









Dear Friends,

Imagine yourself on an exploration of the Rhine and Danube rivers through southwestern Germany, the Black Forest, Austria, and the Czech Republic. Then, imagine that journey during the world-famous and iconic cultural experience that is Oktoberfest in old Munich.

We start in Frankfurt in the midst of Martin Luther to the Rhine River vineyard country and exploration of the home of Riesling and Silvaner in Wurzburg, then meandering the beauty of Bamberg - one of the most beautiful towns in Europe and the other city of seven hills "base" and a brewer's paradise, before following on to the Danube's Weltenburg and its magnificent Benedictine Abbey.

Munich and Oktoberfest's delights await under the Glockenspiel on the Marienplatz before heading to Mozart's roots in Salzburg and experiencing the "Sound of Music" in magical Wachau.

Vienna's Lipizzaners at the Hofburg Palace and its summer sister, the Schonbrunn, with its Gloriette Arch and extensive gardens, will satiate all of your senses in the home of European opera before capping off a once-in-a-lifetime learning journey walking the Charles River Bridge in the elegant "City of a Hundred Spires" in beautiful Prague.

Come along to see this beautiful part of the world and experience some of the best in wine and beer art and craftsmanship while broadening your knowledge of old central Europe and its history!

I cannot wait to welcome you and walk together with you on this extraordinary journey.

Ronnie D. Green, Ph.D Tour Host



Bamberg - Capital of Beer

Oktoberfest



September 18, 2024 - Wednesday

Traveling to Germany

The most tasteful adventure is about to begin as we take an overnight flight to Frankfurt, Germany. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you start your once-in-a-lifetime journey.

September 19, 2024 - Thursday Frankfurt - Mainz

Welcome to Germany! Upon arrival, we will meet our private tour guide and take a short drive to Kloster Eberbach, a former Cistercian monastery founded in 1116. Several movies have been filmed here, including "Martin Luther," "The Name of the Rose," and "Vision." We will taste six delightful wines accompanied by traditional pretzels and cheese. Next, we take a Rhine River cruise, allowing you to take in the spectacular scenery. Steep vineyards ascend from the river's edge, quaint little towns line the shores, and formidable fortresses and magnificent castles tower along the fringe. We disembark in Mainz, our hometown, for tonight. Before we call it a day, we will enjoy a welcome dinner and local wine at a cozy wine tavern. B (inflight) | T | D

September 20, 2024 - Friday Würzburg

Today, we will drive to Würzburg. We will visit the city on foot and explore its unique charms. Würzburg's famous landmarks are the Würzburg Residence with its Court Gardens and Residence Square (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), it's located right opposite our hotel. It is also known for the Marienberg Fortress and the 180-metre-long Old Main Bridge, lined with impressive statues of saints. We will visit Marienberg Fortress; a



symbol of Würzburg and served as the home of the local prince-bishops for nearly five centuries. B

September 21, 2024 - Saturday Wützburg

After a relaxed breakfast, we will take a wine walk in Würzburg. Names like Riesling and Silvaner will sound familiar; they are the two primary grapes of Würzburger Stein. As one of the warmest vineyard sites in the Franconia region, Würzburger Stein is one of the few vineyards where Riesling is widely grown. Free time for lunch. In the afternoon, we will visit the impressive Juliusspital winery, where wine has a long history (440 years) and centuries-old traditions. With around 180 hectares of vineyards, it is the second largest wine estate in Germany. We will enjoy a from-grapeto-wine-tasing and learn about this one-of-a-kind winery. The Evening is yours to enjoy beautiful Würzburg. B | T

September 22, 2024 - Sunday Bamberg

After a relaxed breakfast, we will continue to Bamberg, rightly known as one of the most beautiful towns in Europe. It is built on seven hills, rich in history, and often called "A beer drinker's Paradise," with nothing less than nine breweries and 30 different kinds of local beer. One of them is the famous (smoked) Rauchbier, first brewed in 1536. We join a guided tour of the Weyermann Spezialmalze (Special Malt) with beer tastings. Check-in to our hotel and time to unwind before we meet to take a walking beer tour through the streets of Bamberg. If you collect beer steins, Bamberg is the place to shop the best steins ever.



