

## Sample Itinerary

### Castle Tour Western Germany (8 days)

**Cologne (Köln) – Bensberg — Brühl – Cologne – Wassenberg –  
Velen – Blomberg – Attendorn – Frankfurt – Wiesbaden**



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**DAY 1 USA – Cologne (Köln)**

Departure from the USA (overnight flight)

**DAY 2 Cologne – Bensberg – Cologne**

Arrival in Cologne

Transfer to Bensberg – 13 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in at Castle Hotel Bensberg

**Grandhotel Schloss Bensberg**

Kadettenstrasse

51429 Bensberg

Tel: +49 (2204) 420

Fax: +49 (2204) 42888

[www.schlossbensberg.com](http://www.schlossbensberg.com)

Transfer to Cologne – 11 miles (by car or coach)

**DAY 2**  
**Cont'd**      **Cologne – Bensberg**

Guided city tour

**Cologne Tourist Office**  
Kardinal-Höffner-Platz 1  
50667 Köln  
Tel: +49 (221) 221 30 400  
Fax: +49 (221) 221 30 410  
E-Mail: [info@koelntourismus.de](mailto:info@koelntourismus.de)  
[www.cologne-tourism.com](http://www.cologne-tourism.com)

**Places of interest:**

- Cologne Cathedral (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Historic Town Hall
- 12 Roman Churches in the old city center
- Chocolate Museum
- Roman-Germanic Museum
- Museum of Art Ludwig
- Rhine river promenade
- Wallraff-Richartz Museum of Art

**Cologne** – The very name bears witness to its Roman past as the town of Colonia, as do, for instance, twelve excellently preserved Romanic churches throughout the city. As well as the legacy from Roman times and the Middle Ages, particularly the world-famous cathedral, Cologne has an extremely lively arts and culture scene. And besides being Germany's center of carnival activity and the "capital of Rhenish *joie de vivre*", supported by the local "Kölsch" beer, Cologne is also an extremely attractive trade fair center. Open, friendly and uncomplicated: that's Cologne!



Bridge over the Rhine & Cologne Cathedral



Medieval town houses on Fischmarkt square

**DAY 2**  
**Cont'd**      **Cologne – Bensberg**

Dinner

Transfer to back to Bensberg – 11 miles (by car or coach)

Overnight in Bensberg

**DAY 3**      **Bensberg – Brühl – Cologne – Wassenberg**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Brühl – 20 miles (by car, coach)

Visit Castle Brühl

**Schloss Brühl**

Schlossstrasse 6

50321 Brühl

Tel: +49 (2232) 44 000

E-Mail: [mail@schlossbruehl.de](mailto:mail@schlossbruehl.de)

[www.schlossbruehl.de](http://www.schlossbruehl.de)

Transfer to Cologne – 13 miles (by car or coach)

Lunch at Castle Restaurant Isenburg

**Rittergut Isenburg**

Johann-Bensberg-Strasse 49

51067 Cologne

Tel: +49 (221) 695 909

Fax: +49 (221) 698 703

[www.isenburg.info](http://www.isenburg.info)

Transfer to Wassenberg – 53 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in at Castle Wassenberg

**Burg Wassenberg**

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41849 Wassenberg

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Fax: +49 (2432) 949 100

E-Mail: [info@burg-wassenberg.de](mailto:info@burg-wassenberg.de)

[www.burg-wassenberg.de](http://www.burg-wassenberg.de)

Dinner

Overnight in Wassenberg

**DAY 4**      **Wassenberg - Velen**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Velen – 95 miles (by car or coach)

**Velen Tourist Office**

Ramsdorfer Strasse 19

46342 Velen

Tel: +49 (2863) 926 219

Fax: +49 (2863) 926 299

E-Mail: [tourist-info@velen.de](mailto:tourist-info@velen.de)

[www.velen.de](http://www.velen.de)

**Velen** – a small town in the Münster region, known for its recreational facilities and the beautiful moated Velen Castle. Other sights worth seeing are artesian fountain, and the nature park Hohe Mark. The surroundings are perfect for a bike ride or a stroll through the nature.



Velen Castle

Hotel check-in at Castle and Hotel Velen

**SportSchloss Velen**

Schlossplatz 1

46342 Velen

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Fax: +49 (2863) 203 788

E-Mail: [info@sportschlossvelen.de](mailto:info@sportschlossvelen.de)

[www.sportschlossvelen.de](http://www.sportschlossvelen.de)

Lunch

Free time at leisure

Dinner

Overnight in Velen

**DAY 5**      **Velen – Blomberg**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Blomberg – 149 miles (by car or coach)

**DAY 5  
Cont'd**

**Blomberg**

**Blomberg Tourist Office**

Neue Torstrasse 25

32825 Blomberg

Tel: +49 (5235) 502 8342

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**Blomberg** – The little town of Blomberg has a well preserved historical center with beautiful cross-timbered houses and a charming old market square. The Castle Blomberg was build in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, today a hotel welcomes its guests here.



