

Sample Itinerary

Along the Fairytale Road (7 days)

Hanau – Steinau – Kassel – Hann. Münden – Sababurg –
Trendelburg – Polle – Bodenwerder – Hamelin (Hameln) – Bremen



DAY 1 **USA – Frankfurt**

Departure from the USA (overnight flight)

DAY 2 **Frankfurt – Hanau**

Arrival in Frankfurt

Transfer to Hanau – 21 miles (by car, coach, or train)

Lunch

Short guided city tour incl. Brother Grimm Memorial

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**DAY 2
Cont'd**

Hanau – Steinau

Places of Interest:

- Old Town's Town Hall
- New Town's Town Hall
- Brothers Grimm Memorial (see front page picture)
- Marien Church
- Castle Philippsruhe incl. History Museum
- Castle Steinheim
- Walloon-Dutch Church
- Goldsmith's House

Hanau – This lovely Hessian town of goldsmiths is known as the gateway to the German Fairytale Road. It is the birthplace of the Brothers Grimm – Jacob (1785) and Wilhelm (1786) who are honored with the Brothers Grimm National Memorial in front of the new town hall. Wilhelm is sitting on a chair, Jacob is standing next to him, and the story goes that they change places at midnight, although so far nobody was able to document this. Other interesting sights of Hanau include Castle Philippsruhe and its gardens, Castle Steinheim and the Marien Church.



Brothers Grimm Memorial

Transfer to Steinau – 31 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Short guided city tour

Steinau Tourist Office

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Places of Interest:

- Brothers Grimm House
- Renaissance Castle
- Old Town with half-timbered houses
- 'Devil's Cave' dripstone cave

DAY 2
Cont'd **Steinau**

Steinau – The town where the Brothers Grimm spent their childhood and early youth lies right on the German Fairytale Route. Their stories are famous around the world and have been translated into over a hundred languages. The splendid Renaissance council administration building and former Grimm family home now houses a museum containing exhibits on the brothers' lives and work. Visitors are welcome to explore the narrow lanes, half-timbered houses and many Renaissance buildings on their own, or by joining one of the fairytale guided tours.



Brothers Grimm House

Visit to Brothers Grimm House

Brüder Grimm-Haus und Museum Steinau

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www.museum-steinau.de

Dinner

Overnight in Steinau

DAY 3 **Steinau – Kassel**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Kassel – 87 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Guided city tour

Kassel Tourist Office

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DAY 3
Cont'd **Kassel**

Places of interest:

- Hill Park Wilhelmshöhe with Wilhelmshöhe Castle, Lion Castle and Hercules monument
- Brothers Grimm Museum
- Karlsaue Park with Marble Spa and old Orangery, now an astronomy and physics exhibition with a planetarium
- Castle Park Wilhelmsthal
- 'Documenta' exhibition pieces, e.g. 'Man walking to the sky', 'The Strangers', or '7000 Oak Trees'
- 'Documenta' exhibition hall
- Art Museum Fridericianum

Kassel – There are three parks and three palaces to visit in Kassel. The hilltop Wilhelmshöhe park affords a marvelous panoramic view of the town. Also situated on Wilhelmshöhe hill is Löwenburg Castle, a romantic, neo-Gothic ruin. Karlsaue, a baroque park on the banks of the River Fulda, and Wilhelmsthal Palace, a summer residence and hunting lodge, are also well worth a visit. In addition to its palaces, parks and museums, Kassel is also home to the *documenta*, one of the largest exhibitions of contemporary art. It is also the 'capital' of the German Fairytale Route.



Pond in in Karlsaue park



Lion Castle in Wilhelmshöhe Park

Lunch

Visit to Hill Park Wilhelmshöhe with Wilhelmshöhe Castle and Lion Castle and Hercules monument

Schloss Wilhelmshöhe

Brüder Grimm-Platz 4

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DAY 3
Cont'd **Kassel**

Visit to Brothers Grimm Museum (please note that the museum will be closed due to renovations until spring 2011)

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Dinner

Overnight in Kassel

DAY 4 **Kassel – Hann. Münden**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Hann. Münden – 15 miles (by car, coach, train, or boat)

Guided city tour following the path of Dr. Eisenbart (summer option: incl. boat cruise city tour on the three rivers)

Hann. Münden Tourist Office
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Places of Interest:

- Old Town with half-timbered houses
- Historic Town Hall with Dr. Eisenbart Chime
- Dr. Eisenbart's House
- Look-out towers around the town (Tillyschanze Tower, Fährenpforten Tower, Gauss Tower)
- Welfen Castle with Town Museum
- Roman camp
- Bursfelde Monastery

**DAY 4
Cont'd**

Hann. Münden – Sababurg – Trendelburg

Hann. Münden – A lovely old town with over 700 restored half-timbered houses in the southern Weserbergland region. Medieval town structures and Weser Renaissance influences can still be seen. The notorious Dr. Eisenbart, known from the fairytale, had his home and practice here, and little memorials like the town hall chime remind the visitor of his questionable reputation. Hann. Münden is almost fully surrounded by water of the rivers Fulda and Weser. During the summer visitors can enjoy a boat cruise around the town or through the lush Weserbergland region.



