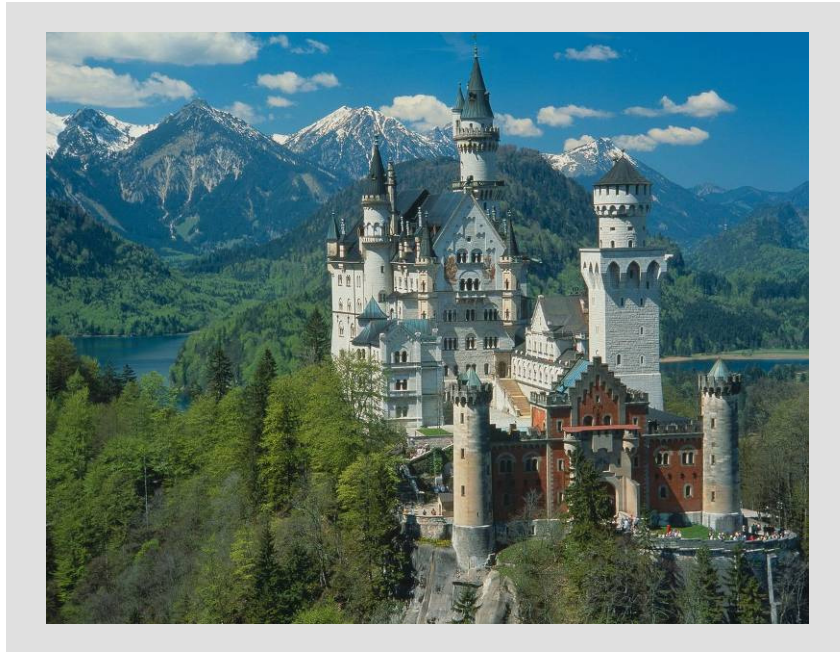


Sample Itinerary

Highlights of Bavaria (8 days)

Munich (München) – Bamberg – Regensburg – Berchtesgaden –
Prien – Füssen – Hohenschwangau – Munich



DAY 1 **USA – Munich (München)**

Departure from the USA (overnight flight)

DAY 2 **Munich**

Arrival in Munich

Transfer to the hotel and check-in

Guided city tour

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DAY 2
Cont'd **Munich**

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

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



Nymphenburg Palace

Dinner at the Hofbräuhaus brewery

Hofbräuhaus München

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DAY 2 **Munich**
Cont'd

Overnight in Munich

DAY 3 **Munich – Bamberg**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Bamberg – 143 miles (by car, coach, or direct connection with ICE high-speed train)

Hotel check-in

Lunch

Guided city tour

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www.bamberg.info

Bamberg – From the 10th century onwards, this town became an important link with the Slav peoples, especially those of Poland and Pomerania. During its period of greatest prosperity, from the 12th century onwards, the architecture of Bamberg strongly influenced northern Germany and Hungary. In the late 18th century it was the centre of the Enlightenment in southern Germany, with eminent philosophers and writers such as Hegel and Hoffmann living there. Bamberg's nicknames - the "Seven Hill City" or "Franconian Rome" - refer to the part situated on the hills. Cathedral Hill was the spiritual and secular centre of power in the diocese of Bamberg from the 11th century until 1802. This is where some of the UNESCO town's best-known and prominent buildings are located, including the Imperial Cathedral, the baroque New Residence, the Old Court and the St. Michael Monastery. Altenburg Castle which towers above the city, the greenery of the hills and the church spires, which can be spotted from afar, are all typical landmarks.



St. Peter and George Cathedral



Rottmeisterhaus

DAY 3
Cont'd

Bamberg

Places of Interest:

- New Residence Castle with rose garden
- Monastery St. Michael
- Little Venice
- Cathedral Square with St. Peter and George Cathedral and Old Court
- Altenburg Castle
- Old Quarter Island Town
- Old Quarter Mountain Town
- Rottmeister House
- Museum of History in the Old Court
- Franconian Brewery Museum

Dinner

Overnight in Bamberg

DAY 4

Bamberg – Regensburg

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Regensburg – 101 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Lunch

Guided city tour

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Places of Interest:

- St Peter Cathedral
- Old Chapel
- St. James Scottish Church
- New Parish Church
- Old City Hall
- Old Stone Bridge over the Danube
- Thurn and Taxis Palace
- St. Emmeram Palace with Royal Brewery

**DAY 4
Cont'd**

Regensburg

Regensburg – home to 2000 years of living history. Some of Europe's most important architectural and cultural monuments, plus fascinating museums and art collections make this an attractive place to spend some time. Situated on the banks of the Danube, Regensburg is the ideal base for boat trips along the river. The medieval town contains many buildings of exceptional quality that testify to its history as a trading centre and to its influence on the region from the 9th century. A notable number of historic structures span some two millennia and include ancient Roman, Romanesque and Gothic buildings. Regensburg's 11th- to 13th-century architecture – including the market, city hall and cathedral – still defines the character of the town marked by tall buildings, dark and narrow lanes, and strong fortifications. The buildings include medieval patrician houses and towers, a large number of churches and monastic ensembles as well as the 12th-century Old Bridge. The town is also remarkable for the vestiges testifying to its rich history as one of the centers of the Holy Roman Empire that turned to Protestantism.



