

THE MUSEUM OF RUSSIAN ART

ROMANOV + ROYAL

Germany

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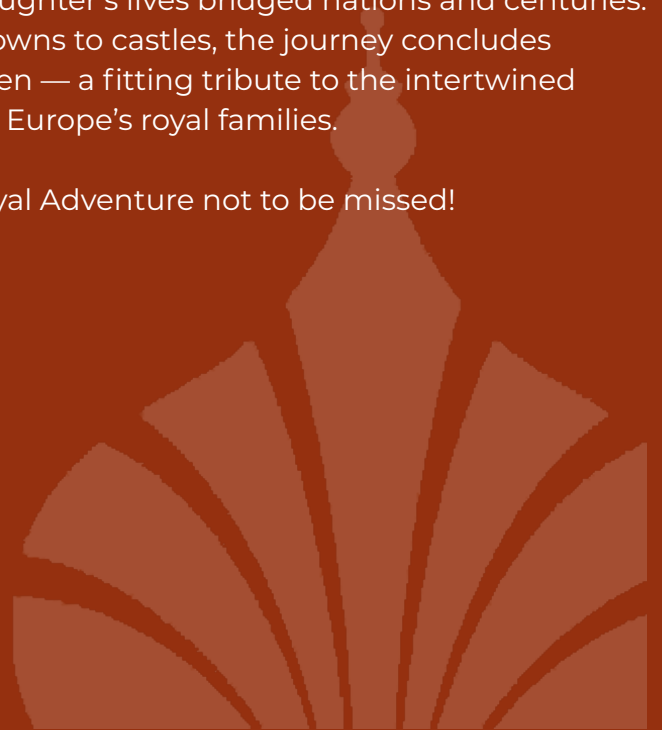
Join The Museum of Russian Art for a Romanov journey through Germany!

Your adventure begins in Darmstadt, birthplace of Empress Alexandra Feodorovna, where the palaces, gardens, and glittering Russian Chapel evoke the world of her youth. From these intimate Hessian landscapes, travel through the serene Heiligenberg estate before continuing to Heidelberg and Baden-Baden, cities long favored by Russian aristocracy for their beauty, learning, and restorative charm. Each stop reveals another facet of the imperial family's ties to Germany — from childhood memories to the cultural circles that shaped their worldview.

Journey into the Black Forest and Württemberg where the narrative deepens into the dynastic bonds linking the Romanovs with Europe's great royal houses. Visit vineyard-lined hills once enjoyed by noble families, the Sepulchral Chapel honoring Grand Duchess Katharina Pavlovna, and the grand palaces of Stuttgart, where generations of princesses forged political and personal alliances.

Continue to Bad Homburg and Wiesbaden, where imperial daughter's lives bridged nations and centuries. From spa towns to castles, the journey concludes in Wiesbaden — a fitting tribute to the intertwined destinies of Europe's royal families.

This is a Royal Adventure not to be missed!



Germany

WIESBADEN



DARMSTADT

BADEN-BADEN



STUTTGART

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- » Nine nights in four-star hotel accommodations
 - » Three nights at the Jagdhotel Kranichstein in Darmstadt
 - » Two nights at the Europäischer Hof Hotel in Baden-Baden
 - » Three nights at the Le Meridien Hotel in Stuttgart
 - » One night at the Radisson Blu Schwarzer Bock in Wiesbaden
- » Sightseeing and entrances as detailed in the daily itinerary
- » Motorcoach transportation throughout
- » Breakfast daily, six lunches and five dinners
- » TMORA gatherings during the trip
- » Pre-trip gathering to meet other group guests and receive your final documents
- » The services of a Carrousel Travel host to take care of all of the details from start to finish

PRICING

\$6,595 per person, based on double occupancy

\$7,595 per person, based on single occupancy

All prices are per person, based on stated occupancy, and include items listed under Tour Inclusions.

