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German Gourmet & Castle Self - Drive – 6N/7D

Visit: Frankfurt 2N | Marburg 2N | Petershagen 2N |

Sightseeing: Optional Excursion |



Itinerary:

Day 01: Frankfurt – Romrod Castle

Welcome to Germany! On arrival at the airport you will clear customs and collect your bags. You will pick up your Rental Car from the Frankfurt International Airport or Frankfurt City Centre. You will understand the terms and conditions and accordingly drive from Frankfurt to Romrod (close to Alsfeld, about one hour from Frankfurt). On arrival you will check in the Romrod castle. The Castle, which dates back to the 12th century. Visit Alsfeld as part of optional sightseeing. The town is just a couple of minutes from Romrod Castle and it has a beautiful medieval Old Town with some of Germany's finest examples of half-timbered architecture. Around the market square you will find the Weinhaus, the medieval Standerhaus and the Wedding House (Hochzeitshaus). Return to the castle. Enjoy the three course dinner at the Castle. Overnight at the Castle. (D)



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Day 02: Romrod: Day trip to Hanau and Steinau an der Strasse

Breakfast at the castle. Today the whole day is free or you can do the optional visits. viz. Visit places where the Grimm Brothers were born and grew up: Hanau, Steinau an der Strasse and Gelnhausen. On Hanau's market square one can see the monument reminding us of the two famous brothers. The monument stands right in front of the "Neustadter Rathaus" (Neustadter Town Hall) with its attractive sandstone façade. You may want to take a look at the "Deutsche Goldschmiedehaus" (German Goldsmith House) which is now a museum showing the tradition of the goldsmiths in Hanau. Castle Philippsruhe, located within the lovely historic park "Wilhelmsbad" and the Marienkirche (Marie church), its sanctuary is the city's oldest preserved building, are worth visiting. In Gelnhausen's Old Town you may want to visit the ruins of an imperial fortress which was used by Emperor Barbarossa as well as the witch tower, built in the middle of the 15th century as a turret. It was also used as a dungeon for those unfortunate ones accused of being witches. Yet another short drive takes you to the Brothers Grimm city of Steinau an der Strasse. The Brothers Grimm lived here for seven years during their childhood. Visit the picturesque Old Town of Steinau an der Strasse where the Grimm Brothers lived in the "Amtshaus" which was already 200 years old when they moved there in 1791. After the day excursion you will return back to Romrod. Enjoy the three course dinner at the Castle. Overnight at the Castle (B, D)



Day 03: Romrod – Marburg – Waldeck Castle

After breakfast, today you will check out and drive to Marburg. On your way from Romrod Castle to Waldeck Castle, located at Lake Edersee, you visit Marburg – the historical Old Quarter is spellbinding. Walk narrow and twisting alleys paved with cobblestones, past buildings that are architectural treasures. The entire castle hill has secrets in the air.



Optional Sightseeing in Marburg: Visit the Church of St. Elizabeth, and the University, founded in 1527 as the first Protestant University in the world and a visit to piegelslustturm (Emperor William's Tower) is a perfect outing. From the Belvedere Tower there is a splendid view of Marburg and the surrounding countryside. Enjoy the drive to

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Castle Waldeck towering above the scenic Lake Edersee and enjoy your Castle stay! Enjoy the three course dinner at the Castle. Overnight at the Castle. (B, D)

Day 04: Waldeck: Day trip to Kassel

After breakfast at the hotel. From Castle Waldeck it takes about 45 minutes to Kassel, the heart of the German Fairy-tale route. Here in Kassel the Brothers Grimm lived for over thirty years, working as librarians at the Electoral Library, known now as the Fridericanum, Europe's first public museum, which today is the center of the "documenta" exhibitions. *Optional Sightseeing at Kassels:* The Brothers-Grimm-Museum is located at the Palais Bellevue. "Bergpark" (Mountain Park) Wilhelmshohe with the Hercules Monument, Kassel's landmark. From there you have magnificent view over the city. The Lions Castle and the water fountains are also worth seeing. After the excursion you will return back to Waldeck accommodation. Enjoy the three course dinner at the Castle. Overnight at the Castle, (B, D)



Day 05: Waldeck – Sababurg and Trendelburg – Petershagen

After breakfast you will check out and on your way to Petershagen Palace. *Optional Sightseeing:* Visit the Castles Sababurg and Trendelburg. Sababurg – fairy tale castle of Brothers Grimm's Sleeping Beauty was founded in 1334 by the Archbishop of Mainz. Here, in the heart of beautiful Reinhardswald Forest, an extremely thickly forested area, the Landgraves of Hesse erected a splendid hunting seat on the foundation walls of the original structure in 1490. With the medieval castle garden, herb and vegetable garden, ascent of the tower and the romantic flair of decay, the castle is a place of discovery, with added charm during the rose season from end of May through August. The fortress and town of Trendelburg are the scene of oft-told fairy tales and myths. According to the saga, the name giver of the fortress, "Trendula" was killed by lightning out in an open field. Traces of this lightning hit can be seen in the so-called "cloudbursts", two deep craters which visitors can circle around on a walking path. Conspicuous Rapunzel Tower in the medieval fortifications high up on the hill is a landmark from afar. Rapunzel is letting down her long braid for the prince to



