

Culinary Germany 2019



Discover culinary Germany from the North Sea to the Alps!

Hardly anything else says more about a country and its people than its cuisine and associated traditions. Food and drink are a means of immersing oneself in the lifestyle of a region and enjoying unforgettable experiences.

From ‚Pannfisch‘ fried fish and ‚Krabben‘ shrimp in the North to ‚Grüne Sosse‘ sauce and ‚Bratwurst‘ sausages in Central Germany to ‚Knödel‘ dumplings, ‚Maultaschen‘ pasta pockets and ‚Eisbein‘ ham knuckle in the South – German cuisine is as diverse as its regions and has a delicious speciality to suit every palate.

Guten Appetit!

Highlights:

- Harbour cruise in Hamburg (UNESCO World Heritage)
- Visit to a coffee roasters
- Visit to a rum distillery
- Visit to a marzipan confectionary
- Lübeck, the „Hanseatic Queen“ (UNESCO World Heritage)



Germany's Culinary North

Hamburg – Glückstadt – Husum – Flensburg – Eckernförde – Kiel – Lübeck

Day 1: Arrival in Hamburg (UNESCO World Heritage)

After your arrival in Hamburg undertake a sightseeing tour, during which you will be able to see the landing bridges on the river Elbe ('Gateway to the World'), the warehouse city 'Speicherstadt' (UNESCO World Heritage), the sinful mile 'Reeperbahn' and other places. Hamburg's large parks, famous churches and picturesque squares emanate the special atmosphere of a cosmopolitan city. The faces of well-heeled merchants' houses along Lake Alster even intensify this impression. In addition to that, Hamburg is Germany's largest seaport, which stretches more than 15 kms along the Elbe. Dinner and accommodation in the Hamburg area.

Day 2: Hamburg

After your breakfast there will be a guided tour at the Coffee Museum with roasting facility, during which you will be able to learn much about Hamburg's coffee making tradition during the times of colonial trading. In the afternoon you will undertake a guided tour of a brewery, during which you will experience much about the Hamburgers' favourite drink. During today's dinner in a traditional restaurant there will be local and regional specialties, such as Pann-Fisch, Labskaus, Matjes (salt)-Hering, plaice Finkenwerder style, pears-beens-bacon, red berry jelly and others. Accommodation in the Hamburg area.

Day 3: Hamburg – Glückstadt – National Park Wadden Sea (UNESCO World Heritage)

After a boat trip through Hamburg's harbour you will continue your journey along the Elbe. On the way you can stop for lunch at Glückstadt in order to try the „Matjes-Hering“, a salted herring specialty of the North Sea region. In the afternoon carry on to the "west coast metropolis" Husum. During a guided sightseeing walk you will see its charming historic centre with its primordial alleys, the impressive gable fronts of its merchants' houses on Market Square and the only palace on the North Sea coast. Thereafter, enjoy some free time for a stroll along the old harbour. It is here, where the tasty North Sea shrimp are landed. Alternatively, there will be the possibility to sail on a real shrimp boat (subject to availability) in the National Park (UNESCO World Heritage). Dinner in your hotel. Typical west-coast dishes are often served with locally caught North Sea shrimp. Accommodation in the Husum/ Eiderstedt/ Büsum area.

Day 4: Husum – Flensburg

Today, you will get to know a further North German specialty. During a visit to the harbour town of Flensburg you will hear about the tradition of rum making. During a guided sightseeing walk on the tracks of the East Indies trade, you will explore Flensburg's historic centre with its old mer-

chants' yards and warehouses at the old harbour. In the afternoon undertake a guided visit to one of Flensburg's traditional rum distilleries, during which you will learn much about history of colonial trade. Sugar cane, the "gold of the Caribbean", made Flensburg rich and famous in those days. There will, of course, be a dram of "liquid gold" for you to taste. Enjoy the rest of the day for your own discoveries. Alternatively, you may pay a visit to Flensburg's brewery with a guided tour and beer-tasting (optional). Dinner and accommodation in a rustic brewery inn. Accommodation in the Flensburg/Schleswig area.

