

GERMANY & AUSTRIA

(Note: This is only a sample tour)

Day 1: Depart for Frankfurt.

Day 2: Arrive **Frankfurt**, Germany's Big Apple, also known as "Mainhattan", boasts gleaming skyscrapers of polished metal and glass. Eighty percent of the old city was wiped off the map by Allied bombing raids in March 1944 but some of the beautiful old city does still remain. Guided half day city sightseeing tour. See the **Romerberg**, the old central area where restored 14th and 15th century buildings provide us with a glimpse of what the old city once was. The Romer is a collection of 15th – 18th century houses including the old town hall, the Altes Rathaus rebuilt after World War II. Opposite to it is a group of half-timbered houses known as the **Ostzeile**, one of the symbols of Frankfurt. See St. Leonhardkirche which contains many treasures including a copy of Leonardo Da Vinci's Last Supper.



Day 3: Visit The Historisches Museum with its interesting display of items related to Frankfurt's history including a fascinating model of the medieval town. Visit **The Kaiserdom**, an imperial cathedral was built between the 13th and 15th centuries. It has several priceless masterpieces of Gothic artwork. Explore on your own, shop or just relax in a café sipping a cappuccino. You may wish to visit one or more of the numerous museums line the south bank of the Main River along the Museumsufer (Museum Embankment) Don't miss the Stadelsches Kunstinstitut and two other wonderful museums, the Museum fur Moderne Kunst and the Liebieghaus.

Day 4: Depart for **Munich**. Enroute stop in **Heidelberg**, one of Germany's most beautiful towns. Discover the Baroque style town that was rebuilt after the French invasions in the late 17th century when it was completely destroyed. The Heidelberg Schloss towers over the town. Originally a well-fortified **Gothic castle** it is now mostly in ruins and can be reached by a steep 10 minute walk up stone lanes or by funicular. Visit the castle today. Continue to Munich.



Day 5: Munich is a city boasting 45 museums, 10 university buildings, 2 opera houses, and an Olympic Center. Site of the '72 Olympic PLO murders is also the site where the Nazis got their start. Today the city is the center of Germany's high tech industries and home to many first class museums and excellent shopping. Some of Munich's most important historical sites include Residenz, former residence of **Bavarian kings** dating from the 14th century, the onion domed Frauenkirche, originally a small church built in the 13th century, Marienplatz square, and the Stadtmuseum. Guided orientation city tour. Afternoon to discover the city on your own or shop.

Day 6: Visit to **Dachau**, the first German **concentration camp** now a monument to the genocide of the Nazis during WWII. The internees consisted primarily of German Communists, Social Democrats, political opponents of the Nazi regime, Jehovah's Witnesses, Roma (Gypsies), homosexuals, as well as "asocials" and repeat criminals. In the aftermath of Kristallnacht, more than 10,000 Jewish men were interned there. The camp was a training center for SS concentration camp guards, and the camp's organization and routine became the model for all Nazi concentration camps. In Dachau, as in other Nazi camps, German physicians performed medical experiments on prisoners.



Day 7: Depart for **Salzburg** with stop at **Neuschwanstein Castle** built by "Mad" King Ludwig who ruled Bavaria for 23 years. It is the ultimate fairy tale castle. Today visit the castle. Continue to Salzburg, birthplace of **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart**.

Day 8: Salzburg is nestled comfortably on three sides by the Alps. It is filled with religious buildings dating from around 700 A.D. Including St. Peter's Abbey and Benedictine Monastery, the Cathedral, and the Franziskanerkirche with its magnificent Baroque altarpiece. These churches were built by various archbishops of Salzburg who aimed to make their home another Eternal City. Castle lovers will find three in Salzburg. Today a guided city tour of Old Town. Commence at Mozartplatz with the statue of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart unveiled in 1842. Walk towards The Residenzplatz. See the famous Glockenspeil. The 35 bells play classical tunes at 7am, 11am and 6pm. Stop at Cathedral Square or Domplatz. courtyard. Walk towards Franziskanergasse until it becomes Hofstallgasse and finally intersects with Getreidegasse the main shopping street in the Old City. This afternoon will visit Mozart's birthplace. Remainder of day to sightsee on own schedule.

Day 9: The **Medieval fortress Festung Hohensalzburg** looms over the city from its hilltop position offering a wonderful city view. Ride the funicular to this largest preserved medieval fortress in central Europe. The exterior may look rather grim but inside it there are lavish state rooms, a collection of medieval art, the Burgmuseum and the Rainers Museum with its arms and armor. Visit the Castle courtyard which was the main square of the castle residents. Head back down from the fortress to the Old City. **Evening concert** at Hohensalzburg.

Day 10: Depart for **Vienna**. The city has reminders of the once ruling **Hapsburgs, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert and Strauss**. Visit **Schonbrunn Palace**, the huge Hapsburg summer residence. Continue to Vienna.

Day 11: Meet your guide for an Inner City sightseeing tour focusing on the inside of the Ringstrasse, the boundary for the Inner City or the heart of Vienna. It is lined with many of Vienna's top sites. Visit the Opera House and St Stephens Cathedral. The opera house is a focus of life in Vienna and one of the chief symbols of resurgence after WWII. Visit Vienna's soaring centerpiece St Stevens Cathedral. **Hofburg Palace** was the winter residence of the Hapsburgs but this can visited on own. Visit the Staatsoper or State Opera House. Stroll up the pedestrian only Graben Street and Karntnerstrasse the main shopping street of Vienna comparable to 5th Avenue in New York.

Day 12: Auf wiedersehen Deutschland. Today you depart on your flight home.

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Return airfare to Frankfurt return from Vienna
- Coach transfers
 - o Frankfurt – airport transfer
 - o 7 days coach tour Frankfurt to Vienna with stops according to itinerary
 - o Vienna – airport transfer
- Assistance upon arrival in Berlin
- 10 nights accommodation with private facilities
- 10 breakfasts
- 5 dinners
- Guided tours
 - o Frankfurt Romerberg
 - o Munich city tour
 - o Salzburg Old Town tour
 - o Vienna Inner City
- Entrances
 - o History Museum
 - o Kaiserdom
 - o Heidelberg Schloss
 - o Dachau Concentration Camp
 - o Neuschwanstein Castle
 - o Mozart's birthplace
 - o Hohensalzburg & the Funicular
 - o Evening concert in Salzburg
 - o Schonbrunn Palace
 - o Vienna Opera House
 - o St Stephens Cathedral Vienna

