

BAVARIA & THE RHINE VALLEY

BREWERIES, BIERGARTENS & BUCOLIC TOWNS

May 16-24, 2026
(9 days | 20 guests)

with Master Cicerone Rich Higgins '00



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**Master Cicerone, Brewmaster,
Certified Sommelier,
Author & Consultant**

Rich Higgins '00 is all things beer: brewmaster, beer travel operator, author, public speaker, and consultant to breweries and restaurants. He is one of 28 Master Cicerones in the world and, additionally, is a Certified Sommelier and spent 12 years as a professional brewer and brewmaster. Rich teaches public classes and industry trainings, co-hosts the Liquid Bread Podcast, and is a public speaker and coordinator of events around the world. To help people enjoy beer to the fullest, he offers Beer Immersions educational beer and food tours of Belgium and Germany. He is the author of the Deductive Beer Tasting Method and offers an online Video Prep Course for the Certified Cicerone Exam and Beer Lessons on his YouTube Channel. After starting his career in San Francisco, Rich now lives in Bozeman, Montana, where he runs the Bozeman Brewery Hop. He homebrewed his first batches of beer during his junior year at Carleton, and somehow didn't ruin his palate. Find Rich on Instagram @maltyrich and on the web at www.richhiggins.com.



Kelheim



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Greetings, thirsty Carls!

Please join me for an unforgettable trip to Germany to taste some of the best beer in the world, visit the city beer halls and rural biergartens that celebrate these beers, and eat the delicious food that's been enjoyed with these regional beers for centuries.

If you're already a fan of German beer, this is an essential pilgrimage. And if you're beer-curious but don't know an herbaceous pilsner from a hazy hefeweizen, this trip is eye-opening "required tasting" in your discovery of the world's most popular beverage. Regardless of your beer knowledge, I can promise that I will educate, entertain, and guide you to new flavors and perspectives on this cultured beverage.

On this trip, we'll use beer as a lens through which to examine German regional culture, flavor, and history, while digging deeply into the art and science of beer. Along the way, you'll have opportunities to tour breweries, enjoy hearty fare while hoisting mugs of beer, and stroll along rivers and canals and among markets, cobblestone town squares, cathedrals, and castles. I'll talk about beer tasting technique, brewing processes, and the history and tasting notes of specific German beer styles we'll be tasting. We'll taste a variety of beer styles, including hoppy pilsner; malty, golden helles; malty, dark dunkel; malty, strong bock; fruity, spicy hefeweizen; smoky rauchbier; fresh, unfiltered kellerbier; crisp, golden Kölsch; toasty, refreshing Altbier; plus a few others in between.

I graduated from Carleton in 2000, an American Studies major whose comps was on the commercialization of country music, with a habit of hanging out by the keg at parties and homebrewing in campus housing. Since then, I've built a 20+ year career in beer, starting as a professional brewer, before becoming an educator and consultant to breweries and restaurants. I'm one of 28 Master Cicerones in the world (the beer equivalent of a Master Sommelier), a Certified Sommelier, and a former Brewmaster. I love travel, and have led beer classes and tasting events in seven countries across three continents, and I also operate my Beer Immersions educational beer and food tours to Germany and Belgium. I'm both analytical and social, and I love how beer always leads to fun, learning, and connection. My mission is to connect people to the perfect beer for them, and help everyone learn about beer and love it as much as I do!

The itinerary is one I've curated, full of places I've visited and fallen in love with. The tour is limited to a maximum of 20 participants, plus me, and is assisted by an expert tour manager. Sign up at carleton@studytours.org or contact the Alumni Adventures office at (800) 811-7244 to reserve your space today!

