



Berlin, Nuremberg and Munich by Rail

7 Night Rail Tour

Discover the heart of Germany on this 7 night rail journey, combining vibrant modern culture with centuries of rich history.

Beginning in Berlin, a city that effortlessly blends cutting-edge creativity with powerful historical landmarks, you'll then travel south to Nuremberg, famed for its medieval charm and fascinating past. Your journey concludes in Munich, the elegant capital of Bavaria, where grand architecture, alpine traditions and lively beer halls create an unforgettable atmosphere. Travelling by rail not only offers comfort and efficiency, but also a more sustainable way to explore, allowing you to sit back and enjoy Germany's ever-changing landscapes along the way.

Highlights:

- Explore Berlin's iconic landmarks, from the Brandenburg Gate to remnants of the Berlin Wall
- Discover world-class museums on Berlin's Museum Island
- Experience the medieval charm of Nuremberg's Old Town
- Reflect on history at significant WWII sites in Nuremberg
- Enjoy scenic rail journeys through the Bavarian countryside
- Soak up Munich's culture in its grand squares and traditional beer halls

What's included:

- Getting there: Flights to Berlin, return from Munich
- Transport: Private airport transfers, and 1st class rail between cities
- Accommodation: 7 nights total duration at your chosen hotels - 3 nights Berlin, 2 nights Nuremberg, 2 nights Munich
- Meals: Room only or bed and breakfast, depending on your chosen hotels

Not included:

- Any meals, drinks, tips, expenses of personal nature
- Optional excursion/tours
- Anything not mentioned in the "What's Included" column

Full Itinerary

Day 1: UK to Berlin

Fly from the UK to Berlin, on arrival you will be transferred to your hotel to take some time to settle in after your journey. Berlin is a city of contrasts, where historic landmarks sit alongside contemporary architecture and vibrant neighbourhoods, offering a fascinating first impression.

Depending on your arrival time, you may wish to begin exploring with a gentle walk through the surrounding area. The districts of Mitte or Prenzlauer Berg are ideal for an introduction, with leafy streets, independent cafés and a relaxed atmosphere. Alternatively, enjoy a leisurely dinner at a local restaurant, sampling modern German cuisine or international dishes that reflect Berlin's diverse cultural scene.

If you arrive later in the day, simply unwind and prepare for the days ahead. The city's efficient public transport system makes it easy to explore, and over the next few days you'll have ample opportunity to discover Berlin's many layers of history, culture and creativity.

ACCOMMODATION: Any hotel in central Berlin near the train station, like 3* ibis Berlin Hauptbahnhof or 4* INNSiDE by Melia Berlin Mitte



Day 2: Exploring Berlin

Today is dedicated to exploring Germany's dynamic capital, a city shaped by its complex past and innovative present. Begin your day at the iconic Brandenburg Gate, once a symbol of division and now a powerful emblem of unity. From here, continue to the nearby Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, a moving and thought-provoking tribute.

Walk onwards to remnants of the Berlin Wall, particularly the vibrant East Side Gallery, where striking murals transform a former barrier into one of the world's most famous open-air art spaces. This introduction offers a glimpse into Berlin's renowned street art culture, which thrives across districts such as Kreuzberg and Friedrichshain.

In the afternoon, explore Museum Island, home to a collection of world-renowned museums. Whether you choose to visit the Pergamon Museum or simply admire the grand architecture, the area is a cultural highlight.

To round off the day, consider a relaxing boat cruise along the River Spree, offering a unique perspective on Berlin's skyline as historic buildings and modern developments glide past.

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Day 3: Berlin at Leisure

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore Berlin at your own pace. You may wish to delve deeper into the city's creative scene with a guided street art tour through neighbourhoods such as Kreuzberg, where ever-changing murals and urban installations reflect Berlin's contemporary identity.

Alternatively, there are several excellent optional excursions available, each offering a different perspective on the region. A visit to Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp offers a powerful and educational insight into Germany's history during the Nazi era.

Another option is a half-day trip to Potsdam, home to the elegant Sanssouci Palace and its beautifully landscaped gardens, once the residence of Prussian kings.

If you prefer to remain in Berlin, you might visit the Reichstag Building for panoramic city views, or simply enjoy the capital's diverse culinary scene in the evening.

ACCOMMODATION: Any hotel in central Berlin near the train station, like 3* ibis Berlin Hauptbahnhof or 4* INNSiDE by Melia Berlin Mitte



Day 4: Berlin to Nuremberg by Rail

After breakfast, make your way to the station to board a high-speed train to Nuremberg, with a journey time of approximately three hours.

As you leave Berlin behind, the scenery gradually shifts from urban landscapes to open countryside. Along the way, you'll pass through regions of eastern Germany characterised by forests, gently rolling hills and traditional towns, offering a glimpse into everyday life beyond the capital.

On arrival in Nuremberg, make your way independently to your hotel and take some time to settle in. The city's compact Old Town makes it easy to explore on foot. In the afternoon or early evening, enjoy a leisurely walk through its cobbled streets, framed by half-timbered houses and historic buildings.

Perhaps stop for dinner in a traditional Franconian restaurant, where you can sample local specialities such as Nuremberg sausages. The city's atmospheric setting provides a charming contrast to Berlin's modern energy.

ACCOMMODATION: Any hotel in central Nuremberg near the train station, like 4* Hotel Victoria Nürnberg, 4* NH Collection Nürnberg City or 4* Leonardo Royal Hotel Nürnberg



Day 5: Nuremberg Sightseeing

Today, explore the rich history and character of Nuremberg, a city that played a significant role in both medieval and modern European history. Begin your day with a visit to Nuremberg Castle, which overlooks the city and offers impressive views across the rooftops of the Old Town.

