

King Ludwig II's Castles and the Bavarian Christmas Markets
Arrival Munich December 9th 2006

Your Itinerary

DAY 1, FRIDAY December 8th

Board your Transatlantic Flight.
Airfare is not included.



DAY 2, SATURDAY December 9th
WELCOME HOME, HOPFEN AM SEE

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Arrival Munich, Germany

Room for individual arrival information
Please make sure arrive before noon, as this is when the transfer takes place.

When the group is complete we head south to Hopfen am See.



Upon arrival, your room will be ready for you, you may call home at our expense to tell the one's at home you arrived well and give them your personal telephone number for your entire stay.

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The afternoon is at leisure, you may suffer from jet-lag and want to take a nap, alternatively you may want to go for a walk on the lake, hike up to Hopfen's old castle ruin, or, if you are restless, take the bus to Füssen (2 miles) to go shopping or see the Castle of Füssen on your own.

At 6 pm we meet for a glass of Champagne before going to Dinner in a restaurant on the Lake Promenade



Total km 160 – 100 miles

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DAY 3, SUNDAY December 10th
NEUSCHWANSTEIN, HOHENSCHWANGAU BB,D

Individual Wake-Up Call

Breakfast

Departure for Hohenschwangau 9.30 am

It takes not even 10 minutes to get to THE CASTLES.

First we go up to Marienbrücke, where you can take the best pictures of Neuschwanstein, afterwards we take the inside tour of Neuschwanstein with a castle guide, and then we ride a horse carriage back down the hill. Although we take transportation to and back from the site, there still is some steep walking required. Please wear your tested and proven walking shoes.



Back down in the village of Hohenschwangau, you have time to have a bite to eat, and to go for a stroll on Lake Alpsee, one of the most beautiful Lakes in the region, before we take our next guided Castle Tour of Hohenschwangau. Much smaller and often overlooked by tourists on a tight schedule, but equally important, because without this one, Neuschwanstein would not exist.

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Back at the Landhaus app. 4.00pm

Tonight we will have a gourmet dinner in one of Bavaria's oldest restaurants.

Total km 20 – 12 miles

DAY 4, MONDAY December 11th
WIESKIRCHE. LINDERHOF, OBERAMMERGAU **BB, D**

Breakfast
Departure 09.30 am

Our first stop today is famous Wieskirche, or church in the meadows, one of the few buildings in Bavaria that are on the Unesco List.



On to Linderhof, Ludwigs beautiful hiding Castle deep in the forest where he spend more time then in his other Castles.



You have time for lunch on the grounds before we visit the Castle from the inside, afterwards time to explore the beautiful garden on your own, before we go to

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Oberammergau, a pretty village known for the Passion Play (every 10 years, next time in 2010!), a tradition which derives from a vow made by the inhabitants in 1633, after a plague epidemic had miraculously cut short, but also for its Lüftlmalerei (painted houses) and woodcarving. Best Christmas shopping!

Back at the Landhaus app. 4.30 pm

At 7.00 pm tonight we have a fantastic Dinner at Home.

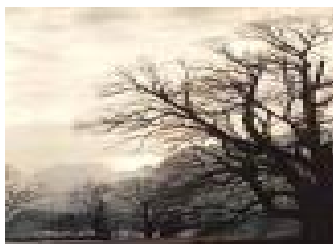
Total km 140 – 85 miles

DAY 5, TUESDAY, December 12th
HERRENCHIEMSEE, BAD TÖLZ

BB,D

Individual Wake-Up Call
Breakfast
Departure 8.00 am

Today we focus on Ludwig's largest Castle Herrenchiemsee, on an island on Lake Chiemsee, which he built after a visit to Versailles, and where he only stayed one week. To get to the island we take a boat, from there we take a horse carriage to the Palace. Inside visit with Castle Guide. Time for lunch on the island.



On the way back we stop for postcards and a cup of hot chocolate on the Christmas

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Market in the most pretty town of Bad Tölz.



