

Sample Itinerary

Churches and Monasteries in the Allgäu and Bavarian Swabia (7 days)

Munich (München) – Steingaden – Füssen – Maria Rain – Kempten –
Legau – Ottobeuren – Buxheim – Mindelheim – Augsburg –
Oberschönenfeld – Friedberg – Augsburg



DAY 1 **USA – Munich (München)**

Departure from the USA (overnight flight)

DAY 2 **Munich**

Arrival in Munich

Hotel check-in

Guided city tour

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**DAY 2
Cont'd**

Munich

Places of Interest:

- Residenz Castle
- Nymphenburg Castle
- Church of our Lady
- "Alter Peter" Church
- Odeon Square with Theatiner Church St. Kajetan
- Asam Church
- Marien Square and Town Hall
- Bavaria Film Studios
- English Garden
- Gourmet and traditional market "Viktualienmarkt"
- Hofbräuhaus brewery
- BMW World, Museum and Plant

Munich – the capital of Bavaria has a lot of attractions to offer for all ages and tastes. Whether you are interested in history, architecture or art; whether you enjoy strolling through the parks, fancy attractions like a trip to the Bavaria Film Studios or long for a visit to one of Munich's famous traditional beer gardens, you will always find something exciting in this multi-faceted city. Take a romantic stroll through the old parts of the city around Marien Square, Viktualien Market and Odeon Square to see how Munich's past is still lived in the every day life, enjoy a walk along the Isar river and its beautiful embankments, or visit the magnificent Nymphenburg Palace. Munich also has some of the most famous churches in Germany. The Late Gothic Church of Our Lady, with its famous domed spires that can be seen from miles away, is one of Munich's best-known landmarks. The St. Kajetan Church, a basilica built in the Italian High Baroque style, has a gloriously ornate facade. The Asam Church was endowed and built by the Brothers Asam, pioneering artists of the Rococo period.



Aerial view of Munich with Church of Our Lady



St. Kajetan Church

Dinner

Overnight in Munich

DAY 3 **Munich – Steingaden – Füssen**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Steingaden – 67 miles (by car or coach)

Guided tour incl. Wieskirche Church

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Places of Interest:

- Wieskirche Church (see also front page)
- Parish Church Welfenmünster
- Monastery Museum
- Monastery Garden St. Johannes
- Holy Cross Church on the Kreuzberg hill

Steingaden – A beautiful little town in the Bavarian Pfaffenwinkel region. Its Wieskirche Pilgrimage Church, a UNESCO world heritage site, is an unparalleled example of how light can be used as a building element alongside brick and stone. True pilgrims leave their cars in Steingaden and climb the shady path on foot, a walk that takes around an hour. The Church is sumptuously decorated and dedicated to the "Scourged Saviour". It is regarded as one of the most beautiful rococo churches in southern Germany. Between 1745 and 1754, Dominikus Zimmermann enlisted the help of a number of leading artists of the time to create this undisputed highlight of Bavarian rococo architecture. With its opulent stucco ornamentation and the ceiling fresco painted by his brother Johann Baptist, it is a masterpiece of human creativity.



Inside the Wieskirche Church

Transfer to Füssen – 12 miles (by car or coach)

DAY 3
Cont'd **Füssen – Maria Rain**

Guided city tour

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Places of interest:

- Medieval Old Town
- Hohes Schloss Castle with Art Collection
- Benedictine Monastery of St Mang (Catholic)
- Füssen Heritage Museum with Anna Chapel

Füssen – On the banks of the turquoise river Lech, the old town center is a maze of narrow medieval streets and magnificent baroque churches. Grouped around it are the villages of Bad Faulenbach, Hopfen am See and Weissensee, all set in idyllic lakeland scenery amid the foothills of the Alps. Füssen is Bavaria's town at the highest elevation, and the ideal starting point for visiting the royal castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau.



Church St. Coloman

Lunch

Transfer to Maria Rain – 19 miles (by car or coach)

Visit to Pilgrimage Church of the Holy Cross Maria Rain

Wallfahrtskirche Maria Rain

87466 Oy (Maria Rain)

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DAY 3
Cont'd **Maria Rain – Kempten**

Transfer to Kempten – 15 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Guided city tour incl. St. Lorenz Basilica (Catholic)

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Places of interest:

- Burghalde Fort
- St. Mang Church
- St. Lorenz Basilica
- Town Hall Square
- Duke Abbot's Residence
- Orangery
- Alpine Museum
- Allgäu Museum
- Zumstein House with Roman Museum
- Archaeological Park Cambodunum

Kempten – Located on the banks of the river Iller, this 2,000 year old city of the Celts and Romans is the capital of the Allgäu region. Visit the Archaeological park Cambodunum where visitors can follow the footsteps of the Romans. The Town Hall square is a bustling street with cafes and an extensive pedestrian zone. The city is surrounded by beautiful mountains, lakes and forests. The St. Lorenz Basilica was the first major church built in South Germany after the Thirty-Year' War as a parish church and monastery church alike. Building started in 1652, and the church features a magnificent twin tower façade (tower tops from 1900), large cupola topping the choir hall and beautiful interior design.



