

Kids and Castles Tour



The Best of German Castles and Towns

This is a family tour designed for kids 4 through 14 with one or more parents or grandparents or for all three generations together.

For hundreds of years the Rhine has ranked as one of the most popular travel destinations in Europe, and now this region – truly one of the most beautiful in Germany – has been recognized with the title "World Heritage Upper Rhine Valley" by UNESCO.

Spend plenty of time discovering the river, its castles and ruins, tales and legends and also those of its tributaries Moselle, Neckar and Main.

Also spend time in Bavaria to see King Ludwig II's Neuschwanstein, the most famous castle in Germany, and visit the famous Wilhelma Zoo and Legoland Germany.

The days are planned to offer you many highlights but they are leisurely paced with time for you to explore on your own.

Enjoy, relax and let us take care of the details for you.

Map



Itinerary

Day 1 – DEPARTURE

Board your flight from your home destination to Frankfurt, Germany. This itinerary assumes this to be an overnight flight.

Air fare independently arranged.



Day 2 – WELCOME TO THE RHINE

Arrival in Frankfurt, Germany. **Your flight should arrive at the Frankfurt Airport by 11:15 a.m. at the latest for the complimentary transfer at noon.** When the group is complete we drive directly to the Rhine for lunch in one of the charming villages on the River.

Transfer to the four-star Bellevue Rheinhof in Boppard, one of the best hotels in the Rhine area. This Art Nouveau style hotel is situated directly on the river, with a dock at its front door, and has welcomed guests since 1877. We will spend the next three nights here.



You can spend some relaxing moments at the on-site swimming pool and sauna. Health conscious guests can work out at the fitness centre.

Tonight we meet for a welcome drink followed by dinner at the hotel.

> *Your tour includes: Transfer from airport to hotel, welcome drink, three-course dinner with menu choices, one beverage, and coffee or tea after, Bellevue Rheinhof in Boppard*

Day 3 – CASTLES, CASTLES, CASTLES - RUEDESHEIM, RHEINFELS



Cruising all day on the Rhine on the most beautiful stretch of the river, the part added to the UNESCO World Heritage Sites list. We travel upstream past the Loreley Rock and lots of medieval Castles on both sides of the river to most charming RUEDESHEIM.

Time for lunch and souvenirs in famous Drosselgasse, and afterwards we take a cable car uphill through the vineyards to Niederwald Monument. Be prepared for incredible views over the valley.

Day 3 - continued

From there a short drive downstream again to visit the Rheinfels at St. Goar, one of the most amazing and largest ruins on the river. Dinner in Boppard tonight.



> Buffet breakfast, door-to-door transportation, Rhine cruise from Boppard to Ruedesheim, tickets for cable car in Ruedesheim, guided tour of Rheinfels, three-course dinner, Bellevue Rheinhotel

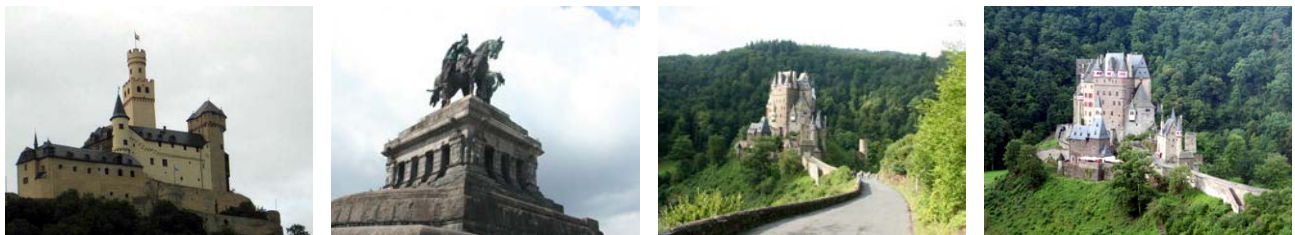
Day 4 – MARKSBURG, KOBLENZ, ELTZ CASTLE

Today we cross the river by ferry to Braubach, the Town of Roses where we take a guided tour of the MARKSBURG, an 11th century castle, the only one on the Rhine that was never destroyed.

