





# Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience Germany's delightful wine country.

Gain an insider's perspective with Casey Horn from the Germanic-American Institute, and Amy Waller from The German Wine Collection!

Our journey begins in Rüdesheim am Rhein with colorful fireworks displays during the Rhein in Flammen (Rhine in Flames) festival. Then delve into Germany's long viticulture tradition, which began more than 2,000 years ago on the banks of the Moselle River. In addition to several vineyard and winery tours, our itinerary includes historic cities and quaint villages, optional hikes among the vineyards, a boat cruise on the Moselle, and time to soak up the relaxed feel of Germany in the summertime.

Zum Wohl!

#### **Tour Cost**

\$5,795 per person from Minneapolis-St. Paul, based on double occupancy

Early registration is encouraged!

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or complete and return the printed registration form.

## Hosted by Casey Horn & Amy Waller

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#### **Inclusions:**

- **Roundtrip flights** from Minneapolis-St. Paul to Frankfurt, including all taxes and fees.
- Land transportation for the complete itinerary by deluxe, air-conditioned motorcoach.
- Accommodations in first-class hotels for nine nights, based on double occupancy.
- Breakfast daily, four lunches, and six dinners.
- Experienced driver/guide to accompany the group throughout, with local guides at key sites.
- Winery tours & tastings and sightseeing fees as outlined in the itinerary.
- Tipping & taxes for all services, including tour personnel gratuities.

#### **JULY 2025**

## Thursday, July 3 **Departure**

The day of departure has arrived! Meet at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport to check in for the flight to Frankfurt. Our adventure is beginning! (D-in flight)

#### Friday, July 4 Arrive Frankfurt > Rüdesheim

Guten Morgen, and welcome to Germany! Touch down at the Frankfurt International Airport for customs formalities and baggage claim. Then, board the waiting motorcoach and travel to the lovely city of Rüdesheim am Rhein, located in the Rhine Gorge. Have time for an independent lunch and then take a walking tour of the city that includes the delightful Drosselgasse with its cobblestone streets and half-timbered buildings. Later, we check in at our hotel for a two-night stay and enjoy a welcome dinner. (B-in flight, D)

#### Saturday, July 5 Rüdesheim

After our first hearty German breakfast, we're ready to do some exploring! Take a cable car ride for scenic views of the town, Rhine River, and vineyards, along with an option to stroll through the vineyards or hike. The afternoon and evening are free to experience the Rhein in Flammen (Rhine in Flames) festival, which includes colorful fireworks displays along the river. (B)

#### Sunday, July 6 Geisenheim > Zeltingen-Rachtig

Today we head to the nearby Schloss Johannisberg in Geisenheim, where wine has been cultivated for 1200 years, and Riesling exclusively since 1720. Following a tour, tasting, and lunch, we drive to our hotel in Zeltingen-Rachtig. Check in for a three-night stay and relax over dinner. (B, L, D)

- Rüdesheim am Rhein
- 2 Schloss Johannisberg, Geisenheim
- Mönchhof Estate, Ürzig with the famous Ürziger Würzgarten vineyard in the background Image courtesy Amy Waller

Cover: Rüdesheim am Rhein



#### Monday, July 7 Ürzig > Bernkastel-Kues > Zeltingen-Rachitg

This morning, enjoy a tasting at Weingut Mönchhof in Ürzig, which dates to 1177 and is known for its unique Rieslings, followed by a vineyard tour of Ürziger Würzgarten. After time for an independent lunch, take an afternoon cruise on the Moselle River from Bernkastel-Kues. A group dinner caps off our delightful day. (B, D)

# Tuesday, July 8 Trier > Zeltingen-Rachtig

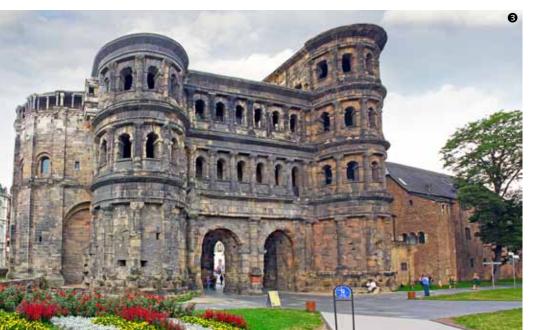
An optional, early morning, two-hour hike will be offered in the world's steepest vineyard, Bremmer Calmont; or have a leisurely morning to sleep in and relax over breakfast. Then we head to Weingut Karthäuserhof in Trier, Germany's oldest city, for a wine tasting and picnic lunch. Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring Trier's historic Old Town. Once an ancient Roman capital, the remains of the amphitheater, baths, and Porta Nigra (city gate) can still be seen. Following an independent dinner in Trier, return to Zeltingen-Rachtig for the night. (B, L)

