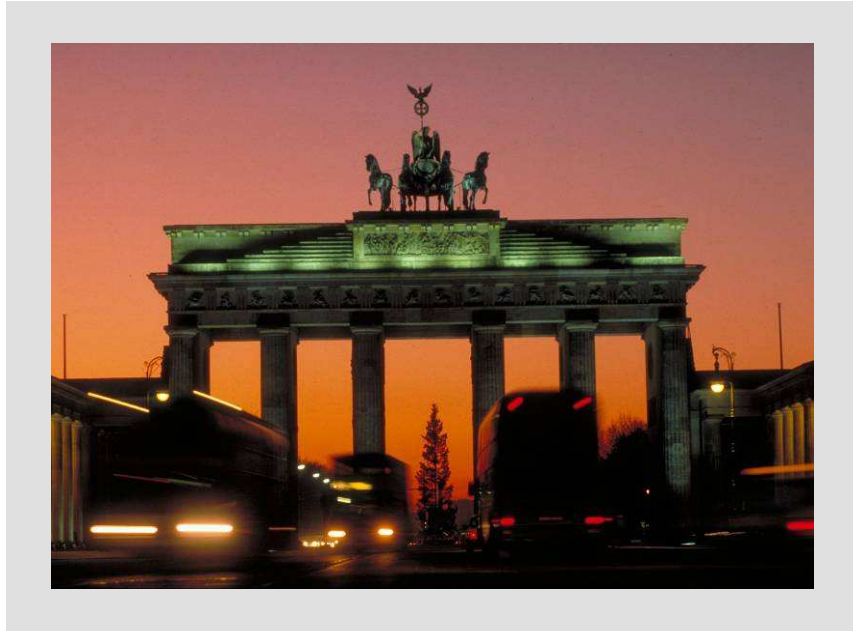


Sample Itinerary

Germany's top 5 Vibrant Cities (8 days)

Berlin – Hamburg – Cologne (Köln) – Frankfurt – München



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 spoiled 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. Berlin has a vibe all of its own, and wherever you go, you will experience the pulsating life on the boulevards, in the art galleries and at the flea markets, and in the city's 300 clubs and 7,000 bars and restaurants - many of which are open around the clock.



Cathedral on Museum Island



Government Quarter

Dinner

Overnight in Berlin

DAY 3 **Berlin**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

DAY 3
Cont'd

Berlin – Hamburg

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

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www.smb.museum (visitor information for all five museums)

www.museumsinsel-berlin.de (Museum Island masterplan)

Lunch

Transfer to Hamburg – 179 miles (by car, coach, or non-stop connection by ICE high speed train. Train ride will take approx. 1 hour less than driving.)

Hotel check-in

Boat cruise around Hamburg's Harbor

Dinner

Overnight in Hamburg

DAY 4
Hamburg

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Guided city tour

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Places of Interest:

- Alster Lake
- Town Hall
- Harbor City and warehouse district
- Elbe River
- Reeperbahn
- Blankenese stairs district
- St. Michael's Church

DAY 4 **Hamburg – Cologne**

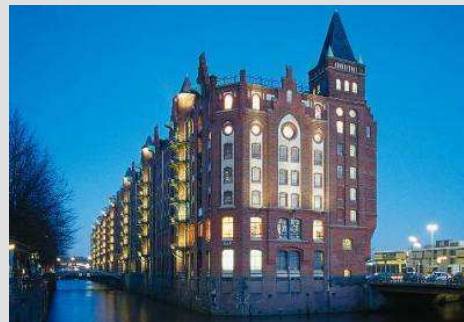
Places of Interest (cont'd):

- Miniature Wonderland, the world's biggest railway layout
- Spice Museum
- Kunsthalle Art Museum
- BallinStadt emigrant World Visitor Center
- Fish market (Sunday morning)
- Old Elbe Tunnel
- Museum ships in the harbor (Cap San Diego, Rickmer Rickmers)

Hamburg – The maritime metropolis in the north is Germany's second largest city. Hamburg's role as an international center is reflected in the elegance of its merchants' villas and boulevards, the international musicals stage there, the luxurious shopping arcades, and St. Pauli – world-famous for its night-life. A touch of the exotic clings to the warehouse district in the harbor area and the city's trademark canals and bridges. With its many parks and gardens, Hamburg is also Germany's greenest city. The most beautiful views of Hamburg can be enjoyed on while on the water, for example on a boat tour on the Alster Lake (see also front page) or on the Elbe river.



View over the Alster Lake



Warehouse district in the harbor

Lunch

Transfer to Cologne – 265 miles (by car, coach, or direct connection by ICE high speed train)

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Cologne

DAY 5 **Cologne**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Guided city tour

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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. Cologne's skyline is dominated by the vast Gothic cathedral that was added to the UNESCO World Heritage list in 1996. Begun in 1248, the construction of this Gothic masterpiece took place in several stages and was not completed until 1880. Over seven centuries, successive builders were inspired by the same faith and a spirit of absolute fidelity to the original plans. Apart from its exceptional intrinsic value and the artistic masterpieces it contains, Cologne Cathedral testifies to the enduring strength of European Christianity. As well as the legacy from Roman times and the Middle Ages, 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.



Cologne Cathedral



Fischmarkt square

DAY 5 **Cologne – Frankfurt**

Lunch

Visit to Cologne Cathedral

Transfer to Frankfurt – 121 miles (by car, coach, or direct connection by ICE high speed train. Train ride will take approx. 1 hour less than driving.)

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Frankfurt

DAY 6 **Frankfurt**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

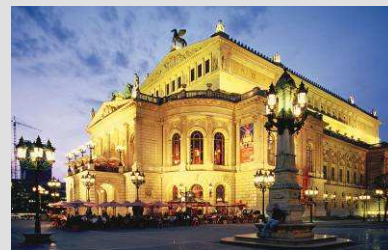
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Frankfurt – As the seat of the European Central Bank and venue of more than 30 trade fairs per year, the modern city by the river Main commands center stage of the world's finance and economic markets. Frankfurt has always played an important role 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

DAY 6 **Frankfurt – Munich**

Places of interest:

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

Lunch

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.)

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Munich

DAY 7 **Munich**

Breakfast at the hotel

Guided city tour

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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

DAY 7 **Munich**
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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 which attracts 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.



Aerial view of Munich



Theateriner Church

Lunch

Free time at leisure

Dinner at the Hofbräuhaus brewery

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Overnight in Munich

DAY 8 **Munich – USA**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Munich Airport

Departure to the USA