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## DAY BY DAY PROGRAMME ITHF ROTARY TOUR HIGHLIGHTS OF GERMANY **06.-16.06.2019**





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**Classic Germany: the legendary history, the beauty of the landscapes, the Bavarian Alps, culturally rich Munich, international Berlin. It is a history of note – and of notoriety.**

**We will see it all on our tour.**

**Day 1, Thursday, 06.06.2019  
The German Fairy Tale Route**

Today we will meet after breakfast to discover the Highlights of Germany.



You will travel along the German Fairy Tale Route to Bremen & Hamelin.

Fairy tales, sagas and legends are brought to life in many places, since the Brothers Grimm lived along the German Fairy Tale Route: this is where they gathered their world-famous stories.

Bremen, the pulsating heart of north-west Germany and the home town of the world-famous Bremen Town Musicians, has many faces. A multi-faceted metropolis— history, tradition, high tech, science and space technology unite to form a new, spectacular overall picture. **You will get a glimpse of this during your city walking tour. Afterwards group lunch in a local restaurant is included.**

Continue to the city of Hamelin. Hamelin lies embedded in the gentle hills of the Weserberg region. Between Cinderella and Baron Münchhausen, this location stands for the darkest figure of the German Fairy Tale Route - the Pied Piper. Many tourists are drawn to Hamelin, due to the unique Pied Piper legend that was supposed to have taken place in the town, but also because of the splendid old part of the city. **Meet the main character during a city tour through the medieval town of Hamelin.**

Distances:

Hamburg – Bremen: 126 km / 1,5 – 2 hours

Bremen – Hamelin: 180 km / 2 hours

Overnight near Hamelin breakfast and dinner included

Hameln- Mercure Hotel\*\*\*\* <https://www.accorhotels.com/de/hotel-5397-mercure-hotel-hameln/index.shtml>

**Lunch and dinner included.**





## Day 2, Friday 07.06.2019 Berlin: Capital of hearts



We leave the hotel after breakfast and head towards Berlin- Germany's capital, its largest city, beating heart and cultural centre. Berlin is both provincial and international, historic and up-to-the-minute, sophisticated and friendly. We get our first taste during our tour on arrival where our **experienced Berlin guide** will welcome us. **The city tour** features the Brandenburg Gate, the triumphal arch now a symbol of reunification and the **Pergamum museum (Entrance fee included)** on museum island housing treasures from classical archaeological sites and

Germany's most visited museum. Nearby we take a break for a **group lunch** and continue afterwards to the Berlin Wall memorial, the remaining section of the partition that brutally divided the city – and the nation – from 1961 to 1989. Now a historical monument and tribute to victims, the memorial traces the history of the wall and German reunification. Here, too, is Checkpoint Charlie, symbol of once-divided nation.

Take a break and enjoy a city view from the water during your **Berlin cruise** on the river Spree.

The channels and waterways of Berlin offer a unique possibility for exploring the attractions of Berlin. The tour takes about 1 hour and passes by a lot of the most important Berlin monuments, like the house of the world cultures and the chancellery.

Enjoy the tour, leaded by a professional guide and let yourself impress by the variety of architecture. Try to count the bridges, Berlin has more than Venice!



**Group dinner will be held in restaurant zur Nolle Berlin.**

The restaurant is located between antique shops and flea markets in one of the 13 converted suburban railway arches of Friedrichstraße. It is right in the center and has the atmosphere of a typical local restaurant. It serves mostly German food from snack to set meals with a large selection of dishes typical in Berlin. Here you experience Berlin purely as it was and as it is nowadays. The guests are as colored as the town. Marble, mirrors, leather and Art Deco painting under a six meters high ceiling forms a stylish frame for fine and rustic eating amusement in the Nolle.

Distances: Hamelin Berlin 350km/ 4 hours

Overnight in the city centre of Berlin, a good neighborhood with bars, cafés and shops nearby

Suggested hotel Berlin- Hotel Abba\*\*\*\*

<https://www.abbaberlinhotel.com/de/home.html>

Breakfast lunch and dinner included



**Day 3, Saturday 08.06.2019**  
**Potsdam & Berlin, castles and gardens**

Today we visit nearby Potsdam, former capital of Prussia, site of the victorious Allies' post World War II conference, and home of castle Sanssouci, the former summer palace of Frederick the Great of Prussia. We tour the elaborate palace considered the "German Versailles", with its parks, lakes and follies. **During the guided tour inside the castle (Entrance fee included)** you will learn about the king's life and times.

