University of Heidelberg
- Great Vat
- Pharmacy Museum

Heidelberg – Every year, millions of visitors from all over the world are inspired by Heidelberg, this youthful German town that is steeped in history. Science and learning have also played their own distinctive part in the history of Germany's oldest university town. Heidelberg is widely regarded as one of the best business locations in Germany, while the world-famous Heidelberg Castle still towers above the lanes and the picturesque jumble of roofs of the old town. The architecture contains elements of the Gothic and Renaissance periods. The castle gardens, the Great Vat (the world's largest wine barrel) and the remarkable Pharmacy Museum are also worth a visit. Romantic and idyllic, cosmopolitan and dynamic – Heidelberg effortlessly combines the apparent opposites of myth and modernity.



View over Heidelberg



Old assembly hall at the University

Dinner

Overnight in Heidelberg

DAY 3

Heidelberg – Maulbronn

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Maulbronn – 39 miles (by car or coach)

**DAY 3
Cont'd**

Maulbronn – Baden-Baden

Visit to Maulbronn Monastery Complex (UNESCO site)

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Maulbronn – Situated on the fringes of the town, the Maulbronn Monastery was founded in 1147 by Cistercian monks. It is the most extensively preserved medieval monastic complex north of the Alps, and is shaped by an array of architectural styles from Romanesque to late-Gothic. The monastery offers a detailed insight into the life and work of the order from the 12th to the 16th century. Maulbronn's monks were renowned throughout the region for their agriculture. Fish were farmed in the grounds, a complex irrigation system was built, and almost all trades were practiced within the monastery walls. Cistercian monks lived, prayed and toiled in Maulbronn for 390 years.



Inside the Monastery

Lunch at restaurant Klosterschmiede on the monastery grounds

Restaurant Klosterschmiede

Klosterhof

75433 Maulbronn

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Transfer to Baden-Baden – 48 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

**DAY 3
Cont'd**

Baden-Baden

Guided city tour

Baden-Baden Tourist Office

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Places of Interest:

- Rastatt Castle (Barockresidenz Rastatt)
- Favorite Castle (Schloss Favorite)
- Casino
- Spa Park
- Frieder Burda Museum
- State Art Gallery

Baden-Baden – is well-established as Germany's chic spa resort at the foot of the Black Forest. Its cosmopolitan flair and degree of sophistication are rare for a town of this size. With its glorious parks and beautiful gardens, Baden-Baden is a paradise for people who appreciate the finer things in life and are looking for a relaxing break. Culinary Connoisseurs might want to visit the Rebland, Baden-Baden's winegrowing country which produces fabulous Rieslings. There are also numerous restaurants serving the finest Badensian cuisine.



The Baden-Baden Spa park

Dinner

Optional: Visit to the Casino

Casino Baden-Baden

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DAY 3
Cont'd **Baden-Baden**

Overnight in Baden-Baden

DAY 4 **Baden-Baden – Gengenbach**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Gengenbach – 40 miles (by car, coach, or train)

Guided city tour

Gengenbach Tourist Office

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Places of interest:

- Town Hall
- Old Town Wall Towers
- Raftman's Museum
- Benedictine Abbey
- Town Church of St. Mary
- Angel Alley with half-timbered houses

Gengenbach – A tourist destination on the western edge of the Black Forest. Travelers approaching Gengenbach are greeted from afar by the church- and watchtowers that invite them into the historical town centre, where narrow alleys lead them to picturesque corners. On the market square, the stone knight on top of the fountain is a sign of the pride of the former free imperial town, just as the over 200 year-old town-hall. The impressive building and the uncountable romantic half-timbered houses dominate the image of the town. Gengenbach is also home to the World's Largest Advent Calendar House – the 24 windows of the town hall serve as the “doors” of the calendar.