Tour Hosts



MARIA ZAVIALOVA, PhD, is the Curator of The Museum of Russian Art (TMORA). Born on the shores of the Baltic Sea, in the city then known as Leningrad, Zavialova worked as a professional museum guide at Leningrad's museums, including the Hermitage, prior to her graduation from the Leningrad State University. She taught at a drama school, worked as an editor at a publishing house, and translated Black women's literature before she enrolled in a doctoral program at the University of Minnesota. She received a PhD in Cultural Studies and English in 2008 and since then has been Curator at The Museum of Russian Art in Minneapolis, where she has curated approximately eighty exhibitions. She is an award-winning translator of African American women writing into Russian, a co-director of a folk performance group, and a board member of the American Siberian Educational Foundation.



MARK J. MEISTER is the Executive Director and President of The Museum of Russian Art (TMORA) in Minneapolis, a position he has held since July 2019.

From 2018-2019, he was the first Executive Director of the Dayton Literary Peace Prize Foundation, an organization that he helped found in 2006, and from 2000 through 2017, he was the President & CEO of the Dayton Society of Natural History.

Before his tenure in Dayton, from 1989 through 1999, he was the Executive Director of the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA), headquartered in Boston, the largest archaeological organization in North America. Prior to working at the AIA, he served as the executive director of museums in Michigan, Indiana, Minnesota, and Connecticut over a period of 12 years, including the Minnesota Children's Museum, where he was the founding director from 1981-1986. His museum experience also includes work at the Minneapolis Institute of Art (1975-1977), where he was a National Endowment for the Humanities Museology Fellow, and the St. Louis Art Museum (1974).

He holds a Bachelor's degree in Art History and Archaeology from Washington University in St. Louis, a Master's degree in Art History/Museology from the University of Minnesota, a certificate from the Museum Leadership Institute at Claremont Graduate University, and he is a Bush Foundation Fellow.



MICHELLE MASSEY is the Director of Public Programs & Marketing at The Museum of Russian Art (TMORA), a position she has held since 2016. With an extensive background as an international entertainment producer, professional performer, and food and wine specialist, she has established a prolific and dynamic array of programming at the Museum through a wide range of artistic mediums, including visual arts, music, theater, dance, and literature. She has forged both international and local collaborations, fostering cultural understanding and building community through the mission of TMORA.

Michelle holds a Bachelor of Arts in Music and Theater from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota.



Itinerary

DAY 1 | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

DEPART USA

Depart on your overnight flight to Frankfurt, Germany.

DAY 2 | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

DARMSTADT

Welcome to Germany! Upon arrival you will clear Customs and Immigration and be met by our representatives who will assist you for your transfer to your hotel. Arrive in Darmstadt where the remainder of your day and evening is free.

DAY 3 | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

DARMSTADT

After a relaxing morning, this afternoon your Romanov journey begins with a city tour of Darmstadt, a city forever linked to the last Empress of Russia. Alexandra Feodorovna — born Princess Alix of Hesse — spent her youth here, and her presence still lingers in its gardens and palaces. At the Mathildenhöhe, you stand before the glittering Russian Chapel, built for Nicholas

II and Alexandra so they could worship in the Orthodox tradition during their visits. Its golden domes rise like a fragment of St. Petersburg transplanted into Hesse.

Nearby, the Darmstadt Residenzschloss recalls the world of Alexandra's childhood — the Hessian court where she grew up before destiny carried her to the Winter Palace.

This evening enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Meals: Dinner

Overnight: Jagdhotel Kranichstein, Darmstadt

DAY 4 | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

HEILIGENBERG

After your included breakfast, travel to Jugenheim, where the Heiligenberg estate served as a beloved retreat for the Hessian princesses — including Alexandra and her sisters Ella (later St. Elizabeth the New Martyr) and Victoria. Walk the forested paths they once strolled.



The monastery ruins, mausoleum, and Golden Cross evoke the spiritual atmosphere that shaped the sisters' contemplative natures.

The Russenhaus, where Russian relatives stayed, stands as a quiet witness to the deep ties between the Romanovs and the House of Hesse.

Though the castle interior is closed, the grounds themselves tell the story — a place where princesses laughed, prayed, and dreamed before history swept them into the tragedies of the 20th century.

