# Brightspark® by WorldStrides

# **GERMANY**

From imperial palaces to mountainous landscapes, student tours of Germany have no shortage of breathtaking sites. Explore history and culture in centers of music, architecture, and technology like Munich, Wolfsburg, Dresden, and Berlin.

# Why Brightspark?

# Safety And Security

We regularly conduct strict audits of our vendors, ensuring they act in accordance with safety, security, and quality standards.

## **Our Tour Directors**

You deserve the best, so we only use experienced and enthusiastic Tour Directors who are experts on their destinations.

# **Quality, Custom Tours**

Our programs are designed for you, by you. From STEM-based DC tours to performance trips to some of our country's top music cities, we have a destination for every budget and every passion.

# **Industry Experience**

With over 50 years of experience providing custom tours, Brightspark is a leader in student travel.

# Travel Protection & Incident Coverage

With our 24/7 emergency hotline and comprehensive travel insurance options, we've got you covered at home and abroad.





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#### Day 1: Board your flight to Germany.

#### Day 2: Cologne

- Meet with your bilingual tour director at Cologne Bonn Airport.
- Board your private motor coach and head to your hotel for dinner.

## Day 3: Cologne

- Explore the 2000-year-old city on a walking tour. Sites include the High Gothic Cologne Cathedral, with twin spires, and the historic Old Town neighborhood. The area was almost entirely destroyed during World War II and was painstakingly restored.
- Spend the afternoon visiting two engaging museums. The Romano-Germanic Museum was completed in 1974 on the site where the Dionysos mosaic was found. The Chocolate Museum, made of glass and aluminum, resembles a futuristic ship.

## Day 4: Wolfsburg & Berlin

- Board your private motor coach and depart toward Berlin.
- On your way, stop in **Wolfsburg** and visit the **Autostadt**. During your guided tour, you'll discover the history of **Volkswagen**.

#### Day 5: Berlin & Potsdam

- Board your private motor coach and travel to Potsdam, neighboring Berlin.
- Walk through historic Potsdam to the **Glienicke Bridge**, which offers views of the palaces and parks of **Babelsberg**. Stroll through the **New Garden**, see the exterior of the **Cecilienhof Palace**, and enjoy the views of the **Marble Palace**.
- End your tour with a visit to Sanssouci Park and Palace, a rococo castle that was the summer retreat for Frederick the Great, King of Prussia.
- Return to Berlin and head up the **Fernsehturm** (a television tower) for a panoramic view of the city.

#### Day 6: Berlin

- Embark on a walking tour of the German capital. See the famous Kurfürstendamm Street and the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtniskirche (a Protestant church with distinct architecture), the Reichstag and the Brandenburger Tor, a neo-classical monument.
- Travel to the **Hohenschönhausen** district and visit the **Stasi Museum** in the former headquarters of the East German secret police.

#### Day 7: Dresden

- Board your private motor coach and travel to **Dresden**.
- Get to know the capital city of Saxony during a sightseeing stroll through the historic district. Walk from the worldfamous Zwinger Palace to the Semper Opera House, passing by the Cathedral and the Dresden Residential Palace.

#### Day 8: Munich

- Board your private motor coach and travel to Munich.
- Visit Allianz Arena, Europe's most modern stadium. On your Fan Tour, you will visit the press conference area, players' tunnel, middle tier, and more.

## Day 9: Munich

- Embark on a guided tour of the capital city of Bavaria, including stops at the cathedral and Marienplatz Square. You may even catch a carillon performance by the belltower.
- Continue to the Viktualienmarkt food market, with Bavarian and international delicacies. Finish your tour at St. Peter's Church, the oldest in Munich (dating back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century).
- Discover the Nymphemburg Palace, once the summer retreat for Bavarian rulers. Built in 1675, the castle features massive frescoes, intricate decorations, and idyllic gardens.

#### Day 10: Bavarian Castles

- Board your private motor coach and travel to the **Pilgrimage Church of Wies**, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Fantasy comes to life at one of the most recognizable palaces in Europe, **Neuschwanstein Castle**. The 19<sup>th</sup>-century Romanesque Revival castle sits high atop a rugged mountain.
- Continue to nearby **Linderhof Palace**, built by King Ludwig II of Bavaria in 1886. It was the smallest of his three palaces, but the only one he saw finished before his death.

Day 11: Depart to the airport for your flight home.







