



DRIVE TO DISCOVER GERMANY

DRIVE TO VILLAGES
& CASTLES YOUR
KIDS WILL LOVE



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Road Trip Drive	Distance	Driving Time
Munich To Nuremberg	99 miles	1 hour 38 minutes
Nuremberg to Heidelberg	141 miles	2 hours 18 minutes
Heidleberg to Rothenburg ob der Tauber	103 miles	1 hour 38 minutes
Rothenburg ob der Tauber to Nordlingen	52 miles	1 hour 4 minutes
Nordlingern to Schwangau	121 miles	2 hours 3 minutes
Schwangau to Munich	74 miles	1 hour 39 minutes
Total Distance Covered:	590 miles	

If you're planning a trip your kids will love, then consider a driving tour of storybook villages and epic castles in Germany! [Europe is filled with amazing castles](#), and the inspiration for many fairytale castles from your favorite children's storybooks and films has come from Germany's famous castles, and exploring the Bavarian countryside by car is an amazing way to introduce your children to a new culture, while thrilling them with memorable historic sites that will instill a lifelong love of travel.

Our Drive to Discover road trip tour of Germany's quaint villages and castles begins and ends in Munich, allowing you to pick up your [rental car at Munich International Airport](#) upon arrival and hit the road without delay. Covering 590 beautiful miles, this one-of-a-kind driving adventure through Bavaria is sure to delight both young and young at heart!

TO/FROM: Munich Airport

In this road trip guide, you'll begin and end your journey at the Munich Airport.

1. Nuremberg Castle

While this structure may not remind you of the fantastic spires from Sleeping Beauty, the stunning collection of medieval fortified buildings on a ridge offer an impressive and exciting opportunity to learn about German history in a fun way packed with opportunities to explore, play with your little ones, and take memorable photos in this beautiful setting. Considered one of Europe's most formidable medieval fortifications, you and your children will learn about the German kings (and even the Holy Roman Emperors) who resided in this imperial castle.

2. Heilbronn & Heidelberg

While the classic Bavarian architecture, winding streets, ancient churches, and curious shops will delight your children, Heilbronn is renowned for its wine industry, making it an excellent place for adults to explore and unwind before embarking on the next leg of their trip.

After Heilbronn continue west on the A6 to Heidelberg, a gorgeous college town comfortably arranged on the banks of the river Neckar. The romantic cityscape includes a quaint baroque-style old town district (great place to stretch your legs before dinner) and Heidelberg Castle - ruins which are actually in excellent repair, and which are considered one of the most important Renaissance structures north of the Alps. Heidelberg's Renaissance architecture offers a nice history lesson to kids when compared to the medieval lines of Nuremberg castle in Germany.

3. Rothenburg ob der Tauber

If you're looking for a place to take photos in a classic medieval village, then taking a side-trip to Rothenburg ob der Tauber will be well worth your time, before heading south to Nordlingen. A feature of the iconic Romantic Road through southern Germany, Rothenburg ob der Tauber offers travelers an opportunity to step back in time. From the stunning town hall, to the Medieval town wall and defense tower Klingentorturm, there's plenty to see and explore in this quaint Bavarian village. You can get there by backtracking east on the A6 and then taking A81 north - a very pretty drive.

4. Nordlingen

Located in the Donau-Ries district in Swabia, Bavaria, this quaint little town will be celebrating its 1119th anniversary in 2017 so you will see some amazing historic buildings during your visit! From Rothenburg ob der Tauber, you can follow the A7 south to Nordlingen, Germany. Your kids will love exploring Saint Georg's Church (the steeple is affectionately named "Daniel" and is a stunning site as it's made of a material containing shocked quartz). This is an excellent town to explore.

5. Schwangau & Neuschwanstein Castle

After you depart Nordlingen, continue on A7 south (this whole region of Germany is beautiful, and there are countless villages to pause in and explore should you need a break, or want an excuse to see more of southern Germany). While the German castle of Horn is small compared to some of those you've already visited, the unique Medieval Motte-and-Bailey style of this structure is worth exploring with your kids, and offers an additional teaching moment about the evolution of architecture and civilization. Horn is located right on the Austrian border, offering the city a unique multicultural atmosphere.

Of course, no castle tour in Germany would be complete without a visit to Neuschwanstein Castle, the most photographed castle in the world! Built by Ludwig the Second of Bavaria in 1868 it was completed by the state after his death and is now open to the public.

6. Munich

To conclude this German castle and village road trip, head northeast on A95 ... you're less than two hours from Munich. There's a lot to see and explore in the historic city of Munich, so if you can we encourage you to linger for a day or two before returning to Munich international airport for your flight home.