

Sample Itinerary

UNESCO Tour through Southern Germany (7 days)

Munich (München) – Steingaden – Reichenau – Maulbronn –
Würzburg – Bamberg – Regensburg – 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

Overnight in Munich

DAY 3 **Munich – Steingaden**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Steingaden – 61 miles (by car or coach)

DAY 3
Cont'd **Steingaden – Reichenau**

Guided city tour incl Wieskirche Church (UNESCO site)

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Places of Interest:

- Wieskirche Church
- Parish Church Welfenmünster
- Monastery Museum
- Monastery Garden St. Johannes
- Holy Cross Church on the Kreuzberg hill

Steingaden – A beautiful little town in the Bavarian Pfaffenwinkel region. Its Wieskirche Pilgrimage Church, a UNESCO world heritage site, is an unparalleled example of how light can be used as a building element alongside brick and stone. True pilgrims leave their cars in Steingaden and climb the shady path on foot, a walk that takes around an hour. The Church is sumptuously decorated and dedicated to the "Scourged Saviour". It is regarded as one of the most beautiful rococo churches in southern Germany. Between 1745 and 1754, Dominikus Zimmermann enlisted the help of a number of leading artists of the time to create this undisputed highlight of Bavarian rococo architecture. With its opulent stucco ornamentation and the ceiling fresco painted by his brother Johann Baptist, it is a masterpiece of human creativity.



Inside the Wieskirche Church

Lunch

Transfer to Reichenau – 131 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Dinner

DAY 3
Cont'd **Reichenau**

Overnight in Reichenau

DAY 4 **Reichenau**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Guided tour of Reichenau Monastic Island (UNESCO site)

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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

DAY 4
Cont'd **Reichenau – Maulbronn**

Lunch

Transfer to Maulbronn – 133 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Visit to Maulbronn Monastery Complex (UNESCO site)

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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 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

Dinner

Overnight in Maulbronn

DAY 5 **Maulbronn – Würzburg**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Würzburg – 103 miles (by car or coach)

DAY 5
Cont'd **Würzburg**

Guided city tour incl. Bishop's Residence (UNESCO site)

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Places of interest:

- Residence Palace (*see also front page*)
- Palace church and gardens
- Wine cellar "Staatlicher Hofkeller" beneath the palace
- Steinburg Castle
- Marienberg fortress
- Historic Town Hall
- Cathedral St. Kilian

Würzburg – The capital of lower Franconia is one of the loveliest baroque cities in Germany and became famous as the center of Franconian wine production. It is a popular stop among tourists traveling the Romantic Road, beautifully embedded in the valley of the Main River and is surrounded by grapevine-covered hills. Interesting places to visit include the medieval fortress Marienberg, the historic town hall building and the Romanesque cathedral "St. Kilian." From the old bridge "Alte Mainbrücke", visitors enjoy fantastic views of the fortress "Marienberg" and the pilgrimage church "Käppele". The magnificent Baroque palace – one of the largest and most beautiful in Germany and surrounded by wonderful gardens – was created under the patronage of the prince-bishops Lothar Franz and Friedrich Carl von Schönborn. It was built and decorated in the 18th century by an international team of architects, painters, sculptors and stucco-workers, led by Balthasar Neumann. Since 1981 it is part of the



The Residence Palace



Main Bridge in the evening

UNESCO World Heritage list.

**DAY 5
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Würzburg – Bamberg

Lunch

Transfer to Bamberg – 61 miles (by car, coach, or train)

Hotel check-in

Guided tour of the Old Town (UNESCO site)

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Bamberg – From the 10th century onwards, this town became an important link with the Slavic 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 typical landmarks of Bamberg.



Cathedral



Rottmeister House

DAY 5
Cont'd **Bamberg**

Places of Interest:

- New Residence Castle with rose garden
- Monastery St. Michael
- Little Venice
- Cathedral Square 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 6 **Bamberg – Regensburg**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

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

Guided tour of Old Town and Stadtamhof district (UNESCO sites)

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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

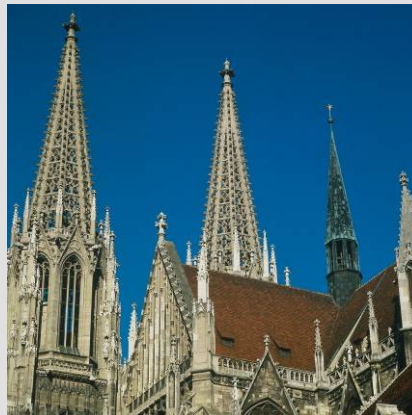
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Regensburg – Munich

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 destination. 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

Lunch

Transfer to Munich – 78 miles (by car, coach, or train)

Hotel check-in

Free time at leisure

Dinner

Overnight in Munich

DAY 7

Munich – USA

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Munich Airport

Departure to the USA