

# BRASMEX-Europa GbR

## Diversity of landscapes



### 1<sup>st</sup> day: Munich

Transfer by bus to the center of Munich. We will pass by the monuments of the town, like Olympic park with its tower, the palace of Nymphenburg and the boulevards of Munich until we will reach the famous brewery "Hofbräuhaus". Afterwards we will continue our visit of Munich with the former medieval town gate "Isartor" and the church of the brother Asam in the South, the Residence and the Theatine church in the North to the "Marienplatz" and the cathedral "Frauenkirche" in the middle of the center of Munich.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> day: Alps

We will start our journey through the landscape of Germany with the highest point, the Zugspitze, driving by bus to Garmisch-Partenkirchen, taking the train to the middle station of the Zugspitze and from here a funicular to the top of the mountain (2964 m). Let us enjoy the fabulous view over the mountains of the Alps.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> day: Pre-alps, Black Forest

From Garmisch-Partenkirchen we will drive to the famous castle of Neuschwanstein. After visiting the castle we will continue our journey to the lake Constance, the biggest lake of Germany. On the way we will cross the whole "Allgäu", the landscape built by the sediments of the last ice age. In the nice city of Meersburg at the lake Constance we will have a short break before we leave the high mountains and enter into one of Germany's highlands, the Black Forest. After the lakes of Titisee and Schluchsee and the highest mountain of the Black Forest, the Feldberg, we will reach our hotel in Freiburg. Freiburg is known for the cathedral, the historical warehouse of the Middle Ages and the town halls.

### 4<sup>th</sup> day: Highlands

Travelling through the Northern part of the Black Forest we will reach an open air museum of typical farm houses of the 17th century of this region, the "Vogtsbauernhof". After lunch we will continue on the "Hochschwarzwaldstraße" with its beautiful views. At Baden-Baden, known for the horse races, we will leave the Black Forest and will drive on the highway along the river Rhine towards Rudesheim.

### 5<sup>th</sup> day: Upper Middle Rhine Valley

During a boat tour from Rudesheim to Koblenz we will have the chance to see all the remarkable castles of the 12th century and the landscape that forms the World Heritage of the Upper Middle Rhine Valley. The river Rhine milled his bed into the rising Rhenish Massif during millions of years. In Koblenz our bus will be waiting for us to take us to our hotel in Cologne. After a short recreation phase we will visit the enormous cathedral of Cologne and the historic center of the city. The building of the cathedral started in 1248 but was finished only in 1880 after 600 years of construction. It's one of the greatest gothic cathedrals in the world and the symbol of Cologne.

### 6<sup>th</sup> day: Great Plane

After breakfast we will start towards the North. At the beginning the landscape is still hilly. After Munster it will become more and more flat and will enter into the Great Plane of Northern Germany. Munster, best known for the Westphalian peace after the war of 30 years, will be our first break. The historical center of Bremen with the famous town hall, the cathedral St. Petri and the statue of the Roland, together honored as World Heritage, will be our next step. There we can also see the so called Bremer Stadtmusikanten (donkey



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Bremer Stadtmusikanten (donkey, dog, cat and cock). The visit of the quarters "Schnoor" and "Schlachte" as well as the street "Böttcherstraße" will complete our impression of this town and its history. In the evening we will reach our hotel in Cuxhaven. Here we should check the stage of the tide in order to compare this view with the stage of the next day.

### 7<sup>th</sup> day: Helgoland

From Cuxhaven we will start to explore the North Sea. On the first day we will check the status of the tide and then walk to the Harbor in order to take the ferry to Helgoland, the island farthest North of Germany. The trip to Helgoland and the visit of the island will take the whole day. In the afternoon we will return to our hotel not forgetting to have a look at the status of the tide.

### 8<sup>th</sup> day: Wadden Sea

In the morning we should check again the status of the tide. At low tide you can walk to some of the islands. At low tide you can swim in the same area. This steady alteration between survival in salty water at high tide and sun at low tide requires a special form of creatures and plants in the Wadden Sea. This biotope in Northern Germany is protected as a National Park and honored as World Heritage by the UNESCO. The day will be free at your disposition.

### 9<sup>th</sup> day: Hamburg

After breakfast we will drive towards Hamburg. A round trip by bus and boat will give you a complete view of this lively town. The afternoon will be free at your disposition. We suggest to visit the fish market at the harbor, the church of St. Michaelis (landmark of Hamburg), the "Jungfernstieg" and the town hall. At night we would suggest the visit of the famous "Reeperbahn".

### 10<sup>th</sup> day: Baltic Sea

After breakfast we will leave Hamburg and will drive from the North Sea to the Baltic Sea. Lübeck is honored by the UNESCO as World Heritage due to its preserved Middle Ages character. The best known example is the "Holstentor", one of the gates of the old city wall. We will visit the city in the morning. After lunch we will continue to Wismar, representing together with Stralsund the character of the 14th century where the "Hanse", a federation of merchants, had its major influence. In Wismar we will take the time to visit the historical center and the Kogge "Wissemara" a type of ship used in the Middle Ages in the North and the Baltic Sea. In the evening we will arrive at our hotel in Stralsund.

### 11<sup>th</sup> day: National Park of Jasmund

We will start the day with a walk through Stralsund, back into the Middle Ages and the style of that time in the North of Germany. We also will have the opportunity to visit the sailing ship "Gorch Fock", in former times school ship of the German Navy. Being in Stralsund without visiting the isle of Rügen with the national park of Jasmund would be a pity. In the afternoon we will start our tour. We have to hike for about three hours to cross the National Park until we reach the so called "Königsstuhl" but the view of the rock of chalk in the Baltic sea, topped with the famous beech wood, compensates for the efforts. In the evening we will return to our hotel in Stralsund.

### 12<sup>th</sup> day: Potsdam

On this day we will go back into the 18th century into the times of Friedrich II, the Great. He let construct the palace of Sanssouci in Potsdam for his recreation and the New Palace for official events. Together with the



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architecture of the park they form the World Heritage of Palaces in Potsdam. We will visit this in order to get our own impression. We will spend the whole afternoon in the palace and the garden.

### 13<sup>th</sup> day: Berlin

In the morning we will visit the famous island of museums. In the museum of Pergamon we will see the altar of Pergamon, a reconstruction of the gates of Babylon and a lot more about the ancient cultures. In the new museum we will have the chance to see the sculpture of Nefertiti. In the afternoon we will visit the town by bus with stop-over at important places like

the Brandenburg Gate, the parliament, Checkpoint Charlie, Gendarmenmarkt or the boulevard "Kurfürstendamm" and the shopping mall "Kaufhaus des Westens, KaDeWe".

### 14<sup>th</sup> day: Flight back

On the last day we will have time free in Berlin for your disposition. In the afternoon we will meet again and drive to the airport.



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