The evening is yours to have fun in one of the traditional bier garten. B | T

September 23, 2024 - Monday

Weltenburg - Danube Boat Tour - Munich After a hearty breakfast, we take a short drive to Kehlheim to board our boat for a scenic cruise on the Danube to the Benedictine Weltenburg Abbey. The monastery was founded by Irish or Scottish monks in about 620 and is held to be the oldest monastery in Bavaria. It is home to the famous Weltenburger Klosterbrauerei, the oldest monastery brewery in the world, operating since 1050. We will enjoy a monastery tour and have time for a leisurely lunch ...served with "Beer from Heaven." Our next stop today is in Holledau for a very educational visit to the German Hop Museum. We have included a tasting of two beers and the traditional and yummy lard bisquits. In the late afternoon, we will arrive in Munich for a relaxing evening. B | T

September 24, 2024 - Tuesday Munich

Munich is the capital of Bavaria and a beautiful city of high-tech modernity and proud old traditions. During our walking tour through the colorful Old Town (Altstadt), we will retrace the paths of 850 years of history. From Marienplatz and the famous Glockenspiel, we will stroll through the city's medieval heart, admiring the simple beauty of the Frauenkirche, whose twin towers dominate the city's skyline. We will also visit the Beer and Oktoberfest Museum to prepare for tomorrow. Lunch today is at the famous Hofbrauhaus, which, after centuries of producing beer for the royals, opened to the public in 1828. The beer hall quickly became the center of public and

Vienna Opera by Night



political life in Munich, a place Mozart visited regularly. The remainder of the day is yours to explore Munich further. B | L

September 25, 2024 - Wednesday Munich - Oktoberfest

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast. We will transfer to the spectacular Oktoberfest at noon - the world's largest Volkfest! It began in 1810 on the fields in front of Munich's city gates as a horse race honoring Ludwig, the Crown Prince of Bavaria's marriage to Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen. When the festival was repeated one year later, it signaled the beginning of an annual tradition continuing to take place for over 200 years! More than 5 million people visit the Oktoberfest every year. We will have a guided tour inside the marketplace and end in our tent with lunch and plenty of beer! Prost (Cheers!) to Munich! B | L

September 26, 2024 - Thursday Salzburg

Breakfast is served, and next, we board our motorcoach and head to enchanting Salzburg. We will take a walking tour of Salzburg, the hometown of Wolfgang Amadeus. We will also visit Mirabell Palace and walk through the pretty gardens. No visit to Salzburg without Sacher Torte! This world-famous cake, accompanied by delicious coffee, is irresistible; judge yourself! In the afternoon, it is time for Mozart! We will visit the "Geburtshaus." the house where Mozart was born in 1756 and lived with his parents until 1773. The house is now transformed into a three-floor exhibit showcasing Mozart's life: how he grew up, his start in music, who his friends and patrons were, family relationships, his passion for opera, and much more. Free



time to enjoy this captivating city. A classical concert, maybe? B | T

September 27, 2024 - Friday Wachau - Vienna

This morning, it is time to hum along to the tunes of "The Sound of Music." We will enjoy Hellbrunn Castle and Leopoldskron castle (the rear view was used for the Trapp family home and where Maria and the baron dance on the balcony during the ball scene). We will admire the pavilion, the gardens, and the romantic courtyard. We will also make a stop for photos at Lake Wolfgangsee and visit the Mondsee Church, where Marie and the von Trapp captain got married. In the afternoon, we welcome you to the "City of Waltz," Vienna, the beating heart of Europe. Vienna is proud of its imperial heritage, arts, culture, music, coffee houses, and pastries. You will love our hotel's location, and what is better than a Wienerschnitzel for dinner in a cozy historical ambiance? Find yourself in the same room in which Beethoven and Mozart enjoyed dinner. B|D

September 28, 2024 - Saturday Vienna

By foot, we are off to visit the highlights of Vienna, including St. Stephan Cathedral and Hofburg Palace, to experience the world-famous Spanish Riding School. Enjoy the stunning Lipizzaner horses and the demonstration of their "Haute école" movements of classical dressage. And then, something unexpected - the Schlumberger cellars. Find yourself enjoying four different sparking wines in a beautiful underground cellar. This is a treat! The rest of the day is yours to enjoy Vienna. B | T



September 29, 2024 - Sunday Praque

We depart for Prague with a stop in a local village in South Bohemia. Elegant townhouses gather around the local square where the greatest beer is served, the original Budvar beer, the Budweiser! We will continue our journey and reach the "City of a Hundred Spires," Prague. It is well known as the world's most beautiful city due to its unique architectural style, surrounded by tunnels, Bohemian lamps, old bridges, beautiful squares, and historical buildings. After checking in to our hotel, we invite you to stroll the Old Town with us. B | T

September 30, 2024 - Monday Praque

We head out for a half-day city sightseeing. This majestic and mysterious city is steeped in castles, cathedrals, and medieval squares. We will experience Charles' (Karl's) Bridge and the impressive Prague Castle. The afternoon is yours to enjoy; don't miss the traditional sweet "tredelnik" baked on every corner. Prague will take your breath away ...and so will our farewell dinner tonight. Guaranteed! B | D

October 1, 2024 - Tuesday

Traveling home

All too soon, your vacation has ended. Transfer to Prague airport in plenty of time to check in for our flight and to clear security. You may do some last-minute shopping at the duty-free stores before boarding and flying west across The Atlantic Ocean back to the United States. B | Meals during flights

The itinerary is subject to change.

