

Sample Itinerary

Jewish Heritage and History in Germany (9 days)

Berlin – Cologne (Köln)– Frankfurt – Kippenheim – Stuttgart – Munich (München)



DAY 1 USA – Berlin

Departure from the USA (overnight flight)

DAY 2 Berlin

Arrival in Berlin

Transfer to hotel and check-in

Free time at leisure

Dinner

Overnight in Berlin

DAY 3 Berlin

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

DAY 3
Cont'd **Berlin**

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. Follow the path of Jewish past and present and visit the Jewish Museum, the New Synagogue, and the Holocaust memorial. The Rykestrasse Synagogue, Germany's biggest Synagogue, is also worth a visit. It was built in 1903 and has been restored currently (*see front page*). Berlin is home to the Directory Board of the Jewish community, which shares a building with the Jewish adult education center, the Jewish Community Library and the kosher restaurant 'Arche Noah'.



Jewish Museum



New Synagogue

Places of Interest:

- Jewish Museum
- New Synagogue
- Rykestrasse Synagogue
- Holocaust Memorial
- Brandenburg Gate

**DAY 3
Cont'd**

Berlin

Places of Interest (cont'd):

- 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

Lunch at Restaurant Liebermanns (kosher) at the Jewish Museum

Liebermanns im Jüdischen Museum

Lindenstrasse 9-14

10969 Berlin

Tel: +49 (30) 2593 9760

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www.liebermanns.de

Visit to the Jewish Museum

Jüdisches Museum Berlin

Lindenstrasse 9-14

10969 Berlin

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E-Mail: info@jmberlin.de

www.jmberlin.de

Visit to the New Synagogue

Stiftung Neue Synagoge Berlin – Centrum Judaicum

Oranienburger Strasse 28/30

10117 Berlin

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E-Mail: office@centrumjudaicum.de

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DAY 3
Cont'd **Berlin**

Dinner at Restaurant Gabriel's (kosher)

Restaurant Gabriel's
Fasanenstrasse 79-80
10623 Berlin
Tel: +49 (30) 882 6138
E-Mail: info@itsgabriel.de
www.itsgabriel.de

Overnight in Berlin

DAY 4 **Berlin – Cologne**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Cologne – 357 miles (by plane or direct connection with ICE high speed train)

Hotel check-in

Lunch at restaurant Kantine Weiss (kosher)

Koschere Kantine Weiss
Roonstrasse 50
50674 Köln
Tel: +49 (221) 240 4440
Fax: +49 (221) 4680748
Email: eogweiss@aol.com

Visit to the Synagogue Roonstrasse

Synagoge Roonstrasse
Roonstrasse 50
50674 Köln
Tel: +49 (221) 9215 6020
Fax: +49 (221) 9215 6019
Email: info@sgk.de
www.sgk.de

DAY 4
Cont'd **Cologne**

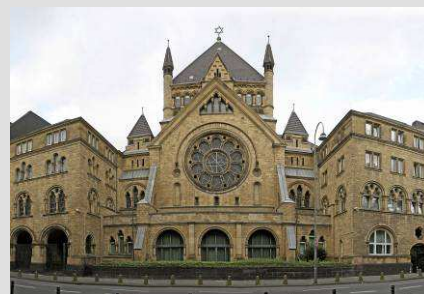
Guided city tour

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Kardinal-Höffner-Platz 1
50667 Köln
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www.cologne-tourism.com

Cologne – The very name bears witness to its Roman past as the town of Colonia. As well as the legacy from Roman times and the Middle Ages, particularly the world-famous cathedral, Cologne has an extremely lively arts and culture scene. Cologne's skyline is dominated by the vast Gothic cathedral that took 600 years to build. On the left wall, past the transept, is the original stone-etched letter of protection of Cologne's Jews issued by Archbishop Engilbert II in 1266. The medieval Jewish quarter that existed until Jews were expelled from Cologne in 1424 was situated in front of the Gothic city hall. Near the small space next to the city hall stood the medieval main synagogue, women's synagogue, hospital, bakery and community center. All that remains of medieval Cologne Jewry is the Mikve, reached by descending fifty feet down a Romanesque stairwell. The pool is fed by the Rhine and dates from 1170; it was sealed after the 15th century expulsion and rediscovered only during rebuilding after the allies' World War II bombing. The center of contemporary Cologne Jewry is the Roonstrasse Synagogue, the only Cologne synagogue to survive the Nazis.



