

## Germany – Once Upon a Fairytale

Heidelberg, Trendelberg, Rothenburg, Munich

### Daily Itinerary

#### Frankfurt

##### Day One

###### Arrive at Frankfurt Airport

*Willkommen!* Upon exiting customs, you will be met by an **Adventures by Disney** representative who will escort you to your transfer vehicle. Relax as the driver assists with your luggage and escorts you to the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Heidelberg.

###### The Crowne Plaza Hotel in Heidelberg

Unwind from the flight in this comfortable hotel situated in the heart of the storybook city of Heidelberg as an Adventure Guide checks you in.

###### Welcome Reception

Meet your fellow adventurers and say "Guten tag!" at this reception in the hotel as you participate in an entertaining orientation with your Adventure Guides.

###### Buffet Dinner at the Crowne Plaza Hotel

After the orientation, enjoy a hearty meal of tasty traditional German fare with your fellow Adventurers at this buffet-style dinner in the hotel. *Guten appetit!*

Meal Included: Dinner

#### Heidelberg

##### Day Two

###### Heidelberg Castle Tour

Explore the majestic ruins of this incredible red-stone castle, once a fortress and the home of royalty. Tour the castle with your Adventure Guides as well as a local expert and meet some surprise guest characters from the castle's past!

###### Lunch On Your Own in Heidelberg

Discover the specialties of the German southwest or try something more international such as French food with a German flair. Ask your Adventure Guides for recommendations for lunch on your own.

###### Explore Heidelberg On Your Own

In the afternoon, while on your own, you may choose to wander the cobblestone streets and admire the Baroque architecture of charming Heidelberg. Or, wind your way up the Philosopher's Path for special views of Old Town and the castle and treat yourself to the mile-long shopping street. Don't miss the magnificent cakes and pastries from this region!

###### Wine Tasting at Zum Ritter St. Georg

At the romantic Zum Ritter Hotel, enjoy a wine-tasting event in historic elegance. Let the melodic strains of a lute and flutist carry you to the Renaissance as you meet a favorite local character, the jester Perkeo.

###### Welcome Dinner at Zum Ritter Hotel

After you savor the local wines, feast at a private dinner in the historic Zum Ritter Restaurant.

Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

## **Alsfeld**

### **Day Three**

#### **Journey to Alsfeld**

Following breakfast at the hotel, take a motor coach to the charming city of Alsfeld. Upon arriving in this medieval town, meet the Brothers Grimm, who lived in this region. Tour the city with the brothers as they talk about their lives and the stories they wrote in this picturesque place.

#### **Picnic Lunch and Storytelling at Alsfeld Museum**

Enjoy a picnic in the courtyard of the delightful Alsfeld Museum. Like a gingerbread house from a fairytale, this timber-frame museum is classic old German architecture. During lunch, Little Red Riding Hood will tell you her own story.

#### **Journey to Trendelburg Castle**

Travel through romantic countryside to the fairytale castle of Trendelburg, also known as Rapunzel's Castle, where the Brothers Grimm found their inspiration for the famous story.

#### **Welcome Reception at Hotel Burg Trendelburg**

Upon arrival, a knight greets you and orients you to the medieval Hotel Burg Trendelburg. Gather for a special reception as Rapunzel lets down her golden hair to welcome you from the hotel's stone tower!

#### **Medieval Dinner in Trendelburg**

Return to a time of lords and ladies as you dine at the banquet table of your hotel's 800-year-old cellar.

#### **Disney Movie Night**

While adults take a break at the hotel from the day's activities, Junior Adventurers enjoy a Disney movie with snacks and soft drinks.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

## **Hofgut Stammen**

### **Day Four**

#### **Activities at Hofgut Stammen**

After breakfast, start the day with a privately guided bike tour of the charming campground of Hofgut Stammen. A local expert takes you over a smooth path through the leafy grounds. Afterwards take aim at fun as you learn the art of archery!

#### **Cookout Lunch at Hofgut Stammen**

After an energetic morning, a delicious hearty meal awaits you in the shady grounds of this quaint, rustic restaurant.

#### **Afternoon On Your Own**

Relax in one of the splendid sitting rooms or stroll the magical countryside surrounding the hotel as you spend time on your own this afternoon.

#### **Fairytale Dinner at Sababurg Castle**

As you dine in the regal splendor of this bewitching castle, delight in the entertainment of Sleeping Beauty and her Prince as they are accompanied by the deep dulcet tones of a cello.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

## **Löwenburg**

### **Day Five**

#### **Journey to Löwenburg Castle**

Travel by coach to the amazing Löwenburg Castle created by Landgrave Wilhelm IX, known as the Walt Disney of his era!

