

CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

# Germanic Cultures

10 DAYS

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- BERLIN
- POTSDAM
- BAVARIAN FOLKLORE
- MUNICH
- NEUSCHWANSTEIN
- SALZBURG AND VIENNA

NETC

Teachers' Choice

TRIPS OF DISTINCTION



Discover Munich, the capital of Bavaria where lederhosen and haute-couture fashions exist side by side.

Practice your German by reading store signs or local newspaper headlines.



RANDY FERGUSON, GERMAN LANGUAGE TEACHER, SC

**“Germanic Cultures is invaluable in teaching students** *about the language, culture and history of Germany. My students were enthralled by the historical significance of the Berlin Wall and Brandenburg Gate. A visit to Potsdam brought to life the significance of World War I. A journey to the famous castles of Neuschwanstein and Linderhof was breathtaking and unforgettable. Two students, thanks to NETC, have made life-changing decisions, after becoming fascinated with the language and culture of Germany.”*

*Randy E. Ferguson*



Randy Ferguson in front of the Chapel-Bridge in Lucerne.

## Debate, Search, Sing, and Dance with Engaging LEAP! Activities

There are many advantages to traveling with NETC, including LEAP! activities that engage students as active explorers and immerse them in local culture.

Key benefits of our Germanic Cultures tour:

- **Compare and contrast two neighboring countries and three major cities, while discovering regional influences on art, music, 20th century history and politics**
- **Experience a broad range of architecture, including the modern buildings of Berlin, the Rococo palace at Sans Souci, the fairytale castle of Neuschwanstein, the grandeur of Schonbrunn Palace, and the Olympic Stadium at Munich**
- **Ample time to explore each location visited**

## Additional Educational Activities:

### Neuschwanstein and Linderhof

Take a trip to the Bavarian Alps for a visit to mad King Ludwig II's fairytale castle of Neuschwanstein. Perched on a rocky outcrop, it is a lesson in extravagance, with almost every inch covered in gilt, stucco, woodcarvings, and marble mosaics. The castle is the inspiration for fantasy castles the world over, including the Cinderella Castle at Disney World. Next, explore Ludwig II's favorite retreat, Linderhof Palace, hidden deep in the forest, with its Moorish pavilion, grotto, and surrounding terraces and gardens inspired by the Italian Renaissance. **\$59**

### Step Out with Strauss!

Step, two, three... Waltz away at Vienna's famous Elmayer Dancing School and discover the nineteenth century dance trend! With a professional instructor, master the moves and social graces of this Austrian tradition, including the Handkuss and heel-click greeting. **\$69**



# LEAP!

**Learning Through Exploration and Active Participation is NETC's exclusive, experiential learning approach, leveraging carefully designed activities that bring cultural and historical events to life.**



### DAY 1-2 Fly to Berlin

Fly through the night to Europe. Arrive in the German capital, Berlin, and begin exploring.

### DAY 3 Berlin: East and West

Sightseeing with a local guide introduces Germany's capital; the Brandenburg Gate, Unter den Linden, the Reichstag, and ends with a visit to the Pergamon Museum. This afternoon relive both sides of the Cold War. Victims of the Stasi (the East Germany Secret Police) guide you around the former Stasi headquarters, now a museum. Learn how ordinary people lived in East Germany and see how the city was divided at the Berlin Wall Museum.

### DAY 4 Potsdam

Visit the Rococo palace of Sans Souci, where a local guide shows you the rich interior, Roman-style baths, and lush gardens of the palace where Frederick the Great was entertained by Voltaire and Bach, and where Truman, Churchill and Stalin met for the Potsdam Conference.

### DAY 5 Bavarian Folklore

Travel a full day's journey south to Munich, capital of Bavaria. Consider Germany's finest in **Debate the Great!** This evening, enjoy a traditional Bavarian folklore show.

### DAY 6 Munich

A local guide shows you the highlights of the city, including the Frauenkirche, the Glockenspiel, and the 1972 Olympic stadium. Marvel at Nymphenburg Palace. It's 500 acres are lined with French trimmed hedges and boast three pavilions and a miniature palace. Visit the former concentration camp at Dachau. Scour the city in **Schnitzel Jagd!**

### DAY 7 Neuschwanstein

Enjoy an optional excursion to fairytale Neuschwanstein Castle, built for mad Bavarian King Ludwig II. A lesson in extravagance, with almost every inch covered in gilt, stucco, woodcarvings, and marble mosaics, the castle served as a model for Walt Disney's theme park. A visit to nearby Linderhof is also included.

### DAY 8 Salzburg

Cross into Austria and pause to visit Mozart's hometown of Salzburg, setting for The Sound of Music. Austria's Salzburg is picturesquely nestled in the mountains by the Salzach River. Revel in music during **Message of the Minnesänger!** Continue to the Austrian capital, Vienna.

### DAY 9 Vienna

Follow in the footsteps of the imperial Habsburgs as a local guide shows you the Hofburg, the Belvedere, and St. Stephen's Cathedral. As you enter Schonbrunn Palace, imagine Emperor Karl I's abdication in this building, ending 640 years of his family's rule. Opt to **Step Out with Strauss!** This evening, perhaps stroll through the Prater amusement park and ride on the huge ferris wheel.

### DAY 10 Return Journey to the United States



**LEAP!**  
**Debate the Great!** Meet six influential figures from Germany's history. Join a debate and argue their accomplishments to decide who the greatest German is.



**LEAP!**  
**Message of the Minnesänger!** Sing out! As a famous court minstrel of the Middle Ages, revel in the music of the time. Discover how stories, news and songs spread across Europe. Use Minnesänger's techniques to create a song about your trip abroad.



**LEAP!**  
**Schnitzel Jagd!** Ready, set, go! Hunt for historic and cultural treasures in Munich's old city in a race against the clock. Test your detective skills and your knowledge of art, architecture and events.

