



SAINT FRANCIS UNIVERSITY

Springtime in Germany

Experience Deutschland

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This trip will take you down the famous *Romantische Strasse* to Germany's past and present. You will see walled towns and villages and spectacular old churches and museums. You will visit the historical city of Nürnberg and see other world-famous cities and towns. The trip will also take you to the infamous concentration camp of Dachau. We will visit several old and exquisite castles: one being the fantasy *Neuschwanstein*, built by King Ludwig II, enjoy delicious ethnic foods; and learn all about how the German people celebrate springtime.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

This 3 credit course in Special Topics German 450 will take you to some of Germany's most awesome and amazing sites. There is spectacular scenery everywhere--from the countryside to the Alps. Here you will see walled cities, museums and castles, resident palaces to ruins. You will travel down what is called the "Romantic Road" - the heartland of Bavaria. It is full of church history--from the beginnings of Catholicism to the Protestant Reformation. Churches and cathedrals abound, with beautiful artwork in the Baroque style. You will step back in time to Germany's dark side and explore some of the remnants of Nazism--from the Documentation Center of Nürnberg to the haunting concentration camp at Dachau. You will experience cultural traditions kept alive for hundreds of years throughout Germany in the market places, ethnic foods, and the shops. Come along and see what you, too, can experience. (If taking GERM 450 for special studies language credit, GERM 112 is a pre-requisite for the credit requirement or 2 years of High School German).

HOUSING AND MEALS

Participants will stay in youth hostels, budget accommodations and/or hotels. Accommodations are based primarily on double occupancy with occasional use of multi-bedded rooms. Daily breakfasts and some additional meals are included.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

See back.

DATES AND COSTS

May 8 - May 18, 2012

Cost is \$2,978 plus tuition. (Price subject to change based on airfares.)

Includes round-trip airfare, euro rail/bus pass, room and some meals, excursions and medical traveler's insurance.

Not included: tuition, some meals, incidental supplies, gifts, and additional fees for change in airline tickets.

Payment Schedule:

- Application and deposit (\$200 non-refundable) due February 6, 2012.
- Preliminary payment (\$1,000) due March 9, 2012.
- Balance due April 8, 2012.

See reimbursement policy below.

Springtime in Germany Application

Name (as it appears on passport): _____ E-mail: _____

Prior German Language Instruction: _____ Major: _____

Permanent address: _____

Phone: _____ (h) _____ (c) Date of Birth: _____

In case of cancellation by student, reimbursement must be:

- Before 60 days prior to departure – full reimbursement minus non-refundable deposit
- After 60 days prior to departure – full reimbursement minus cost of plane ticket and non-refundable deposit
- After departure, no reimbursement

Complete this form and return, along with application fee to:

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AND OUTREACH
215 Schwab Hall / 472-3245 / jhorvath@francis.edu
www.francis.edu/studyabroad.htm

PLEASE NOTE: Your application is not complete until receipt of all travel forms. Travel forms may be picked up and returned to the Center for International Education.

I've read the above reimbursement policy. *Signature*

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Day 1: Fly into Frankfurt and travel by train to **Würzburg**. This is a historic city, though rebuilt since WWII, with its impressive Bishop's Residence and Chapel. We will walk through town to St. Kilian's Cathedral (built in 1040 AD); Old Main Bridge (built 1133 AD); on to the 13th century Marienberg Fortress.

Day 2: **Rothenburg ob der Tauber** (A walled city with a *Weihnachtsmarkt* and museums). This was a free Imperial city (established 1150 AD) and is today the best preserved medieval walled town. Some of the sights are the "Crime and Punishment Museum," the "St Jakob's Church" (14th century), a walk along the inside of the city wall and the "Night Watchman's Tour." We will also visit the Christmas Market.

Day 3 & 4: **Nürnberg** – This city dates back to about 1000AD with a very influential history. We will make our way through the Frauentor down the Königstrasse to the Market Square and experience the world famous *markt*; visit the Rathaus with its prison underground; The Imperial Castle; walk through 3 churches - St. Lawrence Church, Frauenkirche and St. Sebald Church the Albrecht Durer house; and the impressive Germanic National Museum. We will walk through the Nazi Party Rally Grounds, the Documentation Center, Congress Hall, Zeppelin and the Nürnberg Trails courtroom.

Day 5: **Dinkelsbühl** and **Nördlingen** - **Dinkelsbühl** is a small, walled medieval village with a moat, towers and gates. The sights include St. George Church, a 15th century church with a finely carved altarpiece and a city history museum. This town sat along an important trade route and was in a tug-of-war between Protestants and Catholics. **Nördlingen** has a perfectly circular 1 ½ mile wall around it (started in 1327 with 16 towers and 5 gates). It lies in the middle of an impact crater from a meteorite which hit with a force of 250,000 Hiroshima bombs. Climb the 350 steps of the church for the best view.

Day 6: **Augsburg** - founded somewhere around 15 BC by Emperor Augustus. It is rich in church history, with a 3rd century church next to the Augsburg Cathedral and the writing of a major confession of faith. It has a must-see Rathaus, the first of its kind "The Fuggerei," and much more.

Day 7: **Die Wieskirche** - Die Weiskirche is often considered Germany's most glorious Baroque-Rococo church. It was built to house a statue of the scourged Christ, which became a popular pilgrimage site following reports in 1738 that the statue had wept real tears. The artwork in the church portrays Jesus variously as a baby; as a sacrificial lamb; and, high on the ceiling, as the resurrected Christ at the Last Judgment as an encouragement for sinners to repent while they were still able to do so.



Day 8: **Füssen** (Castles) **Hohenschwangau** – was built in the 12th century and ruined by Napoleon. It was rebuilt in 1830 by King Maximilian II and used by the royal family as a summer hunting lodge until 1912. The Wittelsbach family ruled Bavaria for nearly 7 centuries. The décor inside has paintings inspired by Romantic themes. **Neuschwanstein** is the last castle "Mad" King Ludwig built. It was his ultimate fairytale castle. It looks medieval but it is a modern construction. You will visit 15 different rooms, go up and down more than 300 steps, walk through lavish rooms that are based on Wagner's operatic themes and end up in the King's kitchen.

Day 9: **Dachau** – This was the first Nazi concentration camp (1933). It is a reminder of a grisly past that cries out "never again." It was established to house political prisoners and opponents of the Nazi regime. It was a work camp and a training center for all those who would run the concentration-camp system. Later, after the war, it became a prison for camp officials and developed into a center for Eastern European refugees seeking freedom from oppression.

Day 10: Wind up tired and head for home, leaving with an experience of a lifetime.

