

GERMANY & AUSTRIA

Lecture by Rick Steves

GERMANY

Rhine and Mosel River Country

Mosel River: Beilstein, Cochem = nice towns

Burg Eltz: Favorite castle

Cochem castle

Mosel and Rhine wine

Koblenz: German Corner, confluence of Rhine-Mosel

Rhine cruise: St. Goar to Bacharach = best one-hour cruise, tour Rheinfels castle, Loreley, Pfalz castle, sleep in Bacharach youth hostel castle

Köln cathedral: Next to station

West: 65,000,000 people, in area size of Oregon

United Germany: 80,000,000, in area size of Montana

See a rebuilt modern city like Frankfurt

Black Forest (Schwarzwald): Freiburg, Staufen

Baden-Baden: Spa, casino

Bavaria and Southern Germany

Würzburg: Prince-bishop's Residenz palace

Romantic Road

Rothenburg: Nightwatchman

Dinkelsbühl

Bamberg: Second-rate Rothenburg

Munich: Capital of Bavaria, Marienplatz, Residenz, BMW Museum, Nymphenburg Palace, English Garden, Oktoberfest (starts third Saturday in September, lasts 16 days)

Near Munich: Dachau concentration camp

Bavarian Alps, Zugspitze

Oberammergau: Passion Play (2020) and carvings

Wies Church: Rococo at its best, newly restored

Neuschwanstein: "Mad" King Ludwig's most dramatic castle

Ludwig's other Bavarian castle: Cozy Linderhof (near Oberammergau)

Reutte: Ruined Ehrenberg castles, good Austrian base for Ludwig's castles



Luge: Summer bobsled rides, best near Reutte, others at Chamonix and near Salzburg

Hamburg

Martin Luther sights: Erfurt, Wittenberg, Wartburg Castle. 2017 is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Leipzig

Dresden: Rebuilt Frauenkirche

Berlin

Potsdam Platz

Reichstag: Modern glass dome

Memorials: To the murdered Jews, Kathe Kolwitz

Museum Island, Pergamon, Nefertiti in Egyptian Collection

Spree River, boat tours

Nazi and Communist sights: The Wall, Checkpoint Charlie

Prenzlauer Berg: The "new home base," the former East

"Ost-algia" for communist times

Kurfurstendam (aka Ku'dam)

AUSTRIA

Salzburg

Overview: Great castle, Mozart's birthplace, music festival
late July–early Sept, folk evenings

Hallein: Salt mine tours

Sound of Music tours

Berchtesgaden (Germany)

Salzkammergut Lake District

Hallstatt

Danube River Valley

Wachau Valley

Krems to Melk

Abbey at Melk

Mauthausen Concentration Camp

Vienna (Wien)

Habsburg Empire: Lost WWI

Ringstrasse: Encircles central district

St. Stephen's Cathedral

Schönbrunn Palace: Second best in Europe

Hapsburg sights: Art, crown jewels, Jugendstil, music,
Strauss, Boy's Choir

Spanish Riding School, Opera

Grinzing, coffeehouses

Tirol

Innsbruck: Golden Roof, Tiroler folk museum

Hall: Lovely village near Innsbruck

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