

Short Trips from Reutlingen

Welcome to Reutlingen! You've been looking forward to study abroad for months and years, and now the time has finally arrived. With the help of your Reutlingen Director and the group trips you'll take together you will be introduced to some important German cities: Berlin, Leipzig, and Wittenberg, for example.

But what do you do when you have a free day or several free days on a weekend? Where can you go that is close, not too expensive, and gets you back to Reutlingen at the end of the day? Where can you go that a billion other tourists haven't already been?

The good news is that dozens of fascinating days trips are possible from Reutlingen. This set of handouts provides just enough information. You can take the basic trip, but shape it to make the day - and memories of it - your own.

The Basics:

1. Study the "Short Trips from Reutlingen" handouts; decide what you'd like to do first.
2. Visit the URLs provided and learn as much as possible before you ever leave.
3. Decide which trains or buses you'll take to make the day as full as possible.
4. Print out maps of the towns ahead of time for orientation on site.
5. Take a guide book with you so that you'll have some extra information along.
6. Enjoy!

Going Beyond the Day Trip:

If you are interested in a two-day trip to some larger cities you'll need one or two guide books. Try some of these great nearby destinations:

Nürnberg, Regensburg, Passau, Konstanz, Freiburg (Germany); Salzburg, Innsbruck (Austria); Straßburg, Colmar (France); Basel, Bern (Switzerland).

Guide Books:

There are dozens of wonderful travel guide books available to you for purchase. Many focus on hotels, restaurants, and other "how to" questions. Chances are high that someone has given you such a book to take to Europe (*Let's go Germany*, *Frommer's Germany*, *Rick Steves' Germany Guidebook*, *Lonely Planet Germany*).

Others don't say a word about restaurants, but instead give you an historic overview of the town or city you are visiting (Michelin's *The Green Guide: Germany*). *The Green Guide* starts with a short history of each city and then provides a map of the city with a recommended walking route. The guide book explains what you are seeing as you walk.

A combination of both types of guide books is probably best. If you go to Freiburg for the weekend you'll need to know where to find the youth hostel or inexpensive hotel, but without something like Michelin's *The Green Guide: Germany* you won't know what to look for in the historic Münster (church).