Old City hall

Hotel check-in at Castle and Hotel Blomberg

**Clariton Collection Burghotel Blomberg**

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E-Mail: [info@burghotel-blomberg.de](mailto:info@burghotel-blomberg.de)

[www.burghotel-blomberg.de](http://www.burghotel-blomberg.de)

Lunch

Free time at leisure

Dinner (optional medieval dinner event with actors and traditional dishes at the hotel for groups)

Overnight in Blomberg

**DAY 6**

**Blomberg - Attendorn**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Attendorn – 132 miles (by car or coach)

**DAY 6  
Cont'd**

**Attendorn**

**Attendorn Tourist Office**

Rathauspassage

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[www.attendorn.de/tourismus](http://www.attendorn.de/tourismus)

**Attendorn** – part of the beautiful Sauerland region. The Schnellenburg Castle sits in splendour overlooking the town and is one of the most monumental castles in the region. Also worth seeing is the Attendorn's spectacular dripstone caves with its fairytale backdrop of stalactites and stalagmites.



Schnellenburg Castle

Hotel check-in at Castle and Hotel Schnellenberg

**Bilsing Hotelbetrieb / Burg Schnellenberg**

Schnellenberg 1

57439 Attendorn

Tel: +49 (2722) 6940

Fax: +49 (2722) 694 169

E-Mail: [info@burg-schnellenberg.de](mailto:info@burg-schnellenberg.de)

[www.burg-schnellenberg.de](http://www.burg-schnellenberg.de)

Lunch

Free time at leisure

Dinner

Overnight in Attendorn

**DAY 7**

**Attendorn – Frankfurt**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Frankfurt – 102 miles (by car or coach)

**DAY 7**  
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**Frankfurt**

Guided city tour

**Frankfurt Tourist Office**  
Kaiserstrasse 56  
60329 Frankfurt am Main  
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[www.frankfurt-tourismus.de](http://www.frankfurt-tourismus.de)

**Places of interest:**

- Römerberg square
- Cathedral
- St. Paul's Church
- Banking district
- Alte Oper concert hall
- Museum Embankment
- Goethe's house

**Frankfurt** – As the seat of the European Central Bank and venue of more than 30 trade fairs per year, the modern city by the river Main commands center stage of the world's finance and economic markets. Frankfurt has always played an important role in European history. A number of historical buildings have remained to document this fact: the cathedral, where German kings were once crowned, St. Paul's Church, seat of the first German National Assembly, or Goethe House, birthplace of one of Germany's favorite sons. Today, Frankfurt is also recognized as a dynamic cultural center with many fine museums, theaters and galleries.



Frankfurt Skyline



Alte Oper concert hall

Lunch

**DAY 7**  
**Cont'd**      **Frankfurt – Wiesbaden**

Transfer to Wiesbaden – 25 miles (by car, coach, or train)

**Wiesbaden Tourist Office**

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[www.wiesbaden.de](http://www.wiesbaden.de)

**Places of Interest:**

- Spa House
- Town Hall
- Castle Sonnenberg
- Biebrich Palace
- Roman Gate
- Hessian State Theater
- State House ('Landeshaus')
- Man-size Cuckoo Clock in the Old Quarter

**Wiesbaden** – The state capital of Hesse is located in the heart of the Rhine-Main region. The neighboring Rheingau region, one of the most beautiful and traditional wine growing areas in Germany, lives in harmony with Wiesbaden, also known as the 'Gateway to the Rheingau'. The city's historical Old Town has been kept in best conditions and covers all architectural styles of past centuries. This classical flair fits perfectly with the city's development as a modern health center.



Biebrich Palace

Visit to Biebrich Palace

**Schloss Biebrich**

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[www.hi.hessen.de](http://www.hi.hessen.de)

**DAY 7**  
**Cont'd**      **Wiesbaden**

Hotel check-in at Castle Hotel Sonnenberg

**Gollner's Burg Sonnenberg**

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[www.gollners.de](http://www.gollners.de)

Free time at leisure

Dinner

Overnight in Wiesbaden

**DAY 8**      **Wiesbaden – Frankfurt – USA**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Frankfurt Airport – 18 miles (by car, coach, or train)

Departure to the USA