



GERMANY : BERLIN TO BAVARIA - A LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2024)

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Europe, Germany



10 days from AU\$16,145 pp



18 Guests

Journey Overview

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Journey Highlights

- Meet with a local artist in Berlin who lived in the shadow of the Berlin Wall and learn the significance of the mural display at the East Side Gallery
- Discover the production secrets of Europe's oldest porcelain maker on a guided visit that includes a private recital on their historic porcelain organ
- Explore privately owned Proschwitz Castle and taste wines in the castle's vineyards on an A&K-exclusive experience
- Step into Boros Bunker, a former World War II air-raid shelter, for a privately guided look at its impressive contemporary art collection
- Savour the authentic taste of Munich's beer culture on a foodie tour, a brewery visit and dinner in a lively beer hall



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Berlin, Germany

Arrive in Berlin, the capital of Germany, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. This evening, gather for cocktails followed by a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

Hotel de Rome | Meals: D

Day 2: Berlin | History & Art of a Vibrant City

Discover historic Berlin, starting with a visit to the Reichstag Building, viewing panoramas of the city from its large glass dome. Stroll through Potsdamer Platz and stop at Checkpoint Charlie, a former border crossing between East and West Berlin. After lunch, step into the Boros Bunker for a privately guided viewing of the contemporary art collection housed in this former World War II air-raid shelter. Finish with a Scenic Sundowner overlooking the city, before dinner.

Hotel de Rome | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Berlin | Stories of the Berlin Wall

Today, meet a local artist to learn about the history of the Berlin Wall at the iconic East Side Gallery, a series of murals painted on the longest section of wall still standing. Continue to a privately guided tour of the Stasi Museum to discover how East Germany's secret police exerted control over every aspect of society. Round out your experience with a complimentary pass to a range of other museums.

Hotel de Rome | Meals: B

Day 4: Meissen | Exclusive Castle Visit & Wine Tasting

Delve into the world of exquisite Meissen porcelain on a guided visit to the manufacturer's workshop that includes lunch and a private organ recital on their famous porcelain organ. Afterwards, drive to Proschwitz Castle for a guided walk of this medieval manor, exclusively opened for A&K guests, and savour a wine tasting in the castle's vineyards. Continue to Dresden, where you check in to your hotel before dinner.

Gewandhaus Dresden | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Dresden | Splendours of a City Reborn

Uncover the splendour of Dresden on a guided walk, starting with the Zwinger Complex, a historic Baroque-style palace built in 1728 for the Dresden Court. Visit the Dresden Frauenkirche, and then explore the New Green Vault, a museum in the Dresden Castle containing Europe's largest treasure collection. Eat lunch at the renowned Pfunds Dairy, followed by time at leisure to explore the city your way.

Gewandhaus Dresden | Meals: BL

Day 6: Leipzig | Musical Giant of Baroque

Depart for Munich, stopping en route in Leipzig for a guided walk revealing St. Thomas's Church, where the legendary composer Johann Sebastian Bach worked as music director for 27 years. Enjoy some time to explore on your own, and then Ride Like a Local by high-speed train to Munich. Arrive at your luxury hotel with time to relax before dinner.

The Charles Hotel | Meals: BD

Day 7: Munich | The Best of Bavarian Cuisine

This morning, set out on a walking excursion to see why the city is a global centre of art, culture and architecture. Stroll through Marienplatz in the heart of Munich's Old Town and watch the famous Rathaus-Glockenspiel as it displays its stories of 16th-century Bavarian culture. Marvel at the Frauenkirche cathedral's twin onion-style domes, and then, at lunchtime, set out for an extensive foodie tour to indulge in the best tastes of the region, such as *schmalznudel* (a Bavarian-style doughnut), sausages, local cheeses and beers. Later, on a Chef's Table experience, delight in a brewery visit and eat dinner in a traditional beer hall.

The Charles Hotel | Meals: BD

Day 8: Munich | Alpine Adventure with a Fairy-Tale Castle

Discover the fairy-tale landscape of southern Bavaria, exploring "Mad" King Ludwig's iconic Neuschwanstein Castle. Continue to the Alpine village of Oberammergau, strolling its charming streets to see the detailed, storytelling murals on its buildings. Return to Munich for an evening at your leisure.

The Charles Hotel | Meals: BL

Day 9: Munich | Design Your Day

Today, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities.

- **Discover the Dachau Memorial** on a guided visit, and explore history at the Documentation Centre.
- **Experience Munich by Bike**, cycling with a local guide who expertly reveals the fascinating sights and cultures of the bustling Bavarian capital.
- **Explore the Deutsches Museum with a Guide**, taking in its extensive collections devoted to science and technology.

Tonight, celebrate at a farewell dinner, toasting your journey through Germany.

The Charles Hotel | Meals: BD

Day 10: Depart Munich

After breakfast, you are transferred to the airport for your departing flight.

Meals: B

Journey Details

This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:00 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 9.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Included with every Luxury Small Group Journey

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy Luggage Handling
- Breakfast in Bed on Select Days
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Your Choice of Activity on Design Your Day
- Traveller's Valet Laundry Service
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

Customise this Journey

Talk to one of our expert Journey Designers or your travel agent about booking this tour as a private journey for your own small group with family or friends. Or, if you would prefer to travel privately, find out more about creating the perfect bespoke Tailor-Made Journey based on this itinerary.

Map



Accommodation

Hotel de Rome, Berlin



Sitting on one of the most important squares in former East Berlin, Hotel de Rome was originally built in 1889 as the headquarters of the Dresdner Bank. Its former life has led to the creation of contemporary 108 rooms in creams, blues and reds plus 37 suites – some with balcony or terrace. Rooms afford views of the peaceful courtyard, St. Hedwig's Cathedral, the Französische Strasse or the historic Bebelplatz.

La Banca serves Italian cuisine in the heart of Berlin and the Opera Court has the best English afternoon tea in the city during the winter. The luxurious Spa de Rome was once a vault where jewels and gold were stored; today the 20 metre pool, steam room, sauna and gym are perfect for relaxing after a busy day's sightseeing. In the summer months you can enjoy yoga on the rooftop terrace to start your day in a haven of calm.

Why we like it

- Former headquarters of Dresdner Bank restored to a classic hotel
- Located in the heart of Berlin's Mitte neighbourhood
- 108 spacious rooms and 37 suites individually designed by Olga Polizzi
- Enjoy refined Italian dining at La Banca restaurant
- Luxurious Spa de Rome located in the old vaults

Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

Aug 13, 2024 - Aug 22, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$16,145 pp	AU\$5,070	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Aug 27, 2024 - Sep 5, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
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Sep 3, 2024 - Sep 12, 2024

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Sep 7, 2024 - Sep 16, 2024

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Oct 8, 2024 - Oct 17, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
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Oct 15, 2024 - Oct 24, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
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