The Stone Bridge



Towers of St. Peter Cathedral

Dinner

Attend evening concert of the Regensburg Domspatzen (Cathedral Choir), the oldest boy's choir in Germany

Overnight in Regensburg

DAY 5 Regensburg – Berchtesgaden

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Berchtesgaden – 176 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Boat trip on lake Königssee to St. Bartholomew Pilgrimage Chapel

**DAY 5
Cont'd**

Berchtesgaden

Lunch at restaurant St. Bartholomä

Historische Gaststätte Sankt Bartholomä

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83471 Schönau am Königssee
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Fax: +49 (8652) 964 939
E-Mail: info@sankt-bartholomae.de
www.sankt-bartholomae.de

Boat trip back to Berchtesgaden

Guided city tour incl. Eagle's Nest

Berchtesgaden Tourist Office

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www.berchtesgaden.de

Berchtesgaden – Located at the southeastern tip of Germany, Berchtesgaden is an area of spectacular natural beauty: majestic mountains, the crystal clear Lake Königssee (King Lake) and the unspoiled nature reserve of Berchtesgaden's Alpine National Park. It is also an area that boasts world-famous sights such as the mysterious salt mines and the Eagle's Nest (Hitler's diplomatic meeting house) on a mountain summit. The fascinating Documentation Center is one of the top highlights in the region and will provide deep insight into the significant role this region played during WWII. To relax, take a boat trip on the Königssee Lake to the 12th century chapel of St. Bartholomew, now a recognizable symbol for the Bavarian Alps. This lovely land is also dotted with charming villages where alpine customs are kept alive.



St. Bartholomew Chapel



Eagle's Nest

DAY 5
Cont'd **Berchtesgaden**

Places of Interest:

- Salt Mines
- Eagle's Nest
- WWII Documentation Center 'Dokumentation Salzburg'
- Royal Castle

Dinner

Overnight in Berchtesgaden

DAY 6 **Berchtesgaden – Prien**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Prien am Chiemsee – 49 miles (by car or coach)

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Prien by the Chiemsee Lake – Prien is a quaint town situated in a lush green valley between the Chiemgau Alps and the shores of Lake Chiemsee (Bavaria's largest lake). Lovers of sports, leisure and cultural activities alike will delight in this attractive town with its flowers and fine examples of Rococo and Baroque art. The nearby Herrenchiemsee Palace, King Ludwig's most lavish and expensive castle, is located on Herrenchiemsee island ("men's island") in the middle of the Lake. The other island in the lake is called Fraueninsel ("women's island"). This island is home to a local population of 200 people, such as artists, craftspeople, fishermen, as well as a fully operational Benedictine Abbey which was founded in 782 AD and is famous for the Cloister Liquor spirit and marzipan which are produced here by the nuns.



Aerial view of Fraueninsel Island



Herrenchiemsee Palace

DAY 6
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Prien – Füssen

Places of Interest:

- Parish Church with ceiling fresco
- Urschalling Chapel
- Old Town Hall with art exhibitions
- Fraueninsel Island with Minster an Gate Hall
- Herreninsel Island with Herrenchiemsee Palace incl. King Ludwig II Museum and Monastery Museum

Boat trip to Herrenchiemsee Island and visit to Herrenchiemsee Palace

Continue boat trip to Fraueninsel Island and visit to Minster

Lunch at Island Hotel 'Zur Linde'

Inselhotel Zur Linde

83256 Fraueninsel im Chiemsee Obb.

Tel: +49 (8054) 90366

Fax: +49 (8054) 7299

E-Mail: hotel.linde.fraueninsel@t-online.de

www.linde-frauenchiemsee.de

Boat trip back to Prien

Transfer to Füssen – 102 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Füssen

DAY 7

Füssen

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Short guided city tour

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**DAY 7
Cont'd**

Hohenschwangau

Places of interest:

- Medieval Old Town
- Hohes Schloss Castle with Art Collection
- Benedictine Monastery of St Mang
- Füssen Heritage Museum with Anna Chapel

Füssen – On the banks of the turquoise river Lech, the old town center is a maze of narrow medieval streets and magnificent baroque churches. Grouped around it are the villages of Bad Faulenbach, Hopfen am See and Weissensee, all set in idyllic Lakeland scenery amid the foothills of the Alps. Füssen is Bavaria's town at the highest elevation, and the ideal starting point for visiting the royal castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau.



Church St. Coloman

Transfer to Hohenschwangau – 2 miles (by car or coach)

Visit to King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein Castle (tickets must be bought in Hohenschwangau before visiting the castle)

Ticketcenter Neuschwanstein

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87645 Hohenschwangau

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E-Mail: info@ticket-center-hohenschwangau.de

www.neuschwanstein.de

Neuschwanstein – Seven weeks after the death of King Ludwig II in 1886, Neuschwanstein was opened to the public. The shy king had built the castle in order to withdraw from public life - now vast numbers of people came to view his private refuge. This celebrated fairy tale castle has the most beautiful surroundings and the view is breathtaking. It was used as a background for the movie Sound of Music in its entire glorious splendor (see also front page).



Neuschwanstein Castle

DAY 7 **Hohenschwangau – Munich**
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Lunch

Transfer to Munich – 82 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Free time at leisure

Dinner

Overnight in Munich

DAY 8 **Munich – USA**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Munich Airport

Departure to the USA