Sanssouci Park and its famous palaces is one of the most significant park complexes in Europe and it belongs to the UNESCO World Heritage. The exquisite 18th century interior design is largely preserved in



the interior. The Marble Hall at the center of the palace is decorated especially luxuriously.

After **lunch** we continue to the city centre for a walking tour before visiting castle Cecilienhof, the newest of all Prussian castles. In August 1945 this is where the famous Potsdam Conference took place. Stalin, Roosevelt, Truman, Attlee and Churchill, the representatives of the Soviet Union, United States and Great Britain decided the destiny of Germany and Berlin.

On the way back to Berlin, we will visit the Villa Wannsee famous for the 1942 Wannsee Conference, which formulated the Final Solution to the Jewish Question, sealing the fate of European Jews.



After the war, the villa had different uses; among these, it was the seat of the prestigious research institute "August Bebel".

Distances:

Berlin – Potsdam: 40 km / 1 hour

Overnight in the city centre of Berlin, 4\* Hotel as previous night (dinner on own)

Breakfast and lunch included



Day 4, Sunday 09.06.2019

**Meissen und Dresden, the beautiful sights of Saxony and the porcelain factory**

We leave Berlin after breakfast. Between Berlin and Dresden, we stop in the city of Meissen to **visit the factory (Entrance fee included)** that produced the world's first high quality porcelain outside of the Far East. Opened in 1710, Meissen's Royal Porcelain Factory still creates the fine china that is displayed in many museums and homes around the world. **During your visit you will be able to witness the**



**craftsmanship that goes into making Meissen Porcelain** at four stages of the process in the Demonstration Workshops. You get to see how Meissen Porcelain is made by hand. Relief-moulded cups are "thrown" and parts of figurines moulded at the workbenches of a thrower and modeller. A person known as a repairer or fettler then joins the parts of a figure together. A finished example stands before them as a guide on how to proceed. Underglaze painting is demonstrated citing the example of Meissen's famous Onion Pattern.

The tour concludes with a display of overglaze painting. Floral decorations and painting based on oriental motifs are used to illustrate this multifaceted technique with its extensive nuances of colour.

**Lunch** in a local restaurant in old town after your **city walking tour**. You will love the historic center of the Old Town with its narrow streets and the many paths and stairs uphill to the castle. On top of the castle hill you may visit the cathedral (Dom) or the Albrechtsburg castle. This is a great viewing point to see the Elbe valley.



Then we continue our journey to Dresden, which was completely destroyed during World War II and rebuilt over the past decades to recreate its picturesque beauty. Situated on the beautiful banks of the Elbe river, Dresden offers green space with its forests, gardens and parks.

The city is rich in culture and art history: numerous works by the great composer Richard Wagner were premiered in Dresden in the 19th century. Culture lovers will also get their money's worth in the Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister at the Grünes Gewölbe Museum, while those interested in architecture can admire the mix of architectural styles that characterize the cityscape. Enjoy your free afternoon in Dresden!

Distances:

Berlin – Meißen: 200 km / 2,5 - 3 hours

Meißen – Dresden: 30 km / 1 hour

Overnight in Dresden, suggested hotel Dresden- Hotel Westin <https://www.westin-dresden.de/>  
(dinner on own) Breakfast and lunch included





**Day 5, Monday 10.06.2019**  
**Dresden, the Italian pearl of Germany**

Dresden's historical centre was largely destroyed by Allied bombing during World War II has been reconstructed and unified. We will show you the beautiful sights of the capital of Saxony, such as the re-built Frauenkirche which has thousand years of history. The former churches were all dedicated to the Mother of God and bore the name Frauenkirche. In the 18th century, the famous dome George Bährs was built, which shaped the cityscape of Dresden for two hundred years. Shortly before the end of the Second World War, the church was destroyed. Its ruins remained as a memorial in the heart of the city.



