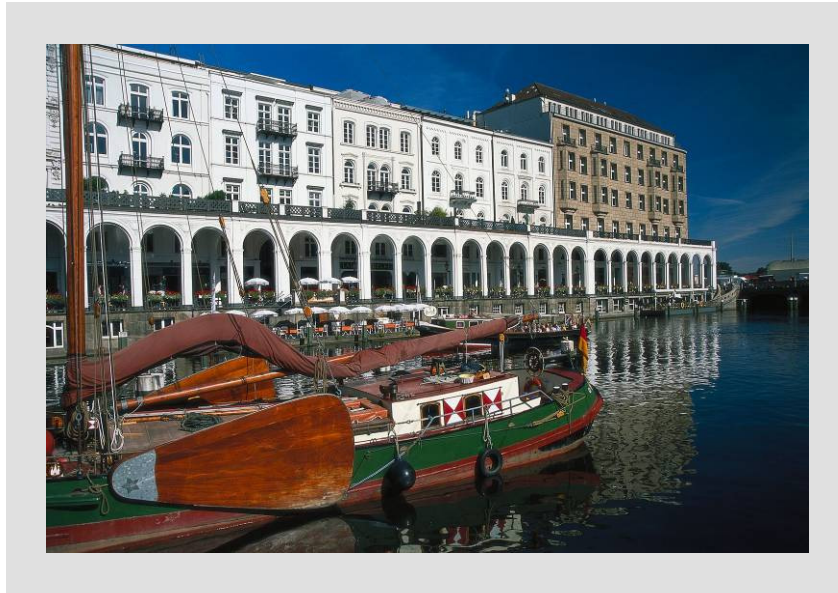


Sample Itinerary

Germany's undiscovered North (7 days)

Bremen – Bremerhaven – Hamburg – Lübeck –
Wismar – Rostock – Stralsund - Berlin



DAY 1 **USA – Bremen**

Departure from the USA (overnight flight)

DAY 2 **Bremen**

Arrival in Bremen

Transfer to the hotel and check-in

Guided city tour

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DAY 2
Cont'd **Bremen**

Places of Interest:

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

Bremen – Bremen, home to the world famous Town Musicians, puts itself on the map as the pulsating, multifaceted heart of North West Germany. 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 Town Hall and the statue of Roland on the marketplace, both UNESCO sites, are outstanding representations of civic autonomy and sovereignty, as these developed in the Holy Roman Empire in Europe. The old town hall was built in the Gothic style in the early 15th century, after Bremen joined the Hanseatic League. The building was renovated in the so-called Weser Renaissance style in the early 17th century. The Roland statue stands 18 feet tall and dates back to 1404.



Market Square with Town Musicians Statue



Town Hall

Dinner

Overnight in Bremen

DAY 3 **Bremen**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

DAY 3
Cont'd **Bremerhaven**

Transfer to Bremerhaven – 42 miles (by car, coach, or train)

Guided city tour

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Places of Interest:

- Schaufenster Fischereihafen
- Lloyd Dockyards with visitors center and viewing platform
- Simon Loschen Lighthouse
- German Emigration Center
- German Maritime Museum
- Climate House Science Center
- Museum Harbor
- Great Church
- Paulus Church with viewing platform
- Church of Christ

Bremerhaven – A maritime feel and fresh sea air make a visit to Bremerhaven a breeze. The Schaufenster Fischereihafen, the fishing port tourist centre, nets many visitors who enjoy shopping and sampling gourmet food, and also boasts a wide range of other entertainments opportunities. The Lloyd Dockyard's visitors' centre provides a first-hand view of one of Europe's most modern ports, with container, car, and cruise liner terminals, and shipbuilders. All activities on the wharf can easily be observed from the visitor center's viewing platform. Another sight is the Simon Loschen lighthouse, the oldest working lighthouse on the North Sea coast mainland. It stands where the big paddle steamers use to come and go, entering and leaving the port to take the post between New York and Bremerhaven. Located at the original embarkation site, the Emigration Centre shows what it may have been like for people leaving their homes behind and seeking passage overseas from the port some 150 years ago.



Climate House Science Center



German Emigration Museum

DAY 3
Cont'd **Bremerhaven – Hamburg**

Lunch

Transfer to Hamburg – 112 miles (by car or coach)

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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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

DAY 4
Cont'd **Hamburg – Lübeck**

Places of Interest:

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

Lunch

Transfer to Lübeck – 41 miles (by car, coach, or direct connection by ICE high speed train)

Hotel check-in

Guided city tour

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Places of Interest:

- Medieval Old Quarter
- Holsten Gate
- Old Town Hall
- St. Marien Church
- Lübeck Cathedral
- Buddenbrook House / Heinrich and Thomas Mann Center
- Cafe Niederegger
- Medieval Hospital of the Holy Spirit

DAY 4
Cont'd **Lübeck**

Lübeck – The former capital and Queen City of the Hanseatic League was founded in the 12th century and prospered until the 16th century as the major trading centre for northern Europe. Despite the damage it suffered during the Second World War, the basic structure of the old city, consisting mainly of 15th- and 16th-century patrician residences, public monuments (the famous Holstentor brick gate), churches and salt storehouses, remains unaltered. The Old Quarter, ringed by water, is an impressive illustration of medieval brick Gothic architecture and brings 1,000 years of history to life. The entire oval old town - the setting for Thomas Mann's novel "Buddenbrooks" - is a UNESCO world heritage site. Lübeck has remained a centre for maritime commerce to this day, and, via the coastal resort of Travemünde, a terminal for ferries to Scandinavia and the Baltic.



