Day 1  Weds, October 4  The Adventure Begins

We will plan on gathering as a group at the Frankfurt airport and depart for the historic city of Heidelberg. Along the way, we will stop at Schwetzingen, the summer residence of the Palatine prince with its beautiful park. Then it’s on to historic Heidelberg. We will check into our hotel, the famous Hotel Zum Ritter and relax before we dine as a group at the Hackteufel, one of the city’s finest restaurants.

Day 2  Thurs, October 5  Heidelberg

After a good breakfast, we will spend the day touring Heidelberg, including the famous castle and the university. Participants will also have the opportunity to have free time to explore and shop. In the evening, we will enjoy some fine music and discuss the sights of the day.

Day 3  Friday, October 6  Birnau, Lake Constance

A short, scenic drive to the Lake Constance town of Birnau awaits the group. Once there, we will visit the monastery church, built by Dominikus Zimermann—a fine example of high Baroque or Rococo architecture. In the evening, we will dine together in the fine restaurant in our hotel, the Wilder Mann—right on the lake.

Day 4  Saturday, October 7  Meersburg, Lake Constance

The group travels via boat to Mainau, the tropical island with its famous garden. Called the “flower island” it is a most delightful sight. We will also visit the oldest existing castle and the baroque palace of the Prince Bishop of Constance.

Day 5  Sunday, October 8  Tettnang

We have tasted the beer part of the tour, but today we will visit an important place for beer—the home of the famous Tettnang hop. Not a dance, but an well-known ingredient for beer making is grown here. The centerpiece of our day will be a private tour and lunch at the
Kronenbrauerei. The group will dine together at our hotel in the small, medieval town of Biberach.

Day 6  Monday, October 9  Biberach/Riss

Whether or not penance is needed, we will visit several baroque monasteries. First a stopover to see the glorious Zimmermann church in Steinhausen “the loveliest village church in the world”. The famous Gasthof in Bad Schussenried will be the site for lunch. The Gasthof is famous for the largest stein collection in the world—a must see. A few steps down the street the bookish side of our journey gets its fill when we visit a magnificent baroque monastery library where there were once over 20,000 books in use by the padres.

Day 7  Tuesday, October 10  Biberach/Riss

After breakfast we will be off to visit two monasteries: Rot on the Rot, erected as an abbey between 1780 and 1786, during the autumn of the Baroque period; and Ochsenhausen, founded as a Benedictine abbey in 1093, now the pearl of the upper Swabian Baroque will invite us for a viewing and a concert in the church. We will also be treated to a dinner at the former monastery. A leisurely drive back through the picturesque landscape of Upper Swabia will end this eventful day.

Day 8  Weds, October 11  Munich

Onto the capital of Bavaria by way of Ulm on the Danube. Ulm is a 1000 year old imperial city with the tallest gothic church tower in the world. Here we will get a contrast in styles: the Gothic cathedral with the warm Baroque styles of the previous days. Lunch will be served near the Danube river in a typical Ulmian restaurant. Ulm is also the birthplace of Albert Einstein and the hometown of our guide: Professor Rudolf. In Munich, we will stay in Schwabing, the famous artist and student district in the center of town. An evening stroll through Marienplatz will get us hungry for a typical Bavarian meal replete with typical Bavarian beer.

Day 9  Thurs, October 12  Munich

We will venture into Munich’s countryside and visit Andechs, the famous Benedictine monastery and brewery. The setting is spectacular as Andechs is located on Ammersee, the perfect location for our lunch.
The drive will allow us to enjoy the typical Bavarian landscapes along the way.

**Day 10  Friday, October 13  Munich**

Another day trek awaits us as we adventure to Chiemsee, the lake where one of the famous palaces of King Ludwig is located. Herrenchiemsee is considered to be the German Versailles. In the afternoon we will tour Aying, another famous brewery. In the evening, we will enjoy a musical concert.

**Day 11  Saturday, October 14  Munich**

On this final day of the tour, a series of options await us. Some might opt for a bicycle tour of the Englischer Garten with lunch at the famous Aumeister beer garden. Others may opt to enjoy the shopping that Munich offers. Either way, you will be able to enjoy Munich at your pace. The final evening will be shared with Reed’s students who are studying at the University at one of Munich’s famous restaurants as well as area alumni.

**Day 12  Sunday, October 15  Departures**

The group will depart via the planes, trains and, buses of their choice to the destinations of their choice.