

## JOURNEY TO THE MIDDLE AGES

The German Middle Ages: the clashing of swords and Gregorian chants, the solemn grandeur of great cathedrals and intricately crafted reliquaries, kings who forged empires. To behold these things gives the traveler something unique and stills a longing for bygone times. The following places in Germany are ideally suited to quench that yearning for the past. Historical towns, top-class exhibitions, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, whole regions steeped in history.

The "Journey to the Middle Ages" includes following six destinations in centrally Germany: Magdeburg, Braunschweig, Quedlinburg, Nuremberg, Bamberg and Regensburg. It is recommended to travel the tour individual and independent by car, but it is also possible to use public trains.

### MAGDEBURG (overnight)



Cathedral



Monastery



Old City Hall

Throughout its history this town in the German State Saxony-Anhalt on the River Elbe has been subjected to devastation and destruction and enjoyed frequent periods of prosperity, and this is still very much reflected in the current townscape. Architectural monuments dating from all the historical periods such as the imperial cathedral and Monastery of Our Lady hark back to the former glory and wealth of this former centre of imperial power.

### BRAUNSCHWEIG



Castle Dankwarderode



Old City Hall



Old Town

Braunschweig, the town of Henry the Lion, is the region's cultural and commercial centre. The numerous local attractions are divided into five areas known as "islands of tradition", each of which has its own unique character. St. Blasius' cathedral and the old Gothic town hall with its lion statue, are all well worth a visit. In the 12th century the Castle Square was rebuilt and extended by Duke Henry the Lion. One can still find evidence today of the medieval layout. The square is bordered by Dankwarderode castle, former residence of Henry the Lion, as well as the cathedral, the neo-classical Vieweg house and half-timbered buildings.

## QUEDLINBURG



**Quedlinburg**



**Old Town**



**Market Square**

Quedlinburg, an important royal and imperial town in the Middle Ages, is one of Germany's foremost UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Situated on the Romanesque Route next to the Harz Mountains, it is a fine example of a beautifully preserved medieval town. Its historic layout boasts a wealth of art nouveau architecture and over 1,300 timber-framed houses from a period spanning eight centuries. One of the oldest of these buildings, which dates back to around 1340, houses the medieval architecture museum.

## NUREMBERG (overnight)



**Imperial Castle**



**Crafts Yard**



**Wine Store**

Thick walls with 80 towers enclose the historical old quarter of Nuremberg – the capital of the region Franconia in northern Bavaria. Wealth of attractions in the old quarter brings history vividly to life – chief amongst them the medieval Imperial Castle with its museum. Impressive works of art in the Gothic churches of Nuremberg's old town bear testament to the city's heyday. Visitors can admire traditional handicrafts in the historic craft centre.

## BAMBERG



**Cathedral**



**Old Town**



**Old Fisherman Houses**

The history of Bamberg's fascinating townscape goes back more than a thousand years. This UNESCO World Heritage Site was built on seven hills and is often compared with Rome. On one of the hills stands the imperial cathedral with its four towers, the heart of the town and the region's most important architectural monument. Other local attractions include the old town hall in the middle of the river Regnitz, the Old Fisherman Houses and the New Palace with its rose garden.

## REGENSBURG



**Stone Bridge & Old Town**



**Old Market Square**



**Cathedral**

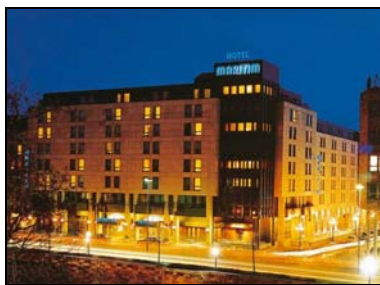
Regensburg – Germany’s best-preserved medieval town and UNESCO World Heritage Site – became the first capital of Bavaria and was named an imperial city by the Emperors of the Holy Roman Empire. Walking around the narrow, winding lanes of the old quarter visitors can see St. Peter’s cathedral, the old town hall, the courtyards and private chapels of the medieval patrician houses, the Palace and the Romanesque and Gothic buildings. The ancient Stone Bridge is an architectural masterpiece from the Middle Ages.

The above itinerary is a suggestion and example for a “Journey to the Middle Ages”, many more German places of interest in other regions and along the route can be included.

### Accommodation-Package for self-drive-travellers:



In the immediate Maritim Hotel Magdeburg \*\*\*\* vicinity is the gothic cathedral, the romantic convent, the baroque town hall and numerous monuments located that bear witness to the exciting history of the town. The hotel provides 514 elegant rooms, studios and suites, all equipped with bathroom, toilet, hair-dryer, radio, TV, mini bar and telephone. Within the hotel grounds are the breakfast bistro, a restaurant, a piano bar, the hotel lobby, a café, indoor swimming pool, saunas, solarium, fitness area and an underground garage for cars.



The Maritim Hotel Nuremberg \*\*\*\* provides 316 elegantly furnished rooms, studios and suites, a fitness area with a swimming pool, sauna and a gym as well as underground garage. At the restaurant both international and regional cuisine is served. The café with the homemade cakes coming from the own pastry shop and the hotel bar with live piano music will turn the stay into an unforgettable experience. From the hotel ones can reach the romantic old town with its numerous fantastic leisure facilities and sights comfortably on foot.

2 x 3 nights in each **MARITIM** Hotel \*\*\*\* incl. BB from 337 Euro per person in DBL-room (None-commissionable net-rate incl. VAT)

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