



Germany (Group Tour) w/ 4-day optional extension to Switzerland

September 4th – 12th or 16, 2024 (tentative)
9 or 13 Days

Cost: **\$3295** total (based on double occupancy)
+\$995 per person for Switzerland Extension

+\$585 per person for single supplement if you require a private single room (Germany only)

+\$875 per person for single supplement if you require a private single room (Germany w/ Switzerland extension)

Includes: all international flights, nightly 3-star & 4-star accommodations, all ground transportation in Germany and Switzerland, full time travel directors, & all listed admissions & tours. ***Other expenses not included*** are: most meals, checked baggage, optional excursions, and travel insurance.

Travel Insurance available through our affiliate program at World Nomads. More information at <https://percussive.org/insurance>

Signup Deadline: May 4, 2024 - checks made payable to Percussive, LLC – Cash, Venmo (@percussive), & Credit Card also accepted. 3.95% processing fee added to all credit card transactions

DAY 1, Wednesday, September 4 – Fly to Germany

Transfer from Grand Rapids or Chicago O'Hare Airport for our flight to Germany's impressive capital, Berlin! Our flight will include all meals, beverages, and entertainment. If the Chicago option is decided, we will provide roundtrip private shuttle transportation from West Michigan to the Chicago O'Hare Airport.

Overnight: Airplane

DAY 2, Thursday, September 5 – Explore Berlin

Arrive in Berlin this morning. After clearing customs, collecting luggage, and exchanging currency, we will proceed to our private bus that will take us to our centrally located hotel. After settling into our rooms, we will meet our local German tour guide in Altstadt (old town) Berlin. They will take us on an in-depth cultural walking tour of the city. Visit sites such as:

- Checkpoint Charlie
- The Reichstag
- Brandenburg Gate
- Berlin Wall
- Museum Island
- Gendarmenmarkt
- And so much more!

Afterwards, enjoy free time to explore the city and opt for a visit to the Checkpoint Charlie Museum.

Overnight: Berlin

DAY 3, Friday, September 6 – Berlin Botanical Garden

Enjoy a visit to the Berlin Botanical Garden today, which is the 2nd largest botanical garden in the world! The sheer size and lush density of the plant life are astounding. View exotic and endangered plants that thrive in this environment. The garden features 100 acres of gardens, 22,000 plant species, 16 greenhouses, waterfalls, and more!

Afterwards, you will have a free day in Berlin where you can opt for one of our fun optional excursions!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

- **Berlin by Bike**

Cycle through the city at a leisurely pace while we follow our guide to visit iconic landmarks throughout the city on this 3.5-hour bike tour.

- **Icebar Experience**

Ready to visit the coolest bar in Berlin? Literally! This bar celebrates the German arctic expedition of 1868, which inspires the decor. Borrow a down coat and slip on some gloves (provided by the bar) and enjoy cocktails in this frosty winter wonderland. (3 drinks are included).

Overnight: Berlin

DAY 4, Saturday, September 7 – Berlin

Berlin has so much to offer. Enjoy a free day to adventure on your own or opt for one of our recommended optional excursions!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

- **Pergamon Museum Skip-the-Line Tickets**

The Pergamon Museum is the most popular museum in Germany! Our skip-the-line tickets will grant us access to the best museum in Berlin. Enjoy wandering the museum to view antiquities from ancient empires.

- **10 Tastings Food Tour**

Ready to taste the best food in Berlin? Satisfy your cravings for local food and culture with highlights along the way, together with a foodie host. Enjoy 10 delicious and typical tastings that range

from sweet to savory as well as drinks on a tasty food tour in Berlin.

- **Full Day Tour of Potsdam**

Potsdam is considered one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. This city was a sanctuary to Frederick the Great. Our group will travel by train to this picturesque town to view the Sans Souci Palace, cross the Bridge of Spies, learn about the "Potsdam Conference" of WWII, and so much more!

Overnight: Berlin

DAY 5, Sunday, September 8 – Transfer to Munich

Today, voyage by high-speed train southward to the exciting Bavarian city of Munich! Munich is host to several of Europe's largest breweries and tons of great museums. When we arrive, we will transfer to our centrally located hotel and have time to relax and unwind.

Later, join your guide for an introduction tour of the city. We will see iconic sites such as:

- The Marienplatz
- New Town Hall
- Frauenkirche (Cathedral)
- Odeonsplatz
- The Royal Residence Palace and Gardens
- And so much more!

This evening, enjoy exploring Munich on your own.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

- **Classical Concert at the Munich Residenz**

Join us for a classical concert luminated by candlelight at the

Munich Residenz. Listen to masterful music composed by Bach, Vivaldi, Mozart, Haydn, and more!