Day 5: Flensburg – Eckernförde – Kiel – Lübeck

Carry on to Eckernförde today for a guided sightseeing walk on the tracks of the 'Kieler Sprotte'. This little herring-like fish has been landed in Eckernförde ever since. When the wooden boxes were exported, however, they were stamped with the seal of Kiel's harbour and have since then wrongly been called "Kieler Sprotten". In the afternoon continuation to Kiel and possibility to undertake a harbour cruise or a sightseeing tour with information about life on the Baltic coast. Optionally, you can carry on to East Holstein and visit a ham smokehouse (subject to availability), where the unique Holstein cottage-smoked ham is crafted. In the late afternoon continue to Lübeck. Dinner will take place in a traditional restaurant with Holstein specialties and – if desired – with a glass of Lübeck's 'Rotspon' (red splint), which has been imported from the South of France since the times of the Hanseatic League. Accommodation in the Lübeck area.

Day 6: Lübeck (UNESCO World Heritage) – Hamburg

In the morning, undertake a guided sightseeing walk of the "Hanseatic Queen's" historic centre (a UNESCO World Heritage) with its seven church spires. Apart from the famous Gothic red brick churches you will be shown Lübeck's 'Holstentor' gate, market square, the Gothic guildhall, the medieval Holy-Spirit-Hospital and the Buddenbrook House (of Thomas Mann's world-famous novel "Die Buddenbrooks"). In the afternoon, during a visit to a traditional confectionary, you will learn much about Lübeck's marzipan tradition. This almond paste has also come to the North during the times of the Hanseatic League. Thereafter, enjoy some free time for your own discoveries. Optionally, you can undertake a boat trip on the "Amazon of the North" from Lübeck to Lake Ratzeburg. Dinner and accommodation in the Lübeck/Hamburg area.

Day 7: Departure

After your breakfast, transfer to either of the airports Hamburg, Bremen or Hannover.

GTW-GOURMET-TIP:

Seasonal specialties – depending on the time of year – can also be considered, e.g. 'Stint Supper' (a small fish) in the early spring in the Hamburg/Elbeside region, asparagus with Holstein cottage-smoked ham in Mai/June and curly kale and 'Pinkel' sausage during the winter months.

THE PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 6 x accommodation
- 6 x buffet breakfast
- 3 x dinner in typical restaurants
- 3 x dinner in your hotel
- 1x each local guide for a sightseeing tour of: Hamburg, Husum, Flensburg, Eckernförde und Lübeck
- 1 x entrance and guided tour of Hamburg's Coffee Museum
- 1 x entrance and guided tour of a brewery in Hamburg incl. beer sample
- 1 x harbour cruise in Hamburg
- 1 x entrance and guided tour of a rum distillery in Flensburg incl. rum sample
- 1 x sightseeing tour or harbour cruise in Kiel or visit to a ham smokehouse incl. ham sample
- 1 x entrance and guided tour of Lübeck's marzipan confectionary incl.
 - visit to the Marzipan Museum
 - marzipan crafting demonstration
 - 1 pot of coffee/tea
 - 1 piece of marzipan-nut torte
 - 1 small marzipan souvenir

Further entrances not included

PACKAGE RATES PER PERSON:

(package only – transport NOT included)

Sharing twin/double

Hotel category	A	B	C
01.01.-31.03.2019	€ 499.-	€ 529.-	€ 679.-
01.04.-30.06.2019	€ 569.-	€ 599.-	€ 749.-
01.07.-31.08.2019	€ 549.-	€ 579.-	€ 729.-
01.09.-31.10.2019	€ 569.-	€ 599.-	€ 749.-
01.11.-30.12.2019	€ 499.-	€ 529.-	€ 679.-

Single supplement	€ 139.-	€ 159.-	€ 299.-
Suppl. for transfer assistance		on request	
Suppl. for permanent tour guide		on request	

PACKAGE RATES PER PERSON:

(incl. transfers hotel-airport IN/OUT, circular tour and sightseeing in modern tour coach)

Sharing twin/double

Hotel category	A	B	C
Min. pax paying / 01.01.-31.03.2019			
25	€ 769.-	€ 789.-	€ 949.-
35	€ 679.-	€ 709.-	€ 859.-
45	€ 639.-	€ 669.-	€ 809.-