### Wednesday, July 9 Siefersheim > Bad Dürkheim

Today we will visit Weingut Wagner-Stempel in Siefersheim, located in the Rheinhessen region, for a tasting. Have lunch in the vineyard or at a nearby restaurant before continuing to Bad Dürkheim, a spa town surrounded by vineyards. Here we check in for a two-night stay and a group dinner. (B, L, D)

#### Thursday, July 10 Schweigen-Rechtenbach > Bad Dürkheim

This morning's drive takes us to Schweigen-Rechtenbach, which marks the southern start of the German Wine Route, for a tasting at Weingut Friedrich Becker. Have some free time for an independent lunch along the town's Weinstraße before continuing to Weingut Pfeffingen in Bad Dürkheim. Here we enjoy a tasting, followed by dinner nearby. (B, D)



- Bernkastel-Kues
- Marienberg Fortress, Würzburg
- Porta Nigra, Trier
- The historic Karthäuserhof estate, Trier Image courtesy Amy Waller



### Friday, July 11 Deidesheim > Mainz

Today we head to Weingut Reichsrat von Buhl in Deidesheim, founded in 1849, for a tasting and possible vineyard tour. This afternoon, we will either travel to Landau for the Lander Sommer Wine Festival, or to Mainz to take a walking tour of city. Our evening is free to choose from one of Mainz's many restaurants for an independent dinner. (B)

#### Saturday, July 12 Würzburg > Iphofen > Mainz

An excursion to the charming town of Würzburg awaits us. Upon arrival, take a guided tour of Marienberg Fortress that overlooks the Main River and have lunch at a restaurant. Then head to the Hans Wirsching Wine Estate in Iphofen, one of Germany's largest privately held wine estates, where we enjoy a vineyard tour and tasting. A farewell dinner at a restaurant will cap off our winery tour. (B, L, D)

### Sunday, July 13 Return

Bid *auf Wiedersehen* to Germany as we transfer to Frankfurt Airport to check in for the return flight to Minneapolis-St. Paul. (B, L-in flight)



**ACTIVE** – Activity levels vary from day to day. Sightseeing is often a brisk walk over distances of several miles on cobblestone streets, vineyards and uneven ground.



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The cost of your tour includes:

Air transportation roundtrip from Minneapolis-St. Paul to Frankfurt with any regularly scheduled air carrier, based on a nonrefundable/nonchangeable fare, which requires a minimum of 10 passengers traveling round trip together. The identity of the carrier, which may include the carrier's code-share partner, will be assigned and disclosed in your final documents. Tickets are issued 45 days prior to departure. All current airlines taxes, security fees and fuel surcharges are included. Note that these items cannot be guaranteed until tickets are issued.

Secure flight information. The requirement to collect date of birth, gender, and full name are federally mandated by the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Secure Flight Program. While disclosure of this information is voluntary, if it is not provided, participants may be denied boarding. TSA's privacy policy, as well as additional details, can be found at tsa.gov using the keywords Secure Flight. Witte takes all reasonable steps to safeguard the privacy of all information collected from its clients.

Frequent flyer points are not guaranteed in connection with group airfares. Some airlines may limit group airfare credits to 25% to 50% of the frequent flyer points that apply to individuals while others do not offer any credits for group airfares.

Hazardous Materials. Federal law forbids the carriage of hazardous materials aboard aircraft in your luggage or on your person. A violation can result in five years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more (49 U.S.C. 5124). Hazardous materials include explosives, compressed gases, flammable liquids and solids, oxidizers, poisons, corrosives and radioactive materials. For more information, examples and special exceptions, visit: http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items.

**Land transportation.** A deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach is used for transfers, excursions, and travel between cities. Because motorcoach travel is restricted in many European cities, sightseeing is often done on foot or via public transportation.