Church Square with half-timbered houses



Dr. Eisenbart chime

Lunch

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

Visit to ‘Sleeping Beauty’ Castle Sababurg (*see front page*)

Dornröschenschloss Sababurg

Im Reinhardswald

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Transfer to Trendelburg – 7 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Guided city tour incl. visit to Rapunzel’s Tower

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**DAY 4
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Trendelburg

Places of Interest:

- Trendelburg Castle with 'Rapunzel' Tower
- Historic Town hall
- Gothic Cathedral
- Historic Mill
- Parish Church
- Wolkenbruch Craters

Trendelburg – This town is set by the river Diemel, next to the beautiful Reinhardswald Forest. Its landmark is the Trendelburg Castle, where the Rapunzel tower offers glorious views of the forest. The town is named after the mythical giant Trendula, who was struck by lightning on a field, an incident that left two odd craters that still can be seen (a more reasonable explanation for the craters might be the former mining activities in that area). Trendelburg's old town is lovingly decorated with silhouette fairytale lanterns.



Trendelburg Castle with Rapunzel Tower



A Rapunzel impersonator greets little visitors in front of the tower

Dinner

Overnight in Trendelburg

DAY 5

Trendelburg – Polle

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Polle – 31 miles (by car or coach)

DAY 5
Cont'd **Polle – Bodenwerder**

Short guided city tour

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Places of Interest:

- Ruins of the Castle Everstein (also known as Castle Polle)
- St. Georg's Church
- Historic Town with half-timbered houses

Polle – Located in the midst of the gorgeous Weserbergland region, this little town is the origin of the Cinderella fairy tale. Supposedly she lived in Castle Everstein with her evil stepsisters until the prince found her and rescued her. Especially during the summer this story comes to life with several on-site plays and events. Polle is also known in connection with Baron of Lies Münchhausen who celebrated his wedding here when he was married to the mayor's daughter.



The ruins of Castle Everstein

Transfer to Bodenwerder – 9 miles (by car or coach)

Short guided city tour

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Places of Interest:

- Baron of Münchhausen Memorials (e.g. ride on the cannon bullet, ride on one half of his horse)
- Münchhausen Museum
- St. Mary Cloister Church
- Trinity Cloister

DAY 5
Cont'd **Bodenwerder – Hamelin (Hameln)**

Bodenwerder – Birthplace of Hieronymus Carl Friedrich von Münchhausen, the notorious 'Baron of Lies'. His incredible story included him riding on a cannon bullet, pulling himself and his horse out of the mud by holding on to his on hair, and riding on half a horse after the other half had been cut off by accident by a closing gate. The baron is buried in St. Mary Cloister Church.



Memorial of Baron of Münchhausen's ride on only one half of his horse

Lunch

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

Hotel check-in

Guided city tour

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Places of Interest:

- Wedding House with Pied Piper figurines
- Garrison Church
- Pied Piper House
- Leist House
- Stiftsherren House
- Dempster House
- Market Church St. Nikolai
- Haspelmath and Powder Tower
- Pfort Mill
- Bürger House
- Minster St. Bonifatius
- Bungelosenstrasse Alley

DAY 5 **Hamelin**
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Hamelin – Beautifully restored half-timbered houses from the 16th to 18th centuries and charming alleys are the characteristics of this Lower Saxon town by the river Weser. Visitors are invited to follow the path of the legendary Pied Piper, who was hired to lure the rats out of the town with his pipe. He succeeded, but the townspeople refused to pay him as promised. The angry Pied Piper then used his pipe to lure all the town's children to follow him out of Hamelin. They were last seen in the Bungelosenstrasse, from then on the 'alley where no one shall ever dance or play music'. They were never heard of again.



Pedestrian zone in the Old Town



Reenactment of the Pied Piper story

Dinner

Overnight in Hamelin

DAY 6 **Hamelin – Bremen**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Bremen – 111 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Lunch

Guided city tour

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DAY 6
Cont'd **Bremen**

Places of Interest:

- Universum Science Center
- Town Musicians statue from the Brothers Grimm fairytale
- Schlachte Promenade
- Columbus Space Module
- Market Square with Renaissance Town Hall and Roland Statue (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Böttchersstrasse
- Überseestadt district
- St. Petri Cathedral

Bremen – Bremen puts itself on the map as the pulsating, multifaceted heart of North West Germany. A popular hive of heritage, science, high technology and space industry keeps up breathtakingly pacy innovations. The 1,200 year old Hanseatic city has a unique quality that ensures a metropolitan city experience like no other – from rejuvenated Schlachte Promenade on the River Weser and the full-sized Columbus Space Module of the International Space Station to world beating attractions like the Universum Science Center Bremen. The city is home to the fairytale of the famous Town Musicians: a donkey, a dog, a cat and a rooster, who left their owners to become musicians in the city. However, on their way through the forest they found a house, scared of the band of thieves who were living in it, and decided to stay for good.



Market Square with Town Musicians Statue



Universum Science Center

Dinner

Overnight in Bremen

DAY 7 **Bremen – USA**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Bremen Airport

Departure to the USA