

7 – 10 Day Castle Rothschild's Escape To Frankfort & Cologne



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7-10 Day Itinerary: Castle Rothschild's Escape To Frankfort & Cologne

Day 1 Arrival: Frankfort – US – Frankfort



Upon arrival, you will meet your VIP Travel Specialist in the arrival hall. You will be escorted through immigration and customs and onward to the baggage claim area where you will be joined by your Private English-speakign Driver. He will assist you with your luggage and then transfer you onward to Villa (Castle) Rothschild for check-in

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Upon arrival at the hotel, you will meet the Concierge for a private check-in experience. Your luggage will be handled for you and will await you in your accommodation upon your return.

There is time for a refreshment and then you will be off for your morning tour, while you await your accommodations to be readied.



This morning you will enjoy a walking tour of the city center and enjoy seeing some of the main highlights in the area. The precise itinerary will be crafted towards your special interests, as well as sites that are not to be missed.

You won't want to miss the historical icon; the Frankfort Cathedral.

Lunch is on your own today. You may choose to enjoy a meal in the city, or you may return to your hotel for lunch there.

After lunch, you are at leisure to relax in your hotel

or continue exploration on your own.

8:00pm: You have dinner reservations in the restaurant of the castle for a fabulous dinign experience to celebrate your arrival.

Day 2 Frankfort: - Frankfort

Breakfast in the Castle.

After breakfast, meet your private English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your morning visit to the Musemusufer (Museum

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Embankment) for a relaxed and at your own pace tour of some of the best museums in Germany, if not the world.



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In the Musemusufer there are a cluster of 12 museums . There are various types of museums, as you might expect, that included film, art, architecture, communications, and ethnography – just to name a few.

The buildings that house these museums are equally varied. There are patrician houses, grand buildings that were built especially for the museum by famous architects, and buildings of many designs from the area.

If you are lucky enough to be traveling over the last weekend in August, you will be able to take part in the Museumsiferfest. This is a museum outdoor festival packed full of excitement, merry-making, and of course, lots of music, dance and culinary delights. There is also a 2 day Dragon Regatta on the Main River.



Städel Museum



The Städel Museum The museum was founded in 1815 when the banker Johann Friedrich Städel donated an invaluable collection of old masters to the city. And over time, has gained international acclaim as one of the world's leading art museums.

Its collections include renowned works of art ranging from the Middle Ages to the present day. The Städel's outstanding artworks are supplemented by countless examples of graphical art and sculptures. The list of artists is like a who's who of the art world.

Frankfurt Goethe Museum and Goethe House



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The Frankfurt Goethe House, birthplace of Germany's most famous author and poet, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, was built in typical 18th-century bourgeois style. It is decorated with period furniture and paintings, providing an authentic and striking impression of the environment in which Goethe spent his youth.

He lived in this house until he was 16 and returned for long periods of time between his studies in Leipzig and Strasbourg. It was during this time that he wrote "The Sorrows of Young Werther". The house was damaged int eh war but has been restored to how it might have looked when Goethe lived here.

Attached to the house is a museum of Romantic Art, which is appropriate for Goethe's youthful period of "Sturm und Drang".

Deutsches Filmmuseum

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This German Film Museum is extremely interesting, in that it offers a unique spin on the essence of film making through history with particular focuses on such topics as the technological origins and development of cinema. This is well maneuvered from the beginning in 1895 through the addition of sound in film in the 1930's and on through time to the 21st. century today.

For those who are interested in a career in moviemaking, this film museum precisely delivers the elements of how a director is able to tell a story using film medium presentations.



Famous German film figures are featured in the museum, such as Kubrick, Rainer Werner Fassbinder and Romy Schneider.

What's a fil museum without films? Here in the museum, there are two screening rooms for films. One cinema screens artistically significant films classics, while the other screens silent films accompanied by a live musical performance on a Wurlitzer Pipe Organ.

Liebieghaus

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On the riverfront, there is a sculpture museum in a resplendent 19th century villa called the Liebieghaus. This magnificent home was the retirement home of the textile magnate Baron Von Liepieg. He commissioned it in the 1890s.



This museum contains a delightful combination of sculpture from Ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome to the more European styles of Romanesque, Gothic,

Renaissance, Baroque, along with Neoclassical influences. You will also find some archeological fragments from Gothic Tombs.

