

# Germany #2

Field Hockey Tour

Munich, Frankfurt & Cologne 10 Day / 8 Night Program

# **SUGGESTED PROGRAM**

**PLEASE NOTE**: Actual sequence and timing of activities will revolve around your game & practice schedule, which will be finalized in the weeks prior to your team's arrival at its destination. All times are approximate and may vary according to flight schedules and other logistical factors.

# **ALL FIELD HOCKEY ACTIVITIES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.**

#### Day 1 **USA – MUNICH**

Evening Depart USA on your overnight flight to Munich with possible change of plane enroute.

Dinner and breakfast served aloft.

#### Day 2 **MUNICH**

Morning Arrive in Munich.

> Greeting by your highly-gualified **Tour Manager**. The Tour Managers we select are chosen for their high-energy and commitment to customer satisfaction. For the duration of your stay, your Tour Manager will be coordinating and managing all of your scheduled activities and will be available to you on a 24-hour basis should you need special assistance.

Munich is the capital of Bavaria, the state in southern Germany best-known for its beer halls, the Bavarian Alps, King Ludwig II's fanciful castles, and FC Bayern Munich, Germany's most famous and successful soccer team.

Transfer to your Three-Star Hotel in Munich for check-in.

Free time to experience Munich's sights. Visit the Old Town and nearby attractions. Afternoon









New Town Hall Facade Cathedral of Our Dear Lady

Walk around Marienplatz in Munich's Old Town to take in the medieval flavor of this historic site including the imposing medieval **Neues Rathaus** (New Town Hall) and **Church** of St. Peter. Watch the 12-minute long Glockenspiel (carillon) show by painted wooden characters playing out a medieval storyline on the side of the Town Hall and climb its

275-foot tall tower for great views of the city. Visit the **Viktualienmarkt**, a large food market known for its quality products with pubs, beer halls, and restaurants nearby.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 3 MUNICH

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning & Afternoon

# Olympic Park, BMW Museum & Nymphenburg Castle - Full-Day Tour







Olympiapark complex

**Nymphenburg Castle** 

**Old Town Skyline** 

Board your private motorcoach with English-speaking guide to visit northern Munich and its main attractions.

First stop is the <u>Olympiapark complex</u>, host of the 1972 Summer Olympic Games, featuring the 290-meter tall <u>Olympia Tower</u>, the <u>Olympic Stadium</u> with tented roof, the Olympic Hall and swimming center. Take a tour of the stadium and climb the tower for spectacular views of the city.

Top off your visit to the Olympic complex with a visit to the nearby **BMW Museum** for a fascinating look into the history and development of this legendary automobile, including the impressively modernistic building housing **BMW World** where you can arrange a factory tour.

Final stop is the 17<sup>th</sup>-century **Nymphenburg Castle**, featuring lavish gardens, the "Gallery of Beauties", and an impressive display of royal coaches.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

#### Evening MATCH # 1 vs. a GERMAN FIELD HOCKEY TEAM







Day 4 <u>MUNICH</u>

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning & Afternoon

# <u>Castles & Oberammergau – Full-Day Tour</u>







Linderhof

Neuschwanstein

Oberammergau

Explore the fascinating Castles of German Bavaria. Visit **Linderhof Castle**, a rococo style construction built by **King Ludwig II** of Bavaria in the late 1800's. Continue on to **Neuschwanstein Castle**, also commissioned by Ludwig II and open to the public in 1886, right after his death. More than 60 million people have visited the castle since its opening. Later visit the district of **Oberammergau**, famous for its long tradition of woodcarving, and home to the "Passion", a play the town performs every 10 years, where they tell the story of Christ, with more than 2000 people involved between actors, musicians and singers.

#### Afternoon PRACTICE SESSION

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

After dinner, enjoy the world-famous **Hofbrauhaus**, which perfectly fits the image of a Bavarian beer hall with its cavernous interior and multitudes of visitors enjoying the festive atmosphere with servers dressed in traditional Bavarian dress and a band playing typical Bavarian music to lots of singing and dancing!

