

Scenic Routes in Germany



German Fairy Tale Route 2023

Travelling on the Tracks of Fairy Tales,
Legends and Sagas from Germany's North Sea
Coast to the Hills of Central Hesse



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Germany's Fairy Tale Route in a Nutshell

Seven at a Stroke

Day 1: Arrival at Hamelin

Hamelin is the economic and cultural centre of the Weser Hills region. The city gained wealth through its geographically advantageous position as a trading centre on the banks of the river Weser. Thereby, the region experienced a downright building boom between the Reformation and the Thirty Years' War during which a new style was developed; the Weser-Renaissance architecture. The superbly decorated houses in the Weser-Renaissance style are a proof of the city's previous affluence. Hamelin became famous across the world through the Brothers Grimm's legend of the "Pied Piper". In the afternoon you can familiarize yourself with Hamelin during a sightseeing walk through its historic district. Time provided, a visit to Hamelin's City Museum with its mechanical "Pied Piper Theatre" is highly recommended (opt.). We would be pleased to organize tickets to a performance of the "Pied Piper Plays" or the "Pied Piper Musical" (both opt.). Dinner and accommodation in the Hamelin/ Detmold/ Hildesheim region.

Day 2: Fairy Tale Excursion through the Weser Hills

Today you will undertake an excursion to find traces of Fairy Tales in the Weser Hills region. Besides other places, your tour will take you to Polle, home to "Cinderella" and to Bodenwerder, home to the famous "Lying Baron von Münchhausen" with possibility to visit the Münchhausen Museum (opt.) and to Hörter, home to Hansel and Gretel. Thereafter, continuation to Fürstenberg's porcelain manufactory, a fabulous palace complex built in the Weser-Renaissance style and with its age of more than 250 years one of Europe's oldest porcelain manufactories. Possibility for a visit (opt.) with a classy lunch (opt.). Here, the "The Wishing Table" is still being taken serious! Sophisticated table culture has been presented here since 1747. Then continue to Corvey Abbey (UNESCO World Heritage), a palace complex and previous monastery with more than 1,200 years of history, built in the Romanesque style. Here, visitors can discover exciting things behind ancient walls (opt.). Hoffmann von Fallersleben, the poet who texted the German national anthem, worked here in its former imperial abbey, today a palace, as a librarian until his death. Dinner and accommodation in the Hamelin/ Detmold/ Hildesheim region. Alternatively, dinner can be booked in a typical restaurant (opt.).

Day 3: 'Reinhardswald' Forest – Kassel

After breakfast, you will travel along the Weser on the tracks of Fairy Tales through the 'Reinhardswald Forest' with the possibility to undertake a short boat trip on the Weser (opt.). On your way you will have the possibility for lunch and/or a visit (both opt.) to the enchanted Fairy Tale castle 'Trendel-

burg' with its more than 700 years old history where once upon a time "Rapunzel" let her hair down to her prince. Thereafter, continue to Kassel, from where you will undertake a guided excursion on the tracks of Fairy Tales in the afternoon. You can choose one of the three themes: "Little Red Riding Hood" (Schwalm region), "Sleeping Beauty" (Reinhardswald Forest) or "Mother Holle" (Werra-Meissner region). Thereafter, continue to your hotel. Dinner and accommodation in the Kassel region. Alternatively, dinner can be booked in a Fairy Tale experience restaurant (opt.).

Day 4: Kassel – Fairy Tale Excursion

In the morning undertake a sightseeing walk in the footsteps of the Brothers Grimm in Kassel. It was here where they passed their most productive period, collected their "Children's and Household Tales", wrote their "German Grammar" and composed the "German Dictionary". During a visit to the brand new visitor and documentation centre GRIMMWELT thereafter, you can familiarize yourself with life and works of the Brothers Grimm. Here, language, Fairy Tales, original manuscripts and biographical notes are being attractively presented for all ages with hands-on activities and state of the art presentation technology. In the afternoon, undertake another guided excursion on the traces of another famous Fairy Tale. You may again pick one of the remaining themes: "Little Red Riding Hood" (Schwalm region), "Sleeping Beauty" (Reinhardswald Forest) or "Mother Holle" (Werra-Meissner region). Alternatively, you can choose the theme "Once upon a time ..." starting in Marburg or an excursion on the traces of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" through the 'Kellerwald Forest' National Park (UNESCO World Heritage) starting in Bad Wildungen with a visit to Snow White's house (WED-SUN opt.), a visit to a visitor gem mine (WED-SUN opt.) and a gem grindery (WED-SUN opt.). Dinner and accommodation in the Kassel region. Alternatively, dinner can be booked in a Fairy Tale experience restaurant (opt.).

