

EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES: GERMANY



Clockwise from top: Bavarian beer garden; biking in Potsdam; golden sculpture in Sanssouci Park in Potsdam; taking a break after hiking in Bavaria.



German Gestalt

BMWs, Berlin in the Twenties, Hitler's Bunker

World of German Cars: Lovers of high-performance vehicles get their motors revving in a private tour of the BMW World building and museum in Munich — and the chance to drive a BMW yourself on the company's training course. In Ingolstadt, experience the precision required to produce an Audi as you follow a car through assembly at the plant; then it's on to Stuttgart, where Mercedes-Benz and Porsche are headquartered, to explore their respective museums and factories. This fast-paced, four-day foray includes plenty of cultural experiences as well, including a traditional Bavarian feast with folkloric performance.

Biking through Eastern Germany: Take your family two-wheeling along the Berlin Wall Trail and discover the opulent Sanssouci Palace and castles galore in UNESCO-designated Potsdam. Go punting (boating) along picturesque canals in Biosphere Reserve Spreewald, renowned for its verdant forests and Old World charm, and take in the famed baroque architecture of Dresden. Other highlights of this six-day trip include Michelin-starred dinners at Bayrisches Haus and Zur Bleiche.

Berlin in the Roaring Twenties: Time-travel back to the "Golden Twenties," when Berlin was its crown jewel. Your private guide reveals era hot spots before lunch at Restaurant Grosz, and a tour of the Deutsche Kinemathek film museum to see Marlene Dietrich memorabilia and futuristic drafts for Fritz Lang's *Metropolis*. This two-day tour also includes Berlin's Bröhan Museum and the famous Studio Babelsberg in Potsdam, the world's first large-scale movie studio, where many silent films were produced; as well as its Neubabelsberg residential colony, the mansions where its movie stars once stayed.