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner T= Tasting



Package Price:

Per person in shared double room: Per person in a single room: \$5,495 \$6,995*

Triple rooms are not available.

We offer "Pair & Share" service for our Solo travelers. Ask us to assist in finding your roommate!

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. The deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. The balance is due on May 21, 2024, is non-refundable, and can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment (any payments after the deposit) will access a 3.5% processing fee.

EARLY BIRD BONUS - ZERO CREDIT CARD FEES: Pay for your tour in full upon registration and minimum six months prior to departure using your credit card! SAVE 3.5%!

This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 25 and a maximum of 35 travelers. Should the number fall below 25, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to departure.

Included:

- 12 nights at local 4-star hotels
- 12 x breakfast
- 2 x lunch
- 3 x dinners
- 6 x tastings
- All transportation as per tour program
- Admissions to all sites during the land tour program
- Full-time English-speaking professional tour guide from September 18 - October 1, 2024
- Baggage handling at hotels (one piece per person)
- Headphones where required
- Executive Travel Host, September 18 October 1, 2024
- Detailed travel documents, handed out three weeks prior to departure (hard-copy and electronic)
- All local taxes and fees as of December 3, 2023

To register contact:

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ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:

Via our website www.executivetravel.com/eti-home/vacation/escorted-tours/

Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2 3 4

Level 3. This tour involves a considerable amount of walking, stairs, longer periods of standing, outdoor activities, and (from time to time) some steep areas within the places visited. It is <u>not</u> recommended for guests with walking difficulties.

Travel Insurance:

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us. *Travelex Insurance Services, Inc CA Agency License #0D10209. Travel Insurance is underwritten by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, NAIC #22276.*

Group Airfare:

See separate page/insert.

Accommodations (final accommodation 90 days prior):

- Mainz: Hyatt Regency or similar
- Wurzberg: Motel One or similar
- Bamberg: Hotel Residenzschloss or similar
- Munich, Hotel Novotel City or similar
- Salzburg: Imlauer Pitter or similar
- Vienna: Hotel Wandl or similar
- Prague: Old Town area of Prague (4-star)

Not Included:

- Airfare
- Additional airline baggage fees. Your first checked piece up to 50 lbs is free
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Meals and beverages other than mentioned in the tour program
- Entrances to monuments and/or museums other than mentioned
- Gratuities to guides and drivers during the land tour (estimate at total of \$12-\$15 per day in total)
- Professional fee, \$75 per person, due at time of registration______
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions

Forwarding registration and deposit signifies that you agree to the terms and conditions found on our website at executivetravel.com/eti-home/vacation/escorted-tours

GROUP AIR:

Join our group airfare with Delta Airlines at **\$1,550** per person, economy class, including all taxes and fees.

September 18, 2024	Omaha* - Atlanta	11:05 AM - 2:25 PM
September 18, 2024	Atlanta - Paris	5:00 PM - 7:20 AM (September 19, 2024)
September 19, 2024	Paris - Frankfurt	10:00 AM - 11:25 AM
October 1, 2024	Prague - Paris	6:30 AM - 8:20 AM
October 1, 2024	Paris - Atlanta	2:00 PM - 5:25 PM
October 1, 2024	Atlanta - Omaha*	7:50 PM - 9:12 PM

*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha.

Please reach out to us to assist you. A small supplement may occur.

Important:

- Group airfare comes with seat assignments 30 days prior to departure. Premium seating upgrades are not available when traveling on a group air contract. If you have frequent flyer miles (SkyMiles), please note those cannot be used to upgrade to Delta Comfort Plus but only be used for upgrades to business or first class when traveling on a group air contract. Contact us if you have any questions about this and kindly note that certain exceptions may exist.
- Mileage credit for individuals on group air contracts is not guaranteed and is subject to the rules of the airline under contract.
- All taxes, fuel charges and security fees are subject to change.
- Air schedules may be subject to change at the discretion of the airline.

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