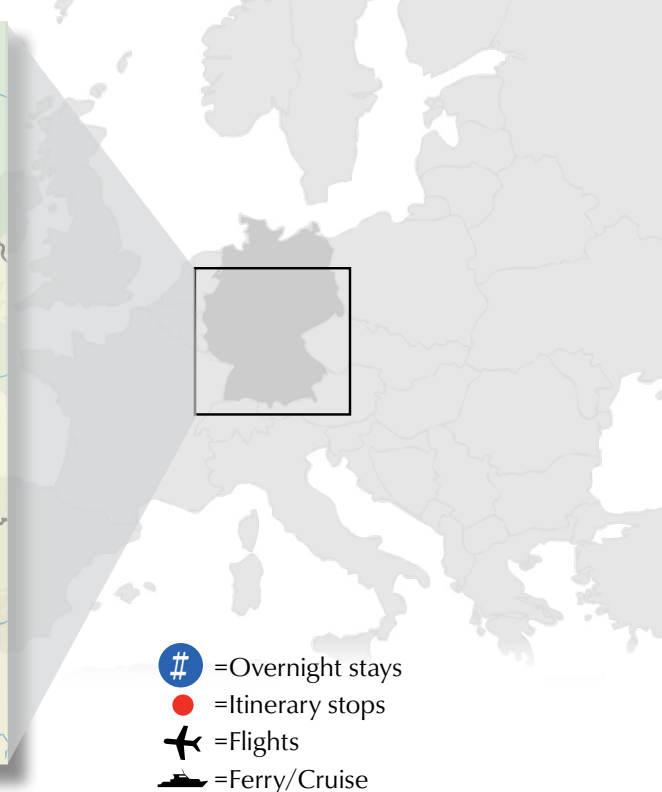
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- # = Overnight stays
- = Itinerary stops
- ✈ = Flights
- 🚢 = Ferry/Cruise

ITINERARY

B= Breakfast • L= Lunch • D= Dinner

Saturday, May 16, 2026: Depart home

Sunday, May 17: Arrive Munich (München), Germany | Welcome dinner

Upon arrival at Munich Airport (MUC), you are met and transferred to our hotel in Munich, the capital of Bavaria. Enjoy some time to relax and settle in. Gather this evening at our hotel, and then walk about 20 minutes to Augustiner Stammhaus, a traditional, 200-year-old beer hall, for a welcome dinner and our first foray into learning about German beer and food with our alumni leader. *Two nights at the 3-star [Arthotel Munich](#).* (D)

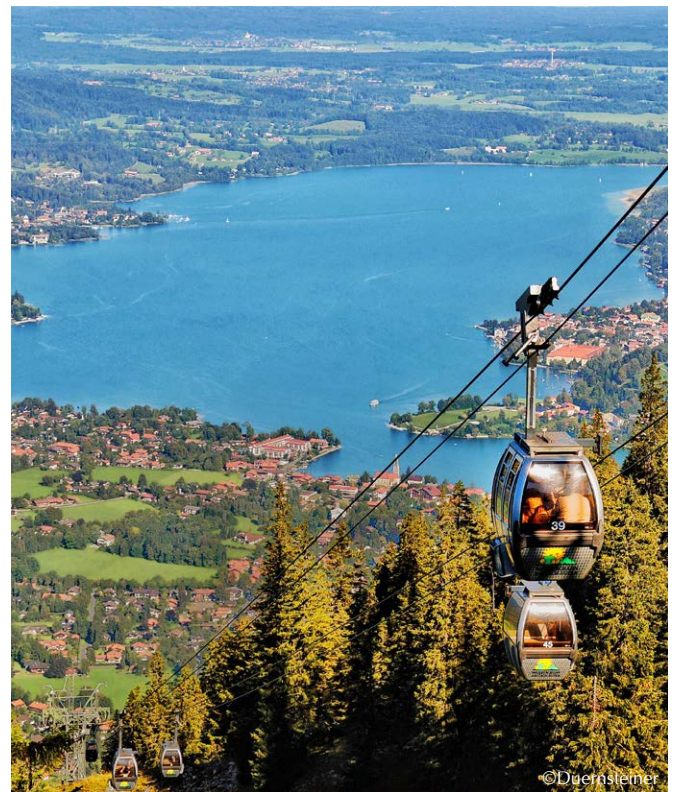
Monday, May 18: Andechs | Rottach-Egern: Wallberg, Bräustüberl Tegernsee | Munich

After a leisurely morning, we drive to Andechs for a Bavarian-style lunch at Andechser Bräustüberl, a restaurant at the brewing monastery that maintains its centuries-old tradition as a restaurant for pilgrims. We then drive to Rottach-Egern to visit one of the most beautiful summits in the Bavarian Alps, Wallberg. Take the Wallbergbahn cable car to the Wallberg plateau (5,315 ft.), where we have the option to hike around the summit or relax in the panorama café and enjoy the view of the Tegernsee Valley. Continue our beer-tasting tour with a stop at Bräustüberl Tegernsee, located in the former Tegernsee monastery dating back to 1675. We drive back to Munich and then gather for dinner at Giesinger Bräustüberl, one of Munich's original craft breweries. (B,L,D)



“One of the things that has been really enjoyable about the trips we’ve taken with Carleton is the people we have met. That has not always been the case with trips we’ve taken with other organizations.”

