

Sample Itinerary

Highlights of Baden-Württemberg (7 days)

Stuttgart – Ludwigsburg – Constance (Konstanz) – Reichenau –
Freiburg – Baden-Baden – Maulbronn – Heidelberg



DAY 1 **USA – Stuttgart**

Departure from the USA (overnight flight)

DAY 2 **Stuttgart**

Arrival in Stuttgart

Transfer to hotel and check-in

Guided city tour

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**DAY 2
Cont'd**

Stuttgart

Places of Interest:

- State Gallery
- Opera
- Parliament Building
- Historic Center
- Medieval Old Palace
- New Palace and Schlossplatz Square
- Mercedes-Benz Museum
- Porsche Museum
- TV Tower

Stuttgart – Charmingly situated in the heart of one of Germany's largest wine-growing regions, this vibrant metropolis fascinates visitors from all over the world. The state capital of Baden-Wuerttemberg delights tourists not only by virtue of its magnificent panorama, its impressive gardens and parks, its fine squares, splendid palaces and buildings in a wide range of architectural styles, but also by its cultural diversity. Visit the medieval Old Palace - with its cloistered courtyard, the palace reflects the splendor of the former ducal town. Just around the corner, the magnificent baroque building of the New Palace and the Schlossplatz square are in the heart of the city and popular meeting places. Also a big draw for visitors is the sensational Mercedes-Benz World as well as the Porsche-Museum.



New Palace Square



Mercedes Benz Museum

Dinner

Overnight in Stuttgart

DAY 3

Stuttgart – Ludwigsburg

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Ludwigsburg – 11 miles (by car, coach, or train)

DAY 3
Cont'd **Ludwigsburg – Constance (Konstanz)**

Guided city tour

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Places of Interest:

- Residence Palace
- Local Porcelain Manufacturer
- Monrepos Castle

Ludwigsburg – The home to one of the loveliest and best preserved baroque palaces in Germany. Ludwigsburg is said to be the cradle of Swabian poetry and in the past, the Kings of Württemberg have resided here.



Palace Ludwigsburg

Lunch at Monrepos Castle and Hotel

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Transfer to Constance – 120 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Constance

DAY 4 **Constance**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Short guided city tour

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Places of interest:

- Harbor by Lake Constance with Imperia Statue
- Town Hall
- Old Town Wall with towers
- Minster
- St. Stephan Church
- Trinity Church
- Petershausen Monastery with Archaeological Museum
- Dominican Monastery on Dominican Island (nowadays a hotel)
- Floral Island of Mainau
- Island of Reichenau with Monastery (UNESCO site)

Constance – Lake Constance (in German: Bodensee) is third-largest lake in central Europe in terms of total area, and it is surrounded by a garden landscape with sloping banks, orchards and vineyards, dotted with small baroque towns and framed by the Alps. With a population of more than 82,000, a remarkably mild climate and maritime dolce vita feel, the historical town of Constance is the largest town on the lake. This lively university town has managed to keep itself true to the long-standing traditions of trade and culture right up until the present day. Enjoy a stroll through the old town which has remained relatively unchanged since the Middle Ages. Constance is uniquely located on the shores of Lake Constance and the River Rhine.



Town Hall



Mainau Island

DAY 4
Cont'd **Constance – Reichenau – Freiburg**

Boat trip to Reichenau Monastic Island with guided tour

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Places of Interest:

- Reichenau Museum
- Former Monastery
- St. Maria & Markus Minster with Minster Treasury
- St. Georg Church
- St. Peter & Paul Church

Reichenau Island – The monastic island in Lake Constance is an outstanding representation of the religious, intellectual and artistic influence exercised by powerful Benedictine abbeys in the early Middle Ages. It was founded in 724 AD by the itinerant bishop Pirmin. Built between the 9th and 11th centuries, the island's three Romanesque churches epitomize early medieval architecture. At the time of the Carolingians and Ottonians they were regarded as the intellectual outposts of the western world. The church wall paintings illustrate the island's importance as a centre of European art in the 10th and 11th centuries. Eminent scholars taught at the renowned abbey school, which produced outstanding theologians, politicians, scientists, poets and musicians. Other famed establishments included the abbey library, Reichenau art school and the goldsmiths.