From here, wander down into the heart of the city, stopping at the bustling Hauptmarkt. This central square is home to the striking Frauenkirche, known for its ornate façade and historic clock.

In the afternoon, consider visiting the Documentation Center Nazi Party Rally Grounds. This museum provides an in-depth and thought-provoking insight into the city's role during the Nazi era and the wider events of the 20th century.

Later, enjoy time at leisure to browse local shops or relax at a café. In the evening, soak up the city's welcoming atmosphere, perhaps sampling more regional cuisine in a traditional setting.

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Day 6: Nuremberg to Munich by Rail

This morning, board a short rail journey to Munich, taking approximately one hour. As you travel deeper into Bavaria, the landscape begins to change, with picturesque villages, church spires and open farmland creating a quintessential southern German scene.

Upon arrival in Munich, make your way independently to your hotel and take some time to familiarise yourself with the city. Begin with a walk to the central Marienplatz, the heart of Munich's Old Town. Here, you can admire the impressive Neues Rathaus and, if timing allows, watch the famous Glockenspiel performance.

Spend the remainder of the afternoon exploring nearby streets filled with shops, cafés and historic buildings. Munich offers a more relaxed and traditional atmosphere compared to Berlin, with a strong sense of Bavarian identity.

In the evening, you may wish to dine in a local beer hall, where hearty dishes and a lively atmosphere provide a memorable introduction to the city.

ACCOMMODATION: Any hotel in central Munich near the train station, like 4* Eden Hotel Wolff, 4* 25hours Hotel The Royal Bavarian or 4* NH Collection München Bavaria



Day 7: Munich Sightseeing

Today is dedicated to discovering Munich's cultural highlights, or you may choose to take a full day optional excursion. Start your morning in Marienplatz, before visiting the nearby Munich Residenz, once home to Bavarian royalty and now a vast museum showcasing opulent interiors and historical collections.

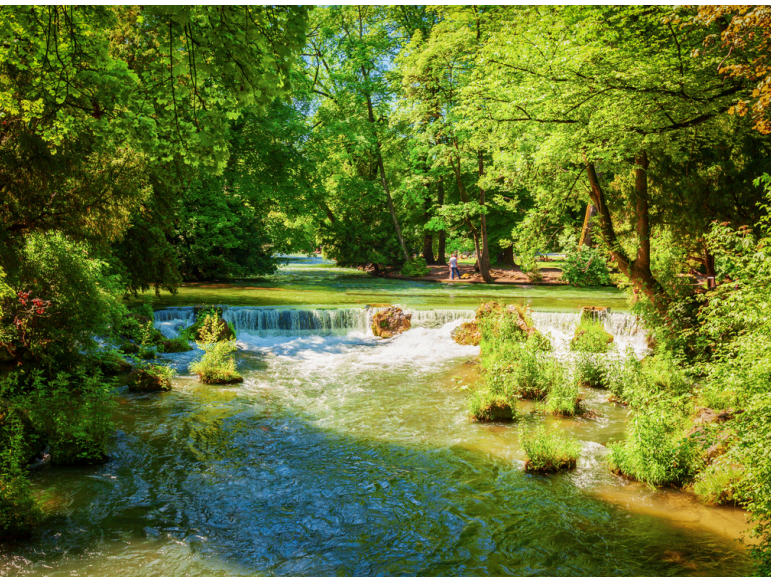
Continue your exploration with a visit to the iconic Hofbräuhaus München, one of the world's most famous beer halls. Even if you choose not to dine here, it is well worth experiencing its lively atmosphere and historic setting.

In the afternoon, unwind in the beautiful English Garden, a vast green space where locals gather to relax, cycle and even surf on the Eisbach wave. For those interested in art or science, Munich's excellent museums offer further opportunities for exploration.

Alternatively, take a full-day optional excursion to the fairytale Neuschwanstein Castle. Set against a dramatic alpine backdrop, this iconic castle - associated with King Ludwig II - offers one of Germany's most picturesque experiences.

In the evening, enjoy dinner at leisure, perhaps sampling traditional Bavarian dishes in a cosy setting.

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Day 8: Return to the UK

After breakfast, meet your transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. Depending on your departure time, you may have a little free time for a final stroll through Munich's Old Town or to pick up some last-minute souvenirs.

Depart with lasting memories of Germany's rich history, scenic journeys and distinctive regional character.

FAQs

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO TRAVEL?

Germany is a year-round destination, but the best time is between May and September, when longer daylight hours and pleasant temperatures make sightseeing and rail travel particularly enjoyable. Spring brings blooming parks and fewer crowds, while summer offers a lively atmosphere with outdoor dining and festivals. Alternatively, December is a magical time to visit, with traditional Christmas markets transforming cities like Nuremberg and Munich into festive wonderlands.

DO I NEED A VISA?

UK passport holders do not need a visa to travel to Germany for up to 90 days in a 180 day period. Please refer to the FCDO website for more information.

DO I NEED ANY VACCINATIONS?

There are no mandatory vaccinations required to enter Germany. However, we recommend consulting your GP or a travel health clinic before you travel to ensure your routine vaccinations are up to date and to receive any personalised health advice.

TRAIN TRAVEL

You will be provided tickets for 1st class travel on direct services between each city. Please note that train times cannot be amended once booked so please ensure you're happy with the train time offered at the time of booking.

RAIL STATIONS

Transfers will not be included to and from the train stations. You can choose an accommodation near the station, use public transport or a local taxi service.

CAN I CHANGE THIS ITINERARY?

Our itinerary can be fully customised; you can extend the duration, change the hotels, add optional excursions, or even modify the destinations.

We are able to arrange the majority of train journeys across Europe and beyond, tailoring the experience to suit your preferences.

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