Accommodations in moderate first-class to standard first-class hotels based on two people sharing a room with private facilities. When hotels in these categories are not available, top-quality superior tourist-class properties are selected. The supplement for single accommodations is \$675. If you register alone but want a roommate, we will do our best to assign one. Shared accommodation bed configurations vary by destination, and separate twin beds cannot be guaranteed at all hotels. If a single room must be assigned to any member of the group for any reason, even if it is at the last minute or while on tour, we will need to charge the single supplement. Changes in rooming arrangements requested by the participant 45 or fewer days prior to departure may result in additional charges.

Meals. Breakfast daily and dinners as indicated in the itinerary. Dinners include wine.

**Tour Personnel.** A multi-lingual driver/guide to accompany the group from arrival in Frankfurt until departure. The driver/guide may be assisted by local guides at key sites.

Sightseeing and admission fees in accordance with the itinerary.

Schedule of Coverages

Tipping and taxes are included for all services, including the tip for the driver/guide.

**The tour cost does not include** passports, airline luggage fees if charged, porterage of luggage, optional travel protection plan including luggage and trip cancellation coverage, optional excursions, independent meals, and any other items not mentioned as included.

Insecticide Disclosure. Some countries require that aircraft be treated with insecticides prior to flight or while occupied. For a list of the countries with insecticide requirements, go to http://airconsumer.dot.gov/spray.htm.

Optional travel protection. Witte recommends that you purchase a travel protection plan. For your convenience, Witte Travel offers a travel protection plan designed by Travelex Insurance Services. This travel protection can be purchased at any time prior to making the final payment for your tour. To be eligible for the waiver of pre-existing medical condition exclusion, the protection plan must be purchased within 21 days from the time you make your initial trip deposit, provided you are medically fit to travel at the time of purchase. The pre-existing medical exclusion applies to you, your traveling companions(s), and traveling family member(s). For all traveling companions to benefit from the pre-existing condition waiver, each must enroll in travel protection within 21 days of initial deposit and meet qualifications for the pre-existing condition waiver. The plan cost for the travel protection plan that applies to your tour will be noted in your brochure and on the registration form. It may be necessary to increase the trip cost insured on the travel protection plan if you purchase additional services and/or upgrade any arrangements. This could increase the plan cost of the travel protection plan. This travel protection plan is refundable during the 21-day (30 day for IN, NH, and UT residents) review period following the purchase of the plan; as long as you have not departed on your trip or plan to file a claim.

Maximum Coverage Amount

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	(up to the limits shown below)
Trip Cancellation	100% of Insured Trip Cost
Trip Interruption	
Trip Interruption - Return Air Only**	
Travel Delay (6 hours)	\$750 (\$150/day)
Missed Connection Air & Cruise Only (3 hours)	
Baggage & Personal Effects	
Baggage Delay (12 hours)	
Sporting Equipment Delay (8 hours)	\$ 600
Emergency Medical Expense***	
Emergency Dental Expense***	
Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation	\$250,000
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	
Exposure & Disappearance	\$25,000
24 Hour Travel Assistance*	Included
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<sup>\*</sup>Travel Assistance Services are provided by the designated provider listed in the Policy.

\*\*Trip Interruption and Trip Interruption - Return Air Only cannot be combined for residents of CT, IN, KS, MO, MT, VT, & WA.

\*\*\*The following states have a \$50 deductible: CT, IN, KS, MO, MT, VT, WA

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Documentation: Passports, Visas, and Travel Consent for Minors. All U.S. citizens are required to have a valid passport book to travel internationally. If you already have a passport book, check its expiration date now since the country visited on this tour requires passports to be valid for at least three months beyond the traveler's intended return date. If your passport is due to expire earlier, you will need to obtain a new one. If you do not have a passport book or need a new one, apply as soon as possible as processing times can take months. If you plan to visit other countries on your own, contact Witte for any special requirements. All non-U.S. citizens should contact Witte for their special requirements. We will check the requirements for non-U.S. citizens at the time they register and again approximately 45 days prior to departure. Witte is not responsible for any changes in requirements for non-U.S. citizens that occur after our final check.

