

## BEST OF GERMANY 2020

### 1. DAY 1 WELCOME TO BERLIN

Embrace a journey of cosmopolitan cities, historic old towns and breathtaking natural scenery. On arrival at Berlin's Tegel Airport, transfers leave for the hotel at 10:30 and 12:30. In the afternoon, perhaps visit the KaDeWe department store, the shopping centre of West Berlin - which during 40 years of division, became the shop window of the West. At 17:30, join your Tour Director for a Welcome Reception with the opportunity to mingle over a pleasant evening of dinner and wine.

Three-course Dinner with wine, plus tea or coffee

### 2. DAY 2 THE SPIRIT OF BERLIN

(Relaxed Start) Morning sightseeing with a Local Expert takes you along the Ku'Damm to the Memorial Church. Drive through the Tiergarten to see Norman Foster's glass dome that crowns the reconstructed Reichstag building. Continue on past the Brandenburg Gate, symbol of the reunification, and down the Unter den Linden, past the Humboldt University and Opera. Stop a while on Museum Island before enjoying an afternoon at leisure in this once divided city. Perhaps take the opportunity to visit the glorious palace of the Prussian Emperors at Potsdam?

Buffet Breakfast

### 3. DAY 3 DRESDEN, A BAROQUE PHOENIX ON THE ELBE

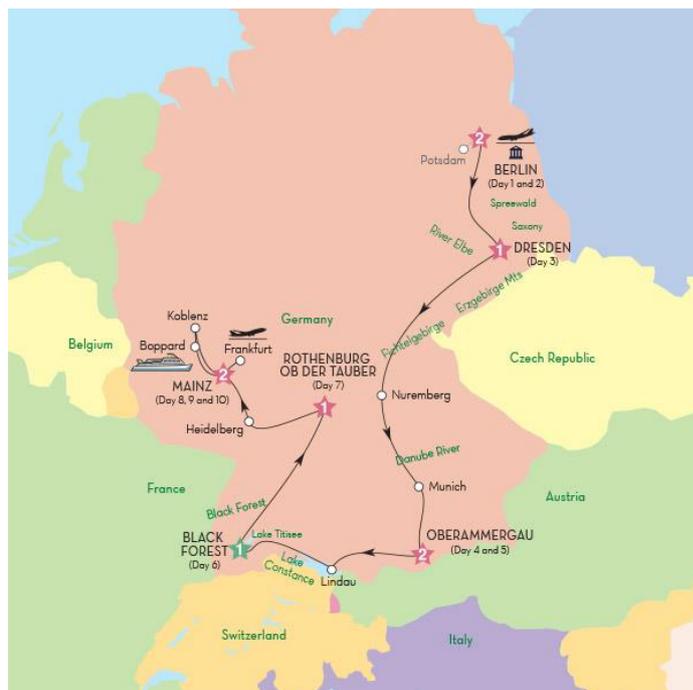
In Dresden, join a Local Expert to see the splendours of the city. From the Frauenkirche, which has risen again from the destruction of World War II, walk past 'The Procession of the Dukes', a mosaic of colossal proportions on the Royal Palace façade. See the enormous cathedral, Semper Opera House and Baroque Zwinger Palace.

Buffet Breakfast

### 4. DAY 4 DRESDEN, NUREMBERG AND ONTO OBERAMMERGAU

In the morning, depart Dresden and travel south to Nuremberg. Although the town was heavily bombed in World War II, it still remains a treasure trove of early German history and medieval architecture. With a local historian, tour the Old Town to see the charming blend of stone and timbered dwellings and the massive ramparts with its 46 towers. There is time to shop for delicious Lebkuchen (gingerbread) before continuing to fun-loving Munich. An orientation will show you the university, Victory Arch and the Marienplatz, where crowds gather at the Town Hall to watch the antics of the Glockenspiel. Then onto Oberammergau in the Bavarian Alps, home of the Passion Play since 1634.

Buffet Breakfast, Dinner



## **5. DAY 5 THE PASSION PLAY**

After a morning at leisure in charming Oberammergau, take your premium reserved seats to witness the world famous Passion Play, re-enacting the last days of Christ on earth. After a break for dinner in a local restaurant, the captivating performance continues into the evening.

Hotel: Leonardo Hotel Munich City Olympiapark

Buffet Breakfast

## **6. DAY 6 INTO THE BLACK FOREST**

(Relaxed Start) In the morning journey to Lindau, an island in Lake Constance connected to the mainland by a causeway. Stroll through the narrow streets past old inns and half-timbered houses, to admire the fantastic backdrop of the Swiss and Austrian Alps across the lake. Take a delightful drive along the shores of Lake Constance, lined with orchards and vineyards, to the Black Forest. The Black Forest is the land of cherry cake and cuckoo clocks, where traditional farmhouses dip their thatched roofs almost to the ground. Stop in one of the centres of the wood-carving industry to meet locals who still make cuckoo clocks by hand, a tradition passed down over 300 years.

Buffet Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

## **7. DAY 7 MEDIEVAL ROTHENBURG**

(Relaxed Start) Venture to Rothenburg-ob-der Tauber, the most well-preserved town on the Romantic Road. Plunge back into the 16th century as you walk through narrow cobbled streets lined with high-gabled houses to the market square, dominated by its Renaissance Town Hall. With an artisan baker, enjoy a demonstration and learn the history of the traditional pastry Schneeballen (snowball), followed by a tasting. Afterwards, the rest of your day is free to explore the quaint town. For your Dine-Around Evening experience, choose from a selection of restaurants within the walls of the Old Town.

Buffet Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

## **8. DAY 8 THE UNIVERSITY CITY OF HEIDELBERG AND MAINZ**

(Relaxed Start) Head through the valleys, where villages and isolated farms nestle beside fast flowing streams, before travelling north to Heidelberg. Enjoy the outlook from the heights of the castle fortress before venturing inside to see the Great Wine Vat, with its associated tales of the dwarf court jester, Perkeo. Spend time in the vast and insightful Apothecary Museum, before enjoying panoramic views of Heidelberg and the Neckar Valley. Your hotel is in the nearby town of Mainz, a bustling and important town since the time of the Romans.

Buffet Breakfast

## **9. DAY 9 CASTLES OF THE RHINE EXPERIENCE**

(Relaxed Start) Begin the day with a relaxing cruise past steep-sided vineyards, half-timbered taverns, the hilltop castles and the notorious Lorelei Rock. Alight at Boppard and continue to Koblenz where a gigantic equestrian statue of Wilhelm I guards the junction of the Rhine and Moselle. Camera at the ready as you return along the eastern bank. Enjoy the scenic views from the mighty Niederwald Monument. In the evening, round off your German experience with a farewell Celebration Dinner overlooking the River Rhine, complete with the local wine. Prost!

Buffet Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

## **DAY 10 AUF WIEDERSEHEN FRANKFURT**

Your journey comes to an end after breakfast. Departure transfers arrive at Frankfurt Airport at 08:00 and 10:00.

Buffet Breakfast

*Departures from May to September 2020*

*Price from \$4025 pp Twin Share*

*Price from \$4655 SOLO*