- Winifred, Massachusetts



Wallbergbahn Cable Car with view of Tegernsee Valley

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Weltenburg Abbey



Sankt Goar



Andechser Bräustüberl at the former Tegernsee monastery

Tuesday, May 19: Kelheim: Privatbrauerei Schneider | Danube Gorge (Donaudurchbruch) Ferry to Weltenburg | Weltenburg Abbey (Kloster Weltenburg) | Bamberg

This morning we check out of our hotel and drive to Kelheim, a small town in central Bavaria, to tour the Privatbrauerei Schneider. The brewery, currently run by the sixth generation of Schneiders, is Bavaria's oldest Weisse brewery and it is one of the few breweries in the world that focuses on mastering one style of beer: wheat beer. After the tour, we walk next door to Weisses Bräuhaus for lunch and Schneider beer.

This afternoon, we take the Danube Gorge ferry upriver, through the Gorge, to Weltenburg Abbey. After walking around the Abbey, we stop at their tavern for a beer brewed at the Abbey and a snack. From Weltenburg, we drive to Nuremberg, a city known for its well-preserved medieval architecture, and enjoy a dinner of classic Franconian dishes at Hausbrauerei Altstadt Hof. Afterward, we drive to Bamberg, a town in northern Bavaria where the Regnitz and Main Rivers meet, and check-in to our hotel. *Two nights at the 3-star [Best Western Hotel Bamberg](#).* (B,L,D)

Wednesday, May 20: Bamberg: Walking tour, Schlenkerla, PM at leisure

We begin our day exploring the old town of Bamberg. Known as one of Germany's most beautiful towns, with medieval streets and buildings, Bamberg is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Bamberg is set up across three districts: the mountain town, the island town, and the gardener's town. In the middle of the old town, directly beneath the Bamberg cathedral, we visit Schlenkerla, a historic, smoked beer brewery currently run by its sixth generation of brewers.

We then stop for lunch at the Brauerei Spezial, brewing smoked beer since 1536. Spezial and Schlenkerla are archenemies and we will decide for ourselves which brewery serves the best smoked beer. After lunch, enjoy the afternoon at leisure in Bamberg. This evening, we gather for a walk to dinner at Mahr's Bräu, a family-owned and -run brewery since 1895. (B,L,D)

Thursday, May 21: Würzburg: Walking tour | Rudesheim: RhineWeinWelt wine tasting | Bingen

This morning we depart Bamberg for Bingen, stopping first for a guided walking tour of Würzburg, known for its lavish baroque and rococo architecture. Today, we give our beer palates a rest and take on some wine tastings in the Franken and Rhine Valley regions. We stop for lunch at Bürgerspital Weinstuben, a friendly wine hall and restaurant in Würzburg's old town. It is part of the Bürgerspital Wine Estate, and we enjoy a meal with wine from Bürgerspital.

Continue our journey this afternoon, stopping in Rudesheim, a town in the Rhine Valley known for winemaking. We visit RhineWeinWelt and experience

“Traveling with Carls gave us an immediate connection that made visiting and getting to know one another easy and enjoyable.”

- Sarah, Wisconsin

a new way to taste wine. Within its cellar, we can sample wine from almost 80 wine makers from the wine growing regions of Middle Rhine and Rheingau, Rheinhessen and Mosel, at dispense-it-yourself, coin-operated wine taps (wine tasting is an additional expense). After arriving in Bingen and checking in to our hotel, the balance of the day and dinner are on your own. *Overnight at the 4-star [NH Bingen Hotel](#).* (B,L)

Friday, May 22: Rhine cruise: Bingen to Sankt Goar | Sankt Goar: Time at leisure | Cologne (Köln): Brauerei Paffgen

After breakfast, we take a scenic river cruise from Bingen to Sankt Goar, through the heart of what is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of “The Upper Middle Rhine Valley,” passing castles, charming towns, and vineyards. Disembark and enjoy independent exploration of Sankt Goar, a town on the west bank of the Middle Rhine and home to Rheinfels Castle, one of the most magnificent castle ruins on the Rhine. After lunch on your own, we gather and drive to Cologne where we visit its oldest brewery, Brauerei Paffgen, which is still brewing in its original location. Taste Kölsch, a specific style of beer that originated in Cologne. This evening, after checking in to our hotel, we gather for dinner at Bei Oma Kleinmann, a little, old-fashioned pub in the middle of a bustling student district. *Two nights at the 3-star [Classic Hotel Harmonie](#).* (B,D)

