

Activities and Excursions: Munich Highlights and Bavarian Castles



Residenz - Private Chanel

Come enjoy this world capital with Dr. Bill Bachand and experience the wonderful Bavarian hospitality of this 850 year old city. Bill has lived in Germany for 7 years, having been stationed in Bad Hersfeld and Heidelberg with the Army Dental Corps. Bill's first Army CE was in Munich in 1981, and he has returned many times since. Although Munich is known for its famous beer fest every fall, there is a lot more to Munich than just Oktoberfest and beer halls. There is a rich history dating back hundreds of years with Kings and Princes ruling the early independent Bavarian state. There was a long close association with the Catholic faith, with Munich becoming Rome's northern extension of the faith. Munich was initially

founded by monks in 1158. Munich also has a dark side with the rise of the Nazi party closely associated with Munich in the early part of the 20th century. We will get a chance to visit museums and churches that will bring that rich history to life. We will of course have ample opportunity to sample the beverage that made Munich famous along with some hearty German delicacies. We will visit one of the many outdoor beer gardens as well as the world famous **Hofbrauhaus** beer hall.

You will have an opportunity to visit truly top-notch museums such as the **Alte Pinakotheka**, housing a collection of European masters from the 14th through the 19th century and the **Residenz**, the elegant family palace of the royal Wittelsbach family, complete with crown jewels, religious relics and all of the trappings one would expect of a royal palace. In addition, you can visit the **Nazi Documentation Center** documenting the rise and fall of the Nazi Party. There are a host of beautiful historic churches including **St. Michael's**, the **Frauenkirche**, and the **Asam Church** to name a few. All have their own unique history and architecture and are filled with beautiful pieces of art. You will have the opportunity to visit **Dachau**, the World War II concentration camp just on the outskirts of Munich. It is a sobering reminder of the tragedies of the war and is a valuable educational experience. **BMW World and the Olympic Village**, site of the 1972 Olympics, are a short metro ride away for those interested in these venues. An all day excursion to the **Neuschwanstein** and **Linderhof** castles nestled in the Bavarian Alps, along with a visit to the picturesque village of **Oberammergau** is a highlight of any trip to Germany! We will enjoy this trip with a VIP excursion with guided tour and private coach. Don't miss this opportunity to experience Munich. It is a chance like no other!

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Here's what participants had to say about the course:

"This trip was so well organized and wonderfully executed, it was hard to remember the underlying purpose- CE credits. As a dentist, the trip coordinator knew exactly how to tailor the trip to meet our needs. From providing packing advice and helping arrange accommodations to fit our individual needs to the perfect itinerary, this trip was top notch all the way. I'll definitely be booking another trip." WH DMD, FAGD, AL

As a specialist, I was concerned as to learn how applicable these courses would be. It has been fantastic and enlightening to learn the present treatment planning, caries treatment, esthetics, biologic width, fixed and implant lectures. There was a lot of information that I could take home and use in my practice and improve my conversations with my referring general dentists. Thanks for all the work in making this an informative, applicable meeting." GS, DMD, Marietta GA

And about the excursions:

"Dr. Mitchell did great job putting this course together. I really enjoyed the topic and specifically her personal knowledge of historic sites. It was like having a personal tour guide! I would definitely consider joining her in future trips/CE courses. JV, DMD, Cumming GA

"First class tour with a knowledgeable guide!" HB, spouse

"It was extremely obvious that Jan takes pride in being prepared. Every detail was well thought out and planned. Jan has a passion for history and is a great tour guide. We experienced ALL the highlights of London and still had time for 17 hours of C.E. This has definitely been the best and most educational (both dentally and historically) C.E. course I've ever been to. Thank You, Thank You! Thank you!!" DE, DMD, Clarksville, TN

"The activities were all fantastic. Dr. Mitchell's work on the planning of the tours was evident. There was true value in this vacation." TH, DMD, Griffin GA

