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**Bavarian Adventures & Fairytales** 

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#### Day 1 - Arrival



Arrive in Munich and after checking in at your hotel, the remainder of the day is at your leisure to rest or explore on your own. Dinner will be on your own this evening.

### Day 2 - Munich



Make your way to BMW Welt and Museum for your tour. You can take a taxi which will cost about 16-20 euros. Another option is the subway from Marienplatz (U3) to the Olympiazentrum stop, then a short 5 minute walk to the museum. The BMW Museum offers about 125 of the brand's most valuable and attractive automobiles, motorcycles and engines; all displayed on a surface area of over 50,000 square feet. After the tour, the remainder of the day is at your leisure. This evening, enjoy dinner at the famous Ratskeller Restaurant. The restaurant is housed in the vast cellar of the Neues Rathaus (New Town Hall) on the Marienplatz. You can choose a table in the open hall or find a little alcove tucked away in one of the adjoining passages. You'll be served a 3-course dinner with a choice of several main dishes, accompanied by wine, beer or a soft drink.

#### Day 3 - Munich



Today take the S-Bahn (S2) for the 50 minute to Erding (trains run every half hour). It's a short walk to the famous Erdinger Brewery for a private tour. You'll see a short film, then take a guided tour where you'll inspect every step of the process from brewing to bottling to distributing. Afterwards enjoy a Bavarian Brotzeit. Literally translated to "bread time", it's a traditional German snack native to Bavarian cuisine. Your Brotzeit includes 2 Brezn (pretzels), 2 Weisswürste ( sausages) and one of their famous beers. Later you have the option of a Private Walking Tour of Erding. It's a 75 minute stroll with an English speaking guide. Your guide will cover all the main sights of this underrated town including the Schöner Turm (Beautiful Tower) and their historic city museum. After the tour, you'll return to Munich by the S-Bahn.

#### Day 4 - Munich



In the morning take the train or a private transfer to Altötting. Upon arriving, meet your guide at the appointed location for your Private Walking Tour. "The heart of Bavaria and one of the hearts of Europe". This is how Pope emeritus Benedict XVI describes the pilgrimage site of Altötting. The town has been the spiritual center of Bavaria for more than 1,250 years and the most important Marian pilgrimage site in Germany for well over 500 years. Moreover, Altötting is one of the "Shrines of Europe"; the seven most important Marian pilgrimage sites in Europe. After the walking tour, take time for lunch or explore on your own before returning to Munich.

## Day 5 - Munich To Fuessen



After breakfast and checking out of your hotel, pick up your rental car as you head into the Bavarian countryside. Just one hour south of Munich at the foot of the Alps, lies the charming town of Füssen. This small Bavarian gem has captivated its visitors with its historical buildings, churches, and castles. Hidden in the seclusion of the mountains, King Ludwig II built two of his dream castles: Neuschwanstein (noy-SCHWAN-stine), a fairy tale castle built in the 19th century, and Linderhof, a French rococo- style castle inspired by Versailles itself. After viewing the castles, check into your hotel in Füssen and dinner will be on your own this evening.

## Day 6 - Fuessen



In the morning, you'll have a pleasant one hour drive to Oberammergau for a 3.5-hour private hiking tour of the Ammergauer Alps. This picturesque village of Oberammergau is known for its once-a-decade performance of the Passion Play and history of woodcarving. Meet your guide at the Tourist Information Center to begin your hike. The route snakes its way along the gently flowing waters of the River Ammer through the Pulvermoos Moor to Unterammergau. The undulating path offers fine views of the Pulvermoos nature conservation area and the mountain world of the Ammergau Alps before returning you to your starting point. Afterwards make the short drive to Garmisch-Partenkirchen; a ski resort in Bavaria formed when the 2 towns united before the 1936 Olympics. You'll have the option of taking a walking tour of this Alpine village. First, stroll along the cobblestone streets of Partenkirchen to learn about their culture and traditions before crossing into trendy and fashionable Garmisch. Or you can opt to explore on your own before returning to Füssen.

#### Day 7 - Fuessen To Munich



After breakfast, make the leisurely drive back to back to Munich. After checking into your hotel, there's still time to visit some attractions. Marienplatz is the central square in the heart of Munich and holds the New Town Hall (Neues Rathaus) The tower of the New Town Hall houses the Glockenspiel, a beautiful chiming clock that is over 100 years old. Nearby is the Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady (Frauenkirche); the most identifiable landmark of Munich and the city's largest church. Just a few blocks northeast of the Munich city center is the English Garden, Munich's largest park. Bigger than Central Park in New York, this green oasis is a wonderful place to explore and relax.

#### Day 8 - Departure



After breakfast, return your rental car to the rail station or airport and continue on to your next Avanti destination!