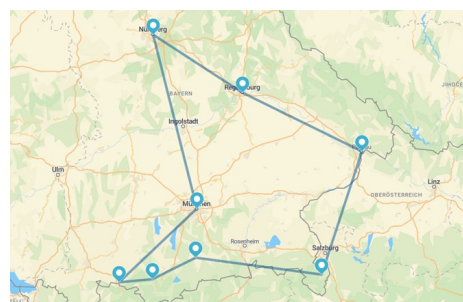




Germany, 7 Days · Tailor-made by car

## Route through Bavaria II

Discover deepest Bavaria, in the south of Germany, where there's no shortage whatsoever of breathtaking landscapes of forests, rivers and mountains; extremely pure air and wonderfully jovial people. During the tour, you'll explore cities steeped in history such as Regensburg, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and picture-postcard towns such as Passau, known as the Venice of Bavaria. What's more, you'll discover beautiful alpine landscapes, fairy-tale castles, stories of eccentric kings, meadows with cows placidly grazing, and medieval walled villages that seem trapped in time. We'll set off from Munich to visit historic cities such as Nuremberg, the second largest in Bavaria and internationally known for being the (undeclared) capital of the Holy Roman Empire and, more recently, for holding the trials of Nazi high commanders after World War II. Come and join us on this exceptional self-drive tour that fuses history with nature and crosses part of the Alps. Get ready to discover its rugged beauty and to stroll around charismatic towns and villages such as Bad Tölz, Füssen and Oberammergau. Berchtesgaden is also nestled in the foothills of the country's second highest mountain and surrounded by the National Park and the spectacular Königssee. A magical setting that hides quirky places such as the Eagle's Nest, the gift Hitler gave to his minions on his 50th birthday. During the journey, you'll follow part of the River Danube that snakes around the city of Regensburg, which is home to around 1,500 listed buildings. The Danube also flows through Passau, a city with a great glass-making tradition and where Johann Strauss composed his famous piece "The Blue Danube". The Tour of Bavaria II is also a homage to romanticism. Let your imagination run wild when visiting Neuschwanstein Castle, one of the most photographed monuments in Germany and whose grandeur inspired Disney to design the Sleeping Beauty Castle.



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**Departure date:** Departures from June 2026 till June 2027

**From:** Dublin, Shannon, Cork

## Travel details

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## DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - MUNICH

Flight departure from the city of origin to Munich and rental car pick-up.

This large metropolis, rebuilt after World War II, is the capital of the German state of Bavaria and has a great history behind it. Today, you can discover the secrets of this city that fuses tradition with modernity. There's no better starting point than Marienplatz. This square contains three major sights: the buildings known as Neues Rathaus and Altes Rathaus and, of course, the Column of St. Mary. After this, and to get an overview of the city, there's no better location than the spire of St. Peterskirche. From here, you'll get a jaw-dropping view of Munich and some wonderful photos, especially on a clear day. If you like religious art, our suggestions include the Cathedral, St. Kajetan's and St. Michael's. If you're a real foodie, in Munich you can taste a wide variety of Weisswürste (white sausages cooked with a bit of Bavarian mustard) and beers. This city is one of the beer capitals of the world, hence the sheer popularity of the Oktoberfest. In Munich, there are beer halls with capacity for more than 5,000 people and, of course, much smaller ones. You choose the type of entertainment you want to accompany your drink or meal. If you're more into strolling around and admiring the best gardens in town, don't miss the Englischer Garten. It's a spectacular garden and so meticulously manicured. The River Eisbach flows very close to this park. Head over to the bridge and open your eyes wide. Oh yes. What you're seeing is real. There are people surfing! Munich has an astonishing adventurous side. Where else could you surf in the heart of the city? But don't put away your camera yet, because if you're a petrolhead, you've come to the right place. Head over to BMW Welt and delve into the history of this prestigious German car brand. It's right next to the factory, so you'll never have seen so many BMWs in your life. However, if cars aren't your thing and you were looking forward to reaching Munich to visit museums, then take note of these names: the Deutsches Museum, any of the Pinakotheks and the Glyptothek. As for dinner, and when you know the dates of your trip, find out the on-trend restaurants and book a table sooner rather than later. This is your last chance, if you haven't done so already, to try the city's signature dish of ham hock accompanied by roasted potatoes. You won't be disappointed.

Overnight stay in Munich.