Your city guide will show you all highlights during a **walking tour through the old town of Dresden.**

In addition we find the beautiful and beloved Semper Opera House and the historic **Green Vault in Dresden Castle (Entrance fee included)**, the „jewel box“ of Europe housing an astounding array of treasures, including the crown jewels and the world's largest green diamond.



This museum can be visited after **lunch included in a traditional restaurant** in the city centre

Explore the Green Vault on your own with your audio guide. Gold, rock crystal and diamonds seem to want to outshine each other in the treasury of August the Strong, which he built between 1723 and 1730. Today, old and new coalesce in the Grünes Gewölbe at the Residenzschloss: While the

Historisches Grünes Gewölbe (Historic Green Vault) allows visitors to immerse themselves in the authentically restored rooms of the treasury, the Neues Grünes Gewölbe (New Green Vault) shows selected exhibits, impressively illuminated behind glass.



Overnight in Dresden, 4\* Hotel as previous night (dinner on own) Breakfast, lunch included



**Day 6, Tuesday 11.06.2019**  
**Nuremberg, the medieval old town**



Today we continue to Nuremberg, with about half a million inhabitants, it is the second largest city in Bavaria. While the history of the city goes back to the 11th century, Nuremberg is associated with the 20th century, especially with the Second World War when Allied forces prosecuted Nazi leaders in military tribunals that became known as the Nuremberg Trials.

Here we take a **walking tour of this city**

known for its medieval architecture. Today, the city offers its visitors a variety of attractions such as the rebuilt Nuremberg Castle and the main market with its world-famous gingerbread house. Hansel and Gretel would have felt at home here. We will have **lunch en route**.

We then visit several sites associated with the Nuremberg Trials, including the palace of Justice complex where the momentous trials took place. World history was written in the courtroom of the Nuremberg Palace of Justice, where leaders of the Nazi regime had to answer for their crimes before an International Military Tribunal between November 20, 1945 and October 1, 1946. The trials had an enormous influence on the development of international criminal law right up to the present. **Entrance fees included for Nuremberg Trial Courthouse & Palace of Justice in Nuremberg.**



Distances:

Dresden – Nuremberg: 350 km / 3,5 - 4 hours

Maritim hotel (4 stars) –

<https://www.maritim.de/de/hotels/deutschland/hotel-nuernberg/unser-hotel>

Breakfast and lunch included





**Day 7, Wednesday 12.06.2019**  
**Dachau & Munich, on the way to the mountains**



After leaving Nuremberg we face the most terrible remains on German history and arrive to **Dachau, site of Germany's first concentration camp** and today a memorial for the more than 40,000 people who perished there. In the twelve years of Nazi regime, more than 200,000 people from all over Europe were imprisoned in the Dachau concentration camp. But even after the 42nd US Infantry Division liberated the camp on April 29, 1945, the dying still had no end. Many prisoners were so weakened that they even died after the war. Find out more during your visit & the stories told by your guide.

After this somber encounter, we travel only 10 miles further south into Munich, where we stop for a **lunch** break in typical Bavarian beer house, before exploring the city with our local guide.

Enjoy a **sightseeing tour in Munich**, which is known as Germany's most prosperous and highly livable city. Munich is the Bavarian capital and one of the most important cultural and economic centers in Germany. This includes the Baroque **Nymphenburg palace (Entrance fee included)**, former summer home of bavarian royalty; the Glockenspiel carillon in Marienplatz, Munich's popular central square; the royal avenue of Maximilianstrasse.

Among the most important historic buildings and squares of the city of Munich is the Marienplatz with the New and Old Town Hall, the Theatinerkirche, the Odeonsplatz and the Pinakotheken. From the hustle and bustle of Munich, the Munich residents recover in the English Garden, the largest city park in Europe, and in the green meadows of the Isar.



**Distances:**

Nuremberg – Dachau: 180 km / 2 hours

Dachau – München: 25 km / 1 hour

Overnight in city centre of Munich, 4\* Hotel in a good neighborhood with bars, cafés and shops nearby  
Breakfast and lunch included.

