

# Bierfest Tour - Germany 2023

## Octoberfest & Cannstatter Volksfest



### The Ultimate German BierFest Experience!

Join Sechrist Travel in Germany for an adventure in **German party culture!**  
**September 17 - 24, 2023**

Get your **lederhosen** or **dirndl** and join in the celebration at Germany's two biggest and longest running annual parties.

This tour is not about organized sightseeing - though there will be some - It is all about **food, friends, carnivals, oompah music, and yes, beer...**

First stop - **Munich** and **Oktoberfest** - The most famous and celebrated party in the world.

After Munich, we will get away from the big city and enjoy a relaxing day in **Germany's favorite medieval city - Rothenburg ob der Tauber.**

Our last stop on the tour is **Stuttgart**. Stuttgart is home of **Mercedes, Porsche**, and the second biggest festival in Germany - the **Cannstatter Volksfest**. Less tourists, more locals, and lots of German beer and food.  
**Prost!**

#### Cities Visited:

- Munich
- Rothenburg ob der Tauber
- Stuttgart

When: **September 17 - 24, 2023**

Where: **Germany**

Cost: **LAND \$2,299 + AIR**



**Day 1: Sunday 17 September: Departure**

Overnight flight to Munich. Flights arranged ON YOUR OWN for arrival in Munich anytime on Monday, 20 September

**Day 2: Monday 18 September: Arrival in Munich**

Morning arrival into Munich airport. After customs formalities the group will be welcomed by tour director and board our waiting motor-coach. After arrival in Munich we will walk to **Marienplatz**, the iconic old town square, and enjoy some free time before we transfer to our hotel and check in. After getting settled in to the hotel enjoy a **provided group welcome dinner** where we will discuss **Oktoberfest Survival, and etiquette**. After dinner a visit to the Oktoberfest grounds is a great option for those not ready to sleep.

**Group Dinner Provided**

**Day 3: Tuesday 19 September: Munich Oktoberfest**

**Today is dedicated to Oktoberfest.** After breakfast we transfer to the **Teresienwiese** Oktoberfest grounds for the day. We will have space reserved in one of the large beer tents. Spend the day **eating, riding rides, singing German beer fest songs, and drinking beer!**

**Food & Drink Vouchers provided, dependent upon reservation availability**

**Day 4: Wednesday 20 September: Munich Oktoberfest**

**Oktoberfest day 2** - After breakfast we transfer to the **Teresienwiese Oktoberfest grounds** for a **another day of Oktoberfest**. We will have a lunch reservation in one of the smaller venues today. After the group lunch, enjoy the evening with friends, or making new ones, on your own at the **"Wies'n."**

**Lunch & Dinner ON YOUR OWN**

**Day 5: Thursday 21 September: Rothenburg ob der Tauber**

Today we're off to **Rothenburg ob der Tauber**, Germany's famous walled medieval city. Rothenburg is full of charm - **half-timbered houses, fortified towers, a restored medieval city wall**, and lots of **great restaurants**. Enjoy the town for the day - a must while in town is drinking a beer at **Zur Hölle** - literally meaning "to hell" - a bar in a fabulous building built in **900 AD**. In the evening we will meet to take the celebrated **"Night Watchman Tour"**. Perhaps after the tour we will go to 'Hell' for another beer.

**Group Dinner Provided**







**Day 6: Friday 22 September: Stuttgart/Cannstatter Volksfest**

After breakfast we transfer to **Stuttgart**, the city of **Mercedes** and **Porsche**. Upon arrival in Stuttgart, we will enjoy a visit to the **Mercedes Museum**, featuring dozens of historic cars. In the early afternoon we will make our way to the **Cannstatter Volksfest** for the opening day festivities beginning at 3:00pm. After the opening formalities, the beer tents open and the festivities begin. Spend the rest of the day at the Volksfest celebrating **German culture, food and beer**. We will have a group reservation in a large beer tent tonight.

**Food & Drink Vouchers provided, dependent upon reservation availability**

**Day 7: Saturday 23 September: Stuttgart/Cannstatter Volksfest**

On the final day of the tour we will enjoy one last day of festivities at the **Cannstatter Volksfest**. Soak in one last day of “**Gemütlichkeit**” and revelry.

**Lunch & Dinner ON YOUR OWN**

**Day 8: Sunday 24 September: Departure**

Today we say “**Auf wiedersehen**”. After breakfast, time **ON YOUR OWN** until departure, anytime from Stuttgart.





**For more information:**

**Call: (917) 279-6629**

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## **Bierfest 2023**

**September 17 - September 24, 2023**

### **Cost per Person:**

**LAND package** - based on double occupancy

- **\$2,299.00** per person

**\*\$350.00** - single occupancy supplement charge

### **AIR package** - \*TO BE ARRANGED ON YOUR OWN

- ▶ **ESTIMATE** - \$1,200 to \$1,400.00 RT per person
- ▶ Sechrist Travel can provide a quote for groups of 10 or more on the same flight itinerary
- ▶ All transportation arrangements are subject to change, which may result in additional fees for schedule changes, additional taxes and fuel surcharges imposed by the government and/or transportation carrier. Airlines may also charge additional fees for baggage, instruments or equipment in excess of size and/or weight restrictions. All additional charges are the sole responsibility of the group.