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climb up. Fairy-tale lanterns with cut-out silhouettes of Grimm fairy tales and sagas of the Reinhard Forest decorate the Old Town of Trendelburg. You will reach Petershagen palace for overnight. Enjoy the three course dinner at the Castle. Overnight at the Palace (B, D)

Day 06: Petershagen: Day trip to Hamelin

Breakfast at the castle. From Petershagen Palace you need less than an hour to the famous city of Hamelin. *Optional Sightseeing in Hamelin:* The “Rattenfänger von Hameln”, the Pied Piper! In Hamelin you will find many historic stone-and timber-framed-buildings, many built in the Renaissance style, such as the “Rattenfängerhaus” (Pied Piper House), the “Dempferhaus” and the “Hochzeitshaus” (wedding house). The Munster is the oldest church in Hameln. Services have been held here for over 1,000 years. It is open every day. After the tour you will return back to the palace. Enjoy the three course dinner at the Castle. Overnight at the Palace. (B, D)



Day 07: Petershagen – Bremen – Hamburg Airport

After breakfast, you will check out. Today take a drive to Bremen, home to the famous Bremen Town Musicians. The city’s Town Hall with its Renaissance architecture is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Together with the statue of the “Roland” on the Bremer marketplace and the famous bronze display of the Bremen Town Musicians on the Town Hall’s western side, it is an incomparable tourist attraction. The “Muehle am Wall” (mill) is the last mill left out of the original eight, which were once built on the wall of the inner city. The mill was in use until 1950. Today it is a cafe. Visit the “Schnorr”, the town’s oldest living quarters, and do not miss “Boettcherstrasse”, Bremen’s “secret main road”. After the tour you will drive to the airport and drop the car at the drop off area at Hamburg airport. You will catch the flight back home with wonderful memories of the fairy tale holidays! (B)



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Inclusions:

- 02 N accommodation at Romrod Castle with Breakfast
- 02 N accommodation at Waldeck Castle with breakfast
- 02 N accommodation at Petershagen Palace with breakfast
- Three course dinner at Romrod Castle, Waldeck Castle and Petershagen Palace
- Executive size rental car with GPS for 7 days tour "The German Fairy-tale Landscape"
- Excursion to Hanau, Steinau an der Strasse, Kassel, Saba burg and Trendelburg and Hamelin on self-drive basis
- Pick of rental car from Frankfurt airport/city and Drop at the Hamburg airport

Exclusions:

- Return International air tickets
- Visa Charges
- Travel Insurance
- Optional Sightseeing on self-drive basis
- All other meals other than mentioned in the itinerary
- Parking fees (there are no parking fees at the Castle and Palace Hotels you stay at)
- Gratuity and Tips
- Any other extras that you may incur while your stay
- GST 3.625%

ACCOMODATION IN BELOW OR SIMILAR

LOCATION	STANDARD
FRANKFURT	Romrod Castle
MARBURG	Waldeck Castle
PETERSHAGEN	Petershagen Palace

PACKAGE PRICE IN USD PER PERSON, EXCL ST 4.5%

ROOMING	STANDARD
ADULT IN TWIN	1179

PACKAGE PRICE: VALIDITY 1ST APR'17 TO 31ST OCT'17BARING PEAK AND BLOCK OUT PERIODS

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- ✓ Package price refers to services mentioned under the package inclusions section in the proposal
- ✓ We urge you to use our services for Flight tickets / Rail tickets/pass (International), Visa and Insurance.

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- ✓ If any of the mentioned hotels/services are not available, alternate hotels/services may be offered with or without a difference in cost.
- ✓ Request for early hotel check in or late checkout due to flight/rail timings, will be subject to the discretion of the hotel at extra charges.
- ✓ All payment to be made by Cheque/Demand Draft/Direct bank transfer in favour of WorldTravel Studio HNV Pvt. Ltd.

5 MONEY SAVING TIPS:

- As you are aware, airlines offer dynamic fares, it is advantageous to book flight tickets as early as possible.
- Also, booking the flight early helps you get the desired flight schedules.
- Likelihood of getting the desired hotel and room category is higher if you book early, thereby saving money.
- We highly recommend to opt for accommodation suggested by us as per the price points.
- Precise information with regard to date of travel, duration, number of tour participants, accommodation category and sightseeing helps to get appropriate quotation in quickest time

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