## DAY 2 · MUNICH - NUREMBERG

We'll set from Munich today towards our next destination. A two-hour drive down the A9 will take you to Nuremberg, a beautiful Bavarian town located on the banks of the River Pegnitz. Things to do in the city vary greatly depending on the time of year you choose to travel, but there are several places that you can't miss, whichever the season. One of them is the historic quarter of the city (Altstadt). Strolling around this district is always a pleasant experience. Among its streets and squares, you'll discover the Ehekarussell Brunnen fountain. It's simply exquisite. And, of course, Nuremberg has a lot of history. The Kongresshalle and the Zeppelinfeld were other scenes of National Socialism celebrations, nowadays semi-derelict or transformed into leisure centres. This town was also the site of the Dachau concentration camp, which reminds us of the barbarism of the past. It was also the place chosen to hold the trial against 24 Nazi leaders, and the Memorium Nürnberger Prozesse reminds us of what mistakes humankind should never commit again in the future. Nuremberg can be visited all year round. If your trip is between the end of November and Christmas Eve, you can visit the city's famous Christmas market. People flock here from all over Germany to buy Christmas items and despite the cold, you can always warm up with a hot wine (in German, Glühwein) and some roasted sausages. Dark ale is also very typical of Nuremberg.

Overnight stay in Nuremberg.

### DAY 3 · NUREMBERG - REGENSBURG - PASSAU

Say Auf Wiedersehen to Nuremberg because Regensburg is now awaiting you with open arms.

This is one of the cities that suffered the least damage during World War II and its level of conservation is excellent. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the city meets two basic characteristics: outstanding architecture and a bustling old quarter full of things to see and do. Amazingly, it boasts around 1,500 listed buildings. In this case, we recommend crossing the stone bridge to access the old quarter. The bridge itself is an authentic feat of engineering, especially when you realise that it was constructed in the Middle Ages. In summer, it's popular with cyclists and pedestrians alike. You'll know that you're reaching the end of the bridge when above you is a clock and below you is the Danube. In the distance, you'll see Dom St. Peter (St. Peter's Cathedral), an emblem for the citizens of Regensburg. It's the greatest specimen of the French variant of Gothic architecture that is found across Bavaria. Another landmark of the city is the Schloss Thurn und Taxis palace. It was the residence of the family that started the postal service business and worked well for them, because it allowed them to build a building that would have been difficult to afford today. Also very interesting is a visit to the Porta Praetoria arched gate. It's worth seeing because this Roman construction hasn't been conserved as a whole, but has been integrated into a modern building, in such a way that both coexist in perfect harmony. One couldn't live without the other today. The Herzogspark on the banks of the Danube also awaits you on this city tour. The park boasts majestic gardens that are delightful for a leisurely stroll. Enjoy the scents, the medieval heritage and the splash of colours that dot the almost two hectares of plants and flowers. Speaking of aromas, those which will remind you at lunch time to try out the local delicacy: the Wels. It's a very tasty catfish cooked in the traditional Bavarian style. During the day, and depending on opening hours, you can set aside some time to visit the local markets. Two of our favourites are the Fischmarkt and the Kohlenmarkt. You can also visit the old Coal Museum and the Salt Barn.

A walk along both banks of the Danube is a magnificent idea to bid farewell to this city before setting off for Passau, located a ninety-minute drive away and near the border with the Czech Republic and Austria. Known as the Venice of Bavaria, it boasts an architectural heritage influenced by the Italian artists who created it. Get ready to discover an area with a vast tradition in the manufacture of glassware. If you want to find out more about the history of this traditional product, you can visit the Passauer Glasmuseum, which houses up to 30,000 exhibits of glassware of all times and styles. Then, you can take a stroll through the old town where the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers converge, and head over to the seventeenth-century Dom St. Stephan cathedral, whose Baroque interior will captivate you with its beauty. A great way to round off the day is a cruise on the Danube to check the precision with which Johann Strauss immortalised it in his famous piece "The Blue Danube".

Overnight stay in Passau.

### DAY 4 · PASSAU - BERCHTESGADEN

Today, we'll leave Passau en route to Berchtesgaden, one of the most beautiful corners of Bavaria and located in the picture-postcard German Alps. Just take the B156 for two hours to reach this stunning town. It is nestled in the foothills of the Watzmann, the second highest mountain in the country (2,713 metres), and surrounded by the National Park and the Königssee, one of the most spectacular lakes you'll ever see in your lifetime. Alpine views abound wherever you look. If you have time, you can head to the Eagle's Nest, the gift Hitler gave to his minions on his 50th birthday. Today it houses a restaurant and from here you can see some breathtaking views of the surrounding lakes and mountains. You can only get there on a special bus that leaves from Kehlsteinhaus, so you'll have to leave the car in one of the car parks here. If you want to learn about its Nazi history, best to visit the Dokumentation Obersalzberg museum. In Berchtesgaden, you will find some salt mines that will delight the little ones, as you can travel around them on a train and take a boat ride through the underground lake. To round off the day, we suggest a quick walk to admire the many façades that tell the story of the town. For dinner, nothing better than savouring some of the typical Bavarian dishes, such as herring or roast pork with raisin sauce. (Note: Boat trip on the Königssee or visit to the famous Eagle's Nest not included).

