

Germany Calling



Price per person sharing:

€1795 + **Airport Tax** €65

Single Supplement: €30 per night

Price includes:

- Return flights to Germany with Aer Lingus
- 5 nights Bed & Buffet Breakfast in 3* Hotel Berlin
- 5 nights Bed & Buffet Breakfast in 4* Hotel Cologne
- 5 nights Bed & Buffet Breakfast in 4* Hotel Munich
- Transportation in a luxury air-conditioned coach throughout the tour
- **Qualified English Speaking Local Tour Guide from Berlin Airport to Munich Airport (full duration)**



Local guides in each of the cities as below:

- 1 x 6 hours city guide of Berlin
- 1 x 6 hours city guide of Potsdam
- 1 x 2 hours city guide of Dresden
- 1 x 3 hours city guide of Cologne
- 1 x 3 hours city guide of Munich
- 1 x 1.5 hours city guide Braunschweig
- 1 x 1.5 hours city guide of Aachen



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Visits and Entrances Fees to the following:

- Dachau Concentration Camp – entrance fee including audio guided tour
- Cathedral Augsburg – entrance fee including guided tour
- Fuggerei – entrance fee
- Schatzlerpalais in Augsburg – entrance fee
- Castle Neuschwanstein – entrance fee
- Cathedral in Cologne – free entrance including guided tour
- Cathedral in Aachen - free entrance including guided tour
- Schloss Augustusburg in Bruhl – entrance fee including guided tour
- Kaiser Wilhelm Church in Berlin – entrance fee including guided tour
- Sansoucci Palace & Garden – entrance fee including guided tour
- Boat ride on the River Rhine
- Reichstag – free entrance including guided tour
- Boat ride on the River Spree Berlin
- Wine tasting in the Moselle Valley
- Cable Car to the Zugspitze Mountain



Price does not include:

- Airport Tax
- Insurance: €29 (Age 19-69)
- Lunch or evening meals





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HOTEL DETAILS

BERLIN

3* Tulip Inn Berlin Frankfurter Tor

This modern city hotel is located on the Frankfurter Allee close to Alexanderplatz in the district Friedrichshain and opposite the underground station Samariterstrasse. All 120 guest rooms have bath-shower, WC, mini bar, TV with Premiere, radio, telephone and fax-modem connections. Enjoy your meal in one of the three gourmet restaurants Bauernlmmel, Sala Thai, Casa Toscana, which are available in the covered inner courtyard of the Plaza. A warm welcome awaits you at their bar Friedrichshain. Excellent public transport facilities so that you can explore Berlin, both ancient and modern.

COLOGNE

4* Azimut Hotel Kohn City Centre

Newly opened in September 2008, the AZIMUT Hotel Cologne City Center offers guests a fresh, contemporary retreat from which to explore this celebrated city. The spacious hotel rooms are designed with modern furnishings and a rich palette of burgundy and slate. Take in views of the tranquil courtyard or the famous Cologne Cathedral. All guest rooms are ensuite with telephone, air conditioning, hairdryer, fridge, mini-bar and safe. The hotel amenities include a Wellness area with fitness area, sauna and solarium and an onsite bar. The convenient city centre location is easily accessible for travelers located in the heart of the city.

MUNICH

4* Holiday Inn Munich City Centre

Enjoy a relaxing stay at the contemporary Holiday Inn Munich City Centre hotel, just 10 minutes' walk from Marienplatz central square. The modern styled bedrooms have been thoughtfully designed to cater for a range of different requirements; an overnight stay, a holiday or a corporate event. All rooms are air-conditioned and have soundproofed windows. Coffee and Tea are complimentary throughout your stay.

FLIGHT DETAILS

DATE	AIRLINE	FROM	TO	DEPART	ARRIVE
05 OCTOBER	AER LINGUS E1332	DUBLIN	BERLIN	1045	1355
20 OCTOBER	AER LINGUS E1357	MUNICH	DUBLIN	2050	2220

ITINERARY DETAILS

DAY 1 TUESDAY 5TH OCTOBER DUBLIN - BERLIN

13.55 Arrive Berlin

Meet with coach and guide and transfer to your hotel.