Obertor Gate and Old Quarter

**DAY 4
Cont'd** **Gengenbach – Triberg – Schonach – Furtwangen**

Transfer to Triberg – 28 miles (by car, coach, or train)

Lunch

Guided city tour

Triberg Tourist Office (in the Black Forest Museum)

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78098 Triberg im Schwarzwald
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Fax: +49 (7722) 866 499
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www.triberg.de

Places of Interest:

- Town Hall with famous wooden room
- Germany's highest water falls
- Black Forest Museum

Triberg in the Black Forest – Deeply rooted in its traditional culture and possibly best known as the home of the cuckoo clock, the Black Forest is an area of mountains and forest 125 miles long and up to 40 miles wide, which borders France in the west and Switzerland in the south. Many luxurious spa resorts use the hot or mineral springs in the valleys for a variety of therapeutic treatments.



Waterfalls in the Black Forest

Transfer to Schonach – 2 miles (by car, coach)

Visit to the world's biggest cuckoo clock

Eble Uhren-Park
Schonachbach 27
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Transfer to Furtwangen – 9 miles (by car or coach)

DAY 4
Cont'd **Furtwangen – Titisee-Neustadt**

Visit to the German Clock Museum

Deutsches Uhrenmuseum

Roberg-Gerwig-Platz 1
78120 Furtwangen
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Fax: +49 (7723) 920 2120
E-Mail: email@deutsches-uhrenmuseum.de
www.deutsches-uhrenmuseum.de

Transfer to Titisee-Neustadt – 16 miles (by car or coach)

Titisee-Neustadt Tourist Office

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79822 Titisee-Neustadt
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www.titisee-neustadt.de

Titisee – The highlight of this town is no doubt the beautiful Lake Titisee, with crystal clear water attracting swimmers and bathers to this resort town. Since its conversion into a pedestrian zone and waterfront promenade, Seestraße is considered the loveliest street for strolling in the Southern Black Forest. Many pubs and restaurants here specialize in local cuisine and fine wines.



Lake Titisee

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Titisee-Neustadt

DAY 5 **Titisee-Neustadt – St. Blasien**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Stroll along the Titisee Lake

Transfer to St. Blasien – 21 miles (by car or coach)

DAY 5
Cont'd **St. Blasien – Freiburg**

Guided city tour incl. Minster

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Places of Interest:

- Benedictine Abbey
- Cathedral
- Town Hall

St. Blasien – A town with a population of 4,000, located in the forest hills in the Black Forest. The town is known for its impressive dome Cathedral, third in size only to St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome and Les Invalides in Paris.



Cathedral

Lunch

Transfer to Freiburg – 34 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Guided city tour

Freiburg Tourist Office

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Freiburg

Places of interest:

- Minster
- Historical department store
- Medieval town wall towers
- Old Quarter
- Swabian Gate
- Schlossberg mountain, also accessible with cable cars
- Franciscan Monastery
- Town Hall Square
- Museum of Modern Art

Freiburg – The minster is Freiburg's most famous landmark. Münsterplatz - minster square - is the focal point and the heart of the town. Freiburg's picturesque old quarter is grouped around Münsterplatz. The open streams - known as "*Bächle*"- which flow through the streets and lanes add to the charm. Also on Münsterplatz is the Historical Merchants' House, which was built as a customs house and warehouse. In the summer months, Freiburg hosts a local wine festival.



Minster

Dinner

Overnight in Freiburg

DAY 6

Freiburg – Donaueschingen

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Donaueschingen – 36 miles (by car or coach)

Guided city tour

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DAY 6
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Donaueschingen – Hechingen

Places of Interest:

- Source of the Danube
- Residence Palace and Park
- Town Hall and Musician Fountain
- Church St. Johann
- Ensemble of Art Nouveau Buildings in Karlstrasse

Donaueschingen – Holidaymakers who are especially appreciative of culture and nature can look forward to some unforgettable holiday experiences along the Danube (in German: 'Donau'). Visitors to the town of Donaueschingen will have the chance to see its charming art nouveau architecture as well as the river's very source in the beautiful Fürstenberg Palace Park. The young Danube between Donaueschingen to Ulm is a real wonder child and particularly suitable for cyclists and people travelling by boat.



