

# American Celebration of Music in Germany

Standard Tour #4 (8 nights / 10 days)

## Day 1

Departure via scheduled airline service to Frankfurt, Germany

## Day 2

Frankfurt / Heidelberg (D)

Arrive in Frankfurt

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to the awaiting motorcoach for transfer to Rudesheim

Board a Rhein River Cruise. On the cruise, see high hills stretching away from the river, topped with romantic and legendary castles, churches, vineyards and charming, old world towns surrounded by fortified walls, towers and gates

Disembark in St. Goar

Board the motorcoach for transfer to Heidelberg

Welcome Dinner

*The jewel of the Neckar River is Heidelberg, with town, castle and wooded hills rising above the river. A close runner-up to the castle is Germany's oldest university forever immortalized in The Student Prince. It is as delightful as any operetta with its student inns, student prison and the narrow streets of the old town. There are a variety of boat trips available from Heidelberg on some of the loveliest stretches of the Neckar and Rhine Rivers*

## Day 3

Heidelberg / Würzburg (B,D)

A half-day tour of Germany's oldest university town includes the Schloß (castle) offering a splendid view of the city beneath. In the castle, see the Great Barrel, the Courtyard and the Pharmaceutical Museum. Also see the old university itself, the Cathedral of the Holy Ghost, the Old Bridge and the Jesuit Church. This is an enchanting city in which to stroll!

Afternoon transfer to Würzburg for dinner and overnight

## Day 4

Rothenburg / Würzburg (B,D)

Full-day sightseeing to Rothenburg. Officially known as Rothenburg ob der Tauber, this medieval town (one of the oldest on the Romantic Road), takes every visitor right back to the middle of the 16th Century. Sightseeing includes the Town Hall, St. Jakobskirche, the Museum of Medieval Justice (includes instruments of torture), the Herrngasse and many other medieval sites

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Return to Würzburg

## Day 5

Würzburg (B,D)

Half-day sightseeing in Würzburg includes entrance to Residenz (the superb baroque palace) and Hofkirche

Enjoy the magnificent interiors of both places which contain awe inspiring frescoes

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**Day 6** **Würzburg / Dinkelsbühl / Nordlingen / Augsburg (B,D)**

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Transfer to Dinkelsbühl a scenic medieval town along the romantic road for a short stop

Continue to Nordlingen to visit St. George's Church, built in volcanic stone (surmounted by a majestic decorated tower), and Town Walls

Continue to Augsburg for dinner and overnight

*Founded in 15 BC by a kinsman of the Emperor Augustus, Augsburg is, along with Trier and Cologne, one of the oldest cities in Germany. The Cathedral, Fuggerei Quarter, Red Gate, State Gallery, Town Hall, Maximilianstraße, Mozart Family House are all "must sees"*



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**Day 7** **Augsburg (B,D)**

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Morning visit to the Mozart Family House museum. See exhibits and documents which emphasize the Swabian origins of the Mozart family and the artistic heritage which was to benefit the young prodigy

Also visit the Fuggerei Quarter and St. Anne's Church. The Fuggerei is a quarter in the city named by Fugger the Rich to house the town's poor. The eight streets in the Fuggerei are lined by 53 gabled houses

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**Day 8** **Augsburg / Neuschwanstein / Munich (B,D)**

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Transfer to Munich via Neuschwanstein Castle (made famous by the Walt Disney model in Anaheim), built by the infamous Ludwig II (including entrance and uphill transport)

*Munich, the Bavarian capital, is ideally located in southern Germany near the Alps. It is a first-class cultural center and the most flourishing economic zone in the southern part of the country. Munich's cultural wealth, its special atmosphere - a blend of gaiety, tolerance and respect for tradition - and the beauty of the surrounding countryside have combined to make it one of the most appreciated of German cities*



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

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A guided tour of Munich includes the Marienplatz (with its famous Glockenspiel), Frauenkirche, Hofbräuhaus (best-known of all German beer halls), and the English Gardens

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Afternoon at leisure

Evening Farewell Dinner and overnight



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

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Transfer to Munich's International Airport for return flight

Arrive home in the evening of the same day



***This is a very flexible itinerary.*** Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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