

# **MUNICH & PRAGUE**

## Day 1: Fly to Munich

Meet your group and travel on an overnight flight to Munich.

## Day 2: Munich

Arrive in Munich: Welcome to Munich, known as the cosmopolitan city with a heart. Once you settle in, stroll through the center of Munich, where medieval trade routes once intersected. Explore the city on your own and then visit the famous Hofbräuhaus, once the royal brewery of the Kingdom of Bavaria.

#### Day 3: Munich

Sightseeing tour of Munich: Your sightseeing tour will take you past the Olympic Stadium, Marienplatz, the fashionable Schwabing district and the Residenz, former home of the Wittelsbach dukes of Bavaria.

**Dachau:** Take time to reflect at Dachau, a WWII Nazi concentration camp built in 1935. In 1945, the Allies liberated the camp. Today, Dachau serves as a memorial museum.

## Day 4: Munich

Free time in Munich: Today, enjoy free time to explore on your own or simply relax.

O Neuschwanstein Castle: Choose to join an optional trip to this Bavarian wonder. The castle may look familiar—it's the inspiration for Disneyland's iconic Sleeping Beauty Castle. Commissioned by "Mad" King Ludwig, the original plans were drawn up by a theater set designer.

## Day 5: Munich | Nuremberg | Prague

Sightseeing tour of Nuremberg: On your way to Prague, stop in Nuremburg and explore the second-largest city in Bavaria, the site of the Nazi war-crime tribunals. Your Tour Director will show you architecture built up from the stone foundations bombed by the Allies during the war.

Travel to Prague: A city whose renowned architecture earned it the nickname the "City of a Hundred Spires." After you settle in, whet your appetite over a delicious dinner in town.

## Day 6: Prague

Sightseeing tour of Prague: Encounter the legendary beauty of the City of One Hundred Spires. Located on the Vltava River, Prague gracefully balances the classical features of old Europe with a lively, Bohemian spirit. Make your way down the iconic Golden Lane and step inside the magnificent St. Vitus Cathedral in the courtyard of Prague Castle. Cross the Charles Bridge and walk through Market Square, best known for its 15th century astronomical clock.

Lecture on the Velvet Revolution: Today's speaker will delve into life during the Velvet Revolution, which resulted in the non-violent end to the communist rule in the former Czechoslovakia.

● Jazz on the River Cruise: Opt to join an evening of jazz as you cruise down the Vitava River and admire Prague at night.

## Day 7: Prague

Free time in Prague: Navigate medieval bridges and cobblestone alleyways as you take Prague at your own pace. You might choose to visit Vyšehrad Castle, believed to be the site of the first permanent settlement in the area. After a hearty lunch of traditional Czech food, tour one of Prague's renowned breweries. The Czech Republic has one of the longest brewing histories in the world.

#### Day 8: Depart for home

Transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

#### **© 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION**

## Days 8-9: Dresden | Berlin

**Travel to Berlin via Dresden:** On your way to Berlin, explore the city of Dresden on foot. Trace the history of the Saxon capital and gain insight into the effects of the devastating fire bombing of World War II and the city's subsequent reconstruction. Enjoy some free time for lunch, or head over to the magnificent Zwinger Palace and Museum.

Arrive in Berlin: Welcome to Berlin, capital city of Germany. Poised at the cutting edge of European culture, this German capital has been transformed since the Berlin Wall fell in 1989.

**Sightseeing tour:** On your guided tour, see the Brandenburg Gate, the former entrance to the city and an enduring symbol of Berlin. Stop for a photo at Checkpoint Charlie, then visit the Topography of Terror Museum.

## Day 10: Depart for home

Transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

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