Enjoy an included lunch before having some free time in Darmstadt. Your evening and dinner are on your own.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Overnight: Jagdhotel Kranichstein, Darmstadt

DAY 5 | SEPTEMBER 14, 2027 HEIDELBERG + BADEN-BADEN

In the morning depart for Heidelberg where the Romanov connection is subtle but meaningful. Many Russian nobles studied or visited here, and the city's romantic landscape — the castle, the Old Bridge, the Philosophers' Walk — mirrors the poetic sensibilities of the imperial daughters.

Visit Heidelberg Castle followed by lunch and a walking tour of the city.

Continue to Baden-Baden, a spa town adored by Russian aristocracy. For decades, Romanov princesses, grand duchesses, and noblewomen came here for rest, health, and society. The city became known as "the summer capital of Russian high society."

Dinner is included this evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Europäischer Hof Hotel, Baden-Baden



**DAY 6 | WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
BADEN-BADEN**

After breakfast, begin your day at Lichtenthal Abbey, where Sister Maria welcomes you for a rare private visit. The abbey once hosted numerous European princesses, including relatives of the Romanovs. Today, Sister Maria shares an original painting of a Russian princess — a quiet reminder of the spiritual lives many imperial women embraced.

After an included lunch and a slice of Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte, explore Baden-Baden’s Russian legacy at the Russian Orthodox Church, built for the imperial community. Afterwards continue with a visit to the Fabergé Museum, where jeweled masterpieces recall the elegance of the Romanov court.

Dinner is on your own this evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Overnight: Europäischer Hof Hotel, Baden-Baden

**DAY 7 | THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
BLACK FOREST + STUTTGART**

Today you will travel through the Black Forest, where many Russian noble families vacationed in the 19th century. A vineyard tour and tasting offer a glimpse into the landscapes that once charmed visiting Romanov relatives.

Arrive in Stuttgart, capital of Württemberg — a dynasty closely tied to the Romanovs through marriage. Several Romanov princesses were related to the Württemberg royal house, strengthening political and familial bonds.

Check in to your hotel before enjoying an included group dinner this evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Overnight: Le Meridien Hotel, Stuttgart



DAY 8 | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
WÜRTTEMBERG

Begin your day with a visit to the Sepulchral Chapel on Württemberg Hill, built by King Wilhelm I for his beloved Queen Katharina Pavlovna — a *Russian Grand Duchess* and sister of Tsar Alexander I. Her early death devastated the kingdom, and the chapel stands as one of the most beautiful Romanov memorials outside Russia.

Continue to Ludwigsburg Residential Palace, where generations of European princesses — including Romanov relatives — visited or corresponded with the Württemberg court. Lunch is included today before a walking tour of Stuttgart’s New Palace, Old Palace, and the lively Markthalle, which will complete your day.

Dinner is included this evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
 Overnight: Le Meridien Hotel, Stuttgart

DAY 9 | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
BEBENHAUSEN + HOHENZOLLERN

Enjoy breakfast before you visit the Bebenhausen Monastery. This is a serene site connected to the spiritual traditions that influenced many Romanov women, especially Grand Duchess Elizabeth (Ella), who later founded a convent in Moscow.

Then ascend to Burg Hohenzollern, ancestral seat of the Prussian kings and German emperors. The Romanovs and Hohenzollerns were deeply intertwined through marriage — including the union of Tsarina Maria Feodorovna’s sister Dagmar with the Danish royal family, which also connected to Prussia. The castle’s imperial halls echo with the shared histories of Europe’s great dynasties.

Lunch is included today before you return to Stuttgart for free time.

Dinner is on your own this evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
 Overnight: Le Meridien Hotel, Stuttgart



DAY 10 | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 BAD HOMBURG + WIESBADEN

Today you journey to Bad Homburg where you will visit the Russian Chapel, built for the town's thriving imperial community. Romanov princesses often visited the spa town for rest and treatment.