Overnight Berlin

DAY 2 WEDNESDAY 6TH OCTOBER BERLIN

Breakfast followed by a full day city orientation tour of Berlin. Occasional stops will be made as our guide points out the main sights of the city including the Brandenburg Gate, the famous symbol of Berlin, the beautiful avenue of Unter den Linden (under the limes), the Reichstag, the Holocaust Memorial, Gendarmenmarkt, Kurfurstendamm, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church. Group will take a 1 hour boat trip on the River Spree. Board one of the panorama ships and experience Berlin in a very different way. Overnight Berlin

DAY 3 THURSDAY 7TH OCTOBER BERLIN

Breakfast, then visits to the Reichstag and the Holocaust Memorial. The most interesting things in the Reichstag are the roof terrace and the dome, part of the redesigned Renaissance palace by famous

architect, Sir Norman Foster. The Holocaust Memorial consists of 2 sights: The memorial on the ground floor and the information center below. <http://www.holocaust-denkmal-berlin.de/>. The morning visits will free the afternoon for individual leisure pursuits, perhaps a walk along the prestigious boulevard, Ku'damm with cafes, shops, restaurants, boutiques, theatres, or a visit to one of the famous museums in Museumsinsel: the Pergamon featuring the Altar of Pergamon and other Hellenistic treasures, or the Old National Gallery. Alternatively, a stroll in Tiergarten, the oldest park in Berlin. The Gemaldegalerie is in this area and boasts one of the greatest collections of art in the world. Overnight Berlin

DAY 4 FRIDAY 8TH OCTOBER DRESDEN

Breakfast. Enjoy a full day excursion to Dresden, a scene of total devastation after the Allied air raid of February, 1945, but since restored to become a magnificent city of culture. The historical centre of Dresden is located on the left bank of the Elbe, at the peak of the graceful river bend. The tour of the city includes visits to the

old town, the Theaterplatz, the Bruhl Terraces, the Semperoper, the Frauenkirche and Zwinger (outside visits), which is the pains-takingly reconstructed palace of Augustus the Strong and houses superb museums. After the guided tour you will have free time for lunch and to explore the sights of Dresden. Overnight Berlin

DAY 5 SATURDAY 9TH OCTOBER BERLIN

Breakfast, followed by an hour's drive to Potsdam, the one time residence of the electors of Brandenburg. It is due to Frederick the Great that Potsdam owes its renown as a rococo jewel. During the city tour you will see the main sights: Alexandrowka, the Holländisches Viertel (the Dutch Quarter) and the Weavers' Quarter. After a short stop to allow for lunch, you will enjoy the guided tour of Sanssouci Palace, followed by a relaxing 45 minutes in the palace gardens. Overnight Berlin

DAY 6 SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER BRAUNSCHWEIG - COLOGNE

Breakfast. The long coach trip to Cologne is pleasantly broken by a visit to Braunschweig, famous as the city of Henry the Lion of the Guelph dynasty. The lion sculpture on Burgplatz recalls the life of this once powerful medieval warrior. In the course of a city walk, we will see much evidence of the history of Braunschweig's buildings dating from the Middle Ages: the Burgplatz with Dankwarderode Castle, St. Blasii Cathedral, the Altstadtmarkt (old town market square). After a bite to eat, we continue to Cologne, where we overnight.

DAY 7 MONDAY 11TH OCTOBER COLOGNE

Breakfast, then a city tour of Cologne. On foot, we explore the area around the Cathedral and the old town. A great many of the sights are concentrated within one square kilometer. The most famous building is the world renowned Cologne Cathedral of St. Peter and Maria, where you will be enchanted by the wonderful stained-glass windows from various centuries, and by the impressive Gero cross, the oldest preserved large crucifix in the Occident, the shrine of the Three Magi is an outstanding example of the Rhenish-Maasland goldsmith's art. The walking tour incl. Cathedral takes approx. 3 hrs. Overnight Cologne

DAY 8 TUESDAY 12TH OCTOBER RHINE VALLEY- LORELY

After breakfast, we transfer to Boppard for a cruise on the great Rhine to the Lorelei rock, once the cliff top home of a bewitching maiden who lured sailors to a watery grave. The Rhine is steeped in legend and myth and during the cruise we view magnificent castles and breathtaking vine-terraced hills on both banks. The duration of the cruise is approximately 1 hour, 30 minutes. Overnight Cologne

DAY 9 WEDNESDAY 13TH OCTOBER COLOGNE – MOSELLE VALLEY

Breakfast, then another interesting day out from Koln, driving through the Moselle valley where countless vineyards unfold before our eyes along the beautiful Mosel River. Cochem, rated one of the prettiest villages along the river, is best known for its riverside promenade and its pastel-colored or half-timbered buildings. After Cochem we proceed to the traditional village of Traben-Trarbach, and visit the Winery Trossen where the Winzer family will show us the wine cellars and explain the tradition of winemaking. Afterwards we will taste 4 different wines and bread. Overnight Cologne

