



Bavarian Brewery and *Oktoberfest*

September 17 - 27, 2014



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Bavarian Brewery & Oktoberfest Tour

Wednesday, September 17, 2014 • Departure

Our journey begins as we board our international flight to Germany.

Thursday, September 18, 2014 • Bamberg



Upon arrival in Germany we meet our tour director and motor coach and drive into the Franconian region of Bavaria to one of its loveliest and best preserved medieval cities, Bamberg. The city center escaped damage during World War II and has been placed on UNESCO's register of World Heritage sites. Home to 11

breweries, Bamberg is a center of the German brewing industry and a paradise for beer connoisseurs. After a **walking tour of the Old Town**, we have time to relax before a welcome dinner at the **Historic Brewery Tavern Schlenkerla. D**

Friday, September 19, 2014 • Bamberg

Today we visit **two of Bamberg's breweries**, each with its own distinctive beer. We have a tour and tasting at each brewery. The rest of the day is at leisure. Some of us may choose to visit the beer museum and learn more about Bamberg's brew history. Dinner tonight is on our own. **B**



Saturday, September 20, 2014 • Bamberg

Our guide escorts us to another of Bamberg's finest breweries for a "Stammtisch" beer tasting. After lunch, we take an excursion to nearby Nuremberg, an historic city known for its *Lebkuchen* ("Gingerbread") and its sausages. A city tour includes the site of the massive annual gatherings of the Nazi Party during the 1930's and – fittingly – also the site of the trials that brought its top officials to justice following World War II. After some free time to explore the city, we depart for the **Aisch Valley Beer Trail** in the Franconian region. With a history of brewing dating back to 1639, the trail includes several family breweries, each with its own specialty beer and unique taste. We will visit one along the way. Dinner tonight is on our own. **B**

Sunday, September 21, 2014 • Bamberg

This morning we embark on an excursion along the **Romantic Road**, a trade route dating from the Middle Ages



that today leads past some of Germany's best preserved medieval towns. Our destination is the acknowledged gem among these towns, **Rothenburg**, the walled city above the Tauber River. Our walking tour through narrow cobblestone streets takes us back 500 years. We see the clockwork, a simple drama

depicting the wager between Mayor Nusch and the besieging General Tilly. This event, involving the consumption of an enormous tankard of wine, spared the town from destruction during the Thirty Years War. Franconia is also a wine-growing area and the *Frankenweine* in their distinctive bottles are renowned throughout Europe. Later today we tour a local winery followed by an enjoyable dinner. Remember to abide by this bit of German wisdom: *Bier auf Wein, das lass sein. Wein auf Bier, das rat ich dir!* ("Beer after [drinking] wine, don't do it. Wine after beer, that I can recommend!") **B/D**

Monday, September 22, 2014 • Upper Bavaria

We bid farewell to Bamberg and drive southward. On the way to **Bad Aibling** we stop at the small village of **Dachau**. Here we visit the memorial, site of the Nazi-era concentration camp. An impressive museum in the former administration building tells the story of a dark period in Germany's history.



Later on we drive into Munich and take time to visit the **BMW World**, a multi-functional customer experience and exhibition facility of the BMW factory. The museum is designed to present the current products of BMW, be a distribution center for BMW cars, and offer an event forum and a conference center. **B/D**

Tuesday, September 23, 2014 • Upper Bavaria

Our day begins with a drive to **Berchtesgaden** in the Bavarian Alps. Here we board a smaller bus and traverse narrow roads up the **Kehlstein Mountain**. Our trip continues with a walk into the mountain and an elevator ride to the summit, site of the tea house (commonly called the "Eagle's Nest," a



birthday gift to Adolf Hitler in 1934. The view on a clear day is spectacular! Back at the base of the mountain, we have

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some time to visit the newly opened **Obersalzberg Documentation Center** and an underground bunker, built on the site of Hitler's favorite retreat. Then it's on to Salzburg, Austria, a short walking tour introduces us to historic Salzburg, including **Mozart's Birth House**, the **Mirabell Garden**, and **Peterskeller Tavern**, where the Emperor Charlemagne visited during his reign in the early 9th Century! This evening we enjoy dinner at our hotel. **B/D**

Wednesday, September 24, 2014 • Munich Area

This morning we pass by Munich and stop at the **Andechs**



Monastery, where monks have brewed their own beer since the middle ages. We have lunch here at the monastery, where "the finest pork knuckles in the world" are served. We continue to Munich, the

capital of Bavaria and one of Germany's liveliest cities. On a locally guided city tour, we see the **Olympic Grounds**, **Nymphenburg Castle**, and the "**Glockenspiel**" on the main city square. Dinner is arranged at our hotel. **B/L/D**

Thursday, September 25, 2014 • Munich Area

Today we will visit the famed **Oktoberfest**. There will be time to sample the great pretzels, the foaming festival beer, the spit-roasted chicken, beef, and all the other delicious foods available at this, the "world's biggest celebration!" For lunch we will have a reservation at one of the tents and enjoy "Gemütlichkeit", that Bavarian blend of fun, relaxation, and good cheer! Dinner tonight will be on your own. **B/L**

Friday, September 26, 2014 • Munich Area

After breakfast we drive back into Munich for a free day and last opportunity to purchase some souvenirs. Some of us may choose to go back to the Oktoberfest. Dinner tonight will be arranged at the **Weihenstephan brewery**. **B/D**



Saturday, September 27, 2014 • Return

We transfer to the Munich airport this morning and board our flight back to USA. We return with lasting memories, many new friends, and a fresh appreciation for the simple product made of *Gerste, Wasser, Hopfen, and Malz. Prost! Auf Wiedersehen!* **B**

Abbreviations for included meals:

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

Tour Price: \$2,499 *per person,

Land only

*Price is based on 25 participants, double occupancy.

Single supplement=\$500

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in superior tourist class hotels
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- Services of a **professional tour leader** throughout the tour
- **Local step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary (unless otherwise noted)
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- Luggage straps and tags, name badge and trip journal
- All **taxes and tips** for services provided except as indicated below

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- **Air transportation**, related taxes and fees (*call for air quote*)
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages** except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for tour director and coach driver
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees.
(*Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date.*)
- Optional Insurance for health, baggage and cancellation
(*This insurance is available and highly recommended*)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with registration. Final payment is due 90 days before departure. Invoices will be sent out prior to final payment. Early registration is encouraged.

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Registration Form

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Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Full name must be exactly as it appears on your passport or passport application. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

First Name: _____

Middle Name(s) _____

Last Name(s) _____

(Nickname): _____ Gender _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

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First Name: _____

Middle Name(s) _____

Last Name(s) _____

(Nickname): _____ Gender _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Work phone/cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

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(please fill out if paying by **check**):

Enclosed is my check made payable to
Ed-Ventures, Inc. in the amount of:

_____.

Deposit Payment Information (please fill out if paying by *credit card*):

Credit Card Number: _____

Visa/MasterCard/Disc: _____ Card ID Code:* _____

Exp. Date: _____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds Roommate (name): _____

Single supplement is an additional (\$500): _____ Yes _____ No

Travel Insurance (please check one): Yes, sign me up No, I decline

Insurance Payment Information: Charge my card below Check enclosed

Credit Card Number: _____

Card ID Code: _____ Visa/MC/Disc: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions. Please sign me up for the trip!

Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____

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