St. Lorenz Basilica

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Kempton

Dinner

Overnight in Kempton

DAY 4

Kempton – Legau – Ottobeuren

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Legau – 16 miles (by car or coach)

Visit to Pilgrimage Church Mariä Schmerzen and St. Ulrich with Pilgrimage Museum Maria Steinbach

Pfarr- und Wallfahrtsamt 'Mariä Schmerzen und St. Ulrich'

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Visit to Pilgrimage Church Maria Schnee

Wallfahrtskirche Maria Schnee

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Legau – The Pilgrimage Church of Maria Steinbach used to be the biggest one in Swabia. The Church is well known among art historians for its unique votive images and its beautiful Baroque interior, and it still is an important stop for Pilgrims through Bavaria. In neighbouring Legau-Lehenbühl, the Pilgrimage Church Maria Schnee impresses with fine plastering, particularly the gorgeous little angels in the nave.



Pilgrimage Church Mariä Schmerzen

Lunch

Transfer to Ottobeuren – 14 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

DAY 4 **Ottobeuren**

Guided city tour incl. the Basilica and the Monasteries of Ottobeuren

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Places of Interest:

- Ottobeuren Monastery with Benedictine Abbey and Museum
- Basilica

Ottobeuren – The town's Monastery was founded around 764 and today it is still run by Benedictine monks. The Ottobeuren Basilica too holds a fascination for many visitors. Since 1945, the Basilica built by baroque master builder Johann Michael Fischer has been home to the Ottobeuren concert series



Monastery

Dinner

Overnight in Ottobeuren

DAY 5 **Ottobeuren – Buxheim**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

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

Visit to the Carthusian Monastery with Museum

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**DAY 5
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Buxheim – Mindelheim

Buxheim – The Monastery and charterhouse was originally founded in the 10th century, but did not gain regional importance until around 1400, when it was given to the Carthusians, who proved very successful in reviving Buxheim both spiritually and economically. The monastic church, St. Anne's chapel in the cloisters, and also the nearby parish church were then refurbished in Rococo style around 1700. The choir stalls in the chapel with their rich ornament and figurative decoration are a masterpiece of Baroque carving, and of international significance.



Wood sculpture at the Monastery

Transfer to Mindelheim – 20 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Lunch

Guided city tour incl. various the Jesuit Church and the Pilgrimage Church Maria Schnee in Mindelheim's Nassebeuren district

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Places of Interest:

- Town Walls, Towers and Gates
- Jesuit Church
- Sculpture Park
- Parish Church St. Stephan
- Town Hall and Marien Square
- Silvester Church
- Maria Schnee Chapel in Nassenbeuren
- Mindelburg Fortress

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Mindelheim

Mindelheim – Mindelheim lies in the centre of Bavarian Swabia in the diversified alpine uplands. Embedded in the delightful Mindeltal valley; the gates, towers and the Mindelburg castle located high above the town already welcomes its visitors from afar. Stroll through the historical old town, where the alleys between the remnants of the old town walls and gates will lure you to explore the romantic corners, observe the unusual artistic ornamentation rewarding you with unexpected sights and vistas. The late Baroque Jesuit Church is one of the most distinguished religious buildings in Swabia with its great altar and its elegant Rococo chapel.



Jesuit Church

Free time at leisure

Dinner

Overnight in Mindelheim

DAY 6

Mindelheim – Augsburg

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Augsburg – 41 miles (by car, coach, or train)

Hotel check-in

Guided city tour incl. Cathedrals of St. Anne (Lutheran) and St. Ulrich (Catholic)

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DAY 6
Cont'd **Augsburg – Oberschönenfeld – Friedberg**

Places of Interest:

- Town Hall and Perlach Tower
- St. Anne's Church with Lutherhoefle and the Lutherstiege museums
- Mozart House
- St. Mary Cathedral
- Brecht House
- St. Ulrich Churches
- Medieval 'Fuggerei' (oldest social settlement for the poor and orphans)

Augsburg – The Romans founded Augsburg in 15 BC, making it the oldest town in Bavaria. The city lies between the rivers Lech and Wertach and is named after its founder, Emperor Augustus. Two Patrician families - the Fuggers and the Welsers - transformed Augsburg into a rich and influential town through their banking and trading activities. The center of this charming city is the magnificent ensemble of the Renaissance Town Hall and the Perlach Tower. Augsburg also is home of St. Anne's Church, the St. Ulrich Churches - one catholic and one protestant - and the romanesque gothic St. Mary Cathedral.



City hall and Perlach Tower

Lunch

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

Visit to the Cistercian Monastery and Baroque Church

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Transfer to Friedberg – 15 miles (by car or coach)

DAY 6
Cont'd **Friedberg – Augsburg**

Visit to Pilgrimage Church Herrgottsruh

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Friedberg – This old Bavarian town in the Lechrain region welcomes the visitor with charming little alleys and historical buildings like the Baroque Town Hall, the Wittelsbacher Castle or the brewery. A particularly beautiful sight is the Pilgrimage Church Herrgottsruh. It was built in the beginning of the 17th century, and just recently underwent a renovation to re-establish the impressive Rococo architecture.



Inside the Pilgrimage Church

Transfer back to Augsburg – 5 miles (by car or coach)

Dinner

Overnight in Mindelheim

DAY 7 **Augsburg – Munich – USA**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Munich Airport – 55 miles (by car or coach)

Departure to the USA