We continue to KOBLENZ, meaning confluence, where the Moselle joins the Rhine at the Deutsches Eck (the German Corner). Admire the equestrian statue of Wilhelm I. Time to explore Koblenz on your own before we head along the Moselle to visit the twelfth century BURG ELTZ, majestically rising above the end of the wild Eltz Valley, one of Germany's most beautiful castles, surrounded by the river on three sides. Inside visit.

We return to the Rhine, dinner on your own tonight in Boppard, with a big selection of nice outdoors restaurants.

> Buffet breakfast, door-to-door transportation, entrance fees and guided tours of Marksburg and Burg Eltz, Bellevue Rheinhotel



Day 5 – HEIDELBERG, STUTTGART

Today we leave the Rhine area and head south to HEIDELBERG, on the banks of the Neckar river. In medieval times the Electoral Palatinate with Heidelberg as the political centre was one of the most advanced European States.

See the beautiful red-walled castle, including the great vat, with a guided tour. Afterwards we take a cogwheel train down into the city where you have more time for sightseeing, shopping and postcards.

Day 5, continued

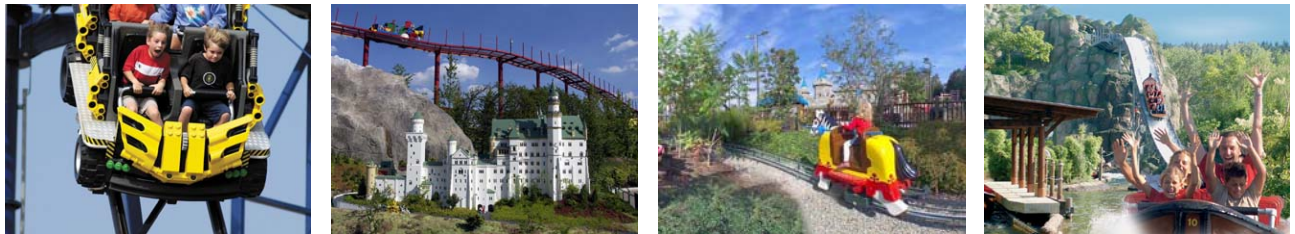


Later continue to Stuttgart where you can go shopping, join an included excursion to the Wilhelma, one of the most beautiful and oldest Zoos in Germany, or visit the Mercedes Benz Museum.

Dinner in a garden restaurant tonight.

> Buffet breakfast, door-to-door transportation, tour of Heidelberg Castle, Cogwheel Train, transfer and entrance to Wilhelma or Mercedes Museum, dinner, overnight in Stuttgart

Day 6 – LEGOLAND GERMANY, BAVARIAN ALPS



Today we drive to Legoland at Günzburg. We spend plenty of time in this wonderful park.

LEGO fan or not, you just can't beat LEGOLAND Deutschland, a fantastic world created using over 50 million LEGO bricks. With countless attractions and spectacular shows, a special adventure awaits everyone here!

Some examples: The Test Track in LEGO X-TREME is just the thing for fearless racing drivers. All those who are fascinated by research and experimentation are in the right place in the IMAGINATION area. In the Build & Test Centre you can build your own LEGO skyscraper and test how earthquake-proof it is. ADVENTURE LAND is hidden in the middle of a jungle, surrounded by trees and wild animals – all made of LEGO bricks. You can also travel back in time to ages past – to KNIGHTS' KINGDOM and PIRATE LAND.

Late afternoon arrival at your hotel in the Bavarian Alps near the Royal Castles.

> Buffet breakfast, door-to-door transportation, entrance to Legoland, three-course dinner, overnight in Fuessen area

Day 7 – NEUSCHWANSTEIN, TEGELBERG

Today at Füssen we visit NEUSCHWANSTEIN, Germany's most famous castle. First we go up to Marienbrücke (Mary's Bridge), sitting high above the Poellat Gorge, where you can take the best pictures of the castle. From there we walk downhill for our inside tour of Neuschwanstein with a castle guide, and then we ride a horse carriage back down the hill.

Day 7, continued

Please wear your tested and proven walking shoes. Although we take transportation up to and back from the site, there still is some steep walking required.

Back down in the village of Hohenschwangau, you have time to have a bite to eat, and to go for a stroll on Lake Alpsee, one of the most beautiful Lakes in the region, where young Ludwig learned to swim.