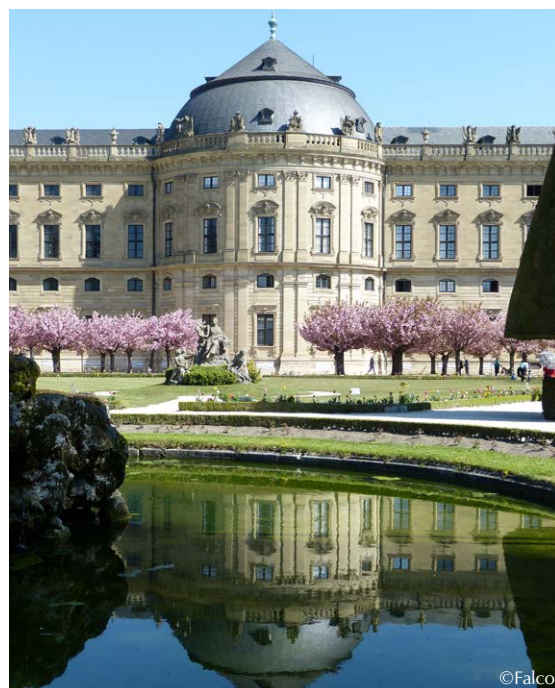
Saturday, May 23: Cologne: Walking tour, Cologne Cathedral (Kölner Dom), Farewell lunch | Düsseldorf: Schiffahrtsmuseum, Uerige Obergärige Hausbrauerei, Zum Schlüssel | Cologne

This morning, we take a guided tour of Cologne, discovering the many facets of its past and present. Journey through Roman Colonia to medieval Cologne with its churches, guilds, and merchants, through the times of war, destruction, and reconstruction. A highlight of the tour is an exterior visit of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Cologne Cathedral (entry is pending availability), where we learn about its fascinating architectural history and famous works of art. Across the street from the Cathedral, we have our farewell lunch at Früh am Dom, which has represented Cologne’s hospitality and family tradition for more than 120 years.

For our last afternoon together, we drive to Düsseldorf to discover Altbier, the city’s delicious, crisp, brown beer. We start by visiting the Schiffahrtsmuseum, the shipping museum located on the Rhine promenade in the castle tower, which tells the story about life on the Rhine River. Next, we visit Uerige Obergärige Hausbrauerei, a classic brewery in the heart of Düsseldorf’s historical center, and then walk to Zum Schlüssel for our final tasting of the trip. Zum Schlüssel is the only brewery that still draws beer from traditional, 100-liter, wooden barrels. We will have some time at leisure in the old town (Altstadt) before returning to Cologne. Dinner is on your own. (B,L)

Sunday, May 24: Fly home

Transfer as a group this morning (time TBD) to Cologne Bonn Airport (CGN) for flights homeward. (B)



Würzburg



RhineWeinWelt, Rudesheim



Früh am Dom, Cologne





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The Rhine Valley

What to Expect

MODERATE: Must be able to walk one to three miles per day on mostly flat, but often uneven, terrain.



All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. Baggage handling is not available; participants must be capable of managing their own luggage throughout the program. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. Any participant showing signs of illness will be asked to wear a mask when in close proximity to others. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand and discuss whether or not this program is appropriate for you.

In late May, Germany generally experiences pleasant spring weather, with mild temperatures during the day and cooler evenings. Average daytime temperatures range from the low 50s to high 60s F, while nighttime temperatures may drop to the mid-40s F. Lightweight layers are recommended. There is always a chance of pop-up showers, so participants should be prepared. *Complete pre-departure details will be sent to participants.*

Flights & Transfers

Airfare from/to home is not included. Group airport transfers, on the program arrival date from Munich Airport (MUC) and on the program departure date to Cologne Bonn Airport (CGN), are included in the tour prices. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking non-refundable airline tickets before this time, please contact our office first. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc. can assist with flight arrangements for this tour. You may contact them directly at 866-200-6172 or email studytours@vwti.com. Alternatively, you are welcome to book your flights independently or through your preferred travel agent. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to departure. *We do not accept any liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*



