

BAVARIAN HIGHLIGHTS

9 DAYS

WITH GLOBUS THE DETAILS ARE DONE

You'll always visit the key sites and enjoy more inclusions; inside visits and special features are shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description, including admission charges where applicable.

For standard inclusions, see page 8.

TRIP SCALE Leisurely On the Go

LF LOCAL FAVOURITES

Globus has created special experiences that will bring you behind the scenes, spotlight the unique stories of your journey, and bring to life the local flavour of your destination. Just look for the LF icon to see what we've included for you.

ALL THIS IS INCLUDED

■ SIGHTSEEING AND MORE

MUNICH Welcome dinner; guided sightseeing, visit Marienplatz; special farewell dinner at a local restaurant

REGENSBURG Guided walking tour; LF enjoy a cruise with the Swarovski Crystal Boat; guided visit of the Thurn und Taxis Palace; LF taste a "medieval hot dog" at the *Historic Sausage Kitchen*

NUREMBERG Walking tour

BAYREUTH Orientation of Wagner's city of festival fame

BAMBERG LF Taste "smoked beer"; guided walking tour

ROTHENBURG Walking tour of the walled town

STUTTGART LF Visit the Mercedes-Benz Museum

BLACK FOREST; LAKE CONSTANCE

OBERAMMERGAU Orientation; excursion to King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein Castle including a visit to the Museum of the Bavarian Kings and a horse-drawn carriage ride

■ **HOTELS** MUNICH Sheraton Arabellapark (F), REGENSBURG Best Western Premier Hotel Regensburg (SF), NUREMBERG NH Collection Nürnberg City (SF), BLACK FOREST Best Western Hofgut Sternen (F) at Breitnau, OBERAMMERGAU Ringhotel Böld (F)

■ **MEALS** Full buffet breakfast (B) daily; 4 three-course dinners (D) with wine, including a welcome dinner and a special farewell dinner in Munich

■ **TRANSPORTATION** Motorcoach; boat cruise; horse-drawn carriage

■ **HEADSETS** Throughout the tour

■ **FREE WI-FI** available on your motorcoach and in most hotel lobbies

CUSTOMISE YOUR HOLIDAY

■ **EXTRA NIGHTS** in Munich

■ **ADD A RIVER CRUISE TO YOUR HOLIDAY** with Avalon Waterways (part of the Globus family of brands)

■ **MyACCOUNT** Personalise your tour ahead of time with additional excursions. Visit our website for details and conditions.



LF **LOCAL FAVOURITE** IN BAMBERG, TASTE "SMOKED BEER," A TYPE OF BEER WITH A DISTINCTIVE SMOKE FLAVOUR IMPARTED BY USING MALTED BARLEY DRIED OVER AN OPEN FLAME.

DAY 1 ARRIVE IN MUNICH, GERMANY. (Sun.)

Time to rest or to start exploring the lively Bavarian capital. At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and travelling companions for a welcome dinner at your hotel. (D)

DAY 2 MUNICH-REGENSBURG. (Mon.)

Sightseeing with a Local Guide of Germany's "Secret Capital" features the Olympic Stadium, built for the 1972 Olympics; the 1,000-foot-high Olympic Tower; and Königsplatz, used for Nazi rallies during World War II. Drive along the Ludwigstrasse, and see the Bavarian Arch of Triumph and Field Marshall Hall. Also visit lively MARIENPLATZ with the Old and the New Town Halls and the gothic Frauenkirche. Arrive in Regensburg, and meet your Local Guide for a walking tour, featuring the Stone Bridge, the oldest preserved bridge of its kind in Germany; the Porta Pretoria, built in the 2nd century by Emperor Marcus Aurelius; and St. Peter's Cathedral. Next, LF board the Swarovski crystal boat for a CRUISE on the Danube River. You cannot leave Regensburg without LF tasting a medieval hot dog at the *Historic Sausage Kitchen*. (B)

DAY 3 REGENSBURG-NUREMBERG. (Tue.)

Visit the THURN UND TAXIS PALACE, a former Benedictine monastery that was converted into the residence of the Princes of Thurn und Taxis in 1812. This family started the first large-scale postal service in Europe in the 15th century. Continue to Nuremberg, known for its children's toys and gingerbread. Admire the impressive medieval ramparts as you walk through the pedestrian area of the charming Old Town and see St. Sebald Church, painstakingly reconstructed as a monument to peace from the rubble of near-total wartime destruction. Also admire the *Schöner Brunnen*, a 14th-century fountain dedicated to the Holy Roman Empire. It is said that it brings good luck to spin the two brass rings. (B)

DAY 4 NUREMBERG. EXCURSION TO BAYREUTH & BAMBERG. (Wed.)