Min. pax paying / 01.04.-30.06.2019			
25	€ 839.-	€ 869.-	€ 1,019.-
35	€ 759.-	€ 789.-	€ 939.-
45	€ 709.-	€ 739.-	€ 889.-

Min. pax paying / 01.07.-31.08.2019			
25	€ 819.-	€ 849.-	€ 999.-
35	€ 729.-	€ 759.-	€ 909.-
45	€ 689.-	€ 719.-	€ 869.-

Min. pax paying / 01.09.-31.10.2019			
25	€ 839.-	€ 869.-	€ 1,019.-
35	€ 759.-	€ 789.-	€ 939.-
45	€ 709.-	€ 739.-	€ 889.-

Min. pax paying / 01.11.-30.12.2019			
25	€ 769.-	€ 789.-	€ 949.-
35	€ 679.-	€ 709.-	€ 859.-
45	€ 639.-	€ 669.-	€ 809.-

Single suppl.	€ 139.-	€ 159.-	€ 299.-
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Highlights:

- Boat trip on the Rhine (UNESCO World Heritage)
- Tasting of Germany's wine "stars"
- Visit to the German government bunker
- Cologne's Cathedral (UNESCO World Heritage)
- Guided beer tour in Cologne



THE PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 4 x accommodation
- 4 x buffet breakfast
- 3 x dinner in typical restaurants
- 1 x dinner in your hotel
- 1 x local guides for sightseeing tours in the following cities: Frankfurt, Rüdeshheim, Bad Neuenahr and Köln
- 1 x boat trip on the Rhine
- 1 x guided walk through the vineyards at Rüdeshheim incl. wine-tasting
- 1 x entrance and guided tour of the Government Bunker
- 1 x tasting of wines from the Ahr valley
- 1 x entrance and guided tour of Cologne's Chocolate Museum
- 1 x entrance and guided tour of Cologne's cathedral

Further entrances not included

Germany's Culinary West

Frankfurt – Rheingau – Ahrtal – Cologne

Day 1: Arrival in Frankfurt

After your arrival you will undertake a sightseeing tour, during which you will be able to see Frankfurt's historic centre with its gothic cathedral and the famous St Paul's Church on Frankfurt's 'Römer' Square. Thereafter, time provided, you can visit an apple wine-making estate incl. apple wine-tasting. Enjoy tonight's dinner in a typical Hessian apple wine-inn and relish Hessian specialties, such as Goethe's beloved "Grüne Sosse", "Schmand-Hering" (in sour cream sauce), local "Handkäs" cheese, ribs and sauerkraut, onion cake, red beef sausage, potato soup and others. The meal's best company is usually a glass of "Äppler", as local people call their apple wine. Ask for the popular 'Bembel' jar! Accommodation in the Frankfurt area.

Day 2: Frankfurt – Upper Mid-Rhine Valley (UNESCO site) – Rheingau – Koblenz/Bonn

In the morning carry on to the Rhine and undertake a boat trip with views across the vineyards of the UNESCO World Heritage 'Upper Mid-Rhine Valley'. Then continue to Rüdeshheim for a sightseeing tour. In the afternoon during a guided walk through the vineyards, you can enjoy breathtaking views across the Rhine valley. Thereafter, taste some of the best wines that have made this region become so famous. Then continue to the Koblenz/ Ahrtal/ Bonn region. Dinner and accommodation.

Day 3: Koblenz/Bonn – Bad Neuenahr/Ahr Valley

After your breakfast enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of Bad Neuenahr. Thereafter, enjoy time for your own discoveries. In the afternoon you will visit the documentation centre "Government Bunker" from the time when Bonn used to be Germany's capital. This place will provide deep insights to the German Government's underground command centre, from where, in the case of a nuclear attack, the government would have carried out their business. Thereafter, taste some Ahrtal wines, mainly of the award-

winning Pinot Noir grape. Today's dinner with local specialties (e.g. Pinot Noir menu) will take place in a typical restaurant of the region. Accommodation in the Koblenz/ Ahrtal/ Bonn area.