Afterwards we go by cable car up to Mount Tegelberg, the mountain above the castle, and later ride a bobsled on the foot of the hill.

Dinner tonight in a great place in the mountains.

> *Buffet breakfast, door-to-door transportation, entrance fee and Neuschwanstein Castle Tour, horse carriage, cable car, three-course dinner, overnight in Fuessen area*

Day 8 – ROTHENBURG, FRANKFURT

Our last traveling day takes us to medieval ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER in Frankonia, where you feel like you just jumped back into the 16th century. Completely surrounded by its medieval ramparts with countless towers, Rothenburg is famous for its ancient houses, fountains, cobbled lanes, hidden corners and street signs. Also famous for the Meistertrunk, in which -- according to legend -- the burgomeister saved the town by emptying a 6-pint tankard in one single draught.



Back to Frankfurt for overnight. Farewell dinner tonight at our hotel.

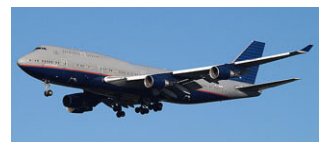
➤ *Buffet breakfast, door-to-door transportation, three-course dinner with menu choices, one beverage, and coffee or tea after, hotel in Frankfurt*

Day 9 – RETURN

Time to say "Auf wiedersehen".

Transfer to Frankfurt Airport for your return flight home.

> *Buffet breakfast, transfer to airport*



Cost and Date Information

- Tours include:
- all features as per itinerary,
 - 7 breakfast buffets,
 - 6 three-course dinners, each including one drink and coffee or tea,
 - accommodation for 7 nights in first class hotels,
 - door-to-door transportation (bus, boat, etc.),
 - reservation fees, entrance fees, and local guide fees, and
 - the services of the Tour Director and Driver throughout the tour.

All castle visits include inside tours with experienced guides and plenty of time on your own.

There are no hidden extras.

The **Kids and Castles Tours** listed below are offered on the following basis:

Tour prices are for the **land segment** only. Air fare is not included.

Prices are per person, in U.S. dollars, based on double occupancy. Single Occupancy is available for a Single Supplement charge of US \$ 200. Prices for children are listed in the table below.

Guaranteed Departure: The Kids and Castles Tour is guaranteed to operate as scheduled and will not be cancelled due to a low level of participation.

A deposit of US \$ 300 per person is required to secure a reservation.

Personal expenses, lunches and gratuities for the driver and local guides are not included.

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Your overnight flight leaves ...	Basic Price per Adult	
	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
July 28, 2018	US \$ 2,499	US \$ 2,699

Rates for Children Aged 4 through 14

	Arrangement		Per Adult (US \$)	Per Child (US \$)
1 adult	1 child	double room	2,499	1,949
2 adults	1 child	double room	2,499	1,449
1 adult	2 children	double room	2,499	1,449
2 adults	2 children	double room	2,499	1,199
2 adults	2 children	2 rooms	2,499	1,749
2 adults	3 children	2 rooms	2,499	1,449

Private Tour Option

Do our dates not work for you? We can arrange the tour for you or your party as a private tour. Same itinerary as above in a private limousine or van, with bilingual, professional private guide / chauffeur. Prices per individual are the same as for the regular group tour, plus a US \$ 200 per day private tour premium for the group. Please contact us directly to confirm availability.

Detailed **Reservation Request** instructions and your choice of an online or paper form are provided on the Reservations page of www.europeancastlestours.com .

Final payment is due 45 days before departure.

Five weeks before departure you will receive a detailed information package with lots of travel tips and information about places we will visit.

Participation in Astrid Baur Travel tours is conditional on acceptance of the Astrid Baur Travel **Terms and Conditions** posted on the Reservations page of www.europeancastlestours.com .

Cancellation Policy

If notice of cancellation is received more than 45 days prior to tour start, the deposit will be retained.

Otherwise:	31 to 45 days prior to tour start:	20 % of total price
	15 to 30 days prior to tour start:	35 % of total price
	8 to 14 days prior to tour start:	50 % of total price
	1 to 7 days prior to tour start:	75 % of total price
	Departure day and later:	100 % of total price

The deposit will be applied to any cancellation charges.

Contact Information

Would you like to talk to passengers from previous tours? Let us know.

We will be pleased to answer questions you may have, and very pleased to take your reservation.

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