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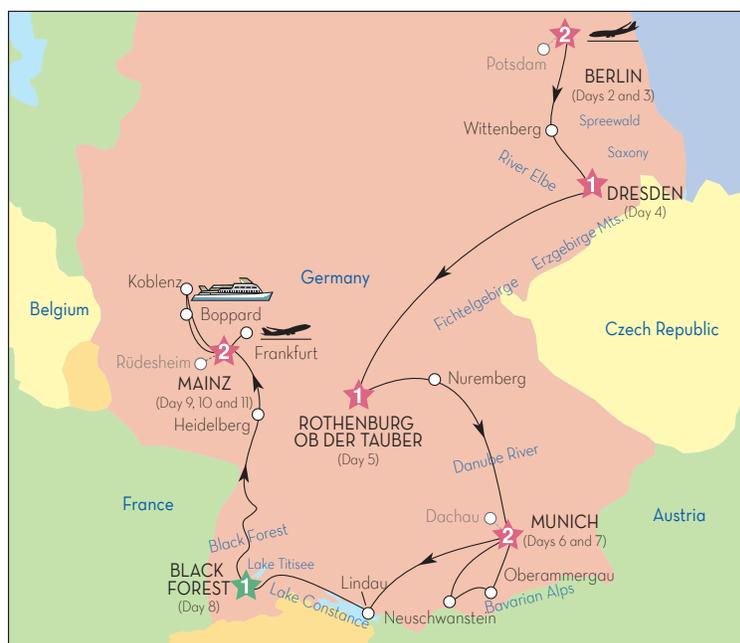
- **Oberammergau:** Experience the spectacular Passion Play that has made this town famous. Watch from your premium seat as local villagers perform as they have since 1634 in this once in a decade event. An emotive and critically acclaimed performance depicting Christ's last days, this is an event not to be missed.
- **Heidelberg:** Climb up to the magnificent castle built in red sandstone, overlooking the Student Prince's town. See the Great Wine Vats, Apothecary Museum and enjoy panoramic views of Heidelberg and the Neckar Valley.

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- **Berlin:** In the heart of West Berlin, right by Kurfürstendamm, the stylish Swissotel Berlin features a remarkable collection of contemporary German art, state-of-the-art technology and exclusive, luxurious amenities.
- **Rothenburg:** Located in the historic centre of medieval Rothenburg, the Hotel Eisenhut consists of four patrician houses from the 12th and 18th centuries, furnished with select antiques and original artwork.

### ADDITIONAL INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- **Berlin:** Drive along the Unter den Linden past the Humboldt University and Opera. See the Brandenburg Gate and Reichstag building.
- **Dresden:** See the Frauenkirche, 'The Procession of the Dukes', mosaic mural, Opera House and Zwinger Palace.
- **Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber:** Explore the most well-preserved medieval town in Germany.
- **Munich:** See the Marienplatz, Town Hall and Glockenspiel.
- **Bavarian Alps:** Visit the Wieskirche, a masterpiece of Bavarian rococo.
- **Lindau:** Cross the causeway to this delightful island town.
- **Rhine Valley:** See the Deutsches Eck Monument in Koblenz. Enjoy the scenic vista from the Niederwald Monument.



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# BEST OF GERMANY WITH OBERAMMERGAU

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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS

Board your overnight flight to Europe (not included).

### DAY 2: 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 Travel Director for a Welcome Reception with the opportunity to mingle over a pleasant evening of dinner and wine.

**Meals:** Three-course Dinner with wine, plus tea or coffee

### DAY 3: THE SPIRIT OF BERLIN

**RS** 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?

**Meals:** Buffet Breakfast

### DAY 4: 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.

**Meals:** Buffet Breakfast

### DAY 5: 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.

**Meals:** Buffet Breakfast, Dinner

### DAY 6: 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

**Meals:** Buffet Breakfast

### DAY 7: INTO THE BLACK FOREST

**RS** 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 centers of the wood-carving industry to meet locals who still make cuckoo clocks by hand, a tradition passed down over 300 years.

**Meals:** Buffet Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

### DAY 8: MEDIEVAL ROTHENBURG

**RS** 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.

**Meals:** Buffet Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

### DAY 9: THE UNIVERSITY CITY OF HEIDELBERG AND MAINZ

**RS** 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.

**Meals:** Buffet Breakfast

### DAY 10: CASTLES OF THE RHINE EXPERIENCE

**RS** 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!

**Meals:** Buffet Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

### DAY 11: AUF WIEDERSEHEN FRANKFURT

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

**Meals:** Buffet Breakfast

PLEASE NOTE: Itinerary is subject to changes.

**TERMS:** \*PRICE: The advertised price is in Canadian dollars and only based on double occupancy. Price is indicative and to be confirmed by 31 Aug 2019. \*Save an additional 5% off if you have travelled with Insight Vacations or selected Travel Corporation sister brands. \*Save an additional 5% off the Best of Germany portion if you have travelled with Insight Vacations or selected Travel Corporation sister brands before. \*Savings are not applicable to the Oberammergau portion of the trip and will equal \$161 based on twin-share occupancy, \$300.00 non-refundable deposit due at the time of booking and required before January 22, 2018. An additional \$300.00 non-refundable deposit is required before January 21, 2019. September 23rd, 2019, a \$760.00 non-refundable deposit for Oberammergau portion of the trip. Final payment is required by February 3rd, 2020. All payments are non-refundable, non-transferable. Oberammergau & Trip deposit is non-refundable unless overall price increases by more than 7%, in which case guests are eligible to cancel without penalty. If the trip price decreases, we will refund the difference to you. Guests will be accommodated in twin share accommodation during Oberammergau portion. † Itinerary and tour content is based on 2017 itinerary, however items such as, but not limited to, hotels, meals, sightseeing inclusions, tour itinerary, transfers and transportation, are all subject to change. The final composition of your tour will be published in Insight's 2020 Europe brochure, due for release in September 2019. All services in Oberammergau are provided by a local agent, and hotel details (either in Oberammergau or close by in the picturesque villages of the Bavarian Alps) will be advised by the Travel Director during the trip. Excludes: Any item not mentioned in the itinerary, personal expenses, drinks, optional experiences, gratuities to your assigned Travel Director, Driver and Local Guides. Group Transfer: If flights are booked outside of the group transfer, guests can make their own way to the/from hotels/airports or can arrange for transfers at an additional cost. No refund for missed or unused transfers. We reserve the right to alter, cancel arrangements or adjust pricing according to the number of confirmed guests. We reserve the right to vary itineraries/hotels/venues should circumstances (i.e. weather, traffic or timing) dictate, as well as cancel in accordance with operating requirements or circumstances beyond its control. For more details and full booking conditions, please contact Sharleen Dickson, Village Travel & Cruises, #101 - 1647 140 Street, White Rock, BC V4A 4H1, T. (604) 535-5565, E: sharleen@villagetravel.ca **TRAVEL** #1873715 / 33 Kern Road/ Toronto/ ON M3B 1S9 **TRAVEL**