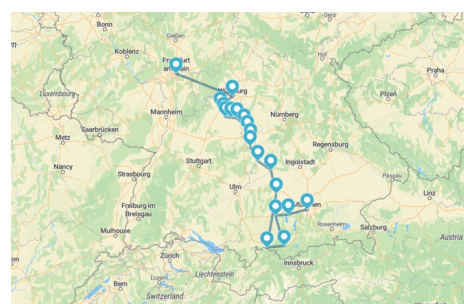




Germany, 6 Days · Tailor-made by car

Romantic Road Route

Welcome to one of the most romantic tours in Germany. Ready to discover magical castles and fairy-tale palaces? Because we've brought them together along with the most beautiful medieval towns you could imagine. Your luck is in. We'll leave from Frankfurt, the German city of skyscrapers, and stop off at Hanau, the much-loved home town of the Brothers Grimm. We'll also enter the most magical castle in Bavaria that inspired Walt Disney himself to recreate the castle of Sleeping Beauty: Neuschwanstein. What's more, we'll follow in the footsteps of aristocrats at palaces such as Linderhof or Würzburg, the latter inspired by the Palace of Versailles. And we'll stroll through charming medieval towns such as Dinkelsbühl, Ausburg and Rothenburg ob der Tauber, authentic treasures covered by this unforgettable tour. Thanks to our rental car, we'll venture into the German Alps to soak up romantic and picture-postcard landscapes. We'll have a great time in the lively Füssen and relive our childhood seeking out the stories depicted by the façades of Oberammergau. A truly romantic itinerary that also includes Munich, internationally famous for one of Germany's best-known festivals, the Oktoberfest. Get to know the very best of this country kilometre by kilometre.



NATURE

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Departure date: Departures from June 2026 till June 2027

From: Dublin, Shannon, Cork

Travel details

● DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - FRANKFURT - WÜRZBURG

Flight departure from the city of origin to Frankfurt and rental car pick-up. Depending on the time of arrival in Frankfurt, we suggest starting off with a stroll around the old quarter. Get lost as many times as you want because all the roads will take you to Römerberg, the city's bustling main square. This is home to the Town Hall which in turn is the seat of Der Römer, aka the Lord Mayor. A few minutes from here, the Dom St. Bartholomäus cathedral stands alongside other lay buildings. The first things that will strike you is its colour, as it was built in red sandstone, and its gigantic 96-metre spire that commands incredible views of most of the city... but only for those brave enough to climb the stairs all the way up! From here you'll be able to admire the Frankfurt skyline like nowhere else. You'll see why they call it the city of skyscrapers. Once you've admired the panorama, head back down for a dose of culture. This is another of the city's strong points, as there are lots of museums and many of them are the best of their kind in Europe. The Jewish Museum of Frankfurt is remarkable, but the most outstanding is the Städel Museum, where you can admire works by some of history's most renowned artists. There's no shortage of Picassos, Renoirs or Rembrandts. If you're travelling with children, your luck is in as you won't have to make any excuse to visit even more museums, and particularly the Kinder Museum, a space designed to fascinate the little ones. If that isn't enough, the zoo is very close by, or you could drive out to Hanau. If you're a fan of the Brothers Grimm, we won't have to tell you that it's their birthplace. Hanau is half an hour from Frankfurt and offers an enjoyable activity to experience with the family: the Tale Route. You'll see flags identifying the places that inspired the Brothers Grimm to write tales such as Little Red Riding Hood or the Pied Piper of Hamelin. Obviously, you can't visit the city without eating a Frankfurter sausage. Although it sounds very touristy, it's practically mandatory. If it's not your cup of tea, you could plump for some hearty cured pork chops. And there are also two classic drinks: either a good German beer or an Apfelwein, a low-alcohol drink made from apples. A two-hour drive along the A3 will take you to Würzburg, an idyllic city where we'll spend the night. Tomorrow, we'll have plenty of time to explore.

Overnight stay in Würzburg.

● DAY 2 · WÜRZBURG - ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER

Although the city of Würzburg does have other attractions, it's only worth going there to visit the Würzburg Residence. Considered the German Versailles, it's one of the most spectacular Baroque palaces in the country. The sheer wealth of both its exterior and interior will leave you speechless. The zigzag staircase, decorated with statues on the railings and frescoes on the ceiling, is one of the most harmonious architectural ensembles in the world. It's not a visit to rush, as you'll want to explore every single corner of the palace. But Würzburg offers much more to the visitor eager for experiences. It is a very youthful city, thanks to its lively student atmosphere, and exquisite from an architectural point of view. What's more, one of the country's best wines is grown and sold here, so take advantage and treat yourself (Steinwein).