Day 5: Marburg – Return Journey

Continue to Marburg in the morning and undertake a guided sightseeing walk in the footsteps of the Brothers Grimm. Marburg is the city with Germany's oldest Gothic church and sepulchre of St Elisabeth. The city with the venerable Philipps-University used to the Brothers Grimm's study place. It has an almost completely preserved medieval district. Thereafter, enjoy some free time for your own discoveries before you undertake your return journey. Alternatively, you may book an extension night in this region.

Subject to changes

LEISTUNGEN:

- 4 x accommodation in good middle class hotels
- 4 x buffet breakfast
- 4 x dinner in your hotel
- 1 x sightseeing tour of Hamelin (1 hour)
- 1 x excursion to the Weser Hills (6 hours)
- 1 x sightseeing tour of Kassel (1½ hours)
- 1 x entrance and guided visit to the GRIMMWELT visitor centre in Kassel (1½ hours)
- 2 x guided Fairy Tale excursion from/to Kassel on days 3 and 4 (5 hours each)
- 1 x sightseeing tour of Marburg (2 hours)

(Further entrances not included)

Please note: Against a supplement, dinner can be booked in a Fairy Tale experience restaurant or in a historic inn.

PACKAGE RATES PER:

per Person sharing double/twin
(transport not included)

min pax paying	20 pax	30 pax	40 pax
01.01.–31.03.2023	€ 359,-	€ 339,-	€ 329,-
01.04.–30.06.2023	€ 378,-	€ 359,-	€ 349,-
01.07.–31.08.2023	€ 399,-	€ 378,-	€ 368,-
01.09.–31.10.2023	€ 378,-	€ 359,-	€ 349,-
01.11.–30.12.2023	€ 359,-	€ 339,-	€ 329,-

(incl. transfers hotel-airport IN/OUT, circular tour and sightseeing in modern tour coach)

min pax paying	20 pax	30 pax	40 pax
01.01.–31.03.2023	€ 559,-	€ 479,-	€ 439,-
01.04.–30.06.2023	€ 579,-	€ 499,-	€ 459,-
01.07.–31.08.2023	€ 599,-	€ 528,-	€ 479,-
01.09.–31.10.2023	€ 579,-	€ 499,-	€ 459,-
01.11.–30.12.2023	€ 559,-	€ 479,-	€ 439,-

Single supplement	€ 124,-	€ 124,-	€ 124,-
Suppl. for transfer assistance			on request
Suppl. for permanent tour guide			on request



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Germany's Fairy Tale Route from North to South

From 'B' as in "Baron von Münchhausen" to 'S' as in "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs"

Day 1: Arrival in Bremen (UNESCO World Heritage)

Visit Bremen's market square during a sightseeing tour in the afternoon and see its cathedral, its town hall (UNESCO site), built in the Weser-Renaissance style, the statue of Bremen's Roland (UNESCO site) and the 'Town Musicians' monument. Dinner and accommodation in the Bremen/ Lüneburg Heath/ Hannover region.

Day 2: Bremen – Hamelin (185 kms)

Hamelin became world-famous through the Brothers Grimm's legend of the "Pied Piper". After your arrival undertake a sightseeing tour in the afternoon. Thereafter, free time. We recommend a visit to Hamelin's City Museum with its mechanical "Pied Piper Theatre". We would be pleased to book tickets to the "Pied Piper Plays" or the "Pied Piper Musical" for you. Dinner and accommodation in the Detmold/ Hamelin/ Hildesheim region.

Day 3: Excursion to the Weser Hills

Today undertake an excursion through the Weser Hills to Polle, home to "Cinderella", to Bodenwerder, home to the famous "Baron von Münchhausen" and to Höxter, home to Hansel and Gretel. Thereafter, continuation to Fürstentberg's porcelain manufactory, a fabulous palace complex in the Weser-Renaissance style and at an age of more than 250 years one of Europe's oldest porcelain manufactories. Possibility for a visit and/or a classy lunch stop. Here, the "The Wishing Table" is still being taken seriously! Sophisticated table culture has been presented here since 1747. Then continue to Corvey (UNESCO site), a palace complex and previous monastery with more than 1,200 years of history. Dinner and accommodation in the Detmold/ Hamelin/ Hildesheim region.