Cologne Cathedral



Roonstrasse Synagogue

Places of interest:

- Roonstrasse Synagogue
- Judengasse
- Historic Town Hall
- Cologne Cathedral (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- 12 Roman Churches in the old city center
- Chocolate Museum
- Roman-Germanic Museum

DAY 4
Cont'd **Cologne**

Places of interest (cont'd):

- Museum of Art Ludwig
- Rhine river promenade
- Wallraff-Richartz Museum of Art

Dinner

Overnight in Cologne

DAY 5 **Cologne – Frankfurt**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Frankfurt – 121 miles (by car, coach, or direct connection with ICE high speed train)

Hotel check-in

Visit to the Jewish Museum

Jüdisches Museum

Untermainkai 14/15
60311 Frankfurt am Main
Tel: +49 (69) 2123 5000
Fax: +49 (69) 2123 0705
E-Mail: info@juedischesmuseum.de
www.juedischesmuseum.de

Lunch

Guided city tour

Frankfurt Tourist Office

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60329 Frankfurt am Main
Tel: +49 (69) 2123 8953
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www.frankfurt-tourismus.de

Places of interest:

- Museum Judengasse
- Rothschildpalais with Jewish Museum
- Old and New Jewish Cemetery
- Westend Synagoge
- Römerberg square
- Cathedral

DAY 5
Cont'd **Frankfurt**

Places of interest (cont'd):

- St. Paul's Church
- Banking district
- Alte Oper concert hall
- Museum Embankment
- 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. For more than 200 years, Frankfurt has, in relation to its size, been the German city with the largest proportion of Jewish residents. The Jewish Museum's vast array of exhibits and artifacts trace both the history of Jews in Frankfurt from the 12th century, as well as the story of German Jewry in general. From there, many visitors continue to the site of the Judengasse with its Museum, the original foundations of five ghetto houses, a well, and two mikves. Abutting the Judengasse is Frankfurt's oldest Jewish cemetery. A few blocks away is the grey stone Westend Synagogue, the only Frankfurt synagogue to survive "Kristallnacht".



Frankfurt Skyline



Westend Synagogue

Dinner at Sohar's Restaurant (kosher)

Sohar's Kosher Restaurant
Savignystrasse 66
60325 Frankfurt am Main
Tel: +49 (69) 752 341
Fax: +49 (69) 9740 5167
E-Mail: catering@sohars-catering.com
www.sohars-restaurant.de

DAY 5
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Frankfurt

Overnight in Frankfurt

DAY 6

Frankfurt – Kippenheim – Stuttgart

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Kippenheim – 148 miles (by car or coach)

Guided city tour by the Foundation of the former Synagogue Kippenheim

Ehemalige Synagoge Kippenheim

Poststrasse

77971 Kippenheim

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Fax: +49 (7822) 30275

E-Mail: buero@ehemalige-synagoge-kippenheim.de

www.ehemalige-synagoge-kippenheimt.de

Places of interest:

- Former Synagogue
- Jewish Cemetery Schmieheim
- Judengässle

Kippenheim – Kippenheim is a formerly predominantly Jewish town. Located midway between the Black Forest and the River Rhine, the villages of Kippenheim and Schmieheim were home to Jews from the mid-17th century until 1940. The Synagogue, built in 1868, was torched on “Kristallnacht” and spent fifty years as a prison and a warehouse. Its renovated exterior was dedicated as a Cultural Landmark of the State of Baden-Württemberg in 1988, on the 50th anniversary of “Kristallnacht”. The interior of the synagogue was completely restored and is now used for exhibits and concerts. The Schmieheim Jewish cemetery, dating from the 17th century, is one of Germany’s oldest. It was protected by townsfolk from Nazi gangs on “Kristallnacht”.



Former Synagogue

Lunch

Transfer to Stuttgart – 105 miles (by car or coach)

DAY 6 **Stuttgart**
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Hotel check-in

Free time at leisure

Dinner

Overnight in Stuttgart

DAY 7 **Stuttgart**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

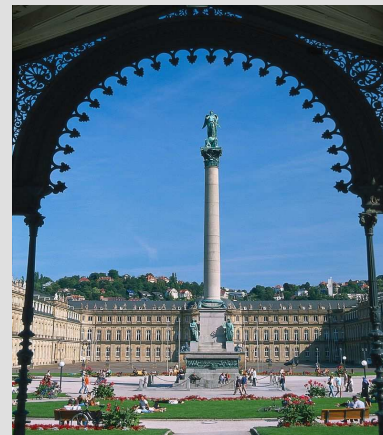
Guided city tour

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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. Jews have lived in Stuttgart ever since the Middle Ages. Today's Brennerstrasse was the medieval Jewish Alley. The Stuttgart Synagogue and the Jewish Community Center were opened in 1952 on the site of the former synagogue, dating from 1861, which was destroyed on "Kristallnacht". There are four Jewish cemeteries in Stuttgart. The Jewish section of Prag Cemetery contains a monument to the 2,498 Jewish citizens of Württemberg murdered between 1933 and 1945.