Day 4: Koblenz/Bonn – Cologne (UNESCO World Heritage)

Continue to Cologne in the morning and visit its popular Chocolate Museum. Thereafter, during a guided tour, visit Cologne's world-famous cathedral. Being Europe's third largest church, it has been awarded World heritage status by UNESCO. Then, a local guide will take you on a sightseeing tour themed "Cologne's Brewing Traditions" with ale-tasting in a traditional brewery inn. Here, you will meet the "Köbes", a character who can only be met in Cologne; let yourself be surprised! Thereafter, enjoy time during a stroll through Cologne's town centre. Today's dinner in a typical brewery inn will be local specialties, such as "Himmel un Äd", Rhenish Sour Roast, "Herings-Stipp", "Halver Hahn" (cheese sandwich), "Cologne's Caviar" (Blutwurst sandwich), "Decke Bunne" (beans), Flönz and others. Accommodation in the Cologne area.

Day 5: Departure

After your breakfast transfer to either of the airports Cologne, Düsseldorf, Dortmund or Frankfurt.

GTW-GOURMET-TIP:

- 1) Depending on the season, seasonal specialties, such as e.g. asparagus, are well worth ordering.
- 2) Friends of tasty ales should continue their tour and try Düsseldorf's specialty "Alt" (also served as a yard of ale). For this purpose the above tour should be extended by one day (apart from Cologne CGN, Düsseldorf's airport DUS can also be used).

PACKAGE RATES PER PERSON:

(package only – transport NOT included)

Sharing twin/double

Hotel category	A	B	C
01.01.-31.03.2019	€ 379.-	€ 399.-	€ 499.-
01.04.-30.06.2019	€ 439.-	€ 459.-	€ 559.-
01.07.-31.08.2019	€ 409.-	€ 429.-	€ 529.-
01.09.-31.10.2019	€ 439.-	€ 459.-	€ 559.-
01.11.-30.12.2019	€ 379.-	€ 399.-	€ 499.-

Single supplement	€ 89.-	€ 99.-	€ 199.-
Suppl. for transfer assistance		on request	
Suppl. for permanent tour guide		on request	

PACKAGE RATES PER PERSON:

(incl. transfers hotel-airport IN/OUT, circular tour and sightseeing in modern tour coach)

Sharing twin/double

Hotel category	A	B	C
Min. pax paying / 01.01.-31.03.2019			
25	€ 579.-	€ 599.-	€ 699.-
35	€ 509.-	€ 529.-	€ 629.-
45	€ 479.-	€ 499.-	€ 599.-
Min. pax paying / 01.04.-30.06.2019			
25	€ 629.-	€ 649.-	€ 749.-
35	€ 559.-	€ 579.-	€ 679.-
45	€ 509.-	€ 539.-	€ 639.-
Min. pax paying / 01.07.-31.08.2019			
25	€ 599.-	€ 619.-	€ 699.-
35	€ 529.-	€ 549.-	€ 629.-
45	€ 499.-	€ 519.-	€ 599.-
Min. pax paying / 01.09.-31.10.2019			
25	€ 629.-	€ 649.-	€ 749.-
35	€ 559.-	€ 579.-	€ 679.-
45	€ 509.-	€ 539.-	€ 639.-
Min. pax paying / 01.11.-30.12.2019			
25	€ 579.-	€ 599.-	€ 699.-
35	€ 509.-	€ 529.-	€ 629.-
45	€ 479.-	€ 499.-	€ 599.-
Single suppl.	€ 89.-	€ 99.-	€ 199.-

Highlights:

- Würzburg's Residential palace (UNESCO World Heritage)
- Bamberg's 'Little Venice' (UNESCO World Heritage)
- Nuremberg's underground beer cellars
- Bavaria's capital Munich
- 'Wieskirche' church (UNESCO World Heritage)
- Meersburg on Lake Constance



Germany's Culinary South

Frankfurt – Würzburg – Bamberg – Nuremberg –
Munich – Allgäu – Lake Constance – Black Forest