When travelling domestically or internationally, the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) advise that everyone carry at least two forms of acceptable identification in order to board a flight found http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/acceptable-ids. Examples: DHS-designated enhanced driver's license, U.S. Passport, a foreign government passport. The name, date of birth and gender that appears on the identification card must exactly match the same data listed on airline ticket(s) and booking records

Minor children traveling internationally without both parents are strongly encouraged to carry a notarized note signed by both parents stating that they have permission to travel without one or both of them. It has become increasingly necessary to possess such a note, and will save time if questions arise departing from the U.S. or to exit a foreign country. In order to download a sample minor consent form go to: https://www.us-passport-service-guide.com/minor-travel-consent-form.htmlThe sample form is a guide only. Parents who share custody of their children should carry copies of the legal custody documents. Important note: Parents are responsible to contact the embassy of the country or countries the minor child will be visiting to confirm all travel entry and exit requirements, which may include obtaining additional notarized documentation.

HEALTH DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS. You are responsible to make absolutely certain to have the proper immunizations and required documentation of such immunizations before travel. Witte shall not assume responsibility for the accuracy of health requirements or vaccination documentation prior to departure or upon landing at the final destination. See your health practitioner for advice. Prior to travel, required inoculations, if any, must be recorded by your health practitioner on a valid vaccination certificate, and you must carry for proof of inoculation where required. If you are concerned about taking any medications or receiving certain inoculations, and adequate timing of such inoculations relative to your travel booking, consult your health practitioner BEFORE booking. Check the U.S. State Department websites http://travel.state.gov for relevant information relating to travel to specific destinations, the USA Centers for Disease Control http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list/ and the World Health Organization http://www.who.int/en/ relating to health issues.

**Luggage allowance.** You may take one suitcase with a maximum size of 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) and weight of 50 lbs. You may also carry a purse, a camera and one piece of hand luggage with a maximum size of 45 linear inches and weight of 15 lbs. These size and weight restrictions conform to most airlines' requirements. Hand luggage does not fit in the overhead bins on the motorcoach. There may be room for it in the storage compartment under the coach or by an empty seat on board. If not, it will need to be placed on the floor in front of your feet.

Tour cost. The tour cost is based on a group of 20 passengers and current tariffs for air and land arrangements.

Please note that these travel arrangements are subject to possible price increases due to additional charges imposed by a supplier or government. You may be charged additional sums by Witte to offset increased fees, fuel surcharges, taxes, fluctuations in foreign exchange markets, and/or changes in group size. Before passing on an increase, Witte will use its best efforts to minimize the amount. If it is necessary to increase the tour cost, participants will be advised at final billing and provided with a summary of the contributing factors. Your signature on the registration form indicates consent to any post-purchase price increases.

Reservations and payments. To make reservations on this tour, complete the Registration Form and return it as indicated. Reservations cannot be accepted over the telephone. Payments are due as follows:

Deposit of \$550 per person with Registration Form. Early registration is encouraged!

Payment of \$1,600 per person by February 15, 2025.

Payment of \$1,600 per person by April 15, 2025.

Balance due on receipt of final invoice sent approximately 30 days prior to departure

If you are registering for the tour after one of the above payment dates, increase your deposit amount accordingly so your account will be up to date. Please note that checks returned due to insufficient funds are subject to a \$30 service fee.

Credit card payments. Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express credit cards are accepted for the deposit. The deposit charge is processed shortly after receipt of your registration form.

Cancellations and refunds. Witte must receive notice of cancellation in writing. Penalties are per person and will be based on the date of receipt, as follows:

More than 90 days before departure	.\$300
Between 90 and 46 days before departure	.\$600
Between 45 and 31 days before departure	2,760
30 or fewer days before departure No.	refund

The service fee noted under "Special Flight Arrangements" and the nonrefundable portion of any special arrangements, or any other non-refundable arrangements made on behalf of the canceling participant, are also added to the above penalties. Allow four to six weeks for processing of refunds. Note that payments made by check are refunded by check to the person or organization that made the payments, and payments charged to a credit card are credited back to the same credit card.

