Saturday, 14 Oct.: MAULBRONN/PALATINATE/WINEFESTIVAL

MAULBRONN, [UNESCO World Heritage], a fully preserved former monastery from the 12th/13th century where Hermann Hesse used to study.
Visit of the scenic wine-growing area of the Palatinate:
BURG TRIEBEN, an ancient imperial fortress on a lofty crag with a superb view of the Palatinate Forest and the Rhine valley, formerly the imperial treasury and state prison.
Trip along the Deutsches Weinstrasse. Visit of the “Festivale of New Wines” in Landau; marked by a pleasantly casual atmosphere, the annual Regional Festival honors New Wine with a colourful music program, wine huts and partner-blues specialties.
Registration: Wednesday, 11 October, 10.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
Price: 15,- Euros (incl. transport, tour and entrance fee)
Departure: 8.00 p.m.

From Friday, 20 Oct.: Registration for Hamburg (03-05 Nov)

Sunday, 22 October: FREIBURG / BLACK FOREST I

FREIBURG: Walk through the “Capital of the Black Forest”, including a visit to the cathedral with “Christkindlmarkt” and the western portal with remarkable sculptures; cathedral square with historic Merchants’ Hall; Old and New City Hall; Old University, House of the Whale and the typical Freiburg “Bächle”. Trip to the Schauinsland mountains with a great panorama view across the Black Forest and the Rhine valley.
Registration: starts Monday, 16 October
Price: 16,- Euros (incl. transport and tour)
Departure: 9.00 a.m.

Wednesday, 01 November (holiday): FREIBURG / BLACK FOREST II

For description see 22 October
Registration: starts Monday, 16 October.

Friday, 03 Nov. – Sunday, 05 Nov., HAMBURG

This trip takes us to two famous Northern German ports and trading cities of the Hanseatic League.
HAMBURG: bus tour of the city, walk through the city centre with City Hall and Exchange, Jungfernstieg, church of St. Michael’s including ascent of the “Michel” tower (embell of the city), Nikolai quarter (ensemble of old Hamburg houses), Speicherstadt [UNESCO World Heritage], St. Pauli-landing bridges with visit of the traditional Fish Market, harbour tour.
BREMER: walk through Germany’s oldest port market square with historical City Hall, the “Bremer Town Musicians” and statue of Roland [UNESCO World Heritage]. Schloßviertel: a well-preserved quarter of old crooked lanes.
Registration: starts Friday, 20 October, from 9.00 a.m.
Price: 75,- Euros (incl. transport, tours, fees, harbour tour, 2 overnight stays with breakfast in city hostel in Hamburg)
Departure: 6.30 a.m.

Saturday, 11 November: WEIMAR

The “city of German classicism” [UNESCO World Heritage], Goethe House, Schiller House, Wartburg Castle, German National Theatre, Castle, Gothic Herder Church with famous altar by Lucas Cranach, Goethe’s garden house, Bauhaus-University.
Registration: starts Monday, 06 November
Price: 12,- Euros (transport and tour).
Departure: 6.00 a.m.

Saturday, 25 November: COLOGNE

Explore a city that is over 2000 years old; Cathedral/Dom [UNESCO World Heritage, epitome of Gothic architecture and Germany’s most famous architectural monument]. St. Maria im Kapitol – Romanic church on a Roman temple site; historic old town with Old Market, famous Am Hof, Cologne Town Hall, mediaeval architecture, Archaeological Museum, Kölnisches Stadtmuseum, Deutsches Archäologisches Institut, Rhine bend, Deutz with Cochem Castle.
Registration: starts Monday, 20 November
Price: 17,- Euros (incl. transport and tour)
Departure: 7.30 a.m.

Saturday, 02 December: STUTTGART / ESSLINGEN I

Stuttgart: Kristallpalais. Old Castle with Renaissance arcade, Baroque New Castle, Schiller Square with Old Councilhall, Christmas Market, splendidly decorated wooden roofs with impressive winter landscapes. Mercedes-Benz Museum: the museum presents the more than 230 years old history of the automobiles.
ESSLINGEN: old imperial city with romantic half-timber palaces, Romantic city hall, St. Paul’s (Germany’s oldest mendicant order church). “A historical winter’s tale” - Medieval Hall with romantic Christmas market.
Registration: starts Monday, 27 November
Price: 15,- Euros (incl. transport, tour and entrance fee)
Departure: 8.00 p.m.
Excursion also available on 09 December

Sunday, 03 December: NUREMBERG I

Visit to the finest and most famous German Christmas Market (“Christkindlissmarkt”), tour of the city including imperial gates, Albrecht Dürer House, tomb of St. Sebaldus by Peter Vischer, St. Lorenz with the Angel’s Greeting by Veit Stoss, market square with Frauenkirche church and famous fountain “Schöner Brunnen”.
Visit to the Toy Museum (history of toys from antiquity to the present).
Registration: starts Monday, 27 November
Price: 18,- Euros (incl. transport, tour and entrance)
Departure: 7.30 a.m.
Excursion also available on 10/17 December

Saturday, 09 December: STUTTGART / ESSLINGEN II

For description see 02 December
Registration: starts Monday, 04 December

Sunday, 10 Dec.: NUREMBERG II

For description see 03 December
Registration: starts Monday, 04 December

Saturday, 16 Dec.: NUREMBERG III

For description see 03 December
Registration: starts Monday, 11 December

Sunday, 17 Dec.: NUREMBERG IV

For description see 03 December
Registration: starts Monday, 11 December

Starts Friday, 19 Jan.: Registration for BERLIN (15 – 18 Feb.)

Saturday, 20 January: BAMBERG

Explore Germany’s oldest preserved historical town centre ([UNESCO World Heritage]). Old City Hall with unique site on a river island, “Little Venice” with original fisherman’s houses; Romanic-Gothic “Kaiserdom” (Imperial Cathedral) with the famous “Kaiserorden” Imperial Cathedral; famous “Werk der Kunst” (“Work of Art”) with fine half-timber buildings. Visit to the Museum of Modern Art, “Capital of Europe” Strasbourg with photostats at the European Parliament.
Registration: starts Monday, 22 January
Price: 16,- Euros (incl. transport, tour and entrance fee)
Departure: 7.30 a.m.

Monday, 12.02.: CARNIVAL IN DÜSSELDORF

Visit to the Rosenmontag procession in Düsseldorf, one of the highlights of the Rhein and street carnival. This years’s motto: „Ich bin erlfecht!“
Registration: starts Monday, 06 February
Price: 16,- Euros (incl. transport)
Departure: 8.30 a.m.

Thursday, 15 Feb. – Sunday, 18 Feb.: BERLIN

Bus tour of the city including Kurfürstendamm, Brandenburg Gate, “Holocaust Monument”, Potsdamer Platz, Charlottenburg Palace, Stop at “East Side Gallery” (Berlin Wall), Guided walk through the historical city centre; Nikolaiviertel, Roten Rathaus (Red Town Hall), the Gendarmenmarkt, Berlin Dom; “Museum Island” [UNESCO World Heritage]; Exhibition „Topographie des Terrors“; Visit of Berlin-Hohenschönhausen Memorial; Visit to the Reichstag building with its famous new dome, lecture in the Bundesrat (Federal Diet).
Registration: starts Friday, 19 January, from 9.00 a.m.
Price: 95,- Euros (incl. transport, tour, entrance fees, 3 overnight stays with breakfast in City Hotel Berlin)
Departure: 6.30 p.m.