Source of the Danube

Transfer to Hechingen – 55 miles (by car or coach)

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Lunch

Visit to Hohenzollern Castle

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Hechingen – Calw

Hohenzollern Castle – Hohenzollern Castle is the ancestral seat of the Prussian Kings and German Emperors as well as the Swabian branch of the Princes of Hohenzollern. It ranks among Europe's most famous and popular castles. The stunning panorama of the picturesque landscape has already been admired by Emperor William II. (1859-1941) who visited the castle several times and is said to have uttered "the view from up here is truly worth a voyage".



Hohenzollern Castle

Transfer to Calw – 45 miles (by car or coach)

Guided city tour

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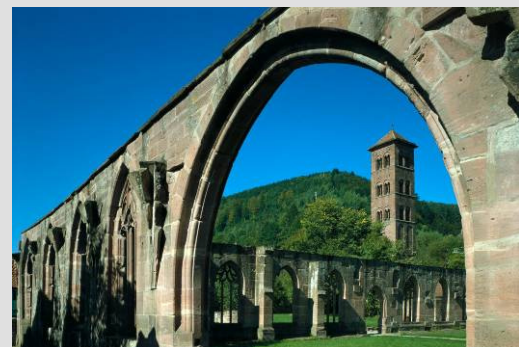
E-Mail: stadtinfo@calw.de

www.calw.de

Places of interest:

- Half-timbered houses in the Old Town
- Town Forest
- Hermann Hesse Museum
- Town Museum at Palais Vischer
- Benedictine Monastery Hirsau with Museum

Calw – In Calw visitors can follow the path of Hermann Hesse, the famous writer and winner of the Nobel Prize. Hesse, whose works include "Steppenwolf" and "Siddhartha", was born in the medieval town of Calw in the beautiful Nagold valley. Impressive monuments to the history of the monasteries can still be seen here today. The Benedictine Monastery of St. Peter and St. Paul at Hirsau conveys a very real sense of monastic life. Hirsau Monastery ruins are also a venue for plays and the acclaimed Aurelius concerts.



Hirsau Monastery complex

DAY 6
Cont'd **Calw – Stuttgart**

Transfer to Stuttgart – 29 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Stuttgart

DAY 7 **Stuttgart – Ludwigsburg**

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Ludwigsburg – 11 miles (by car, coach, or train)

Guided city tour

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Places of Interest:

- Residence Palace
- Local Porcelain Manufacturer
- Monrepos Castle

Ludwigsburg – The home to one of the loveliest and best preserved baroque palaces in Germany. Ludwigsburg is said to be the cradle of Swabian poetry and in the past, the Kings of Württemberg have resided here.



Palace Ludwigsburg

DAY 7
Cont'd **Ludwigsburg – Stuttgart**

Lunch at Monrepos Castle and Hotel

Schloss Monrepos

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Transfer back to Stuttgart – 11 miles (by car, coach, or train)

Guided city tour

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Stuttgart – Charmingly situated in the heart of one of Germany's largest wine-growing regions, this vibrant metropolis fascinates visitors from all over the world. The state capital of Baden-Wuerttemberg delights tourists not only by virtue of its magnificent panorama, its impressive gardens and parks, its fine squares, splendid palaces and buildings in a wide range of architectural styles, but also by its cultural diversity. Visit the medieval Old Palace - with its cloistered courtyard, the palace reflects the splendor of the former ducal town. Just around the corner, the magnificent baroque building of the New Palace and the Schlossplatz square are in the heart of the city and popular meeting places. Also a big draw for visitors is the sensational Mercedes-Benz World as well as the Porsche-Museum.



New Palace Square



Mercedes Benz Museum

DAY 7
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Stuttgart

Places of Interest:

- State Gallery
- Opera
- Parliament Building
- Historic Center
- Medieval Old Palace
- New Palace and Schlossplatz Square
- Mercedes-Benz Museum
- Porsche Museum
- TV Tower

Dinner

Overnight in Stuttgart

DAY 8

Stuttgart – USA

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Stuttgart Airport

Departure to the USA