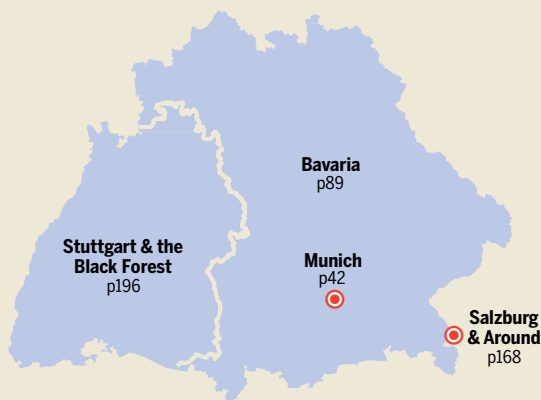




Munich, Bavaria & the Black Forest



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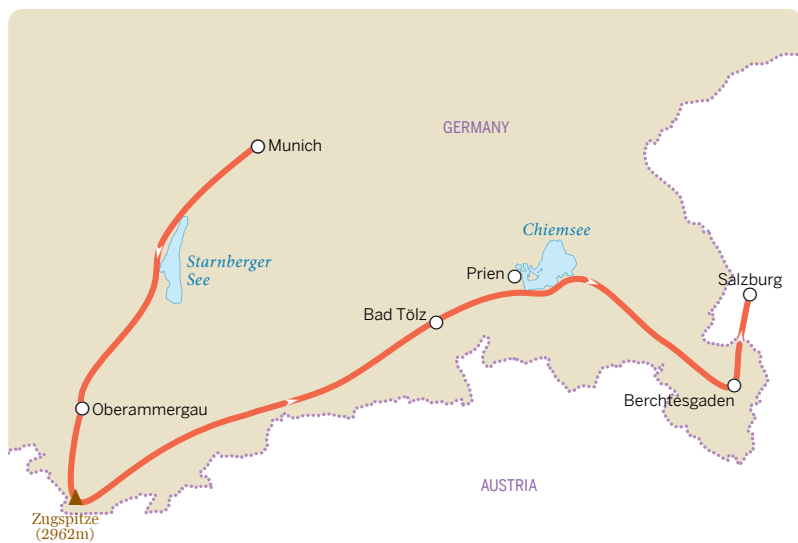
Itineraries



Southern Germany Highlights

This itinerary takes in the best of the region in a whistle-stop tour of southern Germany's must-sees. You could spend months exploring the region but 10 days is just enough to tick off the essentials.

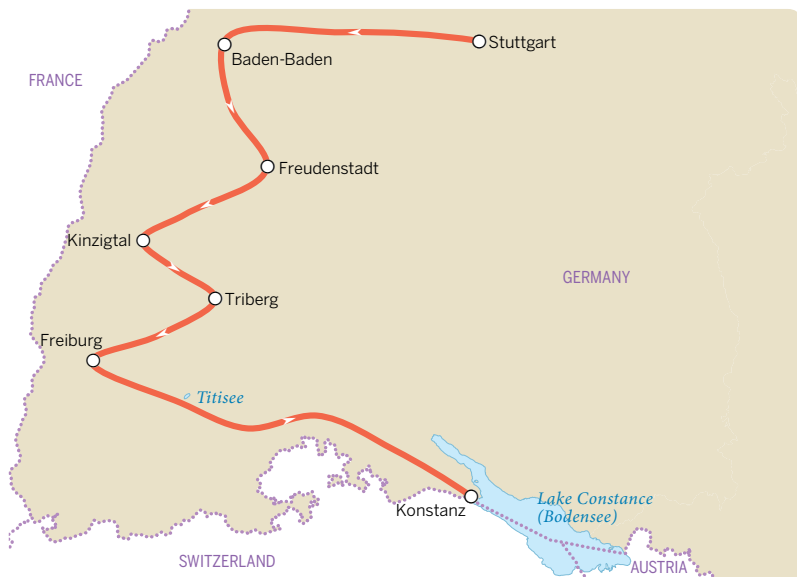
Kick off your southern odyssey in **Munich** where three days is barely enough time to sample the Bavarian capital's art and beer. A short hop north by train brings you to **Nuremberg**, the bustling capital of Franconia and a major draw for fans of both dark tourism and dark beer. Another train, another historic city, this time university town **Würzburg** well known for its wines and the famous prince-bishop's residence. You're now at the northern terminus of the 350km-long Romantic Road. The most engaging stop along the route is **Rothenburg ob der Tauber**, a labyrinth of medieval streets and lanes with heaps of sugary architecture. The Romantic Road ends at the gates of **Schloss Neuschwanstein**, Bavarian King Ludwig II's fairy-tale pad and one of the world's most iconic 19th-century follies. Stop off at **Lindau** on the shores of Lake Constance en route to **Freiburg** in the southern Black Forest, where you can follow a tour of the Münster with a slab of the famous local gateau.



