# MOLLIE B GERMANY TOUR September 20 - 29, 2025 Highlights of Germany in 10 days

#### Saturday, September 20

Departure from US airports and fly in direction of Europe, Germany, Frankfurt

#### Sunday, September 21

Arrival in Frankfurt, one of the major cities of Germany. Being the meeting point of travelers from all over the world, it's also a melting pot of cultures, flavors and innovation. Here, where the river Main unfolds its calm power, you will be enchanted by the imposing skyline. The bus with your tour guide will be waiting for you at the airport and take you to our first destination, nearby Heidelberg, for lodging and leisure time at the hotel after a long flight. Check-in our hotel, dinner.

#### Monday, September 22

Staying in Heidelberg in the morning to witness it's dominating feature. In the 17<sup>th</sup> century, this castle was revered to being "the 8<sup>th</sup> Wonder of the World". You will be amazed by it's striking location – set against the deep green forests and towering majestically over the Neckar river valley. It dominates the old town centre of Heidelberg. First mentioned in 1225, this was destined to become one of the grandest castles of the Renaissance period. We will take a funicular railway to reach the castle and enjoy a tour of the interiors of probably the world's most famous ruins. You can also view the adjacent garden to complete the whole impression of this site. Drive through a beautiful countryside of major wine areas of Germany – the Rhineland, to the nearby city of Speyer. As one of Germany's oldest cities, it offers a genuine insight into the heart of the Holy Roman Empire, while still maintaining a present-day charm. The Cathedral of Speyer is the largest preserved Romanesque church in Europe. It only took 30 years to build and it's almost 1000 years old. Today, it is the final resting place for eight German emperors and kings, four queens and series of bishops. In 1981, UNESCO accepted the cathedral as the second German landmark in its list of "World Heritage Sites". You can enjoy an individual stroll through this city with many options for shopping and wine tasting in the medieval lanes of the city which says it invented the pretzel and its wine culture goes back to Roman times. Come back to our hotel in the evening. Dinner.

#### Tuesday, September 23

In the morning we will depart to the quaint town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber. This town is perhaps the best known of all on the Romantic Road. It is a prime example of a walled medieval town - one of the only ones left in Germany. Its beautiful buildings, walls and alleys have led to it becoming one of the most popular tourist destinations in Bavaria. Käthe Wohlfahrt's Christmas Village is located in the center of the town just off the Market Square. You will find the largest selection of German Christmas ornaments worldwide. Time to enjoy this beautiful city with cozy little streets and typical half-timbered houses, passing through one of the preserved Medieval town gates or visiting the wonderful churches, such as St. James' Church with a stone carving depicting Christ and the sleeping apostles among others. Check-in our hotel in Rothenburg and enjoy the evening atmosphere of this city. Leisure time, dinner.

### Wednesday, September 24

Leave for the city of Munich, one of Germany's most attractive cities where every year the largest beer festival Oktoberfest take place. We will spend most of the day at the Oktoberfest, the largest beer festival in the world where you can enjoy a great atmosphere of a number of tents put up by german largest breweries. Here is where delicious local food is served together with large beer of 0.28 gallon on tap. All of this is accompanied with live brass band music. Outdoors you can find many stalls serving food, goodies and souvenirs as well as rollercoasters and amusement to enjoy. Simply lot's of fun and BEER!! We will then drive to our hotel in Regensburg, check-in our hotel, dinner.

#### Thursday, September 25

Leave for Munich again, this time to enjoy the downtown of this capital of Bavaria region and the center of economic and cultural activity in Southern Germany. We will have a walking tour of the historic core of Munich – the main square Marienplatz with a new town hall built in the Neo-Gothic style and possessing an animated carillon, Church of Our Lady, the vast Late Gothic hall-church which has become the symbol of the city. We will also visit famous beer house – Hofbräuhaus which dates from 1589 where you can individually enjoy your lunch. This is the favorite place where every day more than 17 thousand mugs of beer in 1-liter tankards are served. Time for individual stroll and shopping. Afterwards drive to a nearby Dachau, a site of the longest operating concentration camps established in March 1933. It became a odel for all later concentration camps and served as a training center for SS concentration camp guards. The number of prisoners incarcerated in Dachau between 1933 and 1945 exceeded 200,000. Scholars believe that at least 40,000 prisoners died there. We will have approx. 2-hour walking tour of this memorial during which you get to know all necessary details to understand the history of not only this place...