Overnight: Munich

DAY 6, Monday, September 9 – Nymphenburg Palace

Today, enjoy a visit to the 17th century Nymphenburg Palace; glimmering with intricate baroque interiors and decorated in gold with its vivid murals. Our skip-the-line tickets will grant us access to view the opulent palace and gardens. Spend as much time here as you wish and later enjoy free time back in the city center.

Overnight: Munich

DAY 7, Tuesday, September 10 – Munich Free Day

Today, is a free adventure through the city, relax, or choose one of our cool optional excursions!

- **Bavarian Beer and Food Tour**

Visit the famous Viktualienmarkt Food Market, beer gardens, and local gems on this delicious tour of the city! Come hungry and taste iconic dishes and learn about the time-honored techniques of German beer brewing.

- **Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site Tour**

Dive into the humbling history of the atrocities that happened in WWII. We will travel by train and bus to the memorial site. Next, our skip-the-line tickets will grant us access to site where we will learn about the history as we view the barracks, cells, and crematoriums.

- **Day Tour through Rothenberg and Harburg**

Travel through time on Germany's most picturesque route, the Romantic Road. We will stop at the 11th-century Harburg Castle and continue on to Rothenberg. This village is a beautifully preserved medieval town with cobbled lanes, and half-timbered houses.

Overnight: Munich

DAY 8, Wednesday, September 11 – Full-Day Castle Tour

Today, we will traverse by coach to see the beautiful sights of the Bavarian countryside and explore the castles of Neuschwanstein and Linderhof! Choose to take an interior tour of King Ludwig II's rococo-style castle that has inspired Disney's Sleeping Beauty castle. There will be time to also explore the village of Hohenschwangau before heading to the Linderhof Castle. Feel free to adventure the lavished home and grounds at your own leisure. Afterwards, enjoy a bonus stop in the beautiful city of Oberammergau for shopping and taking pictures before heading back to Munich.

Overnight: Munich

DAY 9, Thursday, September 12 – Fly Home or Transfer to Switzerland

Today, we will say goodbye to the passengers flying home and the rest of us will continue our adventure on to Switzerland by train. Lucerne has been rated as the most beautiful village in all of Switzerland as it's nestled between snow-capped mountains and a pristine lake. We will check-in to our hotel in the afternoon and enjoy a guided walking tour of the highlights of Lucerne.

Our guide will take you through the alleys of Old Town, the famous wooden Chapel Bridge, and the "mournful and moving"

Lion Monument.

Free time afterwards.

Overnight: Lucerne

DAY 10, Friday, September 13 – Explore Lucerne

This morning, tour the magnificent bays of Lake Lucerne aboard an elegant yacht on this 1-hour cruise. Sit back and relax on the main deck or upper deck while your expert captain takes you along Switzerland's most stunning lake, surrounded by majestic mountain peaks, forests and meadows.

Afterwards, have a free day in Lucerne or opt for one of these fun-filled optional excursions!

- **Tandem Paragliding**

Fly through the stunning foothills of the Swiss Alps with your pilot for panoramic views on this thrilling flight. Sit back and relax while your experience pilot navigates you through the air.

- **Swiss Watchmaker Atelier**

View the artistry of making luxury timepieces in this family-owned design house. Learn about the process and skill that goes into creating an authentic Swiss watch.

- **Lucerne E-bike Tour**

Leisurely bike through the valley of Lucerne on an electric bike. Feel the wind in your hair and pedal at your own pace. Scaling this city is no problem aboard an electric bike. Throughout the tour you and your guide will stop at landmarks to take pictures and learn about the village.

Overnight: Lucerne

DAY 11, Saturday, September 14 – Interlaken and Grindelwald

Immerse yourself in the Alpine beauty of Interlaken and Grindelwald on a full-day tour of the majestic mountain region from Lucerne. Take in the enchanting scenery as we travel to Interlaken; a gorgeous resort located at the foot of the Bernese Oberland Alps. Spend some leisurely free time exploring independently. Next, we head to Grindelwald, known as 'Glacier Village' due to its impressive array of glaciers. Choose to ascend the summit of Mount First by cable car to see stunning panoramas of the surrounding sights before returning to Lucerne.

Overnight: Lucerne

DAY 12, Sunday, September 15 – Transfer to Zurich

Today, we will take the train to the famous city of Zurich! This is a colorful, eclectic place where the Limmat River carves through the scenic city to the northern shores of Lake Zurich with views of the Swiss Alps in the distance.

After we check-in to our hotel, there is free time to explore the city.

Overnight: Zurich

DAY 13, Monday, September 16 – Fly Home

Transfer to the airport in Zurich for your flight back to the USA

***Percussive Tours reserves the right to modify this itinerary if certain activities become unavailable**