



With its long history, beautiful countryside, and important cultural contributions, Germany is one of the most visited countries in the world. Our 9 day itinerary features scenic landscapes along the Rhine River and visits the states of Rhineland-Pfalz, Hessen, Baden-Württemberg, and Nordrhein-Westfalen.

The journey begins in Mainz, once a Roman settlement where the Rhine and Main rivers meet, then continues to the cities of Heidelberg and Köln, ending in Frankfurt. We will explore quaint German villages and neighborhoods, medieval castles and cathedrals, as well as modern cities and museums. Students will flex their language skills and master the German rail system on this trip to the Rhineland!

Day	City	Highlights
1	Airborne	Meet your Program Director at the airport for an overnight flight to Germany!
2	Mainz	Upon arrival, students navigate to our hotel in Mainz, the capital of Rheinland-Pfalz. Explore the Altstadt, the 1000 year old Mainzer Dom, the Stephanskirche, and the neighborhoods around the Marktplatz.
3	Rüdesheim	Enjoy a river cruise along the vineyards of the Rhine; disembark to explore Burg Rheinstein and the town of Rüdesheim in the heart of the Rheingau.
4	Heidelberg	Learn about the invention of the printing press at the Johannes Gutenberg Museum in Mainz, then catch a high speed train to the city of Heidelberg on the Neckar River.
5	Heidelberg	Tour the famous ruins of Heidelberg Castle, one of the most impressive Renaissance structures north of the Alps, and spend the day exploring the cafés and shops on the Hauptstraße.
6	Köln	Students travel by train to Köln, ancient colony of Rome and now Germany's fourth largest city. Visit the Römisch-Germanisches Museum, then explore neighborhoods around the cathedral and along the river.
7	Köln	Climb 533 steps for an impressive view from the top of the 13th century Kölner Dom. Tour the Nazi Documentation Center located in the former Gestapo headquarters, then visit the Chocolate Museum.
8	Frankfurt	Spend the day in Frankfurt am Main, financial capital of Germany. See the Frankfurter Römer and Nikolaikirche, visit the Goethe House, the Städel Museum of art, and the Paulskirche.
9	Airborne	Flight home from Frankfurt. Auf Wiedersehen, Deutschland!