"Augusta University has some of the best faculty in education, and lectures were informative and interactive. We had lots of thought provoking conversation in lectures that definitely had a positive impact on patient care. The time spent outside of class was amazing. We were exposed to a vast amount of history and art throughout the region. We felt very safe and comfortable throughout all of our travels. My wife and I would recommend this trip for couples and families alike to have great experiences and first class continuing education." DS, DMD, Elijay GA

Activities Schedule

Current plan- may change when able to complete bookings

<p>Sunday</p>	<p>Easter Sunday! Attend Easter Sunday services in any one of the many churches in Munich. Enjoy a restful afternoon recovering from the long flight and jet lag by strolling the city and getting oriented to downtown Munich.</p> <p>(Meet and greet, and Orientation briefing to Germany and Munich that evening if conference room is available from hotel).</p>
<p>Monday Afternoon</p> <p>12:30 pm</p>	<p>City Walking Tour. Starting at the Marienplatz downtown Munich, we will see the New City Hall (Neus Rathaus) with its famous glockenspiel and the statue of the Virgin Mary, visit the churches of St. Michael's, the Frauenkirche, and the Asam Church, and we will explore the market scene (Viktualienmarkt) with its outdoor beer garden. We will stroll along Kaufingerstrasse, the pedestrian only zone known for restaurants, shopping, and very talented street performers, (musicians, magicians and still art!). We will visit the Odeonsplatz, with a monument honoring Bavarian generals. This is near the location where Adolf Hitler started the Nazi party, and this square became a symbol of the rise of the party. We will see Viscardigasse, the alley citizens took to avoid having to render the Nazi salute. We will also see the Residenz, the palace and residence of the Wittelsbach family, and now home to a beautiful museum, treasury, and theater. We will also visit the world famous Hofbrauhaus Beer Hall, and if time permits, stop by for refreshment and oompah music.</p> <p>Ratskellar Restaurant. Dinner that night will be held in this delightful setting, the basement (kellar) of the Rathaus (city hall). Dinner is included in your activities fee!</p>
<p>Tuesday Afternoon</p> <p>12:30</p>	<p>Museums: You have the option of visiting any one (or more) of the fabulous museums of Munich. I will list 4 of the best and perhaps you can get to 2 or perhaps 3 if you happen to move quickly, but you can always come back to catch the one you miss later in the week. The Alte Pinakotek is Bavaria's best painting gallery and has a beautiful collection of European masters from the 14th through the 19th century. The Egyptian Museum has a wonderful collection from ancient Egypt with the feel of entering an ancient tomb filled with beautiful art. The Nazi Documentation Center documents the rise and fall of Nazism and the important role the city of Munich played. Finally, the Residenz was once a royal place, built in the late 1500's and decorated in Rococo style in the 1700's. It is a vast complex with beautiful rooms and settings befitting a palace. Not to be missed is the</p>

	<p>Treasury (Schatzkammer) which has a thousand years of crown jewels, art objects, and religious artifacts to include relics. This museum alone will take some time!</p>
<p>Wednesday Afternoon 12:30</p>	<p><u>Dachau, shopping, or museums Part 2:</u> You have some options today. For those wanting some additional education about the dark history of the Nazi past, you may consider a visit to the concentration camp at Dachau. Located a short metro ride away on the outskirts of Munich, the camp has been partially restored with an excellent educational exhibit.</p> <p>For those wanting to experience shopping in one of Europe's finest locations, you will have the opportunity to shop with a pro - my wife Rhonda. She can take you to high end stores for that must have purse, or to more reasonable shops for clothes or souvenirs of your trip to Germany.</p> <p>Finally, if you want to hit one of the museums you missed yesterday, today is a day to catch up.</p> <p>We will try to arrange a group dinner (pay as you go) for those interested in the Hofbrauhaus. Typical German fare and music.</p>
<p>Thursday All Day</p>	<p><u>Day trip to Bavarian Castles in the Alps.</u> (Tentative until booking opens in October) Join us for this perfect day out to the most famous castles in Germany, the "Disney Castle" built by King Ludwig in the late 1800's. We will also visit another fairy-tale castle, Linderhof, as well as the picturesque village of Oberammergau, site of the Passion Play and home to master wood carvers. This VIP trip includes private coach and guide, on board snacks and drinks, and tickets to the castles.</p>
<p>Friday Afternoon</p>	<p><u>Free Afternoon:</u> How do you want to spend your last afternoon in Munich? Visit the famous English Gardens, (Munich's 'Central Park', the largest urban park in continental Europe). Visit the 'other' museums you missed but really want to see - The Deutsches Museum, Hunting and Fishing Museum, BMW World and Museum, or the site of the 1972 Olympics. Or take a stroll downtown Munich for a last chance to sample Munich's finest in a beer hall or outdoor beer garden. We may also try to schedule a bike tour of the city for those interested. It will go through the English Gardens and perhaps an outdoor beer garden or tour, led by Mike Craddock. He knows Munich very well!</p>

