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Wurzburg



German Wine Tour

August 2 - 11, 2024

Early Bird Special
\$150 off registrations
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Mainz

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The Residenz of Wurzburg

Day 1: Friday, August 2, 2024 • Departure

We're off to Germany on our flights headed to Frankfurt International Airport. **(Inflight meals)**

Day 2: Saturday, August 3, 2024 • Mainz

After clearing customs and immigration we meet our driver and guide and are driven a short distance to the charming, half-timbered town of Mainz. We have a light lunch, then are joined by a local guide for a walking tour of the downtown attractions. We see Markt Square, the cathedral and other churches, Altstadt (old town) and hear the history of the region. Book lovers delight in the fact that there are two(!) Gutenberg Bibles at the museum. We check into our hotel to freshen up and then enjoy a group dinner complemented by local wine. **(L, D)**

Day 3: Sunday, August 4, 2024 • Mainz

After breakfast at the hotel, we embark on a tasting tour of the wine region surrounding Mainz. We start with a guided tour of Wurzburg on the Main River. We visit the Residence, a royal palace that highlights Baroque and French style architectures. We also tour the Ratzkeller and Old Main Bridge in Old Town. We have some free time on our own before continuing our tour to Iphofen, where a rare complete medieval wall surrounds the historic center of the town. We have a cellar tour, tasting and lunch at Has Wirsching, a winery that dates to 1630. Next, we visit Julius-Echterberg for a vineyard tour and short hike. We



Iphofen



Deidesheim

are back in Mainz for dinner on our own. **(B, L)**

Day 4: Monday, August 5, 2024 • Deidesheim

Today we check out of the hotel and travel to Deidesheim. We have a visit and tasting at Von Buhl Vineyards before a group lunch in Deidesheim. Off the beaten track for most of us, this cute little town is a favorite for heads of state and other VIP's visiting "Wine Road" in the region. We have time to explore on our own – strolling the backroads, visiting the former castle grounds, or enjoying the history at the Museum of Wine Culture. Dinner is on our own. **(B, L)**

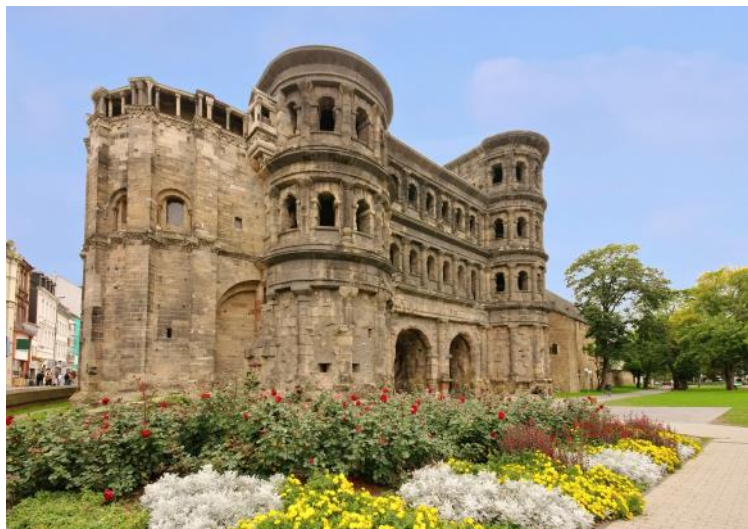
Day 5: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 • Deidesheim

It's a leisurely start to the day, so feel free to linger over breakfast at the hotel. We travel to Becker, where we have a group lunch. Then, we are off to the award winning Pffefferingen Estates for a wine tasting. We follow that with a guided tour of Wein Strasse (the 80 km long "Wine Street") and dinner at Weinstude Bach Meyer. We return to our hotel for a restful evening. **(B, L, D)**

Day 6: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 • Urzig

We check out of the hotel after breakfast and enjoy a scenic drive to the Mosel region, passing lovely scenery, hill top castles, majestic ruins and bucolic farms. We stop for lunch on our own and then a winetasting at Monchhof Winery. We continue to Urzig for an overnight and dinner





at the hotel. (B,D)

Day 7: Thursday, August 8, 2024 • Urzig

Who is ready for an early morning hike? Those who wish to join us hike at Bremmer Calmont, THE steepest vineyard in Europe. We promise the views are worth the effort. Later, we visit Karthäuserhof, the oldest wine estate in the area and enjoy a picnic lunch. Later, we have free time to explore Trier and then return our hotel in Urzig. (B, L)

Day 8: Friday, August 9, 2024 • Wiesbaden

Today we take a day trip to Rudesheim am Rhein, a region first settled by the Celts and later a Roman outpost. We take the gondola to the Niederwal Monument, which symbolizes the foundation of the German empire following the Franco-Prussian War. It's also a great vantage point to observe the wine estates covering the region. We have lunch at the impressive Breuer Rudesheimer Schloss. We continue to Wiesbaden to check into our hotel, then head to the Wiesbaden Wine Festival for dinner on our own. (B, L)

Day 9: Saturday, August 10, 2024 • Wiesbaden

We have an extended tour with the delightful staff of Schloss Johannisberg this morning. Later, we return to Wiesbaden for more time on our own to explore the Wine Festival. We have dinner this evening to commemorate the end of the tour and review highlights of the week. (B, D)

Day 10: Sunday, August 11, 2024 • Wiesbaden

We bid "auf wiedersehen" to Germany, as we return to Frankfurt Airport for our return flights. Hopefully there will be some great bottles in our luggage which will invoke fond memories of our German Wine escape. (B)

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner



To register:

<https://ed-ventures.grcoll.co/go/gai224>

TOUR COST: \$5,949* per person

Includes estimated air from Minneapolis

*Price is based on a minimum of 15 paying participants, double occupancy

Single supplement = \$825

Your Tour Includes:

- Estimated **Roundtrip airfare** from Minneapolis to Frankfurt, related taxes and fees (\$1,750)
- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in superior tourist and moderate first-class hotels
- **Meals per the itinerary**
- Services of a **professional tour manager**
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- Luggage strap, luggage tags and trip journal
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services except as noted below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuities** for tour manager and coach driver
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. *(This insurance is available and offered by Ed-Ventures.)*

Payment Schedule:

Deposit with registration: \$500 per person

Final payment due May 4, 2024: Balance per person

Invoices will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

Currency:

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Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 120 days before departure a \$100/person administrative fee plus any airfare & land penalties will be assessed. From 119-31 days, a \$300/person cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling 30 days or less prior to departure will receive no refund.

Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.

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