

## Sample Itinerary

### Cultural History and Art Museums in Germany (8 days)

Berlin – Dresden – Leipzig – Frankfurt – München



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**DAY 1**     **USA – Berlin**

Departure from the USA (overnight flight)

**DAY 2**     **Berlin**

Arrival in Berlin

Transfer to the hotel and check-in

Guided city tour

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**DAY 2**  
**Cont'd**      **Berlin**

**Places of Interest:**

- Brandenburg Gate
- Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church
- Charlottenburg Palace
- Museums along the Wall incl. Checkpoint Charlie
- Schonenberg Town Hall
- Olympic Stadium
- TV Tower
- Potsdamer Platz
- Government district and Reichstag
- Avenue 'Unter den Linden'
- Museum Island with Berlin Cathedral ('Dom')
- New National Gallery

**Berlin** – The events of the past have left their mark on Berlin's cityscape – and the city is still changing today. "Berlin is always in the process of becoming", remarked historian Karl Scheffler, and this is one of the traits that makes it one of Europe's most vibrant, exciting and colorful capitals. One is spoilt for choice with more than 1,500 events every day as well as numerous parks, gardens, museums, operas, and historical sites as Brandenburg Gate, Charlottenburg Castle and last but not least the Berlin Wall. The five museums on Museum Island in Berlin (UNESCO site), built 1824-1930, are the realization of a visionary project and show the evolution of approaches to museum design over the course of the 20th century. Each museum was designed so as to establish an organic connection with the art it houses.



Bode Museum on Museum Island



Pergamon Altar in the Pergamon Museum

Dinner

**Overnight in Berlin**

**DAY 3**      **Berlin – Dresden**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

**DAY 3  
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**Berlin – Dresden**

Visit to Museum Island (UNESCO site) with Bode Museum, Pergamon Museum, Old Museum, New Museum, Old National Gallery, and Berlin Cathedral

**Museumsinsel**

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[www.smb.museum](http://www.smb.museum) (visitor information for all five museums)

[www.museumsinsel-berlin.de](http://www.museumsinsel-berlin.de) (Museum Island masterplan)

Lunch

Visit to Gemäldegalerie, a gallery with a great selection of paintings from the 13th to 18th century including works from van Eyck, Bruegel, Dürer, Raffael, Tizian, Caravaggio, Rubens, Rembrandt, and Vermeer

**Gemäldegalerie**

Stauffenbergstrasse 40

10785 Berlin

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Fax: +49 (30) 266 424 003

E-Mail: [gg@smb.spk-berlin.de](mailto:gg@smb.spk-berlin.de)

[www.smb.museum/gg](http://www.smb.museum/gg)

Visit the New National Gallery, exhibiting modern art from the 20th century including works from Munch, Kirchner, Picasso, Klee, Feininger, Dix, and Kokoschka

**Neue Nationalgalerie**

Potsdamer Strasse 50

10785 Berlin

Tel: +49 (30) 266 424 510

Fax: +49 (30) 266 424 545

E-Mail: [nng@smb.spk-berlin.de](mailto:nng@smb.spk-berlin.de)

[www.smb.museum/nng](http://www.smb.museum/nng)

Transfer to Dresden – 121 miles (by car, coach, or train)

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Dresden

**DAY 4**      **Dresden**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Guided city tour

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**Dresden** – Tradition and modern spirit are equal components of Dresden's cultural flair. There are also charming landscapes alongside the Elbe river with cast meadows, exclusive residential areas and magnificent castles. The great enthusiasm for the resurrected Church of our Lady is still unbowed. Another highlight was the reopening of the Historic Green Vault in 2006. This marks the return of the famous collection of the princes of Wettin, one of Europe's richest treasuries, to the Royal Palace of Dresden, its historical place of origin. The Old Masters Gallery in Dresden's Zwinger Palace holds one of the world's most important collections of European paintings, with more than 760 works on display, dating from around 1350 to 1800. This stunning gallery reflects the tastes of its most significant contributors, King August the Strong and King August II, who in the first half of the 18th century amassed a fine collection of artwork from the earlier Renaissance and baroque periods.



