

Pre Convention Tour 2

From River Rhine to Wartburg Castle

Köln(Cologne), Bonn, Kassel, Eisenach, Erfurt, Weimar

Your journey begins at the Dom in Cologne, an old but lively city in once. Up the River Rhine to Bonn, Bad Godesberg, Petersberg, from where the „old“ Federal Republic of Germany was governed almost half a century. Martin Luthers Wartburg Castle and the „Classical Weimar“ as a tour final.

25. May, Day 1: „Cologne - founded by the Romans“

Arriving from Frankfurt airport You visit the most remarkable building of this old town: the Dom. It took more than 300 years to complete this phantastic cathedral, a masterpiece of gothik architecture. More than 100 colums carry the vault, which at the nave reaches a height of 43 meters. The 157 meters high double towers of the dom are a landmark, not only for the city of cologne but the whole region. A very impressive afternoon, which ends with dinner and overnight at the Renaissance Hotel.

26. May, Day 2: „Bonn - the former capital“

You reach Bonn by boat. More than 40 years the small town was an important place in worldwide politics. You will walk on the tracks of chancellor Adenauer and many famous international statesmen. Dinner and overnight will be at the „Hotel Petersberg“, the former guesthouse of the German government.

27. May, Day 3: „Herkules and Wartburg“

Through the „Siebengebirge“, a nice hill area, You reach Kassel with its unique mountain park „Wilhelmshöhe“.

Aside from the botanical diversity with more than 600 different woody plants the main attraction is the 8,50 meters high copper statue of Herkules, the classical hero. It was exemplary for other great monuments like the Statue of Liberty in New York. In the afternoon You reach Eisenach.

28. May, Day 4: „Classical Thuringia“

One of the landmarks of the state of Thuringia=Thüringen is the Wartburg Castle. Located on a rock plateau, 400 meter above the town of Eisenach, everywhere visible already from long distance. It was here, where Martin Luther was hidden and translated the Bible from Latin to German language. The castle surprises with a mixture of different styles like Romanic, Gothic, Renaissance and Historicism. In the afternoon a city sightseeing shows to You the main attractions of the Thuringian State Capital Erfurt, the Dom, and the medieval half-timbered houses.

Dinner and overnight at the Weimar Hilton

29. May, Day 5: „Goethe and Schiller“

On the tracks of the two German „Princes of Poetry“ You walk through Weimar. You visit many places, where Goethe and Schiller stayed, ate, drank, lived and wrote their poetry. But Weimar was and is more than the two genius poets.

For good reasons in 1999 it was elected as a European Capital of Culture.

In the morning: transfer to Dresden. Arrival in Your Hotel in the afternoon.

Summary of Contents:

Touring/Transfers with Schumann-coach/ toilet, air condition, Audio/Video, kitchen)

4 x overnight stays incl. Breakfast and dinner, 4* or 5* - hitels

1 x Lunch

boat trip on the Rhein

Sightseeing acc. to program

Date: May 25th - May 29th, 2006

Price per Person

(Double Room, Shower, WC) : € 994

Surcharge for Single Room: € 240