Day 4: Hamelin – "Little Red Riding Hood" Excursion – Kassel

After breakfast travel along the Weser through the 'Reinhardswald Forest'. You may opt for a short boat trip on the river Weser. Option for lunch and/or a visit at the enchanted 'Trendelburg' castle with its more than 700 years of history where "Rapunzel" used to let her hair down to her prince. Continue to Kassel. In the afternoon a guide will take you on an excursion themed "Little Red Riding Hood" through the Schwalm region where red hoods used to be a part of girls' traditional dress. Travel past the ruin of 'Felsberg' castle through enchanted half-timbered towns, such as Homberg and Melsungen. Dinner and accommodation in the Kassel region.

Day 5: Kassel – "Sleeping Beauty" Excursion

Enjoy a guided walk in Kassel in the footsteps of the Brothers Grimm in the morning where they had their most pro-

ductive period, collected their "Children's and Household Tales", wrote their "German Grammar" and composed the "German Dictionary". In the afternoon, a guide will take you on an excursion on the traces of "Sleeping Beauty". Travel through the enchanted 'Reinhardswald Forest' with its little villages brimming with history, visit "Sleeping Beauty's" alleged castle 'Sababurg' and the endearing baroque town Bad Karlshafen. Then, enjoy the romantic landscape along the Weser banks. Dinner and accommodation in the Kassel region.

Day 6: Kassel – "Mother Holle" Excursion – Marburg

Today, visit the documentation centre GRIMMWELT where language, Fairy Tales, original manuscripts and biographical notes are displayed attractively for all ages with hands-on activities and latest technology. In the afternoon, a guide will take you on a "Mother Holle" excursion. Travel past enchanting half-timbered towns and villages, such as Hannoversch Münden and Bad Sooden-Allendorf, then through the picturesque Werra valley to 'Berlepsch' castle where you can stop for lunch and/or a visit. Return via Mount Meissner, home to "Mother Holle", through idyllic half-timbered villages. Dinner and accommodation in the Kassel/ Marburg/ Wetzlar region.

Day 7: Marburg – "Marburger Land" or „Snow White“ Excursion

Sightseeing in the footsteps of the Brothers Grimm in Marburg with its well preserved medieval district, home to Germany's oldest Gothic church and sepulchre of St Elisabeth. The city with one of Germany's oldest universities used to be the Brothers Grimm's study place. In the afternoon, excursion themed "Once upon a time ..." through Marburg's hinterland. Alternatively, a guided excursion to the 'Kellerwald Forest' National Park (UNESCO site) with a visit to "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" house, a visitor gem mine and a gem grindery (all three open WED-SUN only and opt.). Dinner and accommodation in the Bad Wildungen/ Marburg/Wetzlar region.

Day 8: Return Journey

Before your return journey, a visit to half-timbered towns of Alsfeld or Steinau is recommended. In Steinau where the Brothers Grimm spent their youth from 1791 to 1796 you may visit the Grimm Family's original home as well as the Fairy Tale well on market square built to honour Jacob Grimm's 200th birthday. We would be pleased to organize sightseeing for you. Thereafter, free time or return journey.

Subject to changes

LEISTUNGEN:

- 7 x accommodation in good middle class hotels
- 7 x buffet breakfast
- 7 x dinner in your hotel
- 1 x sightseeing tour of Bremen (1 hour)
- 1 x sightseeing tour of Hamelin (1 hour)
- 1 x guide for a Fairy Tale excursion from/to Hamelin through the Weser Hills (6 hours)
- 1 x sightseeing tour of Kassel (1½ hours)
- 1 x entrance and guided visit to the GRIMMWELT visitor centre in Kassel (1½ hours)
- 3 x guided Fairy Tale excursion from/to Kassel on days 4, 5 and 6 (5 hours each)
- 1 x sightseeing tour of Marburg (2 hours)
- 1 x guide for a Fairy Tale excursion from/to Marburg or from/to Bad Wildungen (4 hours)

(Further entrances not included)

Please note: Against a supplement, dinner can be booked in a Fairy Tale experience restaurant or in a historic inn.