Old Palace



View on Palace Square

**DAY 7
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Stuttgart – Munich

Places of Interest:

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

Lunch at Shalom Kosher Restaurant

Shalom Kosher Restaurant

Hospitalstrasse 36
70174 Stuttgart
Tel: +49 (711) 294 752

Visit to Jewish Community Center and Synagogue

Synagoge and Gemeindezentrum Hospitalstrasse

Hospitalstrasse 36
70174 Stuttgart
Tel: +49 (711) 222 8237
Fax: +49 (711) 222 8218
E-Mail: info@stuttgart-tourist.de
www.stuttgart-tourist.de

Transfer to Munich – 144 miles (by car, coach, or direct connection with ICE high speed train)

Hotel check-in

Dinner at Cohen's Restaurant for Jewish, East European and Oriental delicacies (not kosher)

Cohen's Jüdisches Restaurant

Theresienstrasse 31
80333 Munich
Tel: +49 (89) 280 9545
Fax: +49 (89) 2867 5820
E-Mail: contact@cohens.de
www.cohens.de

Overnight in Munich

DAY 8 **Munich**

Breakfast at the hotel

Guided city tour

Munich Tourist Office

Sendlinger Strasse 1

80331 Munich

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www.muenchen-tourist.de

Munich – The capital of Bavaria has a lot of attractions to offer for all ages and tastes. Whether one is interested in history, architecture or art; whether visitors 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, they will always find something exciting in this multi-faceted city. Munich is also home to the world famous Oktoberfest which attracts millions of visitors from all over the world each year. As a center for business, industry and glamour, Munich is far more important than it was before the war. Similarly, Munich’s Jewish community, though a fraction of what it was prior to the Nazis, is much more prominent within the totality of modern German Jewry than it was prior to 1933. The Jewish Center is the heart of 21st century Jewish Munich. It houses Munich’s main Synagogue, several Jewish organizations, and the Jewish Museum. Nothing remains of Munich’s medieval Jewish presence: the Jewish quarter in the Middle Ages was just a few steps from Marienplatz, the great central square which no visitor to Munich should miss.



Aerial view of Munich



Synagogue on Jakobs Square

Places of Interest:

- Jewish Center Jakobsplatz with Synagogue
- Jewish Museum
- Holocaust Memorial
- Residenz Castle

**DAY 8
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Munich

Places of Interest (cont'd):

- Nymphenburg Castle
- Church of our Lady
- "Alter Peter" Church
- Odeon Square with Theatiner Church
- Marien Square and Town Hall
- English Garden
- Gourmet and traditional market "Viktualienmarkt"
- Hofbräuhaus brewery
- BMW World, Museum and Plant

Lunch at Café Bracha (kosher)

Café Bracha

Klenzestrasse 47
80469 Munich
Tel: +49 (89) 1395 8670

Optional: Transfer to Dachau – 13 miles (by car, coach, or train) and visit to Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site

Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site – Visitor Center

Pater-Roth-Strasse 2a
85221 Dachau
Tel: +49 (8131) 669 970
Fax: +49 (8131) 2235
E-Mail: besucherservice@kz-gedenkstaette-dachau.de
www.kz-gedenkstaette-dachau.de

Visit to the Jewish Center Jakobsplatz with Synagogue

Jüdisches Zentrum Jakobsplatz

St.-Jakobs-Platz 18
80331 Munich
Tel: +49 (89) 2024 00100
Fax: +49 (89) 2024 00170
E-Mail: info@ikg-m.de
www.ikg-muenchen.de

Visit to the Jewish Museum

Jüdisches Museum München

St.-Jakobs-Platz 16
80331 Munich
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E-Mail: juedisches.museum@muenchen.de
www.juedisches-museum-muenchen.de

DAY 8
Cont'd **Munich**

Dinner at Restaurant Einstein (kosher)

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St-Jakobs-Platz 18
80331 Munich
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Fax: +49 (89) 2024 00334
E-Mail: info@restaurant-einstein.de
www.einstein-restaurant.de

Overnight in Munich

DAY 9 **Munich – USA**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Munich Airport

Departure to the USA