After an included lunch, continue to Wiesbaden, where St. Elizabeth's Church — built by Duke Adolf of Nassau for his Russian-born wife, Grand Duchess Elizabeth Mikhailovna — stands as one of the most poignant Romanov memorials in Germany. She died tragically in childbirth at age 19, and the church became her mausoleum.

Your final night is spent in Wiesbaden where a farewell dinner celebrates the intertwined destinies of Europe's royal daughters.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Radisson Blu Schwarzer Bock, Wiesbaden

DAY 11 | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 RETURN HOME

After breakfast, transfer to Frankfurt Airport for your journey home — carrying with you the stories of the Romanov princesses who walked these paths, prayed in these chapels, and shaped the history of Europe.

Meals: Breakfast



Hotels

DARMSTADT | THREE NIGHTS

HOTEL JAGDSCHLOSS KRANICHSTEIN

It was the charming landscape with its forests, meadows, and ponds that prompted Landgrave George I of Hesse-Darmstadt around 1580 to expand an estate north of Darmstadt into a three-winged hunting lodge in the Renaissance style. For a few decades, the nobility enjoyed hunting in the game park here.

Kranichstein Hunting Lodge experienced its heyday after the Thirty Years' War. Restored by Landgravine Sophie-Eleonore, wife of George II, it became the setting for elaborate par force hunts and magnificent hunting festivals at the end of the 17th century under Landgrave Ernst-Ludwig.

Today the Hotel Jagdschloss Kranichstein offers its guests relaxing tranquility and inspiring freedom. Extensively renovated and furnished, the hotel combines the elegance of the Renaissance with its stylish simplicity and the exuberant joie de vivre of the Baroque period. Pampered by impeccable service, every stay here becomes a true pleasure.

BADEN-BADEN | TWO NIGHTS

EUROPÄISCHER HOF HOTEL

Set in the heart of Baden-Baden, the hotel connects guests to the best of nature, culture, and leisure. From tranquil walks through the spa gardens and exhilarating hikes in the Black Forest to cultural treasures like art galleries, theaters, and concerts, every aspect of Baden-Baden enriches the guest experience.

This historic grand hotel offers 126 uniquely designed rooms, suites, and apartments, combining timeless elegance, bespoke furnishings, and modern flair. As this hotel is located within a historic building, each of the rooms is truly unique. Variations in layout, size, and design reflect the character of the heritage property, giving every accommodation its own distinctive atmosphere and individual charm.

STUTT GART | THREE NIGHTS

LE MERIDIEN HOTEL

Renowned for its German wineries, medieval castles, and baroque palaces, Stuttgart is a long-time royal residence and home of Mercedes and Porsche. In between those cultural hotspots, Le Méridien Stuttgart is located near the city center, the Old Castle as well as the New Castle and is also one of the few Stuttgart hotels near the train station.

Le Méridien boasts elegant guest rooms, as well as a spacious wellness area featuring an immersive pool, sauna area, and a fully equipped gym. The green parklands of the Schlossgarten opposite the hotel are ideal for an iconic stroll or jog. Across the park, Stuttgart's central street, the Koenigstrasse invites guests for shopping and entertainment. Creative cocktails at the Bar Lillet complement the hotel's invitation to savor the good life in Stuttgart.



WIESBADEN | ONE NIGHT

RADISSON BLU SCHWARZER BOCK

Located at the Kranzplatz, in the heart of the Hessian state capital sits Europe's oldest grand hotel - the Radisson Blu Schwarzer Bock Hotel, Wiesbaden. First opened in 1486 as a bathhouse, the Radisson Blu Schwarzer Bock is the perfect choice for visitors who wish to explore the rich history of this beautiful city.

Enjoy easy access to a variety of activities in Wiesbaden from the hotel. Relax with a leisurely stroll through the stunning Kurpark, or explore the city center's shops, cafes, and historic landmarks. Dive into culture at the Museum Wiesbaden or try your luck at the iconic Casino Wiesbaden. After a day of sightseeing or a visit to the spa, relax in the stylish ambiance of Bar 1486.



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