



Passau and the Bavarian Forest

incl. the Danube



The region between the Danube and the border with the Czech Republic is known as the Bavarian woods. This is central Europe's largest continuous mountain forest and is dotted with romantically picturesque villages and valleys.

Day 1:

Arrive at the Hotel Gut Schmelmerhof in the pretty village of St. Englmar. Green fields and gentle rolling hills as well as stately mountains are the distinctive marks of the holiday region of Sankt Englmar. This is an excellent starting point for activities and excursions as well as a relaxing place to stay.

Day 2:

To start your holiday enjoy a trip to the historic town of Regensburg. Situated on the Danube this is a treasure trove of architecture, there are over 1400 listed landmarks in the city centre alone! The main attractions include the patrician town houses, the Cathedral with its famous choir, the Old Town Hall with the Imperial Chamber, the Palace of the Princess of Thurn and Taxis and many, many more. You will be met by your city guide on arrival and will be shown some of the more important sights before having free time to explore on your own. An added enhancement to your day is to relax with a boat trip on the Danube River before returning home.

Day 3:

After a leisurely breakfast you make the journey to the spa town of Bodenmais. There is a great deal to do here, you can visit the salt mines located in the Silver Mountain or alternatively take a ride up the Silver mountain on the covered chairlift and relax in one of the restaurants in the sun. From here you can see the highest mountain in the Bavarian forest, the Grossen Arber, which reaches a height of 1455 metres above sea level. Also worth a visit is the Joska Crystal experience where you can feel the heat of the smelting works, watch the talented glass blowers and painters at their work and also enjoy the relaxing atmosphere of the Crystal garden, the quiet and shimmering Crystal lake and an amusing Crystal Mikado.

Day 4:

Today relax and enjoy your hotel and the surroundings or as an alternative we recommend a visit to the "Bärurzerei" distillery in Kötzting. Here you will receive a warm welcome to a "small" metropolis! Kötzting is a central Kneipp spa resort in the Bavarian Forest nature reserve. At the distillery you will discover the centuries old tradition of making this special drink.

Day 5:

No visit to the Bavarian forest is complete without a visit to the city of Passau. When you arrive at the town-of-three-rivers for the first time, you feel as if you

are in northern Italy rather than at the entrance to the Bavarian Forest. Southern flair dominates the town, the centre of which is located on the peninsula between the Danube and Inn rivers. A guided tour is included so that you can see all the highlights of this wonderful city. In the afternoon you can explore the city by yourselves. Why not go shopping or just relax in one of the cafés or restaurants while drinking a coffee.

Day 6:

Departure.



Tour enhancement:

- Silver mountain chairlift from € 4.90 pp
- Silver mountain salt mines from € 5.50 pp

Accommodation:

Will be in good tourist class hotels such as the Hotel Fruechtle in Zandt. A family run house with indoor pool and bowling alley. All rooms have bath or shower and WC. 4* accommodation is in hotels such as the family run Hotel Gut Schmelmerhof in St. Englmar. All rooms have bath or shower and WC, television, telephone, mini-bar and safe. The hotel also has a wellness area equipped with an indoor and outdoor swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna, and steam sauna.

Included in price:

- 5 x nights with HB in the Bavarian forest
- 1 x 1/2 day city guide in Regensburg
- 1 x round trip on the Danube river
- 1 x visit to Joska Crystal experience
- 1 x visit to the Bärurzerei in Kötzting
- 1 x 1/2 day city guide in Passau

price per person:

3* accommodation
Double room: € 212,00
Single room supplement: € 35,00

4* accommodation
Double room: € 253,00
Single room supplement: € 40,00

Dates:

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