

A 10-Day Tour to Germany

Including the Passion Play in Oberammergau

Tour#1 (8 nights/10 days)

Day 1

Depart Home

Depart on an overnight flight to Berlin, Germany

Day 2

Berlin

(D)

Upon arrival in Berlin, meet your Faith Journeys Tour Manager and begin with an orientation tour of the city
Enjoy a 1-hr Spree River Cruise
Check-in to the hotel for dinner and overnight

Day 3

Berlin

(B)

Breakfast at the hotel
Guided tour of Berlin, seeing the Unter den Linden Strasse, the Russian War Memorial and the Brandenburg Gate. Also see what remains of “the Wall” and “Checkpoint Charlie,” as we pass into the western sector to experience Kurfurstendamm Strasse. Visit Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church
Afternoon at leisure for individual exploration and sightseeing
Dinner, on own
Return to the hotel for overnight

Day 4

Wittenberg / Leipzig

(B,D)

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
Transfer to Leipzig via Wittenberg
Wittenberg is of such importance in Luther's life that its official name is Lutherstadt-Wittenberg (Luther City Wittenberg). We will visit All Saints' Church (also known as the Schlosskirche or "Castle Church," built 1496–1506), City Church (a Gothic church in which Luther preached during the Reformation, was married (1525) and baptized his six children), Luther's well-preserved house where he and his family lived (it contains many Reformation relics, including Luther's desk, his pulpit, and first editions of his books) and the Renaissance mansion of Philip Melancthon, Luther's right-hand man
Continue to Leipzig
We will have much to think about as we gather for dinner and enjoy an overnight stay in Leipzig

Day 5

Eisenach / Erfurt

(B)

Breakfast at the hotel
This morning we drive up a steep forested slope to Wartburg Castle, which looms over the city of Eisenach, the birthplace of Johann Sebastian Bach. We will visit the Bachhaus, the first worldwide museum to be dedicated to the life and work of Johann Sebastian Bach, and also visit the Lutherhaus, one of the oldest and most picturesque half-timbered buildings remaining in Eisenach. Now, the Lutherhaus is a museum featuring multimedia exhibits relating Luther's teachings. We will also explore the Marktplatz with the Georgenkirche (the Church of St. George) where Bach was baptized and where the Gothic baptismal stone still stands. A private worship service may



be organized in the chapel of the Wartburg Castle
Continue to Erfurt and see the Augustinian Monastery and St. Mary's Cathedral
Dinner, on own
Return to Leipzig for overnight

Day 6 **Leipzig / Munich** **(B)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
Half-day sightseeing in Leipzig includes seeing the Altes Rathaus (St. Nicholas Church), St. Thomas' Church, and the Bach Museum.
Transfer to Bavaria's capital, Munich
Dinner, on own
Check-in to the hotel for overnight



Day 7 **Munich** **(B)**

Breakfast at the hotel
A guided tour of Munich includes the Marienplatz (with its famous Glockenspiel), Frauenkirche, Hofbräuhaus, and entrance to Nymphenburg Palace. Nymphenburg Palace was the summer residence of the Bavarian sovereigns, begun in 1664 in the style of an Italian palazzo, after centuries of enhancements, it now bears a strong resemblance to Versailles Palace
Lunch, on own
Afternoon at leisure for individual sightseeing, reflection, and/or shopping
Dinner, on own
Return to the hotel for overnight



Day 8 **Neuschwanstein / Oberammergau** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
Transfer to Oberammergau via Neuschwanstein Castle (made famous by the Walt Disney model in Anaheim), built by the infamous Ludwig II (including entrance and uphill transport)
Continue to Oberammergau, site of the world-famous Passion Play which is performed every 10 years, for dinner and overnight



Day 9 **Oberammergau** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel
Attend the Passion Play
The Passion Play has been performed since 1634 by local inhabitants in open-air stages in the village. The play is a staging of Jesus' passion, covering the short final period of his life from his visit to Jerusalem and leading to his crucifixion
In 1633, the residents vowed that if God spared them from the bubonic plague, they would produce a play thereafter for all time depicting the life and death of Jesus. The village was spared and the play is now performed every year ending in zero.
The production starts in the early afternoon and will have a break for dinner before its completion later the same evening
Return to the hotel for overnight



Day 10 **Depart for Home** **(B)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out
Transfer to the Munich airport for the return flight home



This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable

