

# Romantic Road & Fairy Tale Road

*featuring Berlin, Munich, Hamburg and Rothenburg*



## Highlights...

Berlin • Lübeck • Hamburg • Hamelin • “Pied Piper” Tour • Fairytale Princess Castles • Würzburg • Rothenburg ob der Tauber • Wine Tasting • “Night Watchman” Tour • Neuschwanstein Castle • Munich • Choice of Munich Tours • Beer Tasting

**12 Days • 15 Meals: 10 Breakfasts • 5 Dinners**

### COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

- ★ Embark on a guided tour of Hamelin with a flute-playing “Pied Piper.”
- ★ Explore the Hanseatic town of Lübeck, famous for marzipan.
- ★ Join a local guide who leads you on a Beatles tour in Hamburg.

### MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- ★ Tour Berlin and Munich’s famed landmarks with a local guide.
- ★ Discover Rothenburg ob der Tauber, a medieval gem in the heart of Franconia.
- ★ Tour Neuschwanstein Castle – right from the pages of a storybook.

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- ★ Indulge in a wine tasting in a cellar restaurant.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

This enchanting journey will take you to see the best of Germany as you travel to some of the country’s most iconic cities and through its stunning countryside.

#### Day 2: Berlin, Germany - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Berlin, Germany’s capital. This city blends a deep history, a modern flare and multi-cultural influences. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. *Today dinner will be included.*

#### Day 3: Berlin

This morning **enjoy a traditional city tour** that features Charlottenburg Palace, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the Schoenberg City Hall, Kurfuerstendamm, the Reichstag building and a stop at “Checkpoint Charlie,” the best-known Berlin Wall crossing point between East and West Berlin during the Cold War. This afternoon you may choose to join an optional excursion outside the city to visit Potsdam and the famous Sanssouci Palace. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 4: Berlin - Lübeck - Hamburg

Travel to Hamburg, “the Venice of the North,” with winding canals and an impressive harbor that made it a center for trade for centuries. En route, make a stop in the medieval Hanseatic League town of Lübeck, the famed birthplace of marzipan and a UNESCO World Heritage site; join a local guide for a tour of the town and have a chance to visit Café Niederegger to shop for the marzipan they have been making for 200 years. Arrive in Hamburg. Tonight, have dinner out on the town. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 5: Hamburg

Come to know the city on a panoramic tour that showcases the Rathaus (Town Hall), the Alster, St. Michaelis church, the city center, the beautiful Jungfernstieg promenade and, of course, the Port of Hamburg, dubbed the “gateway to the world.” **Later, you choose your cruise!** You may choose to board a harbor boat for a narrated cruise around the massive Hamburg shipping port highlighting the key maritime sights. Or, perhaps you would prefer to embark on a relaxing boat cruise on Alster Lake to take in stunning views of the shoreline dotted with the homes of Hamburg’s elite. Later, enjoy a walking tour of the Reeperbahn area, Hamburg’s red light district, immortalized as the

place where the Beatles cultivated their fame in the early 1960s. Join in the fun with your “singing and ukulele playing local Beatles expert” and travel down memory lane. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 6: Hamburg - Bremen - Hamelin

Today’s first stop is in Bremen, at the beginning of the Fairy Tale Road. Join a local guide for a walking tour of the quaint town featuring the musicians of Brothers Grimm fame, the Town Hall (UNESCO), and ending in the medieval Schnoor district. After free time for lunch, travel to Hamelin, made famous by the Pied Piper legend from the stories of the Brothers Grimm. Feel like you have stepped into a storybook when the “Pied Piper of Hamelin” plays delightful tunes while he leads you on a discovery walk through Hamelin with its charming Tudor-style architecture. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 7: Hamelin - Trendelburg and Sababurg castles - Kassel - Marburg

This morning you are transported back to childhood as you come face to face with the real life places that inspired the fairy tale classics. First, meet a local storyteller at the famed “Rapunzel’s Castle” – Trendelburg. Continue on to Reinhardswald, home to Sleeping Beauty’s castle – known as Sababurg. Have time to explore the enchanting grounds before traveling to Kassel, home to the Brothers Grimm Museum. At the museum, an expert will lead you on a tour through the interactive displays that bring you through the life of the Grimm Brothers. Journey to the medieval university town of Marburg with its endless alleys and stairways that lead to the castle perched above. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 8: Marburg - Würzburg - Rothenburg ob der Tauber

**Journey to the perfectly preserved medieval town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber**, located in the middle of the famous Romantic Road and in the heart of the Franconia wine region. En route, make a stop in Würzburg, a Bavarian wine town known for its lavish Baroque and Rococo architecture. You will enjoy time to explore the town on your own before continuing to Rothenburg, located high on a plateau overlooking the Tauber River. Arrive at your city center hotel, the perfect location to discover this captivating town. Take an evening stroll to a local restaurant where you’ll **enjoy a tasting of local wines** followed by a traditional German dinner. Later, join a colorfully costumed local expert for the

famous "Night Watchman" walking tour of the medieval town. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 9: Rothenburg ob der Tauber

**It's your choice today!** Perhaps you will join in a walk to a local bakery to make "schneeball" pastries – snowballs – the local's favorite treat! Or, you may choose to tour the Medieval Crime and Justice Museum. Later, we gather to spend time at the famous Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas Museum where you will be treated to a private tour, enjoy an ornament-making demonstration, and shop for handmade Christmas ornaments. The remainder of the day is yours to do as you choose. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 10: Rothenburg ob der Tauber - Neuschwanstein Castle - Munich

Leave Rothenburg behind and make your way through mountains and along winding country roads for a **tour inside the famous Neuschwanstein Castle**. Built by the "crazy" King Ludwig II, it is the most photographed castle in Germany. Next, continue to Munich, the exciting capital of Bavaria. Your evening is free to explore the city on your own. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 11: Munich

Come to know the energy of this lively and fascinating city during a panoramic walking tour that highlights the world-famous Glockenspiel and Marienplatz – a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. This afternoon, **explore the area your way!** You may choose to join a local guide and venture to the innovative BMW World to learn the history of this dynamic global automaker; then, ride to the top of the Olympic Tower to take in stunning views of the Munich cityscape. Or, perhaps you'll choose to embark on a poignant journey through history as you travel\* to the Dachau Memorial; a local expert guides you through the former concentration camp where you will learn firsthand about the terrors as well as the resilience of the human spirit that occurred within those walls. The remainder of your day is at leisure. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a beer tasting followed by a farewell dinner in one of Munich's most famous restaurants. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 12: Munich - Tour Ends

This morning your tour comes to a close. *Today breakfast will be included.*

## Experience It!

## Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Find yourself immersed in days gone by in the Bavarian region's Rothenburg ob der Tauber. This perfectly preserved walled town rests along Germany's historic Romantic Road and is a place where the Middle Ages comes to life. As Germany's second largest city during this period and now a favorite tourism destination, you'll discover winding cobble streets lined with half-timbered houses surrounded by 1,000-year-old walls. This is all nestled in the quiet Bavarian countryside that is also the heart of the award-winning Franconia wine region. Get to know this delightful area where history meets state-of-the-art winemaking.

### YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Crowne Plaza Potsdamer Platz, Berlin
Days 4, 5	Reichsgof Hamburg, Curio Collection by Hilton, Hamburg
Day 6	Stadt Hotel, Hamelin
Day 7	Hotel Vila Vita Rosepark, Marburg
Days 8, 9	Hotel Alte Brauhaus, Rothenburg ob der Tauber
Days 10, 11	Sheraton Hotel Arabellapark, Munich

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

### Please Note:

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Triple rooms are not available.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at prescheduled times.

\*You may travel to Dachau by public train.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

### IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

#### IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

**\*Airfare:** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all vacation packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your rates are subject to change until paid in full. Seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

**Checked Baggage Charges:** Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

**Cancellation Charges for this tour:** After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 30% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to

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