

# CEDAR SPRINGS BREWING TOUR 2018

## PRELIMINARY TOUR SCHEDULE



The Bavaria Specialist



**Day 1: Saturday, May 12.** We officially begin at 11:00 AM at Munich airport and will take Munich's efficient public transportation system to the [Brauerei Gasthaus Lohhof](#). After dropping off the luggage, we head to one of Munich's enormous beer gardens for lunch and spend the afternoon touring Munich's historical sites. An early dinner is planned back at our hotel, which offer excellent food and beer!



**Day 2: Sunday, May 13.** Weissbier, Weisswurst, and a touch of traditional music at the [Weisses Brauhaus](#) starts our day! We catch the famous [Glockenspiel](#) at 12:00 and complete our tour of Munich's most famous sites, including the famous state-owned [Hofbräuhaus](#). In the late afternoon, we travel to the Holy Mountain, [Kloster Andechs](#). This monastery offers an amazing rococo church, the burial place of Carl Orff, a fabulous panorama of the Alps, and the world's best Schweinehaxe (Pork Knuckle) and Doppelbock beer!



**Day 3: Monday, May 14** Using the train, we're off to Salzburg for the day! Upon arrival, we'll have lunch at [Die Weisse](#) before strolling through Salzburg's old town. There's plenty of history as your tour the city still haunted by Mozart's spirit – and Sound of Music tourists! After stopping at the [Bosna Grill](#), [Sporer Schnapps](#), and [Fürst's Mozart Balls](#), we climb the hill up to the [Stiegl Keller](#). In the late afternoon, we'll visit Salzburg's best beerhall, [Augustiner zur Mülln](#) before returning to Munich on the train.



**Day 4: Tuesday, May 15** Boarding the fast [ICE-train](#), we have a 3 hour train journey as we head to northern Bavaria, [Franconia](#). We'll be staying in a functioning brewery called [Fässla](#). Once we arrive, we'll grab a quick snack and then "[Eric the Storyteller](#)" will take you on a walk of this UNESCO World Heritage city. Walking through the baroque city of some 70,000 residents is a magical experience. Bamberg was spared the horrors of WWII's destruction and is well preserved. We'll see a few churches, but Bamberg claims the world's highest density of breweries and we will visit the very best one for dinner, [Schlenkerla](#). Famous for its smoked beer, the "[Bamberger Onion](#)" makes for perfect pairing!



**Day 5: Wednesday, May 16** In the morning we visit the [Weyermann Malt Factory](#). Their specialty malts are famous amongst the world's brewing community and you'll have the chance to see the process from the trucks delivering the barley, to germination, to drying and roasting.

After the tour, we visit [Mahr's](#) for lunch. Here they offer an unusual "Ungespundetes" beer. Right across the street is the [Keesman](#) brewery which offers the crisp Herrenpils – a perfect contrast to the Mahr's U.

Next we venture up to [Greifenklau](#) and enjoy a beer in their beer garden overlooking [Altenburg Castle](#). Dinner

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is at [Spezialkeller](#) to take in the wide-ranging views of the city and surrounding countryside.



**Day 6: Thursday, May 17.** With a private bus, we travel about 2 1/2 hours including some time in the scenic Altmühltal. From Kelheim, we take a boat to [Kloster Weltenburg](#). We have lunch at the famous monastery and enjoy their dark beer, which has been brewed on-site since 1050. Next is a stop at the unforgettable [Kuchlbauer Brewery](#) in Abensberg. Designed by the Austria artist, Hundertwasser, the tour combines brewing, with Hundertwasser's unique style, DaVinci's Last Supper, and even a bit of animatronics! After sampling their Weissbier, we have a 30 minute journey to Regensburg where we will stay at [Hotel zum Fröhlichen Türken](#). Dinner is planned at the famed [Kneitinger](#).



**Day 7: Friday, May 18.** Hop the train out to Michael Plank's little brewery and sample his award winning beer before spending several fun hours at the [Regensburg Dult](#). On our way there, we'll walk through the old town which is another UNESCO World Heritage site. Begun as a roman fort on the northern frontier of the empire, its medieval character is well preserved! At the Dult, we'll party the night away dancing on the benches! It's a fair complete with beer tents, live music, a flea market and carnival rides!



**Day 8: Saturday, May 19.** Heading back toward Munich, we drive through the heart of Hop country on our way to the [Unertl](#) brewery in the small town of Haag. After lunch, we drive back to the [Brauerei Gasthaus Lohhof](#) in Munich, spend a little free time in Munich for your last minute shopping and then meet up for dinner, a tour of the small museum, and wooden keg tapping at the Bier and Oktoberfest Museum in downtown Munich!



**Day 9: Sunday, May 20** Departure day. Munich airport is 20 minutes from our hotel and trains go to the airport every 20 minutes. (Ticket to airport not included).

**Day 9: Sunday, May 20** Optionally, extend your tour by one day and travel with us to the town of Füssen where we will visit the castles of Hohenschwangau and Neuschwanstein. If time allows, we will also stop at the Wieskirche and see a bit of Füssen. Complete the day with a Schnitzel dinner at Hotel Ruchti in Füssen before driving back to Munich.

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**Day 10: Monday, May 21** Departure for those who opted for the optional castle tour.

### Estimated Pricing

- \$ 1,740 per person, double occupancy, or
- \$ 2,120 for single occupancy – limited number
- Addon: \$ 265 per person, double occupancy, or
- Addon: \$ 365 for single occupancy – limited number
- Note: Pricing is variable based on total number of participants – see contract for details

### Services Include:

- Lodging for 8 nights in smaller, Bavarian Inns. (Add-on is 1 extra night)
- Breakfast Daily
- Public transportation unless otherwise noted.
- English/German speaking guide and Diplom BierSommelier for the entire time of the tour.
- *Airline Ticket not included:* You should book your flight to arrive in Munich (MUC) with enough time for you to meet the group at 11:00 AM to depart the airport.

### Payment Terms

- **Initial Booking:** At the time of booking, a non-refundable \$200 deposit, per person is required to hold space. Once you have received written confirmation from BayernTrips LLC, you should go ahead and book your flight.
- **December 1, 2017:** Any space not sold to customers of Cedar Springs Brewing Company will be released for sale to the general public.
- **January 31, 2018:** Full Payment is due and any cancellations past this date are non-refundable.
- For credit card payments, we can send individual Pay Pal invoices to guests for a 3% surcharge.

**Scheduling Note:** There will be itinerary adjustments – possibly some additions (notably, [Dachsbräu](#) and [Karg](#)) and perhaps some deletions or substitutions. If there is something you really have your heart set on, please let us know!



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### Your Guides

Scott Stephens is American and is fluent in German, having studied in Kassel, Germany. His undergraduate work was in German Language studies and European History at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan. After college he spent several years in the hospitality industry at [Grand Hotel](#) on [Mackinac Island](#), Michigan. Until Dec 2010, Scott was co-owner of [Ironwood Plastics, Inc.](#), a successful manufacturing business in Upper Michigan and taught German courses at Gogebic Community College. Now a [Diplom Bier Sommelier](#), he lives in Munich full time and has operated [BayernTrips LLC](#) since 2005. His passion for the Bavarian culture and history has made him an authority on all things Bavarian!



We're pleased that Dave Ringler, the Director of Happiness at Cedar Springs Brewing Company, will be along on the trip and helping out. Several of the places selected for visits are his old friends or colleagues. With his extra personal touch, we think this trip will be a truly unique and memorable experience for all who know and love Cedar Springs Brewing Company!