# Day 5 <u>MUNICH – ROTHENBURG – FRANKFURT</u>

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out and transfer to Frankfurt with an enroute stop in the beautifully-preserved medieval town of **Rothenburg** (3:30 transfer time)

Afternoon Free time in Rothenburg to explore the town and have lunch on own.







Enjoy a walk in the town of **Rothenburg**, famous for its well-preserved medieval old town. Travel back in time walking this romantic city just above the valley of the **Tauber River**.

Continue on to Frankfurt (2:30 transfer time).

Evening Arrive in **Frankfurt** and check in to your Three-Star Hotel.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

#### Day 6 FRANKFURT

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Frankfurt has a population of 660,000 but is at the heart of a larger metropolitan area of some 5 million people. It is Germany's financial center, home of the European Central Bank, and is the German city that is most integrated into the international business community. Nearby FSV Mainz is the nearest Bundesliga First Division team.

# Morning Frankfurt City Tour







**River View** 

**Romer Town Hall** 

**Frankfurt Cathedral** 

Board your private motorcoach for a tour of Frankfurt's main sights. Start in the **Old Town** with the **Frankfurt Cathedral** and its 310-foot tall Gothic tower. Proceed on foot to the heart of Old Town, nearby **Romerberg Square**, a reconstruction of 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>-century medieval buildings that were destroyed in World War II. Highlight is the **Romer** (old town hall) made up of three recreated step-gabled 15<sup>th</sup>-century houses.

Continue on to the **Main Tower** where you will ride up to the 650-foot high observation platform for great views of the city.

#### Afternoon <u>CLINIC</u> with German Professional Coaches.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

#### Evening MATCH # 2 vs. a GERMAN FIELD HOCKEY TEAM







# Day 7 FRANKFURT – RUDESHEIM – CRUISE – BOPPARD – COLOGNE

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out of hotel and transfer to **Rudesheim** on the banks of the **Rhine River**, one of Europe's most important waterways. (1:30 transfer time)

Morning & Afternoon

Arrive in Rudesheim and walk down the very popular <u>Drosselgasse</u> where you will have plenty of opportunities to buy souvenirs, with a good selection of German soccer jerseys. At the top of the street is <u>Oberstrasse</u> with many pubs and restaurants to choose from for lunch on your own.







Rudesheim

**River Cruise Boat** 

**Ehrenfels Castle** 

Afternoon

Board your boat for a **Rhine River cruise** north towards **Boppard**, some 30 miles away. Enjoy the views of the Rhine lined with vineyards and castles.

Arrive in Boppard and continue by private motorcoach to Cologne (2:00 transfer time) where you will check-in to your Three-Star Hotel.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

## Day 8 COLOGNE

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Cologne is Germany's fourth-largest city and dates back to Roman times. The city grew into a major trading center in medieval times and continues that tradition today. Located in the Rhineland, the Cologne region is a major center of professional soccer with five teams calling the area home, including FC Cologne, Borussia Dortmund, Borussia Monchengladbach, Leverkusen, and Schalke 04 (Gelsenkirchen).

# Morning & Afternoon

## **Cologne City Tour**







**Cologne Cathedral** 

**Cathedral & Rhine River** 

**Rhine River** 

Visit Cologne's main sights including the massive **Cologne Cathedral**, which was built in several stages from 1248 until its completion in 1880. With its soaring twin spires and huge stained-glass windows it is Germany's largest cathedral. Climb up the 310-foot tall platform for great views of the city. View vestiges of Roman Cologne including the **Roman arch**, **tower**, and **Praetorium**, which are relics of a Roman governor's palace.

Tour the <u>German Sport & Olympic Games Museum</u> to learn all about the history of sports in Germany with special emphasis on the 1936 Berlin and 1972 Munich Olympic Games. Stop at the <u>Documentation Center</u> depicting the history of Cologne during Nazi rule. The basement of the building was the local Gestapo prison where many people were tortured and killed. Inscriptions on the walls by prisoners are a heart-rending reminder of the suffering they endured.