Suggested hotel Munich- Eurostar Books Hotel\*\*\*\*

<https://www.eurostarshotels.de/eurostars-book-hotel.html>





We start with a scenic drive along the German Alpine Road through impressive valleys. This exhilarating Alpine route winds its way for some 450 kilometres from Lindau on Lake Constance to Schönau on Lake Königssee & your **tour guide** can tell you many interesting anecdotes throughout the day.

We reach Berchtesgaden, the region of southern Bavaria expects you with its high peaks, romantic lakes and the only Alpine National Park in Germany.



Once up on the Obersalzberg mountain, you have the opportunity to visit the **NS-**

**Documentation Center (Entrance fee & Audio guide included)**. It serves the historical processing of the Nazi past. The Obersalzberg, Hitler's holiday home since 1923, was expanded after 1933 to the second seat of government next to Berlin.



**Hitler's Eagle's Nest**, Germany, still sits on a mountain peak high above Berchtesgaden in the Bavarian Alps. A special bus and an elevator tunneled straight through rock then bring you up to the Eagle's Nest (**Tickets for transportation included**), built by the Nazi party for Hitler's 50th birthday. In one of history's weird turns, it is now a cozy restaurant with a spectacular 360 degree view of the Alps. When the weather cooperates, the panorama is incredible. Right at eye level with the Alps, looking over both Germany and Austria, the jagged mountains march away in all directions. On a clear day, you can see Salzburg. **Lunch included en route in local restaurant.**

Distances:

München – Berchtesgaden: 160 km / 2 hours

Overnight in city centre of Munich, 4\* Hotel as previous night (dinner on own)

Breakfast and lunch included



**Day 9, Friday 14.06.2019**  
**Neuschwanstein, the beautiful castle of the crazy king**



Today we encounter the fairy tale castle of our collective imagination: **Neuschwanstein (Entrance fee included)**, Ludwig II's 19th – century Romanesque Revival palace that was the inspiration for Walt Disney's *Sleeping Beauty* castle, with its fanciful turrets and towers, gables and balconies. Neuschwanstein Castle, which was built on a rugged hill against a backdrop of picturesque mountain scenery, was prompted by the idea of rebuilding an existing ruin "in the authentic style of the old German

knight's' castles". The church-like Throne Hall was modelled on Byzantine domed architecture and the Allerheiligenhofkirche (Court Church of All-Saints) in the Munich Residence and symbolizes Ludwig II's idea of a monarchy by God's grace. Neuschwanstein is not a copy of a medieval castle but a typical Historicist creation. An experienced **tour guide** will enrich your travel time with interesting stories about this area.

Following our visit to the hilltop castle, we will have **lunch** together. In the afternoon you can visit castle Linderhof on your own. Linderhof Palace and its surrounding park is one of the most artistic and stylistically complex ensembles of the 19th century. The "Royal Villa" is the only palace King Ludwig II was able to complete. It is influenced by French architecture and modelled on the small summer palaces, usually set in parkland, that were built in France in the 18th century and were also often to be found in Germany in the parks of larger palaces. The rich and abundant ornamentation, with its many sculptural elements, is thus not merely an attempt at imitation. In Linderhof Palace Ludwig II created rooms of such sumptuousness that they far surpass everything that inspired them, as well as showing workmanship of an incomparable artistic quality.



Now we continue to see the picturesque Alpine villages like Oberammergau. Oberammergau, or Upper Ammer Vale, is a municipality in the district of Garmisch-Partenkirchen, in Bavaria. The small town on the Ammer River is known for its woodcarvers/woodcarvings and across the world for its 380-year tradition of mounting Passion Plays, which will take place again in 2020.

**Distances:**

München – Schloss Neuschwanstein: 120 km / 2 hours

Schloss Neuschwanstein – Oberammergau: 50 km / 1 hour

Oberammergau – München: 90 km / 1,25 hours

Overnight in city centre of Munich, 4\* Hotel as previous night (dinner on own) breakfast and lunch included





**Day 10, Saturday 15.06.2019**  
**Salzburg, the cultural centre of Austria**



We leave the hotel after a splendid breakfast and head towards the neighbouring Austria. The city of Salzburg isn't just rich in sightseeing attractions. This city on the River Salzach looks back on a long history as a metropolis of the arts and culture. The cultural heritage of this city shaped by the Baroque has its origins in a vibrant exchange with its southern neighbours, especially Italy.

