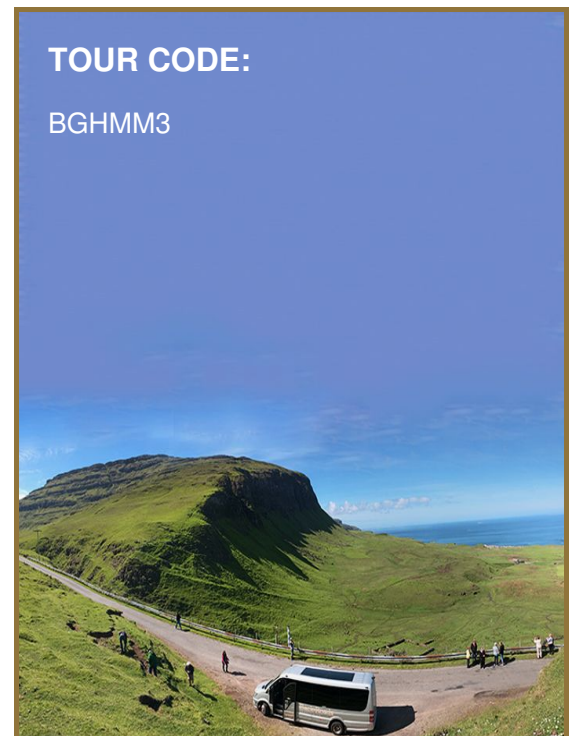




Back-Roads | Europe (BRT)

Fall in love with this captivating country as we follow the Romantic Road through medieval towns, fairytale-like forests and the snow-capped Bavarian Alps. With our expert Tour Leader at the helm, we'll unravel local stories, seek out delicious flavours and learn the fascinating history behind each unique stop. Join us as we take the scenic back roads on this journey through the heart of Germany.



Thank you for choosing **Back-Roads**

Your extraordinary adventure awaits!

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.

THE BACK-ROADS DIFFERENCE

- ✓ 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

TOUR CURRENCIES

- Germany - EUR

Your itinerary

DAY 1 | MUNICH (GERMANY)

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. Accommodation: Hotel Drei Löwen (or similar)

MEALS:

✓ Dinner

DAY 2 | MUNICH – REGENSBURG AND WELTENBURG – 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. Accommodation: Welcome Hotel Residenzschloss Bamberg (or similar)

MEALS:

✓ 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. Accommodation: Welcome Hotel Residenzschloss Bamberg (or similar)

MEALS:

✓ Breakfast

DAY 4 | BAMBERG – WÜRZBURG – 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.

Accommodation: Hotel Altes Brauhaus (or similar)

MEALS:

- ☒ Breakfast
- ☒ Dinner

DAY 5 | ROTHENBURG – HEIDELBERG – 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.

Accommodation: Heliopark Bad Hotel zum Hirsch (or similar)

MEALS:

- ☒ Breakfast

DAY 6 | BADEN-BADEN – SCHONACH – 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. Accommodation: The Alex Hotel (or similar)

MEALS:

- ☒ Breakfast

DAY 7 | FREIBURG

Today is 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 enjoy the temperate climate while relaxing in the picture-perfect Rathausplatz. This evening, we suggest seeking out some scrumptious local cuisine within the medieval Altstadt – and perhaps sample a slice (or two) of the decadent Black Forest gâteau hailing from this area.

Accommodation: The Alex Hotel (or similar)

MEALS:

- ☒ Breakfast

DAY 8 | FREIBURG – FRIEDRICHSHAFEN AND LINDAU – 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. Accommodation: Luitpoldpark Hotel (or similar)

MEALS:

- ☑ Breakfast
- ☑ Dinner

DAY 9 | AMMERGAU ALPS – NEUSCHWANSTEIN – 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.

MEALS:

- ☑ Breakfast



Tour information

Meals

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.

Other information

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:
www.backroadstouring.com/faqs

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact our friendly Customer Service team: www.backroadstouring.com/contact-us

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

Medication and mobility

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

www.backroadstouring.com/contact-us

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.

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.

What to bring

Based on our experience, the following items are essential.

Please note, this is a general packing list for Back-Roads 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 shoes/comfortable shoes |

OTHER THINGS TO PACK:

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| ☑ Multi-use adapter plug | ☑ Toiletries | ☑ Camera |
| ☑ Batteries | ☑ Sunscreen | ☑ Towel |
| ☑ Umbrella | ☑ Reusable water bottle | ☑ Insect repellent |
| ☑ Any personal medication | ☑ Basic medical kit (including paracetamol, aspirin, plasters etc) | |

That's it!

We look forward to seeing you on tour.