



A Journey Through Germany 2025

Fall head over heels as you trace the south of Germany – where half-timber houses stand stoic in medieval towns, majestic pine trees whisper in ancient forests and towering mountains stretch towards the sky. From savouring a slice of decadent Black Forest gâteau to soaking up views of verdant valleys along the Romantic Road and losing yourself in the intricate beauty of Renaissance and baroque architecture – your memories of Germany will remain long after your journey's end.





About your tour notes

These tour notes contain everything you need to know before your tour departs – from where to meet your fellow guests and local guide to what essentials to pack for your journey. We recommend you print this document out and bring it with you on your tour. Give a copy to loved ones at home so they can follow your adventure, too.

Important: please refresh this document as close to your departure as possible to ensure you're equipped with the latest information available.

Hotel Drei Lowen @ 18:00

Schillerstraße 8, Munich, 80336

Hotel Drei Lowen @ 14:00

Munich



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Tour highlights

- Enjoy a beer tasting at Weltenburg Abbey, the world's oldest monastic brewery
- Immerse yourself in the breathtaking scenery of the Ammergau Alps
- Unravel the fascinating history behind some of Germany's magnificent medieval towns

More inclusions

- 8 breakfasts, 3 dinners
- 8 nights in thoughtfully selected accommodation
- Luxury minicoach

Germany - EUR



Included meals

Breakfast (B) is included daily.

Some of your lunches and dinners are also included, either in hotels or local restaurants. These are indicated by (L) and (D) in the itinerary.

Please note that drinks will not always be included.

We will do our best to accommodate any specific dietary requirements you may have. Please ensure to make these clear to us before your tour begins so we can communicate them to our hotels, restaurants and suppliers.

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Your itinerary

Day 1 | Munich

The Bavarian capital of Munich is where we'll begin our journey through this picturesque and historic country. After meeting our Tour Leader and fellow travellers at the hotel, we'll clink glasses over a sumptuous welcome dinner.

Included today

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| ● Accommodation | ● Meals |
| Hotel Drei Löwen (or similar) | Dinner |

Day 2 | Bamberg

After breakfast, we'll board the mini-coach and move on to our first stop: Regensburg. Located on the mighty Danube River and known for its medieval city centre – we'll relish some free time to stroll across the 12th-century Stone Bridge, marvel at the magnificent Gothic Cathedral and enjoy lunch at our leisure. Then: we'll move on to Weltenburg Abbey. Here, we'll be treated to a tour of the oldest monastic brewery in the world and savour a tasting of the Abbey's award-winning beers. Winding up our day in Bamberg, we'll have the evening to spend at our leisure.

Included today

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| ● Accommodation | ● Meals |
| Welcome Hotel
Residenzschloss
Bamberg (or similar) | Breakfast |



Day 3 | Bamberg

This morning, the city will be brought to life as we embark on a walking tour with a local guide. Unravel the intriguing history of Bamberg as we wander around Cathedral Square and the Old Town Hall – hearing fascinating stories that have been passed down from generations as we go. Equipped with our newfound knowledge, we'll have the afternoon to explore at our own pace. What you choose to do is up to you, although we recommend a visit to Altenberg Castle – which dates back to 1109 and has a rich history to uncover. This evening, we'll have time to savour some delicious Bavarian cuisine at a local restaurant or spend at our leisure back at the hotel.

Included today

● Accommodation	● Meals
Welcome Hotel	Breakfast
Residenzschloss	
Bamberg (or similar)	

Day 4 | Rothenburg

Today, we leave Bamberg behind as we continue onwards to Würzburg. After an orientation tour of the Old Town with our Tour Leader, we'll turn our attention to the splendid Würzburg Residence. An exquisite example of baroque architecture and one of the most significant palaces in Europe – we'll have plenty of time to admire the ingenious interior design, ornate rooms and grandiose Garden and White Halls. After lunch at our leisure, we'll continue our journey along the Romantic Road to Rothenburg – where a delicious group dinner awaits.