Sunset by the Elbe river



Inside the Green Vault

**Places of Interest:**

- Zwinger
- Church of our Lady
- Semper Opera
- Green Vault
- Great Garden
- Royal Palace

**DAY 4  
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**Dresden – Leipzig**

**Places of Interest (cont'd):**

- Cathedral
- Procession of the Princes
- Brühl Terrace
- Kreuzkirche Church
- Academy of Arts and Art Society

Lunch

Visit to 'Alte Meister' (Old Masters) gallery with Italian paintings of the Renaissance era as well as works of Flemish, Dutch and German artists (see front page)

**Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister**

Semperbau am Zwinger

Theaterplatz 1

01067 Dresden

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E-Mail: [besucherservice@skd.museum](mailto:besucherservice@skd.museum)

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Visit to 'Grünes Gewölbe' (Green Vault) exhibition including the reconstructed treasure chamber of August the Strong (1670-1733) and around 1,000 selected masterpieces of treasury art. (Note: Tickets to the treasure chamber should be purchased in advance as admission is only granted to a limited number of visitors each day for conservational reasons)

**Grünes Gewölbe**

Residenzschloss Dresden

Taschenberg 2

01067 Dresden

Tel: +49 (351) 4914 2000

Fax: +49 (351) 4914 2001

E-Mail: [besucherservice@skd.museum](mailto:besucherservice@skd.museum)

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Transfer to Leipzig – 72 miles (by car, coach, or non-stop connection by ICE high speed train)

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Leipzig

## DAY 5 Leipzig

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Guided city tour

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**Leipzig** – The city of Leipzig has been an important influence in European commercial and intellectual life for centuries, and its sights are all part of the Leipzig experience. Johann Sebastian Bach was choirmaster in St. Thomas's Church, and many other composers spent time in Leipzig: Richard Wagner, Robert Schumann, Mendelssohn-Bartoldy, and the world famous St. Thomas Choir. Today many new artists live in Leipzig where a peaceful demonstration led to the reunification of Germany. Historical shopping arcades, livingly restored, are typical of the architecture in the city centre. A large part of the collection at the Museum of Fine Arts is made up of items that have been donated or bequeathed by art-loving citizens, many of whom were merchants or intellectuals. Due to their commitment, Leipzig now has a wealth of art treasures that are in a class of their own. During a guided tour of the museum visitors also find out about the families whose former collections they are admiring.



Old Town Hall



Inside the Museum of fine Arts

### **Places of Interest:**

- St. Thomas Church with Bach's tomb
- St. Nicholas Church
- Luther House
- Luther Hall
- Old City Hall

**DAY 5**  
**Cont'd**      **Leipzig – Frankfurt**

**Places of Interest (cont'd):**

- Former German Supreme Court
- Mendelssohn House
- Mädler Passage
- Monument of the Battle of the Nations
- Stasi-Museum in the “Round Corner”
- Grassi Museum with Museum of Musical Instruments, Museum of Applied Arts, and Ethnological Museum
- Museum of Fine Arts

Lunch

Visit to Museum of Fine Arts, one of the oldest and foremost civil collections in Germany, and a vibrant centre for contemporary art

**Museum der bildenden Künste**

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E-Mail: [mdbk@leipzig.de](mailto:mdbk@leipzig.de)  
[www.mdbk.de](http://www.mdbk.de)

Transfer to Frankfurt – 243 miles (by car, coach, or non-stop connection by ICE high speed train)

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Frankfurt

**DAY 6**      **Frankfurt**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Guided city tour

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**Frankfurt**

**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. The Städel Institute of Art was founded in 1816 as a public gallery and art school. It also incorporates the Municipal Art Gallery. The Museum houses significant European works covering 700 years including illustrious paintings from various periods from the early 14th century, late Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque to Goethe's time, and through to the present day.



Städel Museum by the Main river



Alte Oper concert hall

Visit to Städel Museum, one of Germany's most important and well known art museums at the heart of Frankfurt's museum mile

**Städel Museum**

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Lunch

**DAY 6**      **Frankfurt – Munich (München)**  
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Transfer to Munich – 244 miles (by car, coach, or direct connection by ICE high speed train. Train ride will take approx. ½ hour less than driving.)

Dinner

Overnight in Munich

**DAY 7**      **Munich**

Breakfast at the hotel

Guided city tour

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**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'll always find something exciting in this multi-faceted city. Munich is also home to 46 museums, 56 theaters, 2 opera houses, and of course the world famous Oktoberfest with millions of visitors from all over the world each year. 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. The Munich Art Quarter, *Kunstareal München*, situated in the Maxvorstadt district, is home to almost all of the city's important art museums and galleries. Visitors can admire masterpieces from every artistic period and take a journey through the history of art.



Aerial view of Munich



Inside the Alte Pinakothek

**DAY 7**  
**Cont'd**      **Munich**

**Places of Interest:**

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

Lunch

Visit to 'Kunstareal München' (Munich Art Quarter) with 'Alte Pinakothek' (Old Gallery), 'Neue Pinakothek' (New Gallery) and 'Pinakothek der Moderne' (Gallery of Modern Art) as well as 'Glyptothek' (collection of antique sculptures)

**Kunstareal München**

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

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Dinner

Overnight in Munich

**DAY 8**      **Munich – USA**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Munich Airport

Departure to the USA