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Museum Angewandte Kunst



Frankfort's Museum of Applied Arts is an inspired building by the American Architect, Richard Meier. This bright, airy gallery was inspired by Le Corbrusier's International Style. It contains textiles, pairings, furniture and porcelain from the 11100s to the 2000s. There are also some lovely pieces from China, and Japan. There is a focus on specific periods, where entire rooms of the Villa Metzler have been decorated in the given style, such as Art Nouveau and Baroque.

Lunch is on your own today. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for dining recommendations in Frankfort. Your guide will also make some suggestions for eating in the area if you are so inclined.

After your tour you will be returned to your hotel.

This day is a day at your leisure. So, if you spend the morning or an entire day luxuriating in the museums and the areas of the Musemusufer, it's up to you.

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This evening, you will enjoy an early Dinner on your own (payable at the time of service) at the Restaurant Français, very close to the Oper Frankfort. **After dinner** you will enjoy a performance at the famous Oper Frankfort renowned for its musical performances.

After the performance meet your private driver at the entrance to the opera house for your transfer back to the hotel, or you can take a taxi or enjoy an envigorating walk. Whichever you prefer, you are at leisure to continue a bit of celebrating or go back to relax at the hotel.

Day 3 Frankfort: - Frankfort

Breakfast in the Castle.

After breakfast, meet your private English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your morning trip to UNESCO World Heritage Site; "Limes". Explore the Limes border defence and be at one with Roman history. The Limes is worldwide the longest historical monument (after the Great Wall of China).



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Discover the border of one of the greatest empires ever and enjoy the breathtaking views.

Frontiers of the Roman Empire

The 'Roman Limes' represents the border line of the Roman Empire at its greatest extent in the 2nd century AD. It stretched over 5,000 km from the Atlantic coast of northern Britain, through Europe to the Black Sea, and from there to the Red Sea and across North Africa to the Atlantic coast.

The remains of the Limes today consist of vestiges of built walls, ditches, forts, fortresses, watchtowers and civilian settlements. Certain elements of the line have been excavated, some reconstructed and a few destroyed. The two sections of the Limes in Germany cover a length of 550 km from the north-west of the country to the Danube in the south-east. The 118-km-long Hadrian's Wall (UK) was built on the orders of the Emperor Hadrian c. AD 122 at the northernmost limits of the Roman province of Britannia.

It is a striking example of the organization of a military zone and illustrates the defensive techniques and geopolitical strategies of ancient Rome. The Antonine Wall, a 60-km long fortification in Scotland was started by Emperor Antonius Pius in 142 AD as a defense against the "barbarians" of the north. It constitutes the northwestern-most portion of the Roman Limes.



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After the tour of the Limes, you will continue your day by heading over to the Old Sachsenhausen.

Lunch is on your own today in Old Sachsenhausen. Your Guide will offer suggestions for dining in this village.



For hundreds of years the District of Sachesenhausen included the Village. It was a separate district from Frankfort. It was still granted the protection of Frankfort's great wall with its 9 towers.

The village District originally, was a farming community, serving Frankfort with its fish, fruits and vegetables. In the midst of the 16th century, after the

little Ice Age, things changed a bit. The vineyards were replaced with apple orchards and wine was replaced with cider (Aplefelwein). The taverns transitioned from grape wine to apple wine (cider).

There's nothing elegant about the old Hessian specialty, green sauce, but you do have to give this condiment a try when you're in Frankfurt as it's delicious.

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The sauce has a thick consistency and an egg base, and that green tone comes from its seven fresh herbs: Parsley, borage, chervil, chives, burnet, cress and sorrel. Green sauce always comes with boiled potatoes and hard-boiled eggs. IT is typically served along-side a beef dish.

Apparently, it was also Goethe's favorite dish, so you'll be in good company. A must try when

in Frankfort, but particularly here.

After Lunch, your guide will give you many interesting tidbits about this village and district. One of the most interesting elements of the life here is their love of fountains. You will stroll through the village and see the delightful fountains and a whole way of life that takes you back in time and far from the bustling city life.

The center of the apple wine quarter is the Klappergasse with the famous Frau Rauscher fountain. At irregular intervals it spits out water, sometimes catching inattentive pedestrians. In no other neighborhood are there as many working fountains as in Sachsenhausen.

Residents of the district celebrate this **every summer with a fountain festival** with a large programme, a procession and voting for a fountain queen. The festival was mentioned as early as 1490; residents celebrated after the annual cleaning of their drinking water fountains.

