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Oberammergau



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Collette Experiences

- Embark on a guided tour of Hamelin with a flute-playing "Pied Piper."
- Join a local guide who leads you on a Beatles tour in Hamburg.
- Explore the Hanseatic town of Lübeck, famous for marzipan.

Must-See Inclusions

- Witness a performance of the 2020 Oberammergau Passion Play.
- Discover Rothenburg ob der Tauber, a medieval gem in the heart of Franconia.
- Tour Neuschwanstein Castle – right out of the pages of a storybook.

Culinary Inclusions

- Indulge in a wine tasting in a cellar restaurant.

Highlights: Berlin, Lübeck, Hamburg, Hamelin, "Pied Piper" Tour, Fairytale Princess Castles, Würzburg, Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Wine Tasting, "Night Watchman" Tour, Neuschwanstein Castle, Oberammergau Passion Play, Munich

Day 1: Monday, June 1, 2020

Overnight Flight

This enchanting journey offers the best of Germany. Travel to some of the country's most iconic cities, view its stunning countryside and experience the epic Oberammergau Passion Play.

Day 2: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 Berlin, Germany - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Berlin. This city blends a deep history, a modern flare and multi-cultural influences. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 Berlin

This morning **enjoy a traditional city tour** that features Charlottenburg Palace, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the Schoenberg City Hall, Kurfuerstendamm, the Reichstag building and a stop at "Checkpoint Charlie," the best-known Berlin Wall crossing point between East and West Berlin during the Cold War. (B)

Day 4: Thursday, June 4, 2020 Berlin - Lübeck - Hamburg

Your destination is Hamburg with its winding canals and impressive harbour that have made it a centre of



trade for centuries. En route, make a stop in the medieval Hanseatic League town of Lübeck, the famed birthplace of marzipan and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Join a local guide for a tour of the town and have a chance to visit Café Niederegger to shop for the marzipan they have been making for 200 years. Arrive in Hamburg. Tonight, enjoy dinner out on the town. (B, D)

Day 5: Friday, June 5, 2020 Hamburg

Come to know the city on a panoramic tour that showcases the Rathaus (Town Hall), the Alster, St. Michaelis Church, the city centre, the beautiful Jungfernstieg promenade and, of course, the port of Hamburg - dubbed the “gateway to the world.” Later, **it’s your choice!** Board a harbour boat for a narrated cruise around the massive Hamburg shipping port highlighting the key maritime sights. Or, embark on a relaxing boat cruise on Alster Lake to take in stunning views of the shoreline dotted with the homes of Hamburg’s elite. Later we gather for a walking tour of the Reeperbahn area, Hamburg’s red light district, immortalized as the place where the Beatles cultivated their fame in the

early 1960s. Join in the fun with your “singing and ukulele playing local Beatles expert” and travel down memory lane. (B)

Day 6: Saturday, June 6, 2020

Hamburg - Bremen - Hamelin

Today’s first stop is in Bremen, at the beginning of the Fairy Tale Road. Join a local guide for a walking tour of this quaint town featuring the musicians of Brothers Grimm fame, the Town Hall (UNESCO), and the medieval Schnoor district. Later, travel to Hamelin, made famous by the Pied Piper legend from the stories of the Brothers Grimm. Feel like you have stepped into a storybook when the “Pied Piper of Hamelin” plays delightful tunes while he leads you on a discovery walk through Hamelin with its charming Tudor-style architecture. (B)



Day 7: Sunday, June 7, 2020 Hamelin - Schönburg and Trendelburg Castles

- Kassel – Marburg This morning you are transported back to childhood as you come face to face with the real life places, and characters, that inspired the fairy tale classics. First, meet a local storyteller at Schönburg Castle, where you will be greeted by the Princess and her Prince Charming. Have time to explore the enchanting grounds before traveling to the famed “Rapunzel’s Castle” – Trendelburg. Continue on to Kassel, home to the Brothers Grimm Museum. At the museum, an expert will lead you on a tour through the interactive displays that bring you through the life of the Grimm Brothers. Journey to the medieval university town of Marburg with its endless alleys and stairways that lead to the castle perched above. (B, D)

Day 8: Monday, June 8, 2020

Marburg - Würzburg - Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Journey to the perfectly preserved medieval town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, located in the middle of the famous Romantic Road and in the

heart of the Franconia wine region. En route, make a stop in Würzburg, a Bavarian wine town known for its lavish Baroque and Rococo architecture. Enjoy time to explore the town on your own before continuing to Rothenburg, located high on a plateau overlooking the Tauber River. Arrive at your city centre hotel, the perfect location to discover this captivating town. Take an evening stroll to a local restaurant where you’ll **enjoy a tasting of local wines** followed by a traditional German dinner. Later, join a colorfully costumed local expert for the famous “Night Watchman” walking tour of this medieval town. (B, D)

