

Durgan Travel Service *presents...*

10 Days/8 Nights

GERMANY and the BEAUTIFUL RHINE

Departures

Early May &
October

\$TBA*
credit card

\$TBA*
cash/check

*Rates are per person, twin occupancy, and include TBA in air taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges (subject to change).

Valid
Passport
Required

Passport must be valid for 3 months
after RETURN date



OUR 10-DAY/8-NIGHT GERMANY AND THE BEAUTIFUL RHINE TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1 – BOSTON-INTERMEDIATE CITY-MUNICH: Depart Boston's Logan International Airport on our overnight flight to Berlin (*via intermediate city*) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight.

DAY 2 – MUNICH: Upon arrival in Munich, we will meet our Tour Escort, who will help us with our transfer. We will check into our hotel and enjoy a city tour of Munich in the afternoon. Tonight we will attend a welcome dinner with Bavarian folklore entertainment at the famous *Hofbräuhaus*. Return to our hotel for overnight. (D)

DAY 3 – MUNICH-AUGSBURG-ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will board the bus for our ride from Munich to Augsburg. Founded in 15 B.C. by the Romans at the Lech and Wertach Rivers, Augsburg, along with Trier and Kempten, is one of Germany's three oldest cities. Upon arrival, we will enjoy a city tour of Augsburg. Our tour will include the impressive sights of Maximilianstrabe, Town Hall, Red Gate, the Cathedral, and Municipal Art Gallery. After lunch (*on our own*), we will drive along the Romantic Road, passing such picturesque places as Dinkelsbuehl, Noerdlingen, and Donauwoerth, with high-gabled houses and cobblestone streets, to Rothenburg ob der Tauber. This is the best-known and loved of all the Romantic Road towns, due to its authenticity, charm, and variety. We will then check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 4 – ROTHENBURG-HEIDELBERG: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we are off to Heidelberg. Heidelberg lies on the Neckar River, at the point where it leaves its narrow, steep valley in the Odenwald to flow into the Rhine valley. We will visit the world-famous castle as well as the picturesque old town, which has a lively university atmosphere. The castle is a mix of styles, from Gothic to Renaissance. Prince Elector Ruprecht III erected the first representative building in the inner courtyard as a regal residence. The building was divided into a ground floor made of stone and framework upper levels. Another regal building is located opposite to the Ruprecht Building: The Fountain Hall. Prince Elector Philipp is said to have arranged the transfer of the hall's columns from a decayed palace of Charlemagne to Heidelberg. We will check into our hotel in Heidelberg for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 5 – HEIDELBERG-WORMS-RÜDESHEIM: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will take a city tour of Worms, including St. Peter's Cathedral, Site of the Diet of Worms, and the Luther Memorial. Construction on St. Peter's Cathedral (Dom St Peter) began in 1181 and was completed in 1230. It is a "Kaiserdome" -- or Imperial -- cathedral, along with the Romanesque cathedrals of Mainz and Speyer Site of the Diet of Worms. We will then enjoy the romantic views of the Middle Rhine during our bus ride to Rudesheim am Rhine in the Middle Rhine Valley. We will see castles and ruins, little towns along the banks of the Rhine, flanked on both sides of the river by steep vineyards, as well as a whole host of ancient monuments, which are steeped in history. Next we will visit the The Ruedesheimer Drosselgasse, which serves as the "most famous lane of the world." Many visitors visit the restaurants, hotels, and the small stands of this lane. We will enjoy a glass of white wine in this unique atmosphere during our dinner at a typical German restaurant in Rudesheim. Check into our hotel for overnight. (B, D)

DAY 6 – RÜDESHEIM AM RHINE: After breakfast, we will take a city tour in Rudesheim am Rhine. Our tour will include a cable car ride to the Temple on the Niederwald, formed by Karl Maximilian Graf, influenced by the romantic spirit of the times, as well as the monument on the Niederwald. The two angel figures have wings, the figure on the monument, the Germania, has wings, and even the blowing hair of the Germania looks wing-like. Up here, you can enjoy a great view over the picturesque medieval villages along the Rhine. Afterwards we board the Rudesheimer Weinexpress for a ride to the center of Rudesheim. Dinner will be on our own this evening. Return to our hotel for overnight. (B)