PACKAGE RATES PER:

per Person sharing double/twin
(transport not included)

min pax paying	20 pax	30 pax	40 pax
01.01.–31.03.2023	€ 569,-	€ 548,-	€ 539,-
01.04.–30.06.2023	€ 579,-	€ 568,-	€ 549,-
01.07.–31.08.2023	€ 589,-	€ 578,-	€ 559,-
01.09.–31.10.2023	€ 579,-	€ 568,-	€ 549,-
01.11.–30.12.2023	€ 569,-	€ 548,-	€ 539,-
Single supplement	€ 168,-	€ 168,-	€ 168,-

(incl. transfers hotel-airport IN/OUT, circular tour and sightseeing in modern tour coach)

min pax paying	20 pax	30 pax	40 pax
01.01.–31.03.2023	€ 879,-	€ 775,-	€ 709,-
01.04.–30.06.2023	€ 889,-	€ 789,-	€ 728,-
01.07.–31.08.2023	€ 899,-	€ 798,-	€ 739,-
01.09.–31.10.2023	€ 889,-	€ 789,-	€ 728,-
01.11.–30.12.2023	€ 879,-	€ 775,-	€ 709,-

Single supplement	€ 168,-	€ 168,-	€ 168,-
Suppl. for transfer assistance			on request
Suppl. for permanent tour guide			on request



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Germany's Fairy Tale Route Meets the Romantic Road

Including a visit to Heidelberg, Rudesheim and a boat trip on the Rhine

Day 1: Arrival/Flight to Munich (MUC)

After your arrival, sightseeing and transfer to your hotel. Dinner and accommodation in the Munich region.

Day 2: Munich – Royal Palace – Füssen (133 kms)

Travel through one of South Germany's most romantic regions and visit the famous pilgrimage church 'Wieskirche' (UNESCO site) where the German rokoko style reached its peak. Thereafter, visit one of Bavaria's famous royal palaces Hohenschwangau or Neuschwanstein, built by King Ludwig II. Then, enjoy the little angular alleys and high gothic gables of the picturesque Füssen. Dinner and accommodation in the Füssen/Reutte region.

Day 3: Füssen – Augsburg – Dinkelsbühl – Rothenburg (approx. 246 kms)

Continue to Augsburg for sightseeing in the 'Fugger' town (the Fugger family were one of Europe's first international banks) and see the unique 'Fuggerei', the world's oldest public housing project and much more. Carry on to Dinkelsbühl for a welcome by the 'Zweigestirn' (pair of solo trumpeter and market-woman in historic costumes). Then, enjoy a guided walk through Dinkelsbühl's medieval district before you continue to Rothenburg. Dinner and accommodation in the Rothenburg/ Würzburg/ Bad Mergentheim region.

Day 4: Rothenburg – Heidelberg (166 kms)

Sightseeing of Rothenburg, one of the gems among Germany's medieval towns. Then, continue to Heidelberg for sightseeing of its picturesque historic centr. Thereafter, possibility to visit Heidelberg's castle. Dinner and accommodation in the Heidelberg/ Frankfurt region.

Day 5: Heidelberg – Rudesheim – Rhine Valley (UNESCO Site) – Hanau – Steinau (approx. 320 kms)

Undertake a sightseeing tour of the romantic Rudesheim with its narrow alleys, the old trading centre of Rheingau wines and home to Germany's unique and famous 'Riesling' wine. Rudesheim's best-known alley is the 'Drosselgasse' in which most of its wine taverns and restaurants are located. Then, embark on a boat trip through the 'Upper Mid-Rhine Valley' (UNESCO site). In the afternoon you may stop at the Brothers Grimms' monument on Hanau's market square, outset of the 'Fairy Tale Route'. Carry on to Steinau where the Brothers Grimm spent their school days and where you can see the Grimm family's original home and the Fairy Tale well. Dinner and accommodation in the Hanau/ Schlüchtern/ Fulda region.

Day 6: Hanau – Alsfeld – Marburg (approx. 126 kms)

Carry on across the 'Vogelsberg' hills to Alsfeld, a dreamy half-timbered town with a unique town hall from 1512. After

sightseeing and a visit to Alsfeld's Fairy Tale Museum enjoy some free time. Thereafter, continue to Marburg, home to one of Germany's oldest universities and study place of the Brothers Grimm. Enjoy Marburg's well preserved medieval district during a sightseeing tour. Continue to Kassel in the late afternoon. Dinner and accommodation in the Marburg/ Kassel region.