Look forward to an exciting day. First, stop in Bayreuth for an orientation of this city of festival fame. Richard Wagner came to Bayreuth in 1871 and was not satisfied with the existing 18th-century theatre, the *Markgräfliches Opernhaus*, so he had a new one built. Today, the Festival Hall is used exclusively for the Bayreuth Festival, and only works by Wagner are performed there. Continue to picturesque Bamberg, the city with the largest historical centre in Germany and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. LF Taste "smoked beer," a type of beer with a distinctive smoke flavour imparted by using malted barley dried over an open flame. Later enjoy a guided walk along the cobblestone streets, and admire the architecture of the houses. Return to Nuremberg. (B)



LF **LOCAL FAVOURITE** VISIT THE MERCEDES-BENZ MUSEUM.



LOCAL FAVOURITE ON THE DANUBE RIVER, CRUISE ON ONE OF REGENSBURG'S DAZZLING SWAROVSKI CRYSTAL SHIPS.

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DAY 5 NUREMBERG–ROTHENBURG–STUTTGART–BLACK FOREST. (Thu.)

A short drive delivers you to medieval Rothenburg with its ramparts and towers, cobblestone lanes, and 16th-century houses. Hear how the town survived the Thirty Years' War, and shop for Christmas ornaments. On to Stuttgart for an exciting visit to the MERCEDES-BENZ MUSEUM before continuing to the Black Forest. (B,D)

DAY 6 BLACK FOREST–LAKE CONSTANZE–OBERAMMERGAU. (Fri.)

A scenic drive this morning to sparkling Lake Constance. Next, enter the Bavarian Alps and arrive in the quaint *Passion Play* village of Oberammergau. (B)

DAY 7 OBERAMMERGAU. NEUSCHWANSTEIN EXCURSION. (Sat.)

The highlight today is a visit to King Ludwig's magnificent NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE, one of Germany's most famous castles and inspiration for Walt Disney's Sleeping Beauty Castle at his theme park. Follow your Local Guide through this fairytale castle on its craggy outcrop high above a sparkling lake. Also visit the MUSEUM OF THE BAVARIAN KINGS and enjoy a HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDE. (B,D)

DAY 8 OBERAMMERGAU–MUNICH. (Sun.)

A leisurely morning with the possibility to join an optional excursion to King Ludwig's Linderhof Castle. This afternoon, you can return to Marienplatz and explore its many enticing shops. Tonight, a special farewell dinner awaits you at one of Munich's lively restaurants to say *auf Wiedersehen!* (B,D)

DAY 9 MUNICH. (Mon.)

Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

IN 2020 ADD THE OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY TO YOUR HOLIDAY (selected departures only; call for details) TOUR ZEO 9 DAYS



PRICED FROM \$2,699^{us}

DAYS 1 TO 5 (Sun. to Thu.)
Like Tour ZE.

DAY 6 BLACK FOREST–LAKE CONSTANZE–FÜSSEN AREA. (Fri.)
This morning, drive to Lake Constance. Next, enter the Bavarian Alps for your overnight stay. (B)

DAY 7 FÜSSEN AREA–NEUSCHWANSTEIN–OBERAMMERGAU. (Sat.)

In the morning, visit King Ludwig's magnificent NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE, one of Germany's most famous castles and inspiration for Walt Disney's Sleeping Beauty Castle at his theme park. Follow your Local Guide through this fairytale castle on its craggy outcrop high above a sparkling lake. Also visit the MUSEUM OF THE BAVARIAN KINGS and enjoy a HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDE. Next, continue to Oberammergau, where the afternoon and evening are dedicated to the world-famous PASSION PLAY. (B,D)

DAYS 8 TO 9 Like Tour ZE.

TOUR ZE DATES & PRICES

PRICED FROM \$2,089^{us}

9 days from Munich to Munich

| Departure Number | Start Munich | End Munich | Land Only | Departure Number | Start Munich | End Munich | Land Only |
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| 0603 | Sun 03 Jun | Mon 11 Jun | 2139 | 0826 | Sun 26 Aug | Mon 03 Sep | 2139 |
| 0617 | Sun 17 Jun | Mon 25 Jun | 2139 | 0909 | Sun 09 Sep | Mon 17 Sep | 2539 |
| 0701 | Sun 01 Jul | Mon 09 Jul | 2139 | 0923 | Sun 23 Sep | Mon 01 Oct | 2539 |
| 0715 | Sun 15 Jul | Mon 23 Jul | 2139 | 0930 | Sun 30 Sep | Mon 08 Oct | 2089 |
| 0729 | Sun 29 Jul | Mon 06 Aug | 2139 | | | | |

Gratuities per person for Tour Director and Driver: \$81

Prices are per person, based on double room occupancy.

Single room supplement: \$438

Triple room reduction per person: \$36

Extra nights per person in Munich:

in single room \$150-\$416,
in twin \$86-\$216,
in triple \$84-\$172

START YOUR HOLIDAY WITH AN AVALON RIVER CRUISE



PRICED FROM \$3,305^{us}
(Train ride Zurich-Munich included)

Selected departures can join Cruise WAZ, "Romantic Rhine," before the tour from Amsterdam to Zurich. See pages 242-247. Operated by Avalon Waterways.