Northern Germany’s Schleswig-Holstein

This pre-tour is offered in conjunction with Journey through Germany & Oberammergau Passion Play

Day 1: Thursday, July 2, 2020 • Departure
Our journey begins as we board our international flight bound for Hamburg, Germany. Inflight meals

Day 2: Friday, July 3, 2020 • Hamburg – Schleswig – Flensburg
Upon our arrival in Hamburg, we meet our coach driver and tour guide and drive northeast into the German state of Schleswig-Holstein. Our first stop is the town of Schleswig which takes its name from the Schlei, an inlet of the Baltic sea where Schleswig sits. A local guide introduces us to the town and its history including a visit to the Schleswig-Holstein State Museum at Gottorf Castle in Schleswig. We learn about the immigration path from this region to Illinois and Iowa in the 19th century. Afterwards, we continue on to nearby Flensburg where we have an early dinner at a local establishment. B, D

Day 3: Saturday, July 4, 2020 • Flensburg
Today we explore Flensburg and the surrounding area. A local guide introduces us to the town and its history. Located on the German Danish border it originally had both German and Danish influence. Today’s highlights include a harbor cruise and visit to the harbor museum as well as the Rum Museum and a sample too! B

Day 4: Sunday, July 5, 2020 • Fehmarn Island – Burg Fehmarn
After breakfast we depart for Fehmarn Island and step back in time. We visit the Open Air Museum of Kotharinenhof, Mill and Agriculture Museum, Wallnau Waterbird Reserve, Flügge Lighthouse, and St. Nickolai Church.

Tour Highlights:
★ Schleswig-Holstein Museum
★ Harbor Cruise
★ Fehmarn Island
★ Rum Museum and sample
★ Open Air Museum of Katharinenhof
★ Mill and Agriculture Museum
★ Wallnau Waterbird Reserve
★ Flügge Lighthouse
★ St. Nickolai Church

Tour Inclusions:
★ Land transportations via private, deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
★ Accommodations in superior tourist class hotels
★ Meals as indicated in itinerary
★ Services of a professional tour leader throughout the tour
★ Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
★ Admission to all activities indicated in the itinerary (unless otherwise noted)
★ Luggage handling; one piece per person at hotels

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Katharinenhof and the Peter Wiepert Heimat museum. We have lunch on our own before a local guide joins us to see the St. Nickolai Church and City Hall. B, D

Day 5: Monday, July 6, 2020 • Fehmarn Island – Lübeck
We continue our exploration of the island this morning. We visit the Mill and Agriculture Museum which has Europe’s oldest, complete wind-sail windmill, the Wallnau Waterbird Reserve and Flügge Lighthouse. Then we continue on our way to Lübeck, the former capital of the Hanseatic League and now an UNESCO World Heritage Site, our home for the next two nights. Dinner is on our own tonight. B

Day 6: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 • Lübeck
After breakfast a local guide joins us for a walking tour the city. Everywhere we turn is a photo stop as we gaze upon the city’s brick towers and gates. We have an opportunity to sample some of the marzipan. By some accounts marzipan was invented in Lübeck. We also visit the Willie Brandt Haus and the European Hanse Museum. B, D