Overnight stay in Berchtesgaden.

## ● DAY 5 · BERCHTESGADEN - BAD TÖLZ - OBERAMMERGAU - FÜSSEN

We'll be beginning our itinerary today in Bad Tölz, about two hours' west of Berchtesgaden. It also boasts a great spa-related past. In fact, this is one of the main driving forces of the local economy. Although not the only one. A must-do in Bad Tölz is a stroll along Marktstraße, its main street. You'll have to park your car somewhere, as this is a pedestrian zone. But you won't regret it, as you'll be able to discover the best bars and restaurants in the city. You'll also have the chance to stop in front of each building and admire the inscriptions on each one. You can also follow the course of the River Isar and, if you're travelling as a family, visit one of Europe's biggest water parks. Within an hour's drive you'll find the fascinating Oberammergau, a laid-back town nestled in a valley at the foot of the Alps. In winter it's surrounded by snow-capped mountains, while throughout the rest of the year it veers between lush green and autumnal brown. But the kaleidoscope of colours is always perfect. Our tip is to leave your map in the car and simply wander around. This way, you'll discover each of the paintings that adorn most of the town's façades. You'll see depictions of biblical scenes, fairy tales such as Little Red Riding Hood or Hansel and Gretel, and one particular façade that we adore. It's known as Pilatushaus and is truly amazing because it is so meticulously designed that you'll think it's a work in three dimensions. As for what to take home... no doubt: wooden figurines. You'll see them in every shop window. They're true works of art and there must be a space in your home for one. Our last stop today is Füssen, one of the liveliest towns in the German Alps. Here make sure you take a stroll along its main street, the Reichenstraße. It is pedestrianised and full of life seven days a week. There are loads of shops and restaurants, as well as a great deal of history. It stands on the Roman Via Augusta and ends in the Ritterstraße square. You'll easily spot it because there's a huge statue of King St. Magnus. It's also worth checking out the Town Hall and admiring its balconies. And if you want to see even more castles, have a look at the Hohes Schloss in Füssen.

Overnight stay in Füssen.

## ● DAY 6 · FÜSSEN - CASTLE OF NEUSCHWANSTEIN - MUNICH

Today is when we'll visit one of the most popular and romantic castles in Bavaria, which inspired Walt Disney to recreate the elegant castle of Sleeping Beauty, one of the best-known fairy tales of all. It's located in Neuschwanstein, only 10 minutes from Füssen along the Parkstrasse.

Its nickname is the Mad King's Castle, referring to no other than King Ludwig II of Bavaria, who had it built in the 19th century because he wanted this magical building to become his holiday retreat. Visiting this castle will whisk you off into a world of imagination and reverie, as its location and design are simply breathtaking. It stands on a cliff surrounded by trees as if it were a minaret in the midst of nature. And what nature! No other than the Tyrolean Alps. The interior is equally stunning. It boasts 200 rooms, including the Throne Hall or the Singers' Hall, the largest of all, and even the first mobile phone in history! One of its main attractions are the paintings which inspired Wagner to compose his world-famous operas. Lose yourself in this castle and you'll feel like a character in a fairy tale. (Note: Admission not included. You're not allowed to drive up to it, so you'll have to leave your car at the nearest car park. There are then three options to reach the castle itself: enjoy a ride in a horse and carriage, take the bus, or walk up for around 45 minutes. Don't forget to buy tickets beforehand if you decide to walk; otherwise you won't be able to get in. For security reasons, you can only visit it on a guided tour). Before arriving, it's worth stopping on the Marienbrücke, a steel bridge that links two mountains and from where you'll get the best views of Neuschwanstein and its lakes. (Note: Admission to the castle not included). Once back in the car, take the A95 in a northeasterly direction until arriving in Munich. En route, and depending on how you're doing with time, you can stop off at Starnberger See or at Andechs Abbey to visit one of its breweries.

Overnight stay in Munich.

## ● DAY 7 · MUNICH - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

Your trip includes \_\_\_\_\_

Your trip includes

- ✓ Return flight.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Munich.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Munich.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Nuremberg.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Nuremberg.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Passau.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Passau.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Berchtesgaden Göttschen.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Berchtesgaden Göttschen.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Füssen.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Füssen.
- ✓ Rent-a-car.

### Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Accommodation taxes in Munich direct payment in facility.
- ✗ Possible toll charges.
- ✗ Insolvency protection.

## Destinations Visited

Munich



Nuremberg



Regensburg



Passau



Berchtesgaden Göttschen



Bad Tölz



Oberammergau



Füssen



## Important remarks

- Triple rooms in Europe are generally rooms with twin beds or a double, in which a folding bed is installed to accommodate the third person. Due to the inconvenience this causes, we advise against using this option as far as possible.
- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before

3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.

- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.