

PROGRAM ITINERARY

October 4 Depart USA for Munich, Germany
Friday

October 5 Arrive in Munich. Travel by private motor coach along the Romantic Road, a trade route in the Middle Ages, to Rothenburg on the Tauber. En route visit **Nordlingen**, one of three remaining walled medieval towns on the Romantic Road. In the afternoon visit the sights of medieval **Rothenburg** with a local guide, and then have free time to enjoy this beautiful walled town. Spend the night in Rothenburg.
Saturday

October 6 Depart Rothenburg for a day-long excursion to the city of **Nuremberg**. Spend the morning touring the city with a local guide. In the afternoon, continue to explore this historic city. Points of interest for the day include the **Palace of Justice** (site of the Nuremberg Trials), **Kaiserburg** (a complex of castles), **St. Lorenz Church**, **The Hauptmarkt**, and the **Church of St. Sebald**. Return to Rothenburg in the evening.
Sunday

October 7 In the morning, leave Rothenburg and travel back down the Romantic Road, stopping to visit **Dinkelsbuhl**, the third walled medieval town. After lunch, travel to **Dachau** and visit the site of a WWII concentration camp. Continue to Murnau to check into the hotel.
Monday

October 8 Leave Murnau for an excursion to visit **Neuschwanstein Castle**, the most famous of King Ludwig's three palaces. In the afternoon, ride the gondola to the summit of the **Tegelberg** for a magnificent view of the countryside. Return to Murnau for the evening.
Tuesday

October 9 In the morning, leave Murnau for a visit to **Linderhof Palace**, the second and smallest palace of Ludwig II. In the afternoon go to **Oberammergau** to visit the town famous for presenting the Passion Play every 10 years since 1634. These performances fulfill a vow made by the townspeople to perform the Passion Play if God would spare their town from the ravages of the bubonic plague. Return to Murnau for the evening.
Wednesday

October 10 Leave Murnau and travel to **Salzburg, Austria**, noted for its beautiful baroque architecture, Mozart, and the Von Trapp family. In the morning, get to know Salzburg with the help of a local guide. In the afternoon continue our visit, enjoying the shops and sights of this historic city. Points of interest for the day will include visits to **Mozart's birthplace**, the beautiful **Salzburg Cathedral**, and the massive **Hohensalzburg Fortress**. In the late afternoon depart Salzburg for a short drive into the Alps to **Berchtesgaden**, our destination for the night.
Thursday

October 11 In the morning visit the **Obersalzberg**, site of the former southern headquarters of the Third Reich. Tour the **Documentation Center, WW II bunkers**, and the **Eagle's Nest**. After absorbing the fantastic mountain views, leave the Alps for Munich. On the way, visit **Herrenchiemsee**, the third of Ludwig II's palaces located on an island in Lake Chiemsee. Continue to Munich for the night.
Friday

October 12 Enjoy a day in **Munich**, spending the morning touring the city with a local guide. Spend the afternoon exploring the shops and sights of the old city center. Points of interest for the day include visits to the **Olympic Park Tower, Marienplatz** and its historic churches and rathouses (city halls), **Feldherrenhall** (site of Hitler's unsuccessful takeover or putsch of central Munich in 1923), and the **Hofbrauhaus**, Munich's most popular beer hall.
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