

## Sample Itinerary

### Frankfurt – European Metropolis on the Main (5 days)

Frankfurt – Eltville – Wiesbaden – Mainz – Lorsch – Messel – Frankfurt



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**DAY 1**     **USA – Frankfurt**

Departure from the USA (overnight flight)

**DAY 2**     **Frankfurt**

Arrival in Frankfurt

Hotel check-in

Guided city tour

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**DAY 2**  
**Cont'd**      **Frankfurt**

**Places of interest:**

- Römerberg square
- Cathedral
- St. Paul's Church
- Banking district
- Alte Oper concert hall
- Museum Embankment with Städel Art Museum
- 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.



Römer Square



Alte Oper concert hall

Dinner

**Overnight in Frankfurt**

**DAY 3**      **Frankfurt – Eltville**

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Eltville – 31 miles (by car, coach, train, or boat).

**DAY 3**  
**Cont'd**      **Eltville – Wiesbaden**

Note: For boat trips please check with the KD Rhine shipping line for schedules and further passenger information:

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Guided city tour incl. Eberbach Abbey

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**Places of Interest:**

- Eltville Castle with rose garden
- Eberbach Abbey
- Kempinski Castle Hotel Reinhartshausen
- Castle Hotel Kronenschlösschen
- Church St. Peter & Paul
- Old Town Hall
- Medieval alleys with half-timbered houses
- Promenade by the Rhine
- Gensfleisch houses

**Eltville** – a town situated right on the 'German Half-Timbered Houses Route', and famous for its wines, sparkling wines and roses. Take a guided tour of the old town centre, the Eltville Castle and the Gensfleisch Houses where Gutenberg once lived. On the fringes of the vine-clad hills of the Rheingau near Eltville is one of the most impressive examples of medieval abbey architecture: Eberbach Abbey, founded in 1136, and setting for the movie "The Name of the Rose" with Sean Connery.



Eltville Castle by the Rhine

Transfer to Wiesbaden – 8 miles (by car, coach, bus, or train)

**DAY 3**  
**Cont'd**      **Wiesbaden – Mainz**

Guided city tour

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**Places of Interest:**

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

**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

Lunch at castle restaurant Gollner's at Castle Sonnenberg

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Transfer to Mainz – 9 miles (by car, coach, bus, or train)

**DAY 3**  
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**Mainz – Frankfurt**

Guided city tour

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**Places of Interest:**

- Gutenberg Museum
- St. Martin Cathedral
- Former Electoral Palace
- St. Stephen Church
- Kupferberg sparkling wine Museum
- Old Town

**Mainz** – Birthplace of Johannes Gutenberg, inventor of the movable type printing process. It was a key force in spreading the message of the Reformation. The Gutenberg museum is located here, home of the Gutenberg Bible. Visitors can also wander through the market or the lovingly restored old town. Magnificent baroque buildings, palaces and the imposing cathedral date back to the time when the Prince Electors ruled here. With Augustiner Street, a vibrant shopping street and heart of the old town, and the picturesque Kirschgarten and Leichhof squares, the old quarter is an ideal starting point for a stroll around the town.



Gutenberg Museum



Market square

Transfer to Frankfurt

Dinner

Overnight in Frankfurt

**DAY 4      Frankfurt – Lorsch – Messel**

Breakfast at the hotel

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

Guided city tour incl. Benedictine Abbey and Altenmünster Monastery (UNESCO sites)

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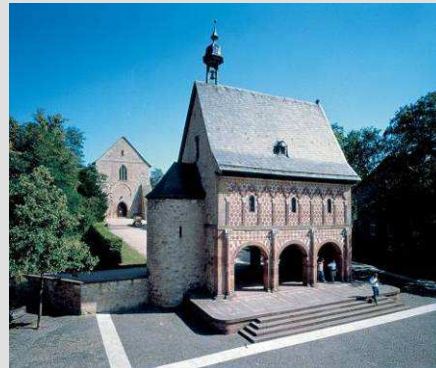
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**Places of Interest:**

- Benedictine Abbey
- Altenmünster Monastery
- Old Town Hall
- Palais von Hausen
- Wattenheimer Bridge

**Lorsch** – A lovely little town at the *Bergstrasse* (mountain road). In the Old Town visitors can find historic buildings, half-timbered houses and charming narrow lanes. The abbey and its monumental entrance, the famous King's Hall gate house, are rare architectural vestiges of the Carolingian era. The sculptures and paintings from this period are still in remarkably good condition.



The Carolingian King's Hall

Transfer to Messel – 28 miles (by car or coach)

Visit to Pit Fossil Site (UNESCO site)

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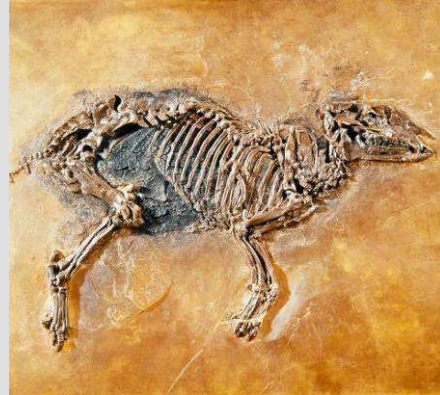
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**DAY 4  
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**Messel – Frankfurt**

**Messel** – Messel Pit is the richest site in the world for understanding the living environment of the Eocene, between 57 million and 36 million years ago. The oil shale of the lake that once existed here is full of secrets and hides a wealth of animal and plant fossils, some of which are excellently preserved, ranging from fully articulated skeletons to the contents of stomachs of animals of this period. It provides an insight into continental drift and the sedimentation of the Earth, how the oceans and land bridges were formed between the various land masses, the depth and extent of the biosphere, and the climate and lifecycles from this period.



Primeval horse found in Messel

Transfer to Frankfurt – 17 miles (by car or coach)

Lunch

Free time at leisure

Dinner

Overnight in Frankfurt

**DAY 5** **Frankfurt – USA**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Frankfurt Airport

Departure to the USA