DAY 7 – RÜDESHEIM-BOPPARD-KOBLENZ: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we board a boat for a ride from Rudesheim to Boppard on the famous Rhine. Nowhere in the world are there as many medieval castles as on this unique stretch of the river. During our ride, we will see the legendary Lorelei Rock, high above the Rhine. After our boat ride, we will travel to Koblenz where we will enjoy a city tour upon arrival. Situated in the picturesque landscape of the Rhine and Moselle, and surrounded by four low mountain ranges, is Koblenz, a 2000-year-old town known for its abundance of cultural monuments and historic buildings. The view from Ehrenbreitstein Fortress, high above the Rhine across the river down to Deutsches Eck, with its re-erected equestrian statue of Emperor William I, is spectacular. Koblenz is a meeting point for visitors from all over the world and an excellent starting point for trips into the fascinating landscape along the Rhine and the Moselle. We will check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 8 – KOBLENZ-KÖNIGSWINTER-COLOGNE: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will enjoy a relaxing walk through the old town to the city museum, followed by a ride on the railway up to the castle ruin on the Drachenfels. A German legend recounts that Siegfried, the hero of the Niebelungenlied, killed a dragon living in a cave in the mountain, then bathed in its blood to become invulnerable, giving the mountain the name of Dragon's Rock. Continue to Cologne and check into the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 9 – COLOGNE: After breakfast, we will explore the area around the cathedral and old town on foot. Many sights are concentrated within one area, including the cathedral, town hall and the old town, as well as the Romanesque Church of Grob St. Martin. We can take a look at the

Roman Dionysos Mosaic and the Mikveh, the Jewish ritual bath. In the narrow, cobblestone alleys of the Old Town, and on the busy squares like the Roncalliplatz, the Alter Markt or the Heumarkt, we will get a feeling for life in the cathedral city, yesterday and today. We will see and hear what the people of Cologne and their visitors like to laugh about – and not only during Cologne’s famous carnival. We will visit the most famous building in the city and find out why the people of Cologne wanted to build the largest church in the world. We will also learn how difficult it was to realize this enormous project and why it was completed in the 19th century, after work had stopped for almost 300 years. The rest of the afternoon will be at leisure to explore the city on our own. We will return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 10 – COLOGNE~INTERMEDIATE CITY~BOSTON: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will transfer to the Cologne Airport to board our flight to Boston (*via intermediate city*) with full meal and beverage as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight. (B)

OUR 10-DAY/8-NIGHT GERMANY AND THE BEAUTIFUL RHINE TOUR INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- Round-trip motorcoach transportation to and from Boston’s Logan International Airport. FREE with a minimum 35 paying passengers. Additional charge with fewer than 35.
- Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Travel Service Representative.
- Round-trip flights Boston-Intermediate City-Munich and Cologne-Intermediate City-Boston return with full meal service and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight.
- All transfers and sightseeing aboard a private, deluxe, temperature-controlled motorcoach with expert driver.
- 8-nights’ accommodations as described in the itinerary, based on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA per single. *Limited availability - may be unavailable or subject to surcharge.*
- Portorage of luggage at the hotels.
- Breakfast (B) each morning, and 7 dinners, including a “Welcome Dinner” in Munich (D).
- All room and meal taxes (for included meals)
- Professional Tour Escort, who will accompany our group throughout the tour.
- Expert English-speaking tour guides, where required.
- Guided sightseeing tours as specified in the itinerary, including entrance fees, where applicable.
- Complimentary Durgan Travel Service flight bag and complete packet of required travel documents.

A \$TBA DEPOSIT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER. THE BALANCE IS DUE 75 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE.

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TRIP DEVIATIONS: Any request for tour deviation will be subject to availability at the time of booking. The *maximum* extension permitted is 10 - 14 days, depending on the airline. A deviation form, along with the surcharge fee of \$150 to change the air (additional \$100 for land arrangements), must be submitted at the time of initial payment, but will be accepted up to 120 days prior to departure. After processing the request, any additional deviation expenses (car rental, train, hotel, etc.) must be paid, in full, to the Retail Department of Durgan Travel Service at the time of reservation. Download form from www.durgantravel.com or contact Durgan Travel at Toll Free 1-800-234-9959 to request a deviation form.

Responsibility: Durgan Travel Service and their agents, in accepting bookings for this tour, clearly stipulate that they are not liable for faults or defaults of other companies and persons that may be used in the carrying-out of the tour services, also for accidents, baggage losses, delays, or cancellations, strikes, political unrest, riots, and acts of God and war, and changes in schedules. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable, for the comfort or well being of the passengers, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made without penalty to the operator. Additional expenses, if any, shall be borne by the passengers. The right is reserved to withdraw the tour due to insufficient participation or for any reason whatsoever; also to decline to accept or to retain any person as members of the tour. The airlines and bus lines concerned are not to be held responsible for any acts, omissions, or events during the time the passengers are not onboard. The pass contract in use by the airlines or bus companies concerned constitutes the sole contract between the company and purchase of this tour and/or passengers. The issuance and acceptance of receipt tickets and/or tour membership coupons, along with making the initial deposit, shall be deemed to be consent to and acceptance of the foregoing terms and conditions.

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