After your tour, you will be returned to your hotel for the evening. You will be at leisure to relax in the hotel or continue exploring on your own.

Dinner is on your own tonight. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Frankfort.

Day 4 Frankfort: - Frankfort

Breakfast in the Castle.





After breakfast, meet your private English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your morning tour to the historical quarter of Frankfort and the Romerberg Square. This square is considered the most beautiful square in Frankfort. The historical old town center, including its splendid half-timbered houses, was rebuilt according to the original plans in 1986.

It now represents a classic example of the

traditional half-timbered architectural style of times gone by. Every single house bears its own name. In the 17th century, the corner house, named "Grosser Engel", became the home of Frankfurt's first bank.



At the heart of the Altstadt - Frankfurt's old town - you'll find the Römerberg, one of the city's most familiar attractions.

It's home to the Römer, which has been in use as the city hall since the 15th century.

Standing in the square, you'll be forgiven for feeling like you're on a film set at times - it's a postcard-perfect scene of days gone by.

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The Römer



The three stepped gable facades of the Römer are what make the square so instantly recognizable.

The original mediaeval complex has been extended considerably since it was sold to the city council in 1405, with several buildings, courtyards and an ornate balcony added throughout the years.

This has been the backdrop for famous faces like John F. Kennedy, who addressed an adoring

crowd here during his groundbreaking visit to Germany in 1963, just the day before giving his famous speech in Berlin.

The Fountain of Justice



The Gerechtigkeitsbrunnen (Fountain of Justice), standing in the centre of the square in front of the Römer, dates back to 1543. Its bronze statue depicts Justitia, the Roman goddess of justice, armed with her sword and scales.

The monument has been renovated several times over the years - according to legend, wine flowed from the fountain at the 16th century coronation of Emperor Matthias, causing a commotion worthy of immediate repairs.

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Fairs and festivals



apple

cookies by the 30-metre-high Christmas tree.

The Ostzeile



Trade fairs and markets have been held in the Römerberg since the Middle Ages, attracting visiting merchants from all over Europe.

The tradition is continued to this day with Frankfurt's spectacular Christmas market, one of the oldest and largest in Germany.

It's a fairy-tale experience - and a great excuse to sample local delicacies like hot apple wine and *Bethmännchen* marzipan

On the east side of the Römerberg, you'll find the Ostzeile, a row of six half-timbered houses.

Although most of the original 15th and 16th century buildings were destroyed during the air raids of 1944, the houses on the Ostzeile were faithfully restored during the 1980s.

Each bears its own evocative name, including *Große Engel* (Great Angel) and *Goldener Greif* (Golden Griffin).

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Haus Wertheym



Only one half-timbered house in the Altstadt made it through bombings unscathed.

<u>Haus Wertheym</u> has been serving hearty home-style cuisine since 1479, and it continues to do so today. As you'd expect, it's a popular tourist spot, so avoid visiting during weekends and public holidays when the restaurant gets particularly crowded.

Head to nearby Zum Standesämtchen for a quieter meal, and be sure to try the *Schweinshaxe* (roasted pork knuckle) and homemade sauerkraut.

Lunch int the square today, or if you aren't hungry yet, you can enjoy lunch in the other areas of Historic Downtown Frankfort.

The epicenter of year-round family events is Breidert Green in historic downtown. Today you will enjoy downtown Frankfort.

Dining: Signature white tablecloth restaurants, casual dining and libations, ice cream, sweets, a tea room, a coffee shop and picnic tables lining Breidert Green.

Shops: From upscale to eclectic, the boutiques and stores in downtown Frankfort offer unique selections and personal service that you won't find at the shopping malls.

Discover: Quality children's clothing, art, women's shoes and accessories, home decor, dollhouse and garden accessories, products for pampered pets, counters lined with penny candy and a butcher shop.

Professional Services: Over 40 professional services are based in the historic district.

Afterwards, you will enjoy a private cooking class with one of the premier chefs of local German cooking. This is a unique interactive class with you and local experts preparing traditional German fare. Afterwards you will sit down with eh chef for a private dinner.

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Day 5 Frankfort: - Frankfort - Cologne - Frankfort

Breakfast in the Castle.

8:00am: After breakfast, meet your private English-speaking driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of your hotel for your full day tour of Cologne.