Day 1: Arrival in Frankfurt

After arrival you will undertake a sightseeing tour and see Frankfurt's historic centre with its gothic cathedral and St Paul's Church on Frankfurt's 'Römer' Square. Thereafter, time provided, option to visit an apple wine-growing estate incl. apple wine-tasting. Dinner will take place in a typical Hessian apple wine-inn. Relish Hessian specialties, such as Goethe's beloved "Grüne Sosse", "Schmand-Hering" (in sour cream sauce), local "Handkäs" cheese, ribs and sauerkraut, onion cake, red beef sausage, potato soup or others. Try a glass of "Äppler", as locals call their apple wine. Ask for the popular 'Bembel' jar! Accommodation in the Frankfurt area.

Day 2: Frankfurt - Würzburg (UNESCO World Heritage)

After breakfast, continue to Würzburg. During a guided sightseeing tour you will see the bishops' residence (UNESCO site), St Kilian's cathedral and Würzburg's medieval Main bridge. In the afternoon you will visit a wine-cellar incl. wine tasting. The regional specialty is the Silvaner grape, which, owing to local shell lime stone deposits, renders the best results worldwide in this region. Dinner will take place in a typical restaurant with Franconian specialties, such as e.g. wine-growers' platter, 'Blauzipfel' sausage, 'Pressack' sausage, 'Schäufele' shoulder roast, Franconian sour roast or others. Accommodation in the Würzburg area.

Day 3: Würzburg - Bamberg (UNESCO World Heritage)

Continue to Bamberg for a guided sightseeing tour and see Bamberg's cathedral, historic houses along the river Regnitz, guildhall and the fishermen's quarter, also called "Little Venice". Visit a brewery in the afternoon and relish Bamberg's famous specialty beer, the smoked beer 'Rauchbier'. In the evening, a guide will take you on the legendary Bamberg Beer Tour incl. dinner with Franconian specialties, such as brewers' platter, Bamberg onions, Franconian knuckle with beer sauce or others. Accommodation in the Bamberg area.

Day 4: Bamberg – Nuremberg

After breakfast continue to Nuremberg and see its medieval quarter with the town churches, guildhall, artist Albrecht Dürer's House, the emperor's castle 'Kaiserburg' and many other sites. Then, undertake a guided tour of Nuremberg's underground rock cellars and taste Nuremberg's famous red beer. Dinner in a traditional inn will consist of Franconian specialties, such as e.g. Nuremberg's little roasted sausages with sauerkraut, 'Schäufele' shoulder roast, Franconian carp, platter with cold cuts or others. Accommodation in the Nuremberg area.

Day 5: Nuremberg - Munich

Carry on to Munich. On the way visit to the Erdinger brewery. Undertake a guided tour and taste yet another delicate specialty ale; 'Weissbier', brewed

not from barley but from wheat. How about a hearty snack in the brewery's inn thereafter? Then, continue to Munich for a guided sightseeing tour and get to know Munich's most important touristic sites, such as 'Marienplatz' Square, the Lady's Church ('Frauenkirche'), the city gates, the food market, guildhall and many more. Dinner in the Hofbräuhaus with Bavarian delicacies, such as Bavarian pork roast, Bavarian meat balls, potato salad, sausage salad or others. Accommodation in the Munich area.

Day 6: Munich – Andechs Abbey - Wieskirche (UNESCO World Heritage) – Lake Constance

After breakfast continue to Andechs Abbey. This monastery above the eastern shore of Lake Ammersee, is Bavaria's oldest pilgrimage. Undertake a guided tour of the abbey brewery and sample its beer. How about a hearty lunch in the brewery's inn with local specialties afterwards (optional)? Then continue and visit a typical Allgäu dairy and sample some cheese. Then, carry on to visit Bavaria's pilgrimage 'Wieskirche' church (UNESCO site), famous for its high rococo style. Alternatively, you may visit either of King Ludwig's castles Neuschwanstein or Hohenschwangau. Dinner in your hotel with regional specialties, such as lake trout, 'Schupf' noodles, Kratzete or others. Accommodation in the Allgäu/Lake Constance area.