Day 9: Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Rothenburg ob der Tauber

It’s your choice! Join in a walk to a local bakery to make “schneeball” pastries – snowballs – a favourite treat of the locals! Or, tour the Medieval Crime and Justice Museum. Later we gather to spend time at the famous Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas Museum where you will be treated to a private tour, enjoy an ornament-making demonstration and shop for handmade

Christmas ornaments. The remainder of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 10: Wednesday, June 10, 2020
Rothenburg ob der Tauber -
Neuschwanstein Castle -
Oberammergau

Today we make our way through mountains and along winding country roads for a tour inside the famous Neuschwanstein Castle. Built by the “crazy” King Ludwig II, it is the most photographed castle in Germany. Next, **continue to the quaint, picturesque village of Oberammergau.** (B, D)

Day 11: Thursday, June 11, 2020
Oberammergau - Passion Play

This afternoon, **witness a performance of the epic Passion Play.** The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honour the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast start to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travellers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Friday, June 12, 2020
Oberammergau - Munich

Today we travel to Munich, the exciting capital of Bavaria. Feel the energy of this lively city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park, the world-famous Glockenspiel,* and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Enjoy time to explore Munich before gathering with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of your memorable trip. (B, D)

Day 13: Saturday, June 13, 2020
Munich - Tour Ends

This morning your tour comes to a close. (B)

Itinerary at a glance

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Crowne Plaza Berlin - Potsdamer Platz, Berlin
Days 4, 5	Hamburg hotel, Hamburg
Day 6	Hamelin hotel, Hamelin
Day 7	Marburg hotel, Marburg
Days 8, 9	Rothenburg Hotel, Rothenburg
Days 10, 11	Oberammergau regional hotel, Oberammergau Region
Day 12	Sheraton Munich Arabellapark Hotel, Munich

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Experience It! Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Find yourself immersed in days gone by in the Bavarian region's Rothenburg ob der Tauber. This perfectly preserved walled town rests along Germany's historic Romantic Road and is a place where the Middle Ages comes to life. As Germany's second largest city during this period and now a favourite tourism destination, you'll discover winding cobbled streets lined with half-timbered houses surrounded by 1,000-year-old walls. This is all nestled in the quiet Bavarian countryside that is also the heart of the award-winning Franconia wine region. Get to know this delightful area where history meets province-of-the-art winemaking.

Please Note:

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

*Due to unforeseen schedule changes, witnessing the performance of the Glockenspiel might not be possible.

Single accommodations are extremely limited. Triple and child accommodations are not available.

The included lunch in Oberammergau will be a light lunch.

**On select September departures, you'll have the opportunity to experience Oktoberfest while in Munich. Tickets are not included, however transportation will be provided to and from Theresienwiese/Oktoberfest. Tickets must be arranged on your own and advance reservations are recommended. For more information, please visit www.oktoberfest.info.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

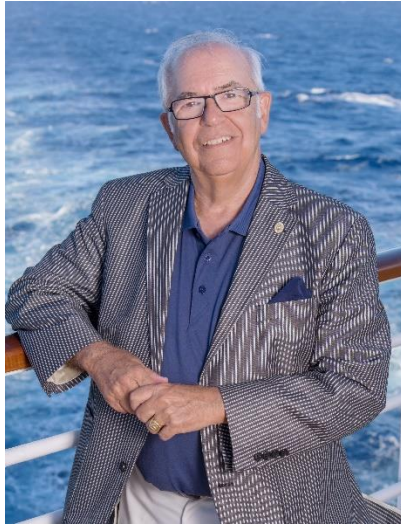
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ABOUT RALPH



YOUR TOUR DIRECTOR- Fr. Ralph Kleiter is the founder and director of the Ministry to Tourism in the Diocese of Saskatoon. His many years of group travel designs reflect a philosophical approach to the travel experience beyond that of a tour or cruise. Ecumenically sensitive, his endeavor is to make the journey an opportunity to enrich your whole being---body, mind and spirit. This holistic approach to tourism is a response to the growing interest of many travelers today. The special features of Ministry to Tourism's Pilgrim Journeys offer great dining opportunities, socials, memorable celebrations, enhancement activities as well as the many enrichment opportunities of our Guides, Tour Operators and Cruise Line.



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