



BAVARIA & BLACK FOREST 2023

*GERMAN HIGHLIGHTS & HISTORY
WITH DAVID HARPER*

**AUGUST 25 -
SEPTEMBER 6, 2023**

HIGGINS
TRAVEL  **LEADERS**

ITINERARY



FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

This morning we depart MSP Intl Airport for our flight to Munich, Germany.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

We arrive at Munich airport and transfer to Berchtesgaden where we check into our hotel. In the afternoon we take a tour through the old town's historical center, followed by free time. In the evening we enjoy a welcome drink and dinner at Hotel Grünberger. Overnight Berchtesgaden.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

After breakfast from the buffet, we take a pleasant boat trip on beautiful Königssee in the heart of the National Park. In the afternoon, we tour the famous Eagle's Nest, perched atop a 6,000 ft summit. Dinner and overnight Berchtesgaden.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

After breakfast from the buffet, we make an excursion to Salzburg, famed as the birthplace of Mozart and the making of the Sound of Music. After a tour and free time, we'll return to Berchtesgaden, stopping at the Gentian Schnaps distillery. Those who wish, may take an exciting tour of the salt mines. Dinner and overnight Berchtesgaden.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

After breakfast from the buffet, we leave on an early departure for Nuremberg, making a stop at the German Car Museum in Amerang, followed by a short visit to the scenic town of Wasserburg where most might opt for a quick lunch snack. After checking into our hotel in Nuremberg, we'll be given a short orientation tour of the old town followed by dinner including the famous Nuremberg Bratwurst, perhaps accompanied by local beer. Overnight at Hotel Viktoria in Nuremberg

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

After breakfast from the buffet, we take a daytrip to the beautiful towns of Bamberg – known for its unique town hall on a bridge – and Würzburg, where we'll also visit the sumptuous Residence Palace. This evening we sample a Franconian wine before dinner. Overnight Nuremberg.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

After breakfast from the buffet, we visit the Nuremberg Trials courtroom and interpretation center, as well as the Party Rally Grounds and their documentation center. Late afternoon we'll be given a tour or demonstration of Nuremberg's famous gingerbread specialties the "Lebkuchen" at Wicklein's flagship store. Dinner and overnight Nuremberg.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

After breakfast from the buffet, we travel to the romantic medieval town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber. After free time we continue on to the picture-perfect village of Gengenbach in the Black Forest. Dinner with tasting of regional wines. Overnight at Weinhotel Pfeffer und Salz, Gengenbach.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

After breakfast from the buffet, we take a daytrip to two charming French towns: Riquewihr is a picture-perfect medieval village surrounded by vineyards while Colmar is best known for its charming architecture built along picturesque canals. Colmar was also the birthplace of Auguste Bartholdi who designed the Statue of Liberty. Some may wish to visit the small museum set up in the sculptor's birth house. Dinner and overnight Gengenbach.

ITINERARY CONTINUED



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

After breakfast from the buffet, we take a daytrip to the fascinating Black Forest Open Air Museum as well as to Triberg, capital of the cuckoo-clock. Here we'll also be given a presentation of how the world-renowned Black Forest Cake is made, along with a slice of this delicious cake, served with coffee or tea. Overnight Gengenbach.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

After breakfast from the buffet, we travel to Augsburg, stopping at two highlights in route. Our first stop will be at the medieval town of Esslingen with its numerous half-timbered houses. Here we'll also be given a tour and tasting of Germany's finest champagne method sparkling wine at Kessler Sekt. We'll then stop off for a visit to arguably the most stunning baroque library in Germany at Wiblingen Abbey. Dinner in Augsburg. Overnight Hotel Ost in Augsburg.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

After breakfast from the buffet, we can enjoy free time in downtown Augsburg (for those who wish, David will also take us to the fascinating Fuggerei, the world's oldest social housing complex still in use today). We then spend the rest of the day at the Plärrer Volksfest, a traditional beer and fun-focused festival that dates back to 1850. Dinner and overnight Augsburg