Included today

● Accommodation	● Meals
Hotel Altes Brauhaus	Breakfast
(or similar)	Dinner



Day 5 | Baden-Baden

A visit to Germany's oldest and most famous university town is on the agenda today. Looming high above the Altstadt (Old Town), the red-sandstone ruins of Heidelberg Castle are a remarkable example of Renaissance architecture – and we'll have plenty of time to explore the castle grounds at our own pace. Choose to take lunch in the cafe-lined Marktplatz and marvel at the Gothic Heiliggeistkirche church towers, before we continue on to the spa town of Baden-Baden. The evening will be free to enjoy some local fare in town or relax at the hotel.

Included today

● Accommodation	● Meals
Heliopark Bad Hotel zum Hirsch (or similar)	Breakfast

Day 6 | Freiburg

This morning will see us say farewell to Baden-Baden and set a course for Central Black Forest. We'll make a scenic stop in the quaint village of Schonach, where a visit to a traditional cuckoo clock manufacturer is in store. Then: we'll wind our way through this enchanting forest in search of one of the many mesmerising waterfalls in the area. Later, we'll arrive in the vibrant city of Freiburg – where we'll be free to wander the cobblestone streets lined with water-filled runnels at our leisure.

Included today

● Accommodation	● Meals
The Alex Hotel (or similar)	Breakfast

Day 7 | Freiburg

Today, we'll begin with a tour of Freiburg's charming farmer's market at Münsterplatz. Sample various delicious regional specialties, including cheese, bread, sweets and wines, made by local artisans. The afternoon is then yours to spend how you wish. You could choose to visit one of the many fascinating museums and galleries scattered around Freiburg's city centre or relax in the picture-perfect Rathausplatz. This evening, we suggest seeking out more scrumptious cuisine within the medieval Altstadt – and perhaps sample a slice (or two) of the decadent Black Forest gâteau hailing from this area.

Included today

● Accommodation	● Meals
The Alex Hotel (or similar)	Breakfast



Day 8 | Ammergau Alps

Today's journey will begin with a stop at Friedrichshafen – a city known for its significant historic contribution to the aviation industry. We'll pay a visit to the fascinating Zeppelin Museum before having some free time to wander the lakeside promenade and savour lunch at our leisure. Then: we'll take in the marvellous views over the Bodensee as we continue to Lindau for a brief photo opportunity. Our day will end amid the breathtaking Ammergau Alps – the perfect setting for our delectable farewell dinner.

Included today

● Accommodation	● Meals
Schlosskrone Hotel	Breakfast
(or similar)	Dinner

Day 9 | Munich

Before our tour comes to a close, we'll pay a visit to the imposing Neuschwanstein Castle – known as the 'castle of the fairytale king'. Dramatically located above the village of Hohenschwangau, we'll have time to wander the 19th-century Romanesque Revival palace at our own pace. After, we'll make our way back to Munich – where we'll say our goodbyes.

Included today

● Meals
Breakfast



Travel advice

Finances

Changing money

Cash: Foreign money can be changed at banks, airports, some railway and tube stations, and at major hotels (though at a less favourable rate).

Credit cards: Visa and MasterCard are widely accepted. American Express is only accepted in some larger establishments.

Cash machines: ATMS are widely available.

Tipping

Tipping is entirely at your discretion. If you feel you have received exceptional service, it is recommended that you tip £1-2/€ per day for Drivers and £4- 5/€ per day for Tour Leaders.

Insurance

Before travelling with Back-Roads Touring, it is compulsory for all guests to take out comprehensive travel insurance. Please ensure your insurance covers medical expenses (including repatriation), cancellation cover, loss or damage to baggage and personal effects, money and personal liability.

We recommend you carry your insurance details with you at all times. You may be asked to provide details of your medical insurance or a payment guarantee in some countries before medical assistance can be provided.

For more information, please see our [FAQ page](#).

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact our friendly Customer Service team [here](#).

Passports and visas

Please ensure your passport is valid for at least six months after the last day of your tour. Some countries will refuse entry if you do not have at least six months validity remaining on your passport after your departure date. Depending on your nationality, you may require a visa to enter certain



countries.