#### **Löwenburg Castle Tour**

Enjoy a "royal" welcome when a German princess rolls out the red carpet and greets you at the castle. Follow the princess on a tour of the castle complex and its grounds. Discover the lavishly decorated medieval, Renaissance and baroque rooms, the weapons room with its famous Black Knight suit of armor, and the opulent Gothic-style chapel.

#### **Lunch at Gutshof Kassel Restaurant**

Dine in the lordly ambiance of this beautiful manor house that once fed the sovereigns at the nearby castle.

#### **Journey to Rothenburg**

All aboard the coach as it takes you to historic Rothenburg. When you arrive, your Adventure Guides will check you into the esteemed Hotel Eisenhut, which was once home to Rothenburg's wealthiest families.

#### **Dinner On Your Own in Rothenburg**

Once you arrive, take your pick of casual and fine dining establishments. Be sure to ask your Adventure Guide for recommendations for dining on your own to ensure you have a meal you and your family will never forget!

#### **Night Walk with the Night Watchman**

On this twilight tour, follow the lively Night Watchman as he leads you by lamp light down the town's lanes and regales you with legends. View Rothenburg's impressive scenery and sagas in a whole new light.

Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch

## **Rothenburg**

### **Day Six**

#### **Pretzel Making**

For fun with a twist, learn to make pretzels at the Striffler Bakery from the bakery's own chef! Enjoy this hands-on experience as you create a favorite German snack.

#### **Walking Tour**

Explore this town that was the inspiration for the village in the Disney movie *Pinnocchio*. A local expert will take you on a leisurely-paced tour of the town's historic sights.

#### **Lunch and Afternoon On Your Own in Rothenburg**

Enjoy a tasty lunch at one of the town's many cafés and restaurants. Revel in the storybook beauty of this renowned German city as you wander through its quaint roads past colorful shops with half-timbered gables. Your Adventure Guide can recommend a variety of activities and must-see sights for a *wunderbar* afternoon!

#### **Dinner at the Hotel Eisenhut**

Dine behind the historic walls, overlooking a fairy-kissed garden as you enjoy a fine dinner at one of the oldest hotels in the town.

Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

## **Neuschwanstein Castle**

## Day Seven

### Unique hands-on activity at the Steiff Bear Museum

Travel by motor coach to the wonderful countryside of Giegen for a magical interactive tour of the famous Steiff Bear Museum. The company's founder, Margaret Steiff, was the inventor of the teddy bear. The tour is followed by a hands-on workshop where you make your very own bear to bring home!

### Romantic Road to Munich

Travel by motor coach to the wonderful countryside of Giegen for a magical interactive tour of the famous Steiff Bear museum. The company's founder, Margaret Steiff, was the inventor of the teddy bear. The tour is followed by a hands-on workshop where you'll enjoy a bear making activity and lunch at the Steiff Bear Museum.

### Walking Tour of Munich

Explore the beautiful, cosmopolitan capital of Bavaria with a local expert. Learn about the wealth of architecture, art and history in Munich's palaces, gardens and museums.

### Dinner On Your Own in Munich

Choose from an array of delicious local options when you dine on your own. Whether you're looking for a unique experience or more traditional fare, you are sure to find an unforgettable meal for your entire family.

Included Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

## Neuschwanstein Castle

### Day Eight

#### Neuschwanstein Castle

Enjoy this excursion to the magical snowy-white castle of King Ludwig II, a tremendous inspiration to Walt Disney as he designed the Sleeping Beauty Castle. Known as the Fairytale King, Ludwig II built a fantasy world of great beauty and elegance in this castle where he lived and died, combining the architectural marvels of a storybook palace with the latest technological conveniences. Lose yourself in the dreams of this poetic king of Bavaria as you are guided through the exquisite halls and rooms born of his imagination.

#### Lunch at Lisl Hotel Restaurant

Enjoy the King Ludwig room overlooking the stunning Neuschwanstein Castle for a delectable meal in the historic town of Schwangau.

#### Farewell Dinner at Hofbrauhaus

Gather with your fellow adventurers in one of the oldest beer halls in Germany for a grand farewell feast. Enjoy a superb dinner with entertainment from a rousing oompa band and lively German dancers.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

## Neuschwanstein Castle

### Day Nine

#### Breakfast at the Kempinski Hotel

Say goodbye to your newfound friends and enjoy one last meal in Munich.

#### Transfer to Airport

Board pre-arranged transportation to the airport and say "auf wiedersehen" until you return again!

Meals Included: Breakfast