DAY 10 THURSDAY 14TH OCTOBER AACHEN - BRUHL

Breakfast precedes a drive to the town of Aachen, which lies in the foothills of the Ardennes, surrounded by fields and forest. It is located near the Belgian and Dutch borders. While there we will have a stroll in the historic old town, guided through narrow alleys and across historic squares, experiencing many facets, old and new, of this modern city. Aachen Cathedral is a World Heritage Site, the core being more than 1200 years old. The former Palace Chapel of Charlemagne has developed into one of the most interesting cathedrals of Western Europe. We continue to Bruhl to view another Unesco World Heritage site, the Schloss Augustusburg. The castle is recognized as a masterpiece of Rococo, it has a magnificent staircase and is set in an idyllic garden landscape. Overnight Cologne

DAY 11 FRIDAY 15TH OCTOBER COLOGNE - MUNICH

Another breakfast! We then continue the long trip from Cologne to Munich, but break the journey at Wurzburg. It is hard to believe that 90% of the city was destroyed by bombs in a raid lasting just 22 minutes in March 1945 at the end of World War 2. The sights of Wurzburg are many, the main treasure being the 18C Baroque palace named the Residenz, highlighted by a monumental Grand Staircase and adorned with frescoes by Tiepolo. After Wurzburg we proceed to Munich for a 5 night stay at our 4 star centrally located hotel.

DAY 12 SATURDAY 16TH OCTOBER MUNICH - DACHAU - AUGSBURG

Breakfast followed by a city tour combining a coach drive and some walking, which will acquaint the group with the many attractions of Bavaria's vibrant capital, the old city with its medieval town gates, the boulevards, the important buildings, the whereabouts of old and modern art galleries, the places to shop, the Olympic Park, the former royal palace and much else. Afterwards we drive to Dachau to experience the concentration camp, a dark period in Germany's past. We then proceed to Augsburg, the city of the German Renaissance which continues to enchant to this day. We see the Fuggerei district, the first area in the world built for the poor and still operating, the Dom, the Munster St.Ulrich und Afra. We return to Munich and overnight.

DAY 13 SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER THE ROMANTIC ROAD

Breakfast, then a highlight of this region, a drive along the Romantic Road with visits to idyllic medieval Dinkelsbuhl and the famous walled town of Rothenburg o.d Tauber. A trade route during the middle ages, Germany's Romantic Road still retains much of its ancient character. The road often winds through forgotten sections of countryside, connecting walled towns and picturesque villages. Travellers may enter a town through an arched gateway, complete with guard towers, to find gothic cathedrals, half-timbered houses, and beautiful historic buildings inside. Overnight Munich

DAY 14 MONDAY 18TH OCTOBER NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE – ZUGSPITZE MOUNTAIN

Breakfast after which we drive to Hohenschwangau to visit the most popular tourist attractions in Bavaria, the Schloss Neuschwanstein, the product of the romantic imagination of King Ludvig II. Today Neuschwanstein is one of the most popular of all the castles in Europe. Every year 1.3 million people visit the palace of the legendary king. Situated in the Alps, to the southwest of Munich, the setting of Neuschwanstein could not be more stunning. After the guided tour, there is a brief time for a short lunch at our own expense before driving to Garmisch and ascending the highest peak in the Bavarian Alps, the Zugspitze, by cable car. On a clear day, there is a sight of 4 countries from the summit. We drive down by the Zugspitze train and coach to Munich to overnight.

DAY 15 TUESDAY 19TH OCTOBER NURNBERG - REGENSBURG

Breakfast. On our penultimate day we visit Nurnberg forever associated with Nazi party rallies and the Nurnberg trials. However, it has much else to offer from the impressive Imperial Castle, Albrecht Dürer's House, the Germanische Nationalmuseum, Tiergartnerplatz with charming half-timbered houses, and the Hauptmarkt. We continue to Regensburg, once a free imperial city and now a World Heritage site, which numbers the Old Quarter, Schloss Thurn und Taxis, Dom St. Peter, and St. Emmeram among its attractions. Overnight Munich

DAY 16 WEDNESDAY 20TH OCTOBER MUNICH - DUBLIN

Breakfast and an opportunity on your last day in Munich, before taking the evening flight home, to revisit the places of most interest, do your end of trip shopping at the Outlet Shopping Village of Ingolstadt, or appreciate once more your favourite paintings in one of the excellent museums, or maybe, even if you are not a car buff, visit the very popular BMW museum in its futuristic building. Transfer to the airport for return flight to Dublin.