The Holstentor with St Marien and St. Petri Church



Old Town

Dinner

Overnight in Lübeck

DAY 5 **Lübeck – Wismar**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Wismar – 42 miles (by car or coach)

Guided city tour

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DAY 5
Cont'd **Wismar – Rostock**

Places of Interest:

- Wasserkunst Fountain
- Alter Schwede House
- Market Square and Town Hall with exhibition space in the cellar
- Archdeacon House
- Schnabbell House
- Fürstenhof Building of the Princes
- Krämerstrasse old merchants' street
- Zeughaus military storage house
- Zum Weinberg House
- Scheuer Street House ensemble
- St. Nikolai Church
- Church of the Holy Spirit
- St. Georg Church
- Marien Church Tower

Wismar – The medieval town of Wismar, on the Baltic coast of northern Germany, was a major trading centre of the Hanseatic League in the 14th and 15th centuries. In the 17th and 18th centuries it became, like Stralsund, Swedish administrative and defensive centre for the German territories. It contributed to the development of the characteristic building types and techniques of Brick Gothic in the Baltic region, as exemplified in the St. Nikolai Church, the Church of the Holy Spirit and the St. Georg Church, as well as in a series of houses for residential, commercial and crafts use, representing its evolution over several centuries. In 2002, the Old Town of Wismar was added to the UNESCO World Heritage list.



Old Harbor



Old Town

Lunch

Transfer to Rostock – 43 miles (by car, coach, or train)

DAY 5
Cont'd **Rostock**

Guided city tour

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Places of Interest:

- Old Town hall
- St. Mary's Cathedral
- St. Peter's Church
- St. Nikolai Church
- Brick architecture in the Old Town
- Warnemünde Church
- Warnemünde lighthouse
- West mole with lighthouse
- University Square with old university buildings
- Cultural History Museum in the Holy Cross Abbey
- Maritime Museum
- Katharinenstift Abbey

Rostock – This almost 800 year old Hanseatic town has retained much of its original charm and today, together with the seaside resort of Warnemünde, is a vibrant university and port town. Its historical centre has the typical north German brick architecture and a tangible maritime atmosphere. Gothic, Renaissance and baroque gabled houses are impressive reminders of the wealth enjoyed by Rostock's merchants in the Middle Ages, as are the mighty churches. The astronomical clock draws visitors into the Gothic basilica St. Mary's. Close by is the town hall with its baroque frontage, and from the tower of St. Peter's there is a good view of the old quarter and the town harbor. The Cultural History Museum in Holy Cross Abbey houses medieval art such as the altar of the three kings as well as arts and crafts. Rostock's Maritime Museum is located on an old merchant ship in the IGA Park.



Old Town and St. Mary's Cathedral



Warnemünde Beach

DAY 5 **Rostock – Stralsund**
Cont'd

Transfer to Stralsund – 69 miles (by car, coach, or train)

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Stralsund

DAY 6 **Stralsund**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Guided city tour

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Stralsund – Situated between the Strela Sound and a number of lakes dammed up in the 13th century, the Baltic town of Stralsund has a unique island character that emphasizes the medieval charm of its historic centre. As a member of the Hanseatic League, Stralsund played an important role in the rise of religious architecture and the Gothic brick-built style. The architectural heritage in the old town is typical of an established Hanseatic town during the trading alliance's 14th century heyday. Its medieval layout remains unaltered and illustrates how maritime trading towns were arranged under Lübeck law.



Marien Church



Aerial view of Stralsund

**DAY 6
Cont'd**

Stralsund – Berlin

Places of Interest:

- Old Market Square with façade of the old town hall (see front page)
- Old Town
- St. Nikolai Church
- St. Marien Church
- St. Jakobi Church
- St. Johannis Monastery
- St. Katharinen Monastery with Museums of Marine Science and Museum of Cultural History

Lunch

Transfer to Berlin – 163 miles (by car, coach, or train)

Hotel check-in

Guided city tour

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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. 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.



Brandenburg Gate



Charlottenburg Castle

DAY 6
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')
- Old National Gallery
- New National Gallery

Dinner

Overnight in Berlin

DAY 7 **Berlin – USA**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Berlin Airport

Departure to the USA