Munich & the Alps

The Alps are one of the definite highlights of Bavaria and almost every visitor makes at least one trip to these famous peaks. This itinerary includes the best stop-offs and includes everything from lakes in the foothills to a train ride to the top of the highest peak.

This itinerary can be tackled as a point-to-point trip or as day trips from Munich; the German Alps are easily reachable by train from there. Beginning in **Munich**, you'll need at least three days to cover the essential viewing in this vibrant metropolis, perhaps reserving a bit of time for a spot of shopping and to visit some of the city's lesser known sights such as the Olympiapark and BMW Welt. If there's time, gobsmackingly beautiful **Starnberger See** is an S-Bahn ride away. Pretty **Oberammergau**, famous for its once-a-decade passion play, is just over two hours (with changes) on the train from Munich's Hauptbahnhof and makes a superb base for visiting King Ludwig II's Schloss Linderhof, an easy going 12km hike. Then it's time to stand on the roof of Germany: the **Zugspitze** above Garmisch-Partenkirchen, the Bundesrepublik's highest peak. If you don't have your own wheels you'll have to backtrack all the way to Munich to reach the spa town of **Bad Tölz**, home to Alpamare, the region's best water park. Heading east, more train connections bring you to the **Chiemsee** in no time. Water sports are one of the big draws here, though most come for another of Ludwig II's palaces, Schloss Herrenchiemsee, set on an island (the Herreninsel) in the lake and accessible by ferry from the town of **Prien**. After a day of messing around on the *wasser* (water) it's back into the mountains, this time the ranges around **Berchtesgaden** in Germany's extreme southeastern tip. Some intriguing Nazi history, particularly Hitler's mountain perch, the Eagle's Nest, now a seasonal restaurant, draws many visitors. For an equally photogenic escapade, take one of the electric boats from Berchtesgaden along the stunningly picturesque Königssee, surrounded by the Berchtesgaden National Park. From Berchtesgaden it's a short bus ride into Austria and a day or two of *Sound of Music*-mania in achingly beautiful **Salzburg**.



Stuttgart & Black Forest

This zigzagging canter through Germany's southwest is one for those who like a varied time when on their travels – the route is a mix of cuckoo clocks and state-of-the-art luxury car museums, half-timbered villages and the big-city vibe of Stuttgart.

Begin with a couple of days exploring the galleries, stately plazas and vibrant night-life of regional capital **Stuttgart**. High on your agenda should be the city's regal heart, Schlossplatz, the Staatsgalerie's art treasures and evenings spent sampling local rieslings in a *Weinstube* (wine tavern) or hanging out in Theodor-Heuss-Strasse's lounge bars. Car fans should race to the space-age Mercedes-Benz and Porsche museums. On day three, head west to **Baden-Baden**, a swish art-nouveau spa town picturesquely nestled at the foot of the Black Forest's spruce-cloaked hills. Here you can wallow in thermal waters, saunter through the sculpture-speckled Lichtentaler Allee gardens and try your luck in the casino. Day four takes you south along the serpentine Schwarzwald-Hochstrasse, or B500, with tremendous forest and mountain panoramas at every bend. Stop to glimpse Germany's largest square in **Freudenstadt** on your way to the curving **Kinzigtal**, the prettiest valley in this neck of the woods, with its orchards, vineyards and cluster of half-timbered villages. Your fifth day takes you to the Black Forest's most storied town, **Triberg**, where Germany's highest waterfall flows, the world's biggest cuckoo clock calls, and Claus Schäfer bakes the best Black Forest gateau using the original 1915 recipe. Work off the cake with a walk or cross-country ski in the wooded heights of Martinskapelle or Stöcklewaldturm. A scenic hour's drive from Triberg brings you to the sunny university city of **Freiburg**, close to the French border. Spend the day absorbing its easygoing flair in the Altstadt's quaint lanes, watched over by a monster of a medieval minster. Wind out your final day by the lake. Swinging east brings you to forest-rimmed **Titisee** en route to the watery expanse of **Lake Constance**, Central Europe's third largest lake, flanked by quaint villages, vineyards, wetlands and beaches. An afternoon in **Konstanz** is just long enough to get a taste of this Roman-rooted city, where the historic alleys of the Altstadt wend down to a relaxed lakefront promenade.

1
WEEK

Romantic Road

Germany's most popular tourist route winds its way for 350km through Bavaria's western reaches.