Day 7: Marburg – Kassel (approx. 95 kms)

In the morning, sightseeing in the footsteps of the Brothers Grimm in Kassel where they had their most productive period and composed the "German Dictionary". Then visit the documentation centre GRIMMWELT where language, Fairy Tales, original manuscripts and biographical notes are attractively presented for all ages combining hands-on activities and latest technology. In the afternoon, undertake a guided excursion themed either "Little Red Riding Hood", "Sleeping Beauty" or "Mother Holle". Dinner and accommodation in the Marburg/Kassel region.

Day 8: Kassel – Hamelin (approx. 133 kms)

Carry on to Hamelin past the enchanted 'Trendelburg' castle where "Rapunzel" used let her hair down for her prince. Then, travel through the 'Weser Hills' past Höxter, home to "Hansel and Gretel", Bodenwerder, home to the famous "Baron von Münchhausen" and Polle, home to "Cinderella". On your way you may stop for a visit or classy lunch at Fürstenberg's porcelain manufactory of 1747, a fabulous palace complex, built in the unique 'Weser-Renaissance' style and one of Europe's oldest porcelain manufactories. Carry on to Hamelin. The city became world-famous through the Brothers Grimms' legend of the "Pied Piper". In the afternoon, sightseeing of Hamelin. If there is time we recommend a visit to Hamelin's City Museum with its mechanical "Pied Piper" theatre. We would be pleased to book tickets to the "Pied Piper Plays" or the "Pied Piper Musical" for you. Dinner and accommodation in the Detmold/ Hamelin/ Hildesheim region.

Day 9: Hamelin – Bremen (approx. 186 kms)

Continue to the Hanseatic city of Bremen. During a sightseeing tour in the afternoon, you can see Bremen's market square with St Peter's cathedral, its city hall (UNESCO site), the statue of Bremen's Roland (UNESCO site) and the "Town Musicians'" monument (inside visits optional). Dinner and accommodation in the Bremen/ Hamburg/ Lüneburg Heath/ Hannover region.

Day 10: Return Journey/Flight from Hamburg (HAM), Bremen (BRE) or Hannover (HAJ)

Before your return flight, you may visit further places along the Fairy Tale Route, such as Bremerhaven, home to the

ship's kobold 'Klabautermann' who plays hoaxes on sailors, or Buxtehude near Hamburg where dogs bark with their tails and hares race against hedgehogs. Thereafter, transfer to an airport for your return flight.

Subject to changes

LEISTUNGEN:

- 9 x accommodation in good middle class hotels
- 9 x buffet breakfast
- 9 x dinner in your hotel
- 1 x local guide for sightseeing of the following 13 places: Munich, Augsburg, Dinkelsbühl, Rothenburg, Heidelberg, Rudesheim, Steinau, Alsfeld, Marburg, Kassel, GrimmWorld, Hameln and Bremen
- 1 x entrance and guided tour at the following 4 places: one Royal palace, Grimm family's home in Steinau, Alsfeld's Fairy Tale Museum, GRIMMWELT in Kassel
- 1 x local guide for a half-day Fairy Tale excursion from/to Kassel
- 1 x welcome ceremony in Dinkelsbühl
- 1 x boat trip on the Rhine

Please note: Against a supplement, dinner can be booked in a Fairy Tale experience restaurant or in a historic inn.

PACKAGE RATES PER:

per Person sharing double/twin

(transport not included)

min pax paying	20 pax	30 pax	40 pax
01.01.–31.03.2023	€ 759,-	€ 729,-	€ 718,-
01.04.–30.06.2023	€ 768,-	€ 739,-	€ 729,-
01.07.–31.08.2023	€ 789,-	€ 759,-	€ 746,-
01.09.–31.10.2023	€ 768,-	€ 739,-	€ 729,-
01.11.–30.12.2023	€ 759,-	€ 729,-	€ 718,-

(incl. transfers hotel-airport IN/OUT, circular tour and sightseeing in modern tour coach)

min pax paying	20 pax	30 pax	40 pax
01.01.–31.03.2023	€ 1.129,-	€ 998,-	€ 929,-
01.04.–30.06.2023	€ 1.149,-	€ 1.018,-	€ 948,-
01.07.–31.08.2023	€ 1.169,-	€ 1.029,-	€ 965,-
01.09.–31.10.2023	€ 1.149,-	€ 1.018,-	€ 948,-
01.11.–30.12.2023	€ 1.129,-	€ 998,-	€ 929,-

Single supplement	€ 228,-	€ 228,-	€ 228,-
Suppl. for transfer assistance			on request
Suppl. for permanent tour guide			on request