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **Where will the classes be held?** We are planning on using the Courtyard Marriott Munich City Center. It has a very nice conference room and is within easy walking distance to the main train station (10 minutes) and many of the sights we will be visiting downtown (about 15 minutes). In addition, lodging is available for those wishing to stay here.
- **What about lodging? Is there a specific hotel we'll all stay at?** The Marriott Courtyard will offer a special rate for attendees but you are free to choose any lodging that suits your taste and budget! There are a number of other hotels nearby as well as right in the immediate downtown area. The initial offer from the Marriott was for 99 euros per night which includes breakfast. This is quite reasonable when compared to other hotels in Munich. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel. Feel free to search B&B or an Airbnb apartment and an internet search will show a wide variety of choices in comfort and price. Feel free to ask Bill for guidance or suggestions.
- **Will this be tax-deductible?** We aren't qualified to advise you regarding tax matters—we suggest you speak with your licensed tax professional.
- **Will this be handicapped-accessible? What about mobility requirements?** Europe is not covered by the American with Disabilities Act, and it's simply not as accessible as you may be used to here. **LOTS of walking** (easily a mile or two a day on flat ground) is normal in European cities, and Munich is no exception. There will also be stairs involved in using the Metro (subway) system. While major museums have elevators, many restaurants and lodgings are not ADA compliant. The activities and excursions are not recommended for people with limited mobility because of cobblestones, crowding and hills.
- **How do I sign up?** Contact the Continuing Education Office at 706-721-3967 or 1-800-221-6437. Print [Registration Form](#) or

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- **Can I extend my stay before or after?** Of course! You will be making travel arrangements to suit your own schedule (flight, ground transportation, and lodging), so this is a great opportunity to travel to other cities in Germany or elsewhere in Europe. There are a lot of beautiful sites in Bavaria or Austria – just a few hours away. We would recommend you consider Salzburg or Berchtesgaden. They are all just a short train or bus ride away. Bill will be glad to share his experience in any planning you want to make!
- **When should I make plane reservations?** We suggest you not book tickets until after Dec 15 to assure enough participants; but if you register, we will let you know as soon as the required number is reached.
- **Do I need a passport? Visa? Shots?** Passport, absolutely. If you don't have one, start the paperwork as soon as possible. No visa or special immunizations are required for Germany and other European Union countries.
- **Will this be good for kids?** Depends on your kid. There will be a lot of art, history, museums and walking, but no playgrounds or American-style “kid-friendly” vacation activities. If that sounds like something your older child would enjoy, fine!
- **What about medical care if I get sick?** The medical care in Germany is excellent, but we suggest you check with your insurance company for additional traveler's coverage.
- **Will there be any advice for packing, electronics, phones and such if I sign up?** Absolutely! You will get lots of specific advice on all things foreign travel from the course director from his decades of experience of travelling, and living, abroad! There will even be recommendations on videos, books, and films that will enrich your visit significantly.