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## Germany 2020 Trip Itinerary (September 7<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

Day 1: September 7<sup>th</sup> – **Departure from USA.**

Day 2: September 8<sup>th</sup> – Upon arrival we **drive to Cologne**. We start our journey with a walking tour through the Old Town and we visit the vast, towered **Gothic Cathedral of St. Peter & Mary**. We will celebrate Mass, then check in to our hotel for dinner and **overnight in Cologne**.

Day 3: September 9<sup>th</sup> – **Drive to Aachen (Aix-la-Chapelle)**, nearby the Dutch border, and visit the city where Roman emperors were crowned from 813 to 1531. We visit the world-renowned **Cathedral of Aachen**. Travel along the Moselle river to the oldest German town for dinner and **overnight in Trier**.

Day 4: September 10<sup>th</sup> – **City tour of Trier**, founded by the Romans in 16 BC. We see the Porta Nigra, the largest Roman city gate north of the Alps and visit the ruins of the Roman Imperial palace and the Roman thermae. We visit the **Cathedral of Trier**, the oldest church in Germany and home of the bishop for more than 1700 years. We continue along the **Southern Wine Road** and enjoy in the evening a wine tasting with a sample of the best German wines. **Overnight in Deidesheim**.

Day 5: September 11<sup>th</sup> – **Drive to nearby Worms and visit St. Peter's Cathedral**, one of the most exquisite examples of Romanesque architecture. We also visit Europe's oldest **Jewish cemetery, the Holy Sands** before continuing on to Mainz. We visit the birthplace of printing, the **Gutenberg Museum**. Then we tour **St. Martin's Cathedral**, built in the 8th century and towering in all its might and grandeur over the city. We return to our hotel for dinner and **overnight in Deidesheim**.

Day 6: September 12<sup>th</sup> – Drive south along Southern Wine Road and **enter France to visit Strasbourg**. We tour the **Cathedral of Strasbourg** with the Astronomical clock and celebrate the Holy Mass, the city center as well as the historic "La Petite France" quarter. Dinner and **overnight in Strasbourg area**.

Day 7: September 13<sup>th</sup> – We enjoy the scenic and magic landscapes of **South Germany**. Stop in **Triberg**. Continue on to Constance area, situated on the shore of Germany's largest lake, the **Lake of Constance**. We drive across a dam that connects the mainland to paradise - and on to the **Peninsula of Reichenau**. We visit **St. George Church** with its meticulously restored Romanesque wall paintings. Dinner and **overnight in the Constance area**.

Day 8: September 14<sup>th</sup> – This morning, we visit nearby **St. Gallen in Switzerland**. The **Abbey of Saint Gall** is a religious complex within the city. The Carolingian-era Abbey has existed since 719 and became an independent principality during the 13th century. Lunch on our own in the Alp principality of **Liechtenstein**. Then on to Bavaria for dinner and **overnight in the Füssen area**.

Day 9: September 15<sup>th</sup> – Today, we tour the elaborate **Neuschwanstein Castle**, one of King Ludwig's fantasy castles and surely the crown jewel of Bavaria Castles. Then on to visit the **Wieskirche** (Church in the Meadows) where rococo art reached a unique perfection. We celebrate the Holy Mass. We return to our hotel for dinner and **overnight in the Füssen area**.

Day 10: September 16<sup>th</sup> – This morning, we celebrate the **Holy Mass at Ettal Abbey**. We continue on to Oberammergau area for our check-in to the hotel. In the afternoon, we take part in the extravagant **Oberammergau Passion Play**, performed only once every ten years and a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Dinner and **overnight in Oberammergau**.

Day 11: September 17<sup>th</sup> – Drive to **Munich**, the capital of Bavaria. Time on our own to stroll the Marienplatz, with its numerous shops, visit the fresh produce and flower markets and the world-famous Hofbräuhaus Restaurant complete with authentic Bavaria food, music and entertainment. Farewell dinner and **overnight in Munich**.

Day 12: September 18<sup>th</sup> – **Fly back to USA.**