

## Gentle Germany

### 21<sup>st</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021



### *Relaxed touring, interesting locations, and good food*

*Enjoy a picturesque tour around the edge of the Black Forest and along the River Rhine, all in a relaxed manner.*

*We meet at the town of Dahn, where our campsite is situated right on the edge of the forest, making it perfect for forest walks of all durations. Don't miss a visit to the nearby local volunteer run 'Forest Hut', to sample traditional homemade dishes and cakes. The charming town centre of Dahn is also just a short walk away.*

*Our next stop is Speyer on the banks of the River Rhine. Famed for its Imperial Cathedral (the largest preserved Romanesque church in Europe), it is also home to a fascinating transport museum. Visits to both are included during our stay in Speyer, along with an afternoon cruise on the river.*

*We then follow the Rhine north as we move to Rüdesheim am Rhine, an attractive town laying in the rivers gorge and renowned for its wonderful views. The narrow-cobbled lanes of the Old Town lined with wine taverns and gardens are certainly not to be missed. We have included a visit to the fascinating museum of mechanical musical instruments, and you will also see the Germania Monument and get a bird's eye view of the vineyards that cling to the sides of the Gorge as we return to the river by cable car.*

*Throughout this tour group activities are friendly for pet owners. The places included either accept pets inside or the duration of the excursion is such that pets can be comfortably left in the motorhome.*

## 11 Nights

### Day One – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September

The tour starts as we meet on the edge of Germany's Black Forest, in the charming town of Dahn. This evening we have welcome drinks and dinner in the campsite's own restaurant.

### Day Two – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Today has been left free for a stroll into town, around 20 minutes' walk from the campsite. Also try to find time to fit in a swim at the Spa resort directly opposite the camping.

### Day Three – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

All around the campsite are lovely forest walks of all lengths so suitable for everyone. One particularly good walk of around 45 minutes each way is to head to the forests volunteer run 'hut'; where homemade food and cakes are available.

### Day Four – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September

We move to the town of Speyer, located directly on the river Rhine. **40 miles**

### Day Five – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September

A leisurely start to the morning as we take a full German breakfast within the hotel linked to our camping area. For the remainder of the day you will be issued with entrance tickets for the neighbouring transport museum, this being the largest privately owned collection of all forms of transport within Germany. The museum is just 5 minutes walk from our camping which you will be able to explore in your own time.

### Day Six – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September

Today we take a stroll along the river Rhine to Speyer centre, where we make a visit to the Imperial Cathedral. Speyer is rightly famous for its spectacular Cathedral, being the largest preserved Romanesque church in Europe. A light lunch in town is included before we relax with a cruise on the river Rhine.



### Day Seven – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Move on today to the charming town of Rudesheim am Rhine. Our campsite is situated near the river from where you can take an easy wander along the riverbank into town. **80 miles**

### Day Eight – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September

After a leisurely start to the day we take the "Ring Tour" which offers fantastic view of the gorgeous scenery around Rudesheim and the Niederwald Forest. We begin with a ten-minute ride on a cable car from the town, then walk around the Germania Monument and along peaceful forest paths. From here we take a chair lift down through steep vineyards to Assmannshausen where we will board a river boat for a 45 minute cruise back to Rudesheim. All of this excursion may not be suitable for people with restricted mobility.

### Day Nine – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September

A free day. Maybe you would like to visit the Asbach Distillery, which is within an easy walk from the campsite, for a tour and taste of their famous Brandy.

### Day Ten – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Rüdesheim is the home of Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum and this morning we have a guided tour of its fascinating exhibits, some of which will be played for us. We have a light lunch in the centre of old Rudesheim leaving the afternoon free for you to explore the town fascinating cobbled streets.

### Day Eleven – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October

An opportunity to relax or take a walk along the banks of the river Rhine whilst watching the many river cruisers pass by. This evening we have our 'Farewell' dinner in one of the restaurants in the famous Drosselgasse area.

### Day Twelve – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

The tour ends this morning and you can either head back to the UK, or extend your stay on the continent. If the Tour Directors are returning to the UK, you may travel back with them, campsite fees not included from this point onwards.



### PRICE

### TOUR DEPOSIT £250

Motorhome with 2 people = £849 per person

Motorhome with 1 person = £1049

### INCLUDED IN PRICE

- 11 Campsite nights with electric hook-ups
- Entrance fees on excursions unless otherwise specified
- Tour information pack with suggested routes + GPS Co-ordinates
- Services of Tour Directors travelling in their own motorhome

### Excursions, Events & Meals

- Welcome Dinner in Dahn with drinks
- Breakfast in Speyer camping Hotel
- Speyer transport museum entry ticket
- Visit to Speyer Cathedral
- Light lunch in Speyer
- River Rhine boat cruise
- Tickets for the Rüdesheim "Ring Tour"
- Entry to Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum
- Light lunch in Rudesheim old centre
- Farewell Dinner with wine

This tour starts in Germany, but if you would like to travel in a relaxed manner from the UK at the same time as the Tour Directors and extend your holiday by a further 4 days on the outward journey, please book the optional package so that everything can be arranged on your behalf.

### **OPTIONAL PACKAGE**

- Return Dover/Calais Ferry with a 60-day Flexible Ticket + Club Class Lounge
- 4 x additional Campsite nights with electric hook-up starting in Kent on Friday 17th September, followed by a night in Belgium and 2 in Luxemburg City. In Luxemburg there will be a free day, where with regular public transport departing from outside our campsite it is easy to visit this fascinating capital of the Grand Duchy
- Tour information pack with suggested routes + GPS Co-ordinates
- Services of Tour Directors travelling in their own motorhome

### **OPTIONAL PACKAGE PRICE**

Motorhome with 2 People @ £229 per person

Motorhome with 1 Person @ £389

Additional ferry cost @ £30 per pet