

GERMANY

The Historic Romantic Road



10 Days 🌿 9 Nights

Day 1. Arrive in Frankfurt and meet in **Wurzburg**. Tour the old city and the palace of the Prince-Bishops of Wurzburg. Bicycle fitting, wine & cheese reception, followed by dinner.

Day 2. Cycle along the Romantic Road via bicycle path to Tauberbischofsheim and take lunch in the thriving market square. Tonight we'll lodge in **Bad Mergentheim**, and then visit the town's world famous square. (37 miles)

Day 3. **Rothenburg**, the "Gem of Germany," is our destination. The delights of this medieval city are well worth the two nights we stay here! On our way take some time to visit Rottingen, the village of sundials, and cross the Tauber Valley. (33 miles)

Day 4. Today's optional loop ride takes you through the splendid Bavarian countryside and back to Rothenburg. Re-live the legend of the **Meistertrunk** depicted by the town clock's automatons. (21 miles)

Day 5. Explore **Shillingsfurst castle** and witness a falconry exhibition en route to Dinkelsbuhl, a walled city adorned by towers and gateways. Follow the night watchman on his rounds, an event that dates back to medieval times. (29 miles)

Day 6. Ride to Nordlingen, largest walled city in Germany. Visit a baroque cathedral and Rieskrater-Museum. Visit the mighty **Castle Harburg** and lodge in Donauworth on the Danube River. (36 or 48 miles)

Day 7. A day off from cycling. Transfer from **Donauworth to Augsburg**, the second largest city in Bavaria. Take the day to visit the cathedrals and museums of this ancient Roman city. Afternoon train transfer to Landsberg where your guides will meet you at the train station. Dinner on your own tonight.

Day 8. Cycle from Landsberg to Schwangau. We end up at the foot of the Alps with the royal castles of **Neuschwanstein** and **Hohenschwangau** nestled in the mountains above. Lodge in the charming alpine town of Schwangau. (46 miles)

Day 9. We follow one of the first roads through the **Austrian Alps**, now accessible only to bicycles and walkers. Spend the day visiting the castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau. (14 miles)

Day 10. Morning transfer to Fussen train station. Train leaving Fussen will arrive in central Munich at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Germany's oldest and most celebrated tourist route, the **Romantic Road** takes the traveler through a rich heritage of Bavarian history, art and culture. Baroque gardens, rococo churches, fairytale castles, towers and gateways that speak of mystery and intrigue - these are some of the hallmarks of our German tour.

The **Romantic Road** offers historical drama extending from Roman times to the present day. The actors are the emperors, kings, nobles, burghers and peasants. The set varies from magnificent residences, monasteries, cathedrals and castles in an ever-changing landscape from Wurzburg to the Austrian Alps.

The Romantic Road personifies "the fine art of bicycle touring." With an incredible network of cycling paths, you see more of the Bavarian countryside, away from traffic. From Wurzburg to Rothenburg, the "Gem of Germany," to the fairy tale castles of King Ludwig II perched on the cliffs of the Alps, we'll cycle through the river valleys and forests of southern Germany. A once in a lifetime trip through one of the most beautiful and historic areas in all of Europe.

Highlights

- Tauber Valley
- Shillingsfurst Castle
- Rieskrater-Museum
- Castle Harburg
- Danube River
- Bavarian Gate
- Neuschwanstein Castle
- Hohenschwangau Castle
- Austrian Alps



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Kathie Winson
San Mateo, CA



Tour Price
\$3,129.00, 9 nights (Includes daily breakfasts and 7 dinners)

Tour Dates
June 3 - 12
September 2 - 11

Bicycle Rental
\$180.00

Single supplement
\$500.00 (optional)

Arrive
Wurzburg (from Frankfurt)

Depart
Fussen (to Munich)

Cycling Level
Moderate

Terrain
Flat to rolling terrain, with several short climbs on a daily basis. Much of the ride is on bicycle paths.

