

## ITINERARY FAIRYTALES & WINE

### DAY 1 – Münster – Hotel Weserbergland



Start to the city of Münster. This is the historic place where the Treaty of Westphalia was signed, bringing an end to the Thirty Years War in 1648. The historic old quarter is packed with cultural history – at the beautiful *Prinzipalmarkt* square, St. Paul's Cathedral with its astronomical clock dating back to 1543, Salzstrasse with its reminders of Hanseatic tradition and baroque buildings. After your visit in Münster continue to the town Stadtoldendorf in the Weserbergland region, where your hotel for next 3 nights is located. (approx. 350 km)

### DAY 2 – Harz Mountains



The Harz is a magnificent landscape, a combination of plateaus 600 metres and more in altitude, a highland region whose rocky peaks (Mount Brocken 1,142 meter) form bizarre shapes, mountain lakes and deep valleys. The colourful town of Wernigerode has just celebrated its 775th anniversary. Splendid half-timbered buildings have survived through much of this time, with the oldest dating back to 1400. Quedlinburg, an important imperial town in the Middle Ages, is one of Germany's foremost UNESCO heritage sites. It is a fine example of a beautifully preserved medieval town. (approx. 270 km)

### DAY 3 – German Fairytale Route



The tale of the Pied Piper made Hamlyn (located on German Fairytale Route) famous throughout the world. This historical town lies at the heart of the Weserbergland hills and attracts with its many Renaissance buildings and fine examples of half-timbered architecture. Lake Steinhude is the largest lake in north-west Germany (30 km<sup>2</sup>). You can enjoy all kinds of sporting activities here, such as swimming, cycling and sailing, or you can simply relax. Alternative visit the Royal Gardens of Herrenhausen in Hanover. (approx. 180 km)

### DAY 4 - Koblenz - Hotel Best Western Lahnstein



Leave the Weserbergland region and drive in south-western direction to the Rhine Valley. En route you can make a stop in Limburg and visit there the Romanesque Cathedral from 13<sup>th</sup> century. In Koblenz the fortress walls and castle towers, palaces and patrician houses are vivid illustrations of a turbulent past. Founded by the Romans 2000 years ago, the town is set at the famous "German Corner", where the Rhine and Moselle rivers meet. Check-in for 3-night-stay in Koblenz-Lahnstein. (approx. 400 km)

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### Day 5 – Romantic Rhine Valley & Heidelberg



Drive today along the Rhine Panorama Street southbound and visit the famous wine-village of Rudesheim. From the Niederwald memorial on top of the vineyard-hills you can enjoy a gorgeous view over the Rhine Valley. Continue further and explore the city of Heidelberg. Visitors are captivated by the romantic charm of the old quarter with its maze of little streets. Also don't miss the biggest wine-barrel in world inside of Heidelberg Castle. On the way back to Lahnstein you can stop in the city of Mainz and see there the impressive cathedral. (approx. 370 km)

### Day 6 – Mosel Valley & Trier



The route takes you past in idyllic wine villages like Bernkastel-Kues, famous for its picturesque timber-framed houses and to Cochem with its imperial castle. Continue further to the oldest town of Germany, to Trier. Most impressive are the UNESCO heritage sites from Roman ages: Porta Nigra gate, basilica, imperial baths and amphitheatre. If you like you also can include in your tour the capital of the Duchy of Luxembourg. This chic, busy yet laid-back city in a picturesque location is well worth visiting. (approx. 270 km / incl. LUX + 100 km)

### Day 7 – Cologne



On your last day on your trip through western Germany you have time to visit the city of Cologne before going back to the Airport Weeze. Cologne Cathedral with its two 157-metre-high towers has been the city's famous landmark and Germany's most famous architectural monument for centuries. It took 632 years for Germany's largest cathedral to be completed. For all lovers of sweets is the Chocolate Museum a veritable paradise. (approx. 230 km)

**3 nights Hotel Weserbergland**  
**3 nights Hotel Best Western Lahnstein**

(Please see further details in price-list.)