Castles, parks, museums, churches and nature - the beauty of Salzburg lies in its many faces. Get to know this beautiful world-famous UNESCO city of its charming, historical and cultural side during a **walking tour**, before heading for your only **Austrian lunch**.

In the afternoon you will follow the traces of the famous musician Mozart. Mozartkugel, Mozarteum, Mozartplatz, Mozart's city: Salzburg's most famous son has left his mark throughout the city and far beyond. Whether in the framework of the Salzburg Festival, at the Salzburg Palace Concerts on the Hohensalzburg Fortress or at the Salzburg Mozart Weeks - the life and work of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart is omnipresent in Salzburg. Where he lived and worked, and what still reminds us of the great artist. You will be able to find out more during your visit in **Mozart house (Entrance fee included)**.



**Farewell dinner: in the famous Munich Hofbräuhaus.** One of the oldest and longest established houses in Munich - since 1589 beer has been brewed and served here. Enjoy Bavarian lifestyle and food in an authentic ambience that hasn't lost any of its charm over the years.

Distances:

München – Salzburg: 160 km / 2 hours

Overnight in city centre of Munich, 4\* Hotel as previous night breakfast lunch and dinner included

## Day 11 Sunday 16 June Departure

After breakfast you will check out and take a last ride to the airport in Munich. Leave our country with many experiences and a tear in your eye.







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### PACKAGE PRICE

15 PAX	Euros 3,095.00
20 PAX	2,735.00
25 PAX	2,505.00
30 PAX	2,370.00
35 PAX	2,265.00
40 PAX	2,185.00

- Price per person in double room
- **SGL-supplement: 720**

Included in the package price:

- 10 overnights in very good quality hotels, 4\* standard (centrally located) as per Itinerary we reserve the right to use hotels in similar category and location subject to availability.
- Comfortable Long-Distance Coach throughout the Itinerary
- 1 Bottle of water per person / day (0,5 litre)
- Professional Tour escort, English speaking, throughout the Itinerary
- Welcome dinner on first day in Hamelin (3 courses, no drinks included)
- Local Dinner in Berlin, Restaurant zur Nolle (3 courses, no drinks included) First night
- Local Dinner in Hofbräuhaus Munich (3 courses, no drinks included)
- **10** Lunches en route in local restaurants (2 courses, no drinks included)
- Local Guides in Bremen (1 hour), Hameln (1 hour), Berlin (8 hours), Potsdam (8 hours), Meissen (2 hours), Dresden (2 hours), Nuremberg (2 hours), Dachau (2 hours), Munich (3 hours), Berchtesgaden & Eagles Nest FD excursion, Neuschwanstein FD excursion, Salzburg (3 hours)
- Entrance Fees in Pergamon museum in Berlin, Green Vault in Dresden (incl. audio guide), Nuremberg Trail Courthouse & Palace of Justice in Nuremberg, Nymphenburg Palace in Munich, Documentation Centre Obersalzberg (with audio guide), Bus & elevator to Eagles Nest, Mozart House Salzburg, Matinee concert in Salzburg residence
- Guided Tour & Entrance Fees in castle Sanssouci (2 hours) & castle Cecilienhof (2 hours) in Potsdam, Porcelain Manufacture in Meissen (1 hour), castle Neuschwanstein (40 Minutes)
- Tours: River Cruise Berlin (1 hour)

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## ITHF ROTARY GROUP : HIGHLIGHTS OF GERMANY 06 – 16 June 2019 REGISTRATION FORM to be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Please reserve ..... place(s) on the above tour.

Accommodation required: .....double or twin .....single

Special dietary requirements .....

Any other special requests.....

Non smoker/smoker (please delete as applicable)

Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms	Full Passport Name, No & Expiry Date	Date of Birth
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I/we confirm that I/we will take out my/our own travel insurance for the tour .....

I/we confirm that i/we will ensure we have valid visas for the tour .....

I will pay a non refundable deposit of GBP500 per person or Euros 550 TOTAL .....  
payable by 30 September 2018 Full balance due by 31 March 2019.

1. Payment by bank transfer : ☐  
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