

Travel Meets Culture

Unique Tours in Germany On and Off the Beaten Path

Southern Route Itinerary

Day 1: **Arrive in Zurich.**

Drive to Constance (one-hour drive), settle in and relax. In the afternoon, take a stroll through Old Town and have dinner as a group, which will include a trip orientation and a quick overview of Germany's history with themes relevant to the itinerary. **Overnight in Constance**

Day 2: **Constance**

Morning: Visit Insel Reichenau, a UNESCO heritage site and a Benedictine Monastery. Relax on the Garden Island Mainau with its mediterranean microclimate.

Late afternoon: Take our guided tour of Constance, a picturesque city on a lake with panoramic views of the Swiss and Austrian Alps and a rich and colorful history. **Overnight in Constance**

Day 3: **Constance to Augsburg**

Morning: Take the ferry across the lake and tour Uhldingen – Mühlhausen, an archaeological open-air museum, which brings prehistoric times to life. Then step into the Middle Ages with a visit to the picturesque town of Meersburg with its still inhabited castle.

Afternoon: Drive to Augsburg via the historic town Landsberg Am Lech (2-hour drive).

Overnight in Augsburg

Day 4: **Augsburg**

Morning: Take our guided tour of Augsburg, the famous trading center of the Renaissance.

Enjoy the modern city with its Renaissance buildings, the Romanesque cathedral, and the house where Leopold Mozart was born.

Afternoon: Explore the Fugger Village, a housing project built by the Fugger family who in the 15th century was the richest family in the world. The village is still in use today. Relax and enjoy shopping the rest of the afternoon. **Overnight in Augsburg**

Day 5: **Neuschwanstein Castle and Church in the Meadow**

Tour the famous fairytale castle Schloss Neuschwanstein (1 1/2-hour drive) and the iconic Baroque church of Wies ("church in the meadow"). Continue to Murnau (1 1/2-hour drive) and explore this elegant Alpine village with its many shops and restaurants. **Overnight in Murnau**

Day 6: **Murnau to Oberammergau**

Morning: Choose to take a 2-hour hike up the Hörnle Mountain in Bad Kohlgrub or opt to walk along a flat trail in the Murnauer Moos admiring panoramic views of the Alps.

Late afternoon: Visit the famous town of Oberammergau with colorful painted façades that tell stories. Browse the many shops that sell locally carved objects and have dinner in town.

Overnight in Murnau

Day 6: **Murnau to Salzburg**

Visit the Alpine town of Berchtesgaden (2-hour drive) and enjoy a boat ride on the fjord-like Königssee (“king’s lake”) to the famous onion-domed church of St. Bartholomew’s. Choose to explore the island, hike to the ice-cave with views of the lake, or continue by boat to the secluded Obersee (“upper lake”) at the end of the valley. Settle into your downtown Salzburg hotel (30-minute drive), enjoy dinner and stroll through the Old Town. **Overnight in Salzburg**

Day 7: **Salzburg**

Morning: Take our guided tour of Salzburg which includes Mozart’s birthplace and the Cathedral.

Afternoon: Explore the city on your own or opt to join us for a bike ride around Salzburg and its lovely surroundings. Possible concert at night. **Overnight in Salzburg**

Day 9: **Salzburg to Landshut.**

Morning: Enjoy a leisurely morning on your own. Shop, relax, or visit the castle or one of the many museums.

Afternoon: Continue to Landshut (one-hour drive). Settle into your downtown hotel and take our guided tour of the town with its beautiful Renaissance and Neo-Gothic townscape and the tallest Gothic brick church in Europe. Enjoy dinner in downtown Landshut on your own or with local friends. **Overnight in Landshut**

Day 10: **Munich**

After a short drive to Munich, take our guided tour of the city which includes the historic Old Town and the famous Viktualienmarkt (Market). Climb the tower of St. Peter’s Church and take a spin through the famous Hofbräuhaus. Finally, enjoy some time on your own to shop, visit a museum, or relax in the English Garden. **Overnight in Landshut**

Day 11: **Depart from Munich**

