

2017 Catherine the Great "250" Germany-Russia Tour

Hosted by **Dr. Richard Scheuerman**

June 13 – 27, 2017



We start in Büdingen, one of the best preserved medieval towns in Germany. With excursions to Schotten which focuses on Hessian heritage and traditions as well as Hessenpark the

open air museum to experience how people lived and worked in days gone by. This includes originally furnished houses, permanent exhibitions – e.g. about tower clocks, a historical post office and glass smelting – as well as historical craft and farming technique presentations and a great variety of events.



Then set sail aboard the Regal Princess for St. Petersburg, Russia from Berlin, Germany stopping in

Tallinn, Estonia on the way. Explore St. Petersburg and then head off to the ports of Helsinki Finland, Stockholm Sweden, Copenhagen Denmark and Oslo Norway.



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Day 1 Tue Jun 13 - ARRIVE FRANKFURT / SCHOTTEN

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Welcome to Frankfurt! After clearing arrival formalities, you will be met and transferred to the hotel in Schotten. The balance of the day is at leisure. Your local guide will be with you throughout your stay in Schotten.

Accommodation: Hotel Hause Sonnenberg, Schotten

Day 2 Wed Jun 14 – SCHOTTEN / BUDINGEN / SCHOTTEN

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Breakfast. This morning you will visit the Schottener Heimat Museum in Schotten, which focuses on Hessian heritage and traditions (entrance to Heimat Museum is included. Opening schedule for 2017 has not yet been published and visit is subject to availability.) After a lunch break (on own), you will enjoy a guided walking tour of Budingen, including the Sammelplatz (gathering point), which was the start point of many of the 18th century Volga colonists. Guided Tour of the Budingen Castle with site-guide included. (Subject to availability at time of booking). The castle belongs to the Isenberg family.

Accommodation: Hotel Hause Sonnenberg, Schotten

Day 3 Thu Jun 15 – EXCURSION TO HESSENPAK

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Breakfast. Today, you visit Hessenpark. In this open-air museum, you will learn about a fascinating world of more than 400 years of rural life in Hesse. This includes originally furnished houses, permanent exhibitions – e.g. about tower clocks, a historical post office and glass smelting – as well as historical craft and farming technique presentations and a great variety of events. On nearly 150 acres and in over 100 historical buildings the Hessenpark Open-Air Museum offers you a unique opportunity to experience at close quarters how people lived and worked in days gone by. You have enough time to visit the museum and to enjoy a lunch break (on own) there.

Accommodation: Hotel Hause Sonnenberg, Schotten

Day 4 Fri Jun 16 – BUDINGEN / FRANKFURT / WARNEMUNDE

(Boxed breakfast to be confirmed and is not included at this point.) Early morning hotel checkout and transfer to the rail station in Frankfurt to take the train to Warnemunde. (2017 schedule to be confirmed. This is based on 2016 schedule – ICE Train / Frankfurt Hbf to Hamburg Hbf 0658 1035 - 42 min change / Hamburg Hbf to Rostock Hbf 1117 1306 – 12 min change / Rostock Hbf to Warnemunde Werft 1318 1336 – total journey 6hr 38min. Reserved seats for the first two legs. From Rostock to Warnemunde, seats cannot be reserved.) On arrival in Warnemunde, you will walk on your own to the pier. Here, your cruise aboard the Regal Princess begins (cruise under own arrangement).

Prices starting at \$3618 per person double occupancy for land and inside cabin category, call for additional cabin options.

*Optional Travel Protection available
\$250.00 pp non-refundable deposit*