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Early transfer to Munich airport for our flight to Minneapolis

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- 11 nights in superior hotels
- 10 breakfasts
- 10 dinners of German specialties
- Welcome drink
- Glass of local beer in Nuremberg
- Glass of Franconian wine in Nuremberg
- Wine tasting in Black Forest
- Sparkling wine tasting in Esslingen
- 12 days tour manager / guide throughout tour
- 12 days air-conditioned private coach throughout trip
- Road tolls, parking fees
- Boat cruise on Lake Königssee
- All admission fees as per program
- Local bed tax
- Gratuities for included meals

EXTRAS

- Beverages with dinner unless specified
- Luggage service at hotels
- Expenses of a personal nature

**Please note hotel options and activities are subject to change*

PLACES & ATTRACTIONS



Salt Mine in Berchtesgaden

The chronicle of salt mining in Berchtesgaden goes back to the 12th century. In 1193, salt mining starts on the Tüval near Schellenberg. In 1194, salt mining is mentioned on the Gollnbach in Berchtesgaden.

Lake Königssee

With its emerald green color and nestled at the foot of the imposing eastern wall of Mount Watzmann in the heart of the Berchtesgaden National Park is one of nature's true masterpieces. The greatest luxury in these fast-paced times is silence. As soon as you board one of the attractive electric passenger boats all the noise, hustle and bustle is left behind.



Eagle's Nest

This extravagant lodge — its precision stonework evoking both fascist obedience and slave labor — was only the tip of a vast compound that served as Hitler's second seat of government and his planned refuge of last resort. What remains is now wide open to visitors.



Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Germany



Bamberg, Germany

PLACES & ATTRACTIONS



Wiblingen Abbey

Founded in 1093, the exquisite Rococo interior features an ornamental, winding gallery supported by multiple columns.

The numerous statues and sweeping ceiling fresco represent the architect's vision that the library be a place for preserving "treasures of wisdom and science".



Triberg, Germany

Triberg lies in the middle of the Black Forest. In addition to spectacular waterfalls, it is also the capital of the "cuckoo-clock."



Plärrer Volksfest

Traditional beer and fun-focused festival dating back to 1850.



We will be stopping at breweries and wineries along the way to enjoy beer, wine & even some sparkling wine.

Participation is never required but always welcome...and encouraged - **PROST!**

PRICING



COST

Land Tour & Flights: **\$4,995**/per person based on double occupancy
\$5,435 for single traveler

Land Tour ONLY: **\$3,695**/per person based on double occupancy
\$4,210 for single traveler

- Pricing is subject to change based on flight prices and the US Dollar to Euro exchange rate. as well as air costs

PAYMENT INFORMATION

A non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person is due with your registration to reserve your spot. Because of the group nature of the trip, payments must be made by cash or check. Please make your check payable to **Higgins Travel Leaders**.

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE JUNE 26, 2023

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel Insurance is optional but highly encouraged. Insurance cost is on an individual basis. Please contact Denise at Higgins Travel Leaders for a quote.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- From the time of deposit until June 25, 2023 your deposit and insurance (if purchased) is non-refundable.
- From June 26, 2023 until trip departure your entire trip is non-refundable as hotel payments are done in advance.

Note: You must possess a valid US Passport for the trip and it must be valid a minimum of 6 months from your return date to the US. (02.24.2023)

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REGISTRATION



Name: _____ D.O.B: _____
(AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT - FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)

Passport Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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**Please include a photo copy of the inside photo page of each passport with your application.
(If applying or renewing, send at a later date)**

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Delta Skymiles Numbers: Traveler #1: _____ Traveler #2: _____

Roommate if not listed above: _____

Special Requests: _____

Any special occasion for trip: _____
(Birthday, anniversary, etc while traveling)

Travel Insurance:

☐ Yes, I wish to purchase optional insurance. ☐ No, I decline cancellation insurance

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

**If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Denise
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