St. Georg Church



Reichenau Island in Lake Constance

Lunch

Transfer to Freiburg – 78 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

DAY 4
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Freiburg

Guided city tour

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Places of interest:

- Minster
- Historical department store
- Medieval town wall towers
- Old Quarter
- Swabian Gate
- Schlossberg mountain, also accessible with cable cars
- Franciscan Monastery
- Town Hall Square
- Museum of Modern Art

Freiburg – The minster is Freiburg's most famous landmark. Münsterplatz - minster square - is the focal point and the heart of the town. Freiburg's picturesque old quarter is grouped around Münsterplatz. The open streams - known as "*Bächle*"- which flow through the streets and lanes add to the charm. Also on Münsterplatz is the Historical Merchants' House, which was built as a customs house and warehouse. In the summer months, Freiburg hosts a local wine festival.



Minster

Dinner

Overnight in Freiburg

DAY 5
Freiburg – Baden-Baden

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Baden-Baden – 69 miles (by car, coach, or direct connection by ICE high speed train)

DAY 5
Cont'd **Baden-Baden – Maulbronn**

Guided city tour

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Places of Interest:

- Rastatt Castle (Barockresidenz Rastatt)
- Favorite Castle (Schloss Favorite)
- Casino
- Spa Park
- Frieder Burda Museum
- State Art Gallery

Baden-Baden – is well-established as Germany's chic spa resort at the foot of the Black Forest. Its cosmopolitan flair and degree of sophistication are rare for a town of this size. With its glorious parks and beautiful gardens, Baden-Baden is a paradise for people who appreciate the finer things in life and are looking for a relaxing break. Culinary Connoisseurs might want to visit the Rebland, Baden-Baden's winegrowing country which produces fabulous Rieslings. There are also numerous restaurants serving the finest Badensian cuisine.



The Baden-Baden Spa park

Lunch

Transfer to Maulbronn – 48 miles (by car or coach)

Visit to Maulbronn Monastery Complex

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DAY 5
Cont'd **Maulbronn – Heidelberg**

Maulbronn – Situated on the fringes of the town, the Maulbronn Monastery was founded in 1147 by Cistercian monks. It is the most extensively preserved medieval monastic complex north of the Alps, and is shaped by an array of architectural styles from Romanesque to late-Gothic. The monastery, a UNESCO World Heritage site, offers a detailed insight into the life and work of the order from the 12th to the 16th century. Maulbronn's monks were renowned throughout the region for their agriculture. Fish were farmed in the grounds, a complex irrigation system was built, and almost all trades were practiced within the monastery walls. Cistercian monks lived, prayed and toiled in Maulbronn for 390 years.



Inside the Monastery

Transfer to Heidelberg – 39 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Heidelberg

DAY 6 **Heidelberg**

Breakfast at the hotel

Guided city tour

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Places of interest:

- Heidelberg Castle
- Church of the Holy Spirit
- Baroque Old Quarter
- Old Neckar Bridge
- University of Heidelberg
- Great Vat
- Pharmacy Museum

**DAY 6
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Heidelberg

Heidelberg – Every year, millions of visitors from all over the world are inspired by Heidelberg, this youthful German town that is steeped in history (see also front page). Science and learning have also played their own distinctive part in the history of Germany's oldest university town. Heidelberg is widely regarded as one of the best business locations in Germany, while the world-famous Heidelberg Castle still towers above the lanes and the picturesque jumble of roofs of the old town. The architecture contains elements of the Gothic and Renaissance periods. The castle gardens, the Great Vat (the world's largest wine barrel) and the remarkable Pharmacy Museum are also worth a visit. Romantic and idyllic, cosmopolitan and dynamic – Heidelberg effortlessly combines the apparent opposites of myth and modernity.



Alley in the Old Town



Old assembly hall at the University

Lunch

Free time at leisure

Overnight in Heidelberg

DAY 7

Heidelberg – Frankfurt – USA

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Frankfurt Airport – 51 miles (by car or coach)

Departure to the USA