You'll know that you're arriving in Tauberbischofsheim when you spot the tower of Kurmainz Castle that houses the Tauber Franconian Museum of Rural Life. When strolling through the streets, you'll see its stunning half-timbered houses with eye-catchingly white façades. The next stop is Lauda-Königshofen, where it's a good idea to park up the car and set off on a hike. The houses here also have a timber framework and the picture-postcard moment can be found while standing on the Baroque bridge from 1512 that spans the River Tauber. In Bad Mergentheim, it's worth delving into the history of the Teutonic Order by visiting the castle, which has now been turned into a museum. If you like true fairytale castles, make sure you visit the one in Weikersheim, dating from the Renaissance period with a must-see French-style garden. From Baroque and Renaissance, it's time to visit the Medieval Era in Röttingen, home to a historic quarter surrounded by a wall with majestic towers. Then it's just ten kilometres over to Creglingen, the ideal destination for art lovers.

After this, drive south for a few minutes and you'll get to Rothenburg ob der Tauber. This is one of the highlights of the tour. A stroll around its cobbled streets, brimming with medieval half-timbered buildings, proves why it's one of the most magical places in Germany. Of course, its town walls are a must-see. They embrace the old quarter and still preserve the original drawbridge, so you imagine what it was like to be one of the knights protecting the fortress. Also amazing is the Alt-Rothenburger Handwerkerhaus, where artisans have their workshops today, and mostly have had for the house's 700-year-plus existence. You can easily spend an hour or so watching the craftsmen at work. Christmas lovers, regardless of whether it's winter or summer, are also in for a treat in Rothenburg ob der Tauber, where you can visit the famous German Christmas museum and buy all kinds of Christmas decorations at the Wohlfahrt Weihnachtsdorf. There's also the Museum of Criminology, which exhibits devices used to torture citizens during the Middle Ages. Spine-tingling! And in the evening, enjoy a romantic stroll through this magical town.

Overnight stay in Rothenburg ob der Tauber.

DAY 3 · ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER - DINKELSBÜHL - AUGSBURG - FÜSSEN

After visiting the city of eternal Christmas, the route takes you to Schillingsfürst, where you'll find the Baroque castle of the Hohenlohe princes, and Faulenberg, home to a Romanesque church with gothic stained glass windows. If you're interested in museums, make sure to stop off in Feuchtwangen.

Our stop most picturesque today is the medieval town of Dinkelsbühl. It's surrounded by a wall, almost twenty lookout towers and four perfectly-preserved gates. Leave the car behind, explore its streets and then savour some local Wurst and Maultasche, a type of spinach and minced meat ravioli typical of the area.

Then it's onward to Wallerstein to admire St. Alban Kirche and, if you're interested in learning all about the brewing process, you can stop at the Fürst Wallerstein Brauhaus brewery. En route to Augsburg, you'll come across the city of Nördlingen, surrounded by an impeccably preserved fourteenth-century wall. Must-sees here include the St. Georg Kirche, the so-called Daniel Tower, and the Bavarian Railway Museum. Other interesting stops along the way are Harburg, with its twelfth-century fortress; Donauwörth, a former fishing village; and Rain, also known as the City of Flowers.

And then it's your final destination, Augsburg, a city where all kinds of gold and silver crafts flourished in the Middle Ages.

You really must see its majestic Cathedral, which took up to six centuries to be built; the Fuggerei neighbourhood, full of buildings from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries; and the Rathausplatz. This central square is home to the Town Hall - a splendid Renaissance monument - and the Perlachturm tower. It soars 80 metres into the sky and you can climb all the way up. As you can imagine, the views of Augsburg from the top of this tower are spectacular. The last stop on the Romantic Road today is Füssen, the fittingly romantic soul of Bavaria and 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 every single day of the 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.

(Note: If you want to reduce the number of stops on the tour, you can take the alternative route below. Early in the morning, you can set off towards the charming town of Dinkelsbühl, about forty minutes away. Afterwards, head back towards Nördlingen, about a forty-five-minute drive away. As well as exploring the town, you can stop for a bite to eat. You can then head over to Ulm, a beautiful canal-crossed town on the Danube. Despite being devastated by the war, Ulm was rebuilt preserving traditional elements alongside über-modern buildings such as Richard Meier's groundbreaking Stadthaus (a milestone of modern architecture), the glass pyramid that houses the Municipal Library, or the moving façade of the Obere Stube. The town a prime example of contrasts and regeneration. Although if one element stands out above the others, it's the Cathedral. Its spire is the highest in the world. This is possibly where its nickname 'the finger of God' comes from. And round off the day in Füssen, an hour and a half away).

Overnight stay in Füssen.

● DAY 4 · FÜSSEN - NEUSCHWANSTEIN - FÜSSEN

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).

Neuschwanstein Castle is one of the most popular landmarks in the whole of Germany. That's why we recommend getting up early and buying your ticket first thing in the morning. This means you'll avoid all the queues and even the possibility of tickets being sold out. Physical tickets can only be purchased at Ticketcenter, the ticket office located in the town of Hohenschwangau, at the foot of the castle. That's why you should purchase the ticket before arriving at the castle. Remember that the entrance ticket is valid for a guided tour of the castle at a specific time. Guided tours start at the exact time. If you arrive late, they won't let you join the tour and you won't be able to change the time. Calculate an extra bit of time for possible security checks. Tickets with a specific visiting time can be reserved for an additional prepaid charge at least two days before your visit (3.00 pm local time). The visiting time can only be changed or the ticket cancelled up to two hours before the start of the tour (also by phone). Another option is to buy tickets online, which should be done well in advance. Check booking details and timetables in advance. If you're looking for amazing views, you can hop on the bus to Marienbrücke and then visit the castle).

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: More plans? You can climb the mountain next to the castle, the Tegelberg, by cable car to marvel at the view from atop, or otherwise climb the Buchenberg mountain and come back down by sleigh. In the area, it's also possible to hop onto a horse-drawn sleigh. Activities not included).

Overnight stay in Füssen.

● DAY 5 · FÜSSEN - LINDERHOF - OBERAMMERGAU - MUNICH

Bid farewell to Füssen and say hello to Linderhof. The main attraction here is its palace and again we should thank King Ludwig II for his obsession about perfection. This included his desire to build truly unique buildings or to sponsor artists such as Richard Wagner and become his main supporter. This fervour for beauty is reflected in and around the palace, with it widely considered to be one of the jewels of the German crown. With clear influences of the Palace of Versailles, it's the only one that Ludwig II saw completed before his death. When you go inside, don't even think about taking out your phone or camera as photographs are strictly forbidden. This means you should fully explore it, because all you'll be taking home are memories. When you finish inside, head back outside and wander around the gardens, the Venus Grotto or the Moorish Kiosk. It's a homage to the hedonism of sight. But set aside some of your visual curiosity for the next stop of Oberammergau, a laid-back and picturesque 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 surely dress some corners of your home for one.

(Note: If you have time or prefer an alternative route, we recommend a couple of additional stops before arriving in Munich. From Oberammergau you can head to the town of Landsberg am Lech, located about an hour's drive away. This place is famous for housing the cell in which Adolf Hitler, having been imprisoned for an attempted coup d'etat, wrote Mein Kampf in 1924. The last stop of the day will take you to Inning am Ammersee, just half an hour away, where you can take a dip in its lake, weather permitting).

Our last stop today is Munich. 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 a very fun and 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.

Overnight stay in Munich.

● DAY 6 · 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

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- ✓ Return flight.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Würzburg.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Würzburg.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Rothenburg ob der Tauber.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Rothenburg ob der Tauber.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Füssen.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Füssen.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Munich.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Munich.
- ✓ Rent-a-car.
- ✓ Amount of the supplement for collection and return of the vehicle in a different office.

Your trip doesn't include

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

Destinations Visited

Frankfurt



Würzburg



Tauberbischofsheim



Lauda-Königshofen



Bad Mergentheim



Weikersheim



Creglingen



Rothenburg ob der Tauber



Schillingsfürst



Feuchtwangen



Dinkelsbühl



Nördlingen



Donauwörth



Augsburgo



Füssen



Oberammergau



Landsberg am Lech



Inning am Ammersee



Munich



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.