**TOTAL PACKAGE COST = \$2,299.00 + Airfare**

### **Tentative payment plan:**

- ▶ **January 10, 2022** = \$600 per person
- ▶ **March 14, 2022** = \$600 per person
- ▶ **May 16, 2022** = \$600 per person
- ▶ **July 18, 2022** - Final Balance of \$499 per person

### **Your Tour Experience Includes** (Subject to availability):

- ▶ Six (6) nights accommodation at superior tourist-class hotels, plus one (1) night in flight
- ▶ Motor coach and/or Rail transportation throughout your tour.
- ▶ Daily Buffet breakfasts, one (1) WELCOME DINNER + one (1) additional dinner in Rothenburg and Food & Drink Vouchers provided at two (2) (pre-arranged tents), as indicated in the itinerary
  - Group meals may not include beverages (outside of breakfast)
  - Festival dinner meals include 2 "Mass" beers - two 1 liter mugs of beer
- ▶ GUIDED SIGHTSEEING/CITY TOURS
  - ▶ Rothenburg Night Watchman Tour
- ▶ ENTRANCE FEE:
  - Mercedes Museum
- ▶ Tips for city guides and coach Drivers
- ▶ Taxes are included for all services

### **PLUS:**

- ▶ A professional Tour Director to handle all tour arrangements with concern/care for the needs of the tour group
- ▶ A complete *Itinerary* handbook for your use
- ▶ Official Tour Luggage Tags (2 per person – 1 for checked luggage and 1 for carry-on)
- ▶ Personal Protection Equipment: face mask, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting wipes provided for each traveler
- ▶ Full support of an Account Manager to handle the planning aspects of your tour.
- ▶ \$2M Sechrist Travel Tour Liability Insurance coverage
- ▶ SECHRIST TRAVEL Assistance 24/7 with Emergency Mobile Phone Number

### **Tour Cost Does Not Include:**

- ▶ Round trip air transportation – arriving in Munich, Germany and departing Stuttgart, Germany (ARRANGED ON OWN)
  - ▶ Based on a minimum of 10 passengers, price is estimated at \$1,400.00 *\*Subject to change*
- ▶ Transportation to/from your HOME Airport is arranged ON YOUR OWN
- ▶ Meals not listed as 'included'
- ▶ Entrance fees for locations/sights you visit on your own
- ▶ Anything not mentioned in "Your Tour Experience Includes" above
- ▶ Passport fees
- ▶ Checked baggage fees (if applicable), portage of luggage, Instrumental rental, excess baggage or air cargo fees, optional excursions, independent meals, and any other items not mentioned as included.
- ▶ Trip Protection/Cancellation Insurance
  - Can be provided through **Sechrist Travel** and **Travel Safe** for an additional cost
  - <https://sechristtravel.com/trip-protection-insurance/>
  - You may also purchase through your own Home Owners Insurance provider, or a company like AAA or TravelEx
- Please note, **until the number of participants is secured**, these prices and activities are estimated. On your actual travel dates, activities might not be available or vendor/festival prices and inclusions may be different than estimated

### **Send payments and other correspondence to:**

**Sechrist Travel**

**13300 Bothell Everett Highway**

**Suite #303-6108**

**Mill Creek, WA 98012**

## I. Payment Schedule

- A. Reservations for participation in the **2023 Bierfest Tour** are accepted on a first-come basis
  - 1. reservations can be secured by submitting a **\$600 per person deposit**, due **January 10, 2023, refundable until March 14, 2023**
  - 2. early deposits are encouraged, with the first payment due no later than **January 10, 2023**
- B. The 2nd payment is **\$600 per person** is due **March 14, 2023, refundable until May 16, 2023**
- C. The 3rd payment of **\$600 per person** is due **May 16, 2023, refundable until July 18, 2023**
- D. **The final balance is \$499 per person due July 18, 2023, refundable until August 3, 2023 (45 days prior to departure)**
- E. Billing Statements will be mailed out 30 days prior to next installment after the initial deposit is received.
- F. Billing Statements will be based upon your number of participants, and will indicate payment due dates, reflect your hotel occupancy choices, include airfare (if applicable), include the airport/hotel transportation fees (if applicable), include costs for extra nights in hotel if elected and available, costs for optional provisions (if applicable), and include your payment summary.
- G. Billing Statements will be adjusted to reflect your housing choices; any additional charges based upon hotel upgrade costs or other services purchased are due 30 days prior to arrival. Adjustments and payment due dates are indicated on your monthly statements.
- H. **\*LATE PAYMENTS:** When payment is late, and no prior arrangements have been made; a fee totaling 5% of that particular amount due will be assessed and added to the final balance due. If a late payment is anticipated and unavoidable, Sechrist Travel must receive your request in writing.

## II. Miscellaneous Information

- A. Checks should be made payable to **SECHRIST TRAVEL**
- B. Mailing instructions
  - 1. checks should be mailed to **Sechrist Travel at 13300 Bothell Everett Highway, Suite #303-6108, Mill Creek, WA 98012**
  - 2. Federal Express is recommended due to their timeliness and tracking capabilities
- C. **Refunds**
  - 1. Payments are refundable until the non-refundable date listed for each payment in the Payment Schedule.
  - 2. **All fees are non-refundable for participants that cancel after August 3, 2022 (45 days prior to departure)**
  - 3. Name substitutions without penalty are permissible only until the time of your 3rd payment, after which name change fees will be applicable.
  - 4. Qualified refunds will not be returned until the final adjusted invoice has been paid
  - 5. If your tour becomes canceled by Sechrist Travel, all monies are completely and immediately refunded to you
  - 6. Sechrist Travel will also make arrangement with vendors to protect your investment and allow a complete refund until 60 days prior to departure. This will provide safety in the case of a health pandemic and travel advisory
  - 7. If your arranged trip inclusions or accommodations become unavailable due to "acts of God," Sechrist Travel reserves the right to change your tour and include other trip inclusions and accommodations. Any unforeseen fuel surcharges that become imposed by the airline after your initial deposit will be reflected in subsequent statements and become your responsibility

