

# Bavaria – Romantic Road (5 days)



*The Romantic Road is probably the most beautiful of all tourist routes in Germany. It stretches for a length of 210 miles from Füssen in the South to Würzburg in the North. The Romantic Road is steeped in history - all along its course you see and experience the remainders of centuries of human endeavour. Proud castles, splendid palaces, medieval town houses, fortified towns and villages, churches and monasteries allow you to step back in time. Some of the most spectacular sights along its course are the Würzburg Residence, the epitome of baroque architecture and Neuschwanstein, the fairy-tale castle built by Ludwig II the former King of Bavaria.*

## **Day 1: Füssen**

Füssen is the ideal base from which to explore King Ludwig Country. In the afternoon, you will see the palaces of Neuschwanstein (Walt Disney and his Cinderella's castle!) and Hohenschwangau which are in close proximity. Dinner and overnight in hotel with breakfast buffet.

## **Day 2: Exc. Halblech – 4 Lakes – Medieval Cities**

The unspoilt village of Halblech lies on the border of the Ammergebirge national park and is the ideal starting point for exploring the 4 lakes Forggensee, Bannwaldsee, Illasbergsee and Hegratsriedsee as well as the medieval cities Steingarden, Schongau and Landsberg. Dinner and overnight in hotel in Augsburg with breakfast buffet.

## **Day 3: Augsburg – Harburg, Nördlingen and Dinkelsbühl**

Augsburg is often called "The Florence of Germany" because the Fuggers, one of Augsburg's richest and most powerful families, transported the Italian Renaissance over the Alps and traded throughout Europe. Enjoy this morning's guided city tour! Afterwards, you will have a tour to Harburg, Nördlingen and Dinkelsbühl where you will visit the castle of Harburg, the city wall and the castle of Baldern. Dinner and overnight in hotel in Rothenburg with breakfast buffet.

## **Day 4: Rothenburg - Windsheim**

In the morning you will take part in a tour of the medieval city of Rothenburg. The medieval town within the fortifications is still largely intact. Stroll through the quaint alleys and narrow roads and you'll be able to picture how life was lived centuries ago. In the afternoon transfer to Bad Windsheim. Dinner and overnight in hotel with breakfast buffet.

## **Day 5: Würzburg**

Würzburg is shaped by the Main River that meanders through the town. One of its most beautiful sights is the old bridge that traverses the river. The city itself is dominated by the Marienberg fortress that towers above it. Today you will have a half day's tour to the Würzburg Residence which is a splendid work of baroque magnificence.

**Tailormade programs possible on request**