It is your responsibility to obtain visas prior to your tour's departure. To determine which visas you'll need, you can consult either your own government's website or the government websites of the countries in which you will be travelling.

Please note: Some visas can take up to six weeks to acquire, so don't leave it until the last minute. Also, bear in mind that the validity of a visa often runs from its date of issue rather than the date of entry into the country. Please check with the appropriate embassy/embassies prior to departure as requirements do change periodically.

We advise you to either carry a photocopy of your passport (and visa, if applicable) with you while abroad, or to ensure that you leave a copy with relatives back at home. This will enable the local embassy or high commission to arrange a replacement if the original should be lost or stolen. If you do take copies with you on your tour, please ensure that you keep these separate from your original documents.

Medication and mobility

Whilst on your tour, we want you to have the smoothest journey possible which requires x mobility conditions:

- You must be fit enough to get on and off the vehicle on a regular basis, and to walk around towns and villages or to attractions.
- You must be able to walk up and down stairs and use a shower over the bath.

Please note that, unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate mobility scooter or wheelchair users as we frequently stay in traditional-style hotels and the majority do not have lifts or ground-floor rooms.

If you take medicine for certain conditions, such as diabetes or heart problems, please carry it with you at all times.

Please declare any medical conditions you may have in advance of your tour. If you are in any doubt as to whether our tours are suitable for you, please contact our friendly Customer Service team [here](#).

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Mental health and wellbeing

Culture shock, homesickness and periods of feeling down happen regardless of age. Be rest assured that if you're feeling low, your Tour Leader and Driver will do their utmost to make you smile.

Measures you can take to look after your mental health and wellbeing while on the road with us are:

- Call loved ones. Hearing a familiar voice whilst in an unfamiliar destination can help ground you and remind you you're not alone.
- Eat well. Nobody feels their best when they're hungry. There are plenty of nutritious culinary delights to be savoured along the road!
- Integrate with your fellow guests. The more you socialise with the group, the less likely you'll feel homesick.

Transport

We travel in premium mini-coaches equipped with comfortable seats, air conditioning and large windows for enjoying the view.

With far more flexibility than a standard-size coach, we're able to take the scenic route – winding through beautiful countryside to the heart of tiny villages and coastal towns.

Will I have regular access to Wi-Fi?

Most accommodation we stay in will offer free Wi-Fi as well as many restaurants and cafes you may visit. If you would like more regular internet access without large roaming fees, you can purchase a Back-Roads Touring eSIM [here](#).



What to Pack

Based on our experience, the following items are essential.

Please note, this is a general packing list for Back-Roads Touring tours. What you pack will depend on the countries you're visiting as well as the time of year you plan to travel.

Clothing

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| ● Sun hat | ● Long-sleeved tops | ● Light jacket |
| ● Sunglasses | ● Short-sleeved tops | ● Waterproof jacket |
| ● Sleepwear | ● Shorts/skirts | ● Trousers |
| ● Warm jacket | ● Socks | ● Swimwear |
| ● Underwear | ● Smart casual evening wear | ● Walking/comfortable shoes |

Other essentials

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| ● Sleepwear | ● Shorts/skirts | ● Trousers |
| ● Warm jacket | ● Socks | |



How much luggage can I bring

As we travel in mini-coaches, luggage space is limited. Here's what you can take with you on tour:



1 x suitcase



1 x small carry-on bag
(backpack or handbag)

If you have more luggage, please make arrangements to store it prior to joining the tour. **We are unable to carry extra luggage on the mini-coach.**

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FAQs

Which type of hotels will we stay in?

Our thoughtfully selected accommodation is full of charm and historic details – expect elegant country inns, grand town centre hotels and even the odd castle! For this reason, rooms vary in size, and most hotels don't have lifts – meaning you'll likely need to access your room via stairs. Porterage will be included wherever possible.

Although air conditioning is mostly unavailable in historic buildings, fans will be provided during hot spells. Most hotels have bathtubs with overhead showers (rather than walk-in showers), so you'll be able to enjoy a soak at the end of the day.

That's everything!

We can't wait to welcome you on tour.

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