Day 7: Lake Constance – Black Forest

In the morning continue along Lake Constance, undertake a guided sightseeing tour of Meersburg and enjoy some free time for your own discoveries. Thereafter, optional boat trip and a guided sightseeing tour of Constance. Continue to the Black Forest in the afternoon. On your way option to undertake a boat trip on Lake Titisee. Tonight's dinner will consist of local specialties, such as a cold cuts platter, Black Forest smoked ham, 'Badish Schäufele' shoulder roast or others. Dinner and accommodation in the Black Forest region.

Day 8: Black Forest - Freiburg - Frankfurt

Undertake a guided sightseeing tour of Freiburg and see its cathedral, the angled alleys 'Gässle' and its famous little brooks 'Bächle'. Thereafter, join your guide on a Black Forest excursion. At lunch, try some of the delicacies of Black Forest cuisine, such as fir smoked ham, cherry schnapps or the famous Black Forest gateau (all optional). Alternatively, you may visit a museum with historical Black Forest farm houses or cuckoo-clocks (both optional). Thereafter, you will be expected on a wine-growing estate. During a guided tour you will learn much about the making and the history of wine. Of course, wine tasting will not be missed. Continue in the late afternoon. Dinner and accommodation in your hotel in the Heidelberg/Frankfurt area.

Day 9: Departure after Breakfast

GTW-GOURMET-TIP:

Depending on the season, specialties, such as e.g. asparagus, are well worth ordering.

THE PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 8 x accommodation
- 8 x buffet breakfast
- 5 x dinner in typical restaurant
- 3 x dinner in your hotel
- 1 x each local guide in the following cities: Frankfurt, Würzburg, Bamberg, Nuremberg, Munich, Meersburg and Freiburg
- 1 x entrance and guided tour of Würzburg's bishops' residential palace
- 1 x guided visit and wine-tasting (incl. Silvaner) in a wine-growing estate in Franconia
- 1 x guided brewery visit and beer-sample (incl. smoked beer) in the Bamberg area
- 1 x guided beer-tour in Bamberg incl. dinner and 1 glass of beer (0,5 l) per person
- 1 x guided visit through Nuremberg's beer cellars and beer-sample (incl. red beer)
- 1 x guided visit and beer-sample ('Weissbier') at the Erdinger-brewery incl. snack
- 1 x guided visit and beer-sample at the monastery of Andechs
- 1 x guided visit to a dairy incl. cheese sample
- 1 x visit to the 'Wieskirche' church (UNESCO World Heritage)
- 1 x local guide for a Black Forest excursion
- 1 x guided visit and wine-tasting in the Black Forest/Kaiserstuhl area

Further entrances not included

PACKAGE RATES PER PERSON:

(package only – transport NOT included)

Sharing twin/double

Hotel category	A	B	C
01.01.-31.03.2019	€ 649.-	€ 689.-	€ 889.-
01.04.-31.10.2019	€ 749.-	€ 789.-	€ 989.-
01.11.-30.12.2019	€ 649.-	€ 689.-	€ 889.-

Single supplement € 179.- € 199.- € 359.-

Suppl. for transfer assistance on request
Suppl. for permanent tour guide on request

PACKAGE RATES PER PERSON:

(incl. transfers hotel-airport IN/OUT, circular tour and sightseeing in modern tour coach)

Sharing twin/double

Hotel category	A	B	C
Min. pax paying / 01.01.-31.03.2019			
25	€ 989.-	€ 1,029.-	€ 1,229.-
35	€ 859.-	€ 899.-	€ 1,099.-
45	€ 799.-	€ 849.-	€ 1,049.-

Min. pax paying / 01.04.-31.10.2019			
25	€ 1,099.-	€ 1,139.-	€ 1,339.-
35	€ 979.-	€ 1,019.-	€ 1,219.-
45	€ 919.-	€ 959.-	€ 1,159.-

Min. pax paying / 01.11.-30.12.2019			
25	€ 989.-	€ 1,029.-	€ 1,229.-
35	€ 859.-	€ 899.-	€ 1,099.-
45	€ 799.-	€ 849.-	€ 1,049.-

Single suppl. € 179.- € 199.- € 359.-