Upon arrival in Cologne, it's time for a break for a coffee or other beverage and to get your bearings a little in the Historic District of Cologne. First stop, the Cologne Cathedral. It is magnificent and you can enjoy the chapel, take a tour of the treasury or climb the 509 steps to the top of the Cathedral (A UNESCO World Heritage site & 2nd tallest building in Cologne) for the sweeping panoramas of the city. **It takes an hour to climb to the top.

Afterwards, You will enjoy a private walking tour of the city's oldest area and see many of the wonderful elements of this city.

Lunch is on your own today and your guide will recommend dining options in the area.

After lunch, you have options for experiences in Cologne.



Option 1: Enjoy an interactive chocolate making experience at the Schokoladenmuseum (The chocolate Museum). Learn all about the history of cocoa and the process of turning this bitter bean into lovely bars of luxurious Lindt chocolate.

Once you're up to speed, grab a spatula in the museum's 'confiserie' and try your hand at crafting your very own sweet treats. Lessons last for about three hours. By the end you'll have a box of (hopefully) delicious bon-bons to snack on.



Option 2:



something a little stronger).

Enjoy a boat trip along the Rhine. The Rhine has been at the heart of Cologne for centuries, so you've got to sail along it to see the city from a different angle. Cruise by the historic old town, or get a glimpse of the super chic and modern Rheinauhafen district (see point 10) – boats take different routes with a number of pick-up and drop-off points, making it an enjoyable, unique and convenient way to see Cologne. Float through this cool city, enjoy a drink (soft or



Option 3: Make your own perfume. From the Rhine to bottled fragrances: Cologne is famous for its water.

You could just pick a souvenir bottle of Eau de Cologne off the shelf in a perfumerie, but why not craft your own unique formula for a highly personalized fragrance?

Visit 4711's flagship store and learn about the

history of the city's famous export – they've been producing parfum for over 220 years, so they know a thing or two about it and can help you choose the right scent for you or someone special.

Design your own signature fragrance in a private workshop with one of their expert parfumiaières.

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At the conclusion of your afternoon Experience, you will be met by your private driver and professional guide and taken for a tour of one of Cologne's 13 breweries for a tour of how their famous Kölsch. At the end of the tour, you will enjoy a private tasting.

It's your choice, you can relax in one of the local pubs for a bit and then enjoy dinner in Cologne, of you can opt for returning to Frankfort and having dinner there. Your decision will be managed in your Celebration Escapes' Creative Planning Session and at the time of your custom crafted itinerary. If you stay in Cologne for dinner, you will be returned to the Castle after dinner. (approximately 2 hrs.)

Day 6 Frankfort: - Frankfort

Breakfast in the Castle.

After breakfast, you are at leisure today to relax and enjoy the hotel or go exploring on your own.

Lunch is on your own. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Cologne.

7:45 pm: This evening, meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to dinner at **Heimat, the Michilin Star Restaurant.**

After Dinner, you will be returned to the Castle where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the evening.

Heimat Restaurant







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Day 7 Frankfort: - Frankfort - US & Home

Breakfast in the Castle.

After breakfast, you will meet your private English-speaking Driver in the lobby of the hotel for your transfer to the airport to meet your international flight to the US and onward to Home.

End of Services.

** This trip can be extended to 10 days easily. You also have options to stay overnight in both Frankfort & Cologne for several days each to have more time in Cologne. Discuss your options with your Expert Travel Consultant in your Celebration Escapes' Creative Planning Session.

End of Services.

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About Castle Rothschild



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Villa Rothschild Kempinski

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Visit the top <u>wedding location</u> within the Rhine-Main region, discover the newly designed <u>Restaurant</u> Villa Rothschild Grill & Health and experience the Rothschild team and its professional, dynamic and authentic service! Only 20 minutes from Frankfurt International Airport, in a very short distance to the city center of the Main metropolis and amid the Taunus healthy climate zone.

The former summer residence of the renowned Rothschild family offers 22 individual rooms and suites, 3 historic salons and a 10 hectares park with a breath-taking view and manifold options.

Accommodations

At the Villa Rothschild you are able to choose between seven different categories of rooms. Not an easy choice at all. Should you have difficulty in making up your mind,

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there is only one thing to do ... visit us more often! Enjoy spacious, relaxed living in one of our 22 luxurious rooms enriched with breathtaking views.



