

September 20 – Travel Day:

The group will meet in Merrill, Wausau, or Menomonie for coach bus transportation to MSP airport. The flight leaves at approximately 9:00 PM.

September 21 – Arrival

Welcome to Germany! Arrive in Munich early evening. No activities will be planned to allow travelers time to rest and adjust to the time change.

September 22-24:

The group will have three days in Munich to attend Oktoberfest or join Harder Travel on optional tours and excursions.

Munich:

One day the group will gather together at Oktoberfest to enjoy a traditional German meal at one of the famous beer tents.

September 25 – Travel Day:

Travel to Frankfurt, Germany in the morning. Spend the afternoon exploring the historic city center just steps from the hotel.

September 26:

Travelers will have the day to spend in Frankfurt or join Harder Travel on an excursion.

September 27 – Travel Day:

The group will travel by train to Amsterdam, arriving in the afternoon. After checking into the hotel, the afternoon will be free to stroll the city center.

September 28-29:

Enjoy two full days in Amsterdam to stroll the canals or join optional excursions.

September 30 – Travel Day:

Travel home on a nonstop flight from AMS to MSP, arriving home mid-morning. The bus will take the group back to the pickup points.

Marriott Accommodations

[Le Meridien Munchen](#)

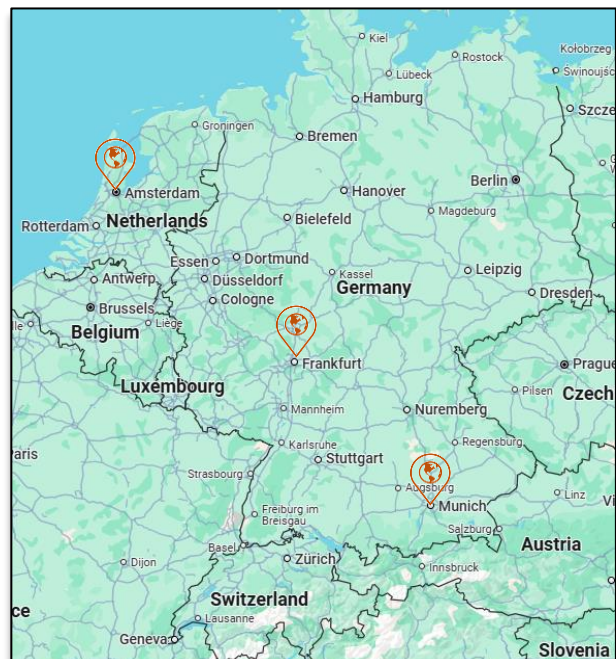
Bayerstrasse 41
Munich, Germany, 80335
4 nights

[Moxy City Center](#)

Thurn-Und Taxis-Platz 8
Frankfurt, Hessen, Germany 60313
2 nights

[W Hotel Amsterdam](#)

Spuistraat 175
Amsterdam, Netherlands, 1012
3 nights





Flight Schedule (Times are subject to change)

- Saturday, September 20th
 - Depart Minneapolis (MSP) at 9:10 PM for an overnight flight to Amsterdam (AMS)
- Sunday, September 21st
 - Arrive in Amsterdam (AMS) at 12:35 PM (+7 hours)
 - Depart Amsterdam (AMS) at 3:35 PM, arriving in Munich (MUC) at 5:00 PM
- Tuesday, September 30th
 - Depart Amsterdam (AMS) at 8:30 AM, arriving in Minneapolis (MSP) at 10:35 AM (-7 hours)

What to Expect

Travelers will want comfortable walking shoes. On average during our last visit, we walked 10,000 to 20,000 steps per day. For some of the excursions, the group will walk or take public transportation to meeting points together. You could reduce the amount of steps by relying on public transportation but overall this will be an active vacation with a lot of walking. On travel days, travelers will be expected to carry their luggage up and down flights of stairs at train stations, on and off trains, and pulled behind them on walks to and from train stations (