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Tour Prices Per Person (7 nights)

Double Occupancy (14-20 participants)	\$5,945
Double Occupancy (10-13 participants)	\$6,845
Single Supplement.....	\$535

*Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability).
With fewer than 10 participants, a small group surcharge may be applied.*

Prices Include:

- **Carleton College alumni leader Rich Higgins '00**, an expert **tour manager**, and **local guides**
- **Group arrival and departure airport transfers** on program dates
- **Seven nights' accommodations** in comfortable 3- and 4-star hotels
- **Delicious meals:** Breakfast daily; 5 lunches; and 5 dinners; including a welcome dinner and a farewell lunch
- **Ground transportation via private, air-conditioned vehicle**, with water available
- **Tickets for tastings** at breweries and wineries as indicated
- **Entrance tickets** for museums, guided tours, Danube Gorge Ferry, Rhine River cruise, and all excursions as indicated in the itinerary
- **All gratuities** for the tour manager, local guides, drivers, and waitstaff for included meals
- Parking fares, highway tolls, and local taxes
- **Comprehensive pre-departure information**, including a suggested reading/media guide, travel guide, and packing list

Prices Do Not Include: Airfare from/to home; individual airport arrival or departure transfers; passport fees; all airport fees and departure taxes; gratuities to housekeeping staff (suggested amounts to be provided); cost of personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; transportation of excess baggage; baggage handling; meals and alcoholic or other beverages other than those listed; items of a personal nature such as personal tips, laundry, medical expenses, taxi, telephone, and fax charges; optional excursions or deviations from scheduled tour; and other items not listed as included.

Payments: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to "Eos CAA-GermanyBeer5/26." Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure (January 16, 2026) and must be by check, ACH transfer, or wire transfer only; credit cards are not accepted for final payment. By submitting your deposit, you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure or elsewhere published.

Participant Cancellation Fees: All requests by participants for cancellations must be received in writing by Alumni Adventures. The following cancellation terms will apply based on when the cancellation is received:

- On or before November 17, 2025: Deposit is refunded less a cancellation fee of \$500 per person.
- November 18, 2025 – January 15, 2026: Forfeit the full deposit of \$1,000 per person.
- January 16 – February 14, 2026: Cancellation fee equal to 50% of the tour cost.
- On or after February 15, 2026: No refund.

For this and other reasons, participants are strongly encouraged to purchase trip cancellation insurance. Information will be provided with confirmation of receipt of your deposit.

Note: Prices are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect at the time of publication and are subject to change prior to departure. Substantial changes in tariffs, exchange rates, and the price of fuel, services, and labor may increase the cost of arrangements significantly, and we reserve the right to alter our prices.

Prices, itinerary, accommodations, and leader are subject to change. Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. It is understood that refunds cannot be made to participants who do not complete the tour for whatever reason.

Due to space limitations, this is abbreviated information. Complete terms and conditions are available upon confirmation or upon request and can be viewed online at carleton.edu/alumni/adventures.

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- Grace, Colorado

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RESERVATION FORM



BAVARIA & THE RHINE VALLEY
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To hold your reservation for seven days while this form and your deposit are in the mail, please contact us at 800-811-7244 or carleton@studytours.org.

Participant Name 1 _____ Carleton Class of: _____
(as it appears on passport)

Participant Name 2 _____ Carleton Class of: _____
(as it appears on passport)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ Phone (cell) _____

Email(s) _____ | _____

I/We have read the 'What to Expect' section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program? Yes, _____

How did you hear about this tour? eNewsletter mailing website friends/family other _____

ACCOMMODATIONS:
(Accommodation preferences are not guaranteed.)

- Double (one bed) Twin (two beds) Single
- I will be sharing with: _____ Share - please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)
- Please share my contact information with potential roommate(s).

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT:

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure.
Please note that credit cards are not accepted for final payment. All prices and payments are in U.S. dollars.

DEPOSIT TYPE (PLEASE CHECK ONE):

- Check payable to: Eos CAA-GermanyBeer5/26 Visa Master Card American Express Already paid by phone

CC# _____

Exp. Date _____ 3- or 4-Digit Code _____

Name on Card _____

Please complete this reservation form, choose/enclose your method of deposit, and sign the release statement below.
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By signing this form, you are acknowledging that you have read and agree to all Terms & Conditions delineated throughout.

Signature (participant #1) _____ Date _____

Signature (participant #2) _____ Date _____

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