The Romantic Road begins at **Würzburg** where two days are enough to tour the impressive Baroque Residenz and sample the region's wines. From here carve your way south to magical **Rothenburg ob der Tauber** where you can lose yourself in the tangle of medieval lanes and celebrate Christmas every day. Your next destination is quaint little **Dinkelsbühl**, a medieval gem ringed by a complete set of town walls. More medieval defences ring **Nördlingen**, a less touristy but equally attractive stopover. Then set aside some time to check out the storybook castle guarding the half-timbered village of **Harburg**, and to stroll through twee **Donauwörth** before hitting the energetic city of **Augsburg**, the Romantic Road's biggest city with countless attractions. Many a church graces the Romantic Road but, to Augsburg's south, the one packing the mightiest punch is the luminous Wieskirche, a true baroque masterpiece. Contemplate King Ludwig II's flights of fancy at his whimsical castle, **Schloss Neuschwanstein**, where the route comes to a fittingly fairy-tale climax.

1
WEEK

Nuremberg & Franconia

Franconia has a quite different feel to it than southern Bavaria and this itinerary gives a taste of what the region is all about.

The lively capital of Franconia, **Nuremberg** has bags to see and do – including the Nuremberg trials courtroom, the Germanisches Nationalmuseum and the Deutsche Bahn Railway Museum – and an embarrassment of eateries to choose from when you return from exploring the region. A close second in Franconia's pecking order is Unesco-listed **Bamberg**, a confusion of ancient bridges, winding cobbled streets and riverside cottages, the air perfumed by numerous breweries producing the town's unique *Rauchbier* (smoked beer). An hour's train ride brings you to **Bayreuth**, famous for its annual Wagner Festival but a pleasant place to stroll any time of year. Around 100km north of Nuremberg, **Coburg** is memorable for its fortress, its British Royal family connections and the longest sausages you'll ever eat served in the smallest bread buns. Round off your time in Franconia with a hike, bike or canoe trip (requiring more time) through the glorious **Naturpark Altmühltal**.

Map Legend

Sights

- Beach
- Bird Sanctuary
- Buddhist
- Castle/Palace
- Christian
- Confucian
- Hindu
- Islamic
- Jain
- Jewish
- Monument
- Museum/Gallery/Historic Building
- Ruin
- Shinto
- Sikh
- Taoist
- Winery/Vineyard
- Zoo/Wildlife Sanctuary
- Other Sight

Activities, Courses & Tours

- Bodysurfing
- Diving
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Course/Tour
- Sento Hot Baths/Onsen
- Skiing
- Snorkelling
- Surfing
- Swimming/Pool
- Walking
- Windsurfing
- Other Activity

Sleeping

- Sleeping
- Camping

Eating

- Eating

Drinking & Nightlife

- Drinking & Nightlife
- Cafe

Entertainment

- Entertainment

Shopping

- Shopping

Information

- Bank
- Embassy/Consulate
- Hospital/Medical
- Internet
- Police
- Post Office
- Telephone
- Toilet
- Tourist Information
- Other Information

Geographic

- Beach
- Gate
- Hut/Shelter
- Lighthouse
- Lookout
- Mountain/Volcano
- Oasis
- Park
- Pass
- Picnic Area
- Waterfall

Population

- Capital (National)
- Capital (State/Province)
- City/Large Town
- Town/Village

Transport

- Airport
- Border crossing
- Bus
- Cable car/Funicular
- Cycling
- Ferry
- Metro station
- Monorail
- Parking
- Petrol station
- S-Bahn/S-train/Subway station
- Taxi
- T-bane/Tunnelbana station
- Train station/Railway
- Tram
- Tube station
- U-Bahn/Underground station
- Other Transport

Routes

- Tollway
- Freeway
- Primary
- Secondary
- Tertiary
- Lane
- Unsealed road
- Road under construction
- Plaza/Mall
- Steps
- Tunnel
- Pedestrian overpass
- Walking Tour
- Walking Tour detour
- Path/Walking Trail

Boundaries

- International
- State/Province
- Disputed
- Regional/Suburb
- Marine Park
- Cliff
- Wall

Hydrography

- River, Creek
- Intermittent River
- Canal
- Water
- Dry/Salt/Intermittent Lake
- Reef

Areas

- Airport/Runway
- Beach/Desert
- Cemetery (Christian)
- Cemetery (Other)
- Glacier
- Mudflat
- Park/Forest
- Sight (Building)
- Sportsground
- Swamp/Mangrove

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OUR STORY

A beat-up old car, a few dollars in the pocket and a sense of adventure. In 1972 that's all Tony and Maureen Wheeler needed for the trip of a lifetime – across Europe and Asia overland to Australia. It took several months, and at the end – broke but inspired – they sat at their kitchen table writing and stapling together their first travel guide, *Across Asia on the Cheap*. Within a week they'd sold 1500 copies. Lonely Planet was born.

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