# Evening

Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

#### **Evening**

#### MATCH # 3 vs. a GERMAN FIELD HOCKEY TEAM







#### Day 9

#### **COLOGNE – AACHEN**

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning

#### Aachen - Half-Day Tour









**Aachen Cathedral** 

**Ponttor Gate** 

**Town Hall** 

Board your motorcoach to tour this German city located west of Cologne near the Dutch border. Visit the **Aachen Cathedral**, where the founder of the city, Charlemagne, is buried and more than 30 German Kings were crowned. Across the square is the **Rathaus** (Town Hall) with 50 life-size statues of German rulers including all the kings that were crowned in Aachen.

Afternoon Return to Cologne for free time to explore Cologne's city center and have lunch on your own.

Visit the **Chocolate Museum** for a factory tour and sample freshly-made product or go shopping along pedestrian-only **Hohe Strasse** where you can buy cologne in its namesake

city as a gift for relatives and friends back home.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

#### Evening MATCH # 4 vs. a GERMAN FIELD HOCKEY TEAM







# Day 10 <u>COLOGNE – USA</u>

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out of Hotel and transfer by private motorcoach to Cologne's International Airport for your flights to the USA. Possible change of plane enroute.

Afternoon Arrive in the USA.

Your German Field Hockey & Cultural Adventure comes to a close with great memories to cherish for a lifetime!

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS:**

#### **Travel Services:**

- Economy-class Air Transportation USA Germany round-trip
- Intercity transportation Munich Frankfurt Rudesheim Boppard Cologne by private motorcoach
- Three Nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Munich
- Two Nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Frankfurt
- Three nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Cologne
- Round-trip Airport / Hotel transfers by private motorcoach
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily (including one drink at each dinner)
- Olympic Park, BMW Museum & Nymphenburg Palace Full-Day Tour
- Castles & Oberammergau Full-Day Tour
- Visit to the town of Rothenburg
- Frankfurt City Tour
- Rudesheim Boppard Rhine River cruise
- Cologne City Tour
- Aachen Half-Day Tour
- Bilingual Guide for all the tours
- Transfers for all of the above activities by private motorcoach.
- **Tour Manager** available as necessary in Germany and 24/7 access in case of emergency.
- 24/7 Emergency Support from <u>Victory Sports Tours'</u> Operations Office.

#### **Field Hockey Program:**

- Four Games vs. German Teams
- One Practice Session at an astroturf field
- One Clinic with German Professional Coaches
- Water provided at games
- Round-trip transfers to the above Sports Activities by private motorcoach

#### **Summary of Included Meals:**

- 8 Breakfasts
- 8 Dinners

#### **Tour Price:**

For the most up-to-date pricing information on this tour, please visit our website:

http://www.victorysportstours.com/sport/field-hockey/

Scroll down to the tour named "Germany #2"

- Price is per person based on a minimum of 20 paying travelers.
- Prices are subject to availability of airfares at time of booking.
- One **FREE COACH'S TRIP** is included based on 20 paying travelers (21st is free).
- Coach would share twin room with a paying traveler and pay only the taxes / fees.

#### **Notes:**

- The itinerary text outlines both included services and suggested free time activities. For a definitive indication of what is included in the tour price, please refer exclusively to the "TOUR INCLUSIONS" section above.
- No booking has been made yet. Tour dates are subject to availability.
- Tour price is based on current U.S. dollar/foreign currency exchange rate. Price may vary if the exchange rate were to change significantly prior to receiving your tour deposit.
- Air taxes/fees are determined by the various governments/airlines involved and are those currently in effect. By government regulation, actual air taxes/fees collected will be those in effect at ticketing, approx. 45 days before departure.
- Airlines may add a fuel surcharge if the price of fuel increases significantly.
- Final fuel surcharge is determined approx. 30 days prior to departure.
- Full Terms & Conditions to be provided upon acceptance of this proposal.