Membership/Passenger's Responsibility. You acknowledge Witte is responsible for a comfortable and respectful atmosphere that protects the health of all travelers, creating a positive tour experience. This requires commitment from every individual on the tour to assume personal responsibility for protecting their own health and wellbeing, as well as the health and wellbeing of other travelers and tour personnel. You pledge to follow local and state laws as well as tour and sightseeing requirements related to any community health concern. If you refuse to comply with these rules of conduct, you understand that Witte Travel & Tours reserves the right to remove you from the trip and you are responsible for any associated expenses. Witte reserves the right to accept or reject any person as a member of the tour and to expel from the tour any participant whose conduct or condition is incompatible with the interest of the group.

Land-only participants. If you wish to make your own flight arrangements, contact Witte for the landonly cost at least 90 days prior to departure. Participants who make their own flight arrangements are strongly encouraged to coordinate their flight schedules with the group's flight schedule and to use the same airports. The group's airport transfers on the arrival and return days will be timed to the group's flight schedule. Land-only participants may need to arrange for their own airport transfers. Contact Witte for information and costs on options for private transfers. Witte cannot be responsible for any inconveniences to land-only participants resulting from changes in the group's flight schedule. Participants who change their status to land-only less than 90 days prior to departure may be subject to penalties imposed by the airlines.

**Domestic flight connections.** Note on your registration form if you would like to fly to and from the international departure city. You will be contacted with schedule options and costs. Witte must receive requests for connecting flights at least 45 days prior to departure.

Special flight arrangements. Note on your registration form if you would like to extend your stay and/ or depart from and/or return to another city. The number of passengers who can deviate from the group's flight schedule is restricted. You will be contacted to let you know if the arrangements you requested are possible and to advise you of schedule options and costs. Upon confirmation of your special arrangements, a nonrefundable service fee of \$75 per person will be added to your account along with any additional air or land costs that may apply. In the event of cancellation, the service fee and any nonrefundable portion of special air or land arrangements made for you will be added to the penalties noted under "Cancellations and Refunds." Witte must receive requests for special flight arrangements at least 45 days prior to departure.

Special meal requests and food allergies. Note special meal requests and food allergies on your registration form. Witte cannot be responsible if special requests are not met but we will pass them on to the airlines, hotels and restaurants. If you have dietary restrictions or food allergies, be sure to carry your medications with you at all times. Also, discuss your special needs with your tour personnel and ask the wait staff about the foods you are served.

Mobility Concerns. Sightseeing on Witte tours almost always includes walking. Visits to historical places often mean climbing stairs and walking on uneven surfaces or cobblestones. The Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") is only applicable within the U.S., and facilities for disabled individuals are limited outside its borders. A qualified and physically able companion must accompany travelers who need such assistance. Motorized scooters and wheelchairs are unsuitable for many trips. Transportation services, including many tour motor coaches, are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. Handicap accessibility is not always available. Witte tour personnel are not able to provide attendant services.

Consult your physician if you have any concerns about your ability to participate.

**Time away from the tour.** Advise Witte in writing at least 45 days before departure if you plan to spend some time away from the tour. Wherever possible, you will be credited for missed hotel nights.

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Witte shall not be deemed to be in breach of these terms and conditions or otherwise be liable to you, by reason of delay in performance, or by non-performance, of any of its obligations hereunder to the extent that any such delay or non-performance is due to any Force Majeure.

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Majeure shall remain in its sole and absolute discretion, although Witte shall use its reasonable efforts to reimburse you where possible. However, Witte shall be entitled to deduct from any refund recoverable the reasonable actual and potential costs to Witte of the Force Majeure and applicable cancellation fees.

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In case of insufficient participation, geopolitical, or natural cause, or other circumstances beyond its control to the extent travel services cannot be provided wholly or partially. Witte may cancel the tour, in such cases, Witte will use its best efforts to supply alternative services and accommodations, and no refunds will be granted provided that the alternatives are comparable to the original services and accommodations included in the tour cost. In the event of cancellation of the tour by Witte, its liability will be limited to a refund in full of all monies paid by the participants. If available, Witte will offer an alternative trip, which the participants may accept or reject.

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In recognition of the inherent risk of travel and related activities in which you are intending to engage, you confirm that you are physically and mentally capable of participating in the travel booked and that you willingly and voluntarily assume full responsibility for any injury, loss, or damage suffered by you or caused by you. By registering for any related travel activities, you certify that you do not have any mental, physical, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for yourself or other participants.

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