Come back to our hotel in Regensburg.

#### Friday, September 26

Today it's time to enjoy Regensburg, our combined bus/walking tour will take us through this exciting city located at the Danube's northernmost point. Just few other cities in central Europe can offer legacies of more than 2,000 years of history whichever way you look. Regensburg has 1,500 listed buildings, 984 of which comprise the UNESCO World Heritage 'Old Town with Stadtamhof' ensemble. The Stone Bridge, the cathedral and the Krauterermarkt square with the Collegiate Church of St. John, the Cathedral Treasury Museum, the patrician town house and the historical Adler Pharmacy count among Regensburg's most significant architectural monuments, but represent just a few of the vast number of outstanding sights. Next we move on to another city of Bavaria – Bamberg, dating back to the 9th century, cited as one of Germany's most beautiful towns, with medieval streets and buildings, the old town of Bamberg with around 2,400 timber houses has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1993. Built on seven hills, the city of Bamberg is often compared to Rome, with its mixture of religion and administrative buildings dating back to the Middle Ages. It's also renowned for its breweries and its distinctive local beer with a smoky taste you might taste in one of the beer gardens in the old town. Depart to our hotel situated in nearby Würzburg, check-in.

#### Saturday, September 27

Depart to another beautiful german city, Bayreuth, where visitors can look forward to stunning palaces, historical parks, the Festival Theatre, the Hermitage with its water features and numerous museums. The Bayreuth Festival, dedicated to Richard Wagner's music, is just one example of the world-class culture on offer here. We will visit the Margravial Opera House situated in the city centre, which was granted UNESCO World Heritage Site status in 2012 as one of the world's most beautiful preserved Baroque theatres. Later we will get to experience the Maisel brewery museum, the only beer museum of its kind in the world. Founded in 1974, the museum was listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the "most comprehensive beer museum in the world" in 1988. Set in one of the former storage cellars of the original Maisel brewery in a typical industrial building from 1887, an exhibition covering 2,400m² in 20 rooms illustrates every aspect of beer brewing, you will be able to see a collection of more than 3,300 beer glasses and jugs and 400 rare enamel signs from various breweries and beer brands, as well as a delightfully presented collection of beer mats. With a complete brewing room dating from 1887 with steam engines and brewing equipment, a hop chamber, a barrel cellar and a bottling room, you will explore the various stages of the brewing process in this fully preserved brewery and of course taste the fresh beer down in the cellar. Come back to our hotel, dinner.

#### Sunday, September 28

Time to explore the major sites of Würzburg city in the morning, a pleasant harmony of history, culture and wine. This university city and former royal seat is idyllically situated on either side of the Main River. Architectural masterpieces from various eras shape the cityscape, featuring St. Kilian Cathedral - the fourth largest Romanesque church in Germany and Würzburg Residence with its Court Gardens and Residence Square (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and Marienberg Fortress, the most dominating feature of the city. We will take a tour and learn about its more than 13 centuries old history. We will also get to tour the Residence Palace – the "Castle above all Castles", from the beginning of the 18th century, one of Europe's most renowned Baroque castles with precious works of art of world renowned artists displayed also in the State Gallery. We will end up in the afternoon in the old town for an individual stroll, shopping and refreshments. Drive to our hotel situated close to the Frankfurt airport, dinner, prepare for the flight back home the next morning.

## Monday, September 29

Check-out our hotel and depart home from the international airport in Frankfurt.