Standard Rooms: An ideal haven, secret and luxury hideaway amidst the sprawling 10 hectares of private park and healthy climate zone in Konigstein within the Taunus region.

Unique living moments Standard Rooms at the Villa Rothschild with up to 20m² still offer the charm and timeless elegance of the former summer residence of the Rothschild family and are only 20 minutes from the bustling financial and banking center of Frankfort & Main.

They are located in the north-western wing of the building with some overlooking the historic castle.



Deluxe Rooms: Elegant, tasteful and with sublime views over the extensive green and the 10 hectares of private park 0 this is your stay at one of the 40m² Deluxe Rooms at the smallest Kempenski hotel in the world. Close to Main metropolis Frankfurt.

Especially prominent in some of the rooms are the historic fireplaces, finely crafted, today of course fueled by gas. Find what you expect at this historic refuge.





Superior Rooms: Elegant furnishing, individual and hand-picked fabrics made of premium French manufacture, as well as the intangible feeling of touching the past, this room invites you to unwind without distractions.

Amidst spacious greenery, just 20 minutes from Frankfurt, this comes easily.

Discover a Superior Room – an unparalleled ambience of about 30m², enjoy the unique atmosphere, finest cuisine and authentic genuine service.



Rothschild Suites

At the time of the summer residence, our Rothschild suites were occupied by the family members and therefore reflect a quite special flair.

The Rothschild Suites are approximately 60m², and especially attract attention by extravagant wood elements, generosity and breathtaking views.

The unobstructed views of the historic castle

Kronberg and in the spacious green of the hotel's 10 hectares private park are only nuances that will make your stay at the smallest Kempinski hotel in the world a very distinguished one.



Grill & Health Restaurant

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Suite Dreams

The suites combine tradition and modernity. A fine ambience and modern technology are tastefully merged and offer luxurious living of the highest calibre. Exceptional comfort, historic fireplaces and views of the Rothschild Park add to the suites' inviting nature.

The Baron Rothschild Room

The Baron Rothschild Room at the Villa Rothschild is 50m² in size and features choice fabrics, exquisite furniture and a historic fireplace. Its harmonic ambience is one in

which one can't but feel comfortable in. The naturally lit bathroom, fitted with precious marble, completes the exclusive aura.

The Baroness Rothschild Room

Unique in design and unique to the Villa Rothschild – that's the Baroness Rothschild Room. Designed with stately elegance and encompassing an area of 60m², it features a historic fireplace and charming views of the Rothschild Park.



The Romantic Room

Dreamlike luxury within the Villa Rothschild. The Romantic Room, 60m² in size, evokes an air of pure romance with its charming living and sleeping quarter, an additional bedroom and a naturally lit bathroom with bathtub.

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Experience the history of an exceptional location in combination with the highest culinary quality at the Villa Rothschild Kempinski.

A unique ambience, the highest Grill & Health culture and an attentive, individual and authentic service make your visit a special one. Since September 2018, the Restaurant Villa Rothschild Grill & Health presents itself as a real and authentic place with diverse compositions for everyone at any time.



Meanwhile, at Tizian's, you will discover a place marked by history and freedom - in any case more than just a bar.

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Creative Cuisine, true Grill & Health delights, await the conscious connoisseur in the new restaurant Villa Rothschild. Experience surprisingly daring creations by Sebastian Prumann and his team.

"Cooking for the sheer enjoyment, offering diners in the restaurant a visual experience of the preparation, and following gan entirely independent and sustainable approach that has the pleasures of healthy dining at its core," is how the Leverkusen-born chef describes his new challenge.

Experience accents of the up and coming Casual Fine Dining Grill & Health concept.



TIZIAN'S

Whether with a classic or a refined fancy cocktail creation – in Villa Rothschild Kempenski's Tizian's, you tune into a stylish culinary evening or relax in a dignified way after a busy day – in any case, with a beautiful view over Kronberg and its famous castle. Explore the presence of history in the unique ambience of the "cradle of German democracy".

Enjoy the view and let this hotel pamper you with well-known classics, as well as their own, inventive, perhaps daring bar creations. The Tizian's team knows how to impress their clients and understands "Bar" as a craft.

A highlight of the bar is its vast selection of more than 50 brands of rum and 30 brands of vodka. Their repertoire also includes unusual cognacs and armangnacs such as the 450 year old Chateau du Prada.

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