Return app. 5.00 pm

At 7.00 pm we join the locals with great atmosphere and food at a local brewery.

Total km 300 – 185 miles

DAY 6, WEDNESDAY, December 13th

INNSBRUCK

BB

Individual Wake-Up Call

Breakfast

Departure 10.00 am

Today we are heading towards Innsbruck, the Capital of Tyrol in Austria



First visit the famous Svarovski Kristallwelten in Wattens,

then enjoy a walk through quaint medieval lanes of Innsbruck, see the little Golden Roof in front of the Austrian Alps, the fine Baroque Church, and take a guided tour through the Hofburg, built by Empress Maria Theresia as a summer residence away from hot and stuffy Vienna.

Enjoy their famous Christmas Market, admire the setting of this beautiful town, get more Christmas shopping done

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How about a Wiener Schnitzel in a typical Tyrolean Restaurant?

Back at Landhaus at app. 9.30 pm.

DAY 7, THURSDAY December 14th
HORSE CARRIAGE RIDE, KEMPTEN

BB

Wake Up Call
Breakfast
Departure 10 00 am

This morning enjoy a great ride through the Bavrian Winter-Wonderland by horse drawn carriages. Warm blankets provided.

Afterwards enjoy a hot Glühwein and homemade applestrudel on the lakefront. We can always go inside in case it is getting too cold.



This afternoon we take a short ride to Kempten, an old Roman City, about 20 miles away from Hopfen. Admire the baroque Residenz, free time for great shopping, and spend time on Kemptens gemuetliche Christmas Market.

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Back at Landhaus app. 9.30 pm.

DAY 8, FRIDAY December 15th
MUNICH, NYMPHENBURG, HOFBRÄUHAUS

BB,D

Individual Wake-Up Call
Breakfast
Departure 9.30 am

Upon arrival in Munich we first visit Nymphenburg Palace, the Summer Residence of the Wittelsbacher Family, the place where Ludwig II was born, and the Martallmuseum, containing many of Ludwig's elaborate carriages.



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An orientation Tour of Germany's Secret Capital features the Olympic Stadium, Olympic Tower, Leopoldstrasse, Schwabing, Ludwigstrasse, Odeonsplatz, Königsplatz, Karlsplatz and ends by the Residenz and the Opera, where we get off and continue the last few meter on foot to Marienplatz, the very heart of Munich, known for it's carillon in the Town Hall.

It is here where you find one of the best Christmas Markets in Germany. Enjoy the atmosphere, find your christmas gifts and ornaments and have some Glühwein and Gingerbread.

You have plenty of time on your own for shopping, more sightseeing (lots of suggestions) or enjoying the city from a rooftop cafe.

In the evening we have tickets for Dinner and Show at the Hofbräuhaus, Munich's most famous beer hall, you see a traditional Bavarian Dance Show with alphorn blowing, yodeling, Polka, while having dinner and a Stein of Beer.

Tonight we are staying in very nice downtown Munich Hotel.

Total km 120 km – 75 miles

DAY 9, SATURDAY, December 16th

DEPARTURE

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Breakfast

Transfer to Munich Airport.

Your return flight should not leave before 10.00 am.

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Time to say “**Auf Wiedersehen**”.

Total km 30 – 20 miles

Price per person US\$ 1,550,-- based on double occupancy , single supplement USD 150,--
Deposit US\$ 100,-- per person, either by check (personal or traveler's) or by credit card via paypal

Final payment is due 3 weeks prior to departure, by above mentioned methods, but also possible upon arrival in Germany, in this case a faxed flight confirmation is required. No credit card.

All features as per itinerary, departure guaranteed.

- 7 buffet breakfast
- 5 three course dinners with choice, 1 glass of beer, wine, soft drink, coffee or tea
 - door to door transportation
 - service of your wonderful, safe and experienced bus driver
 - service of your bilingual tour guide throughout the tour
 - in all castles inside guided tour
 - all entrance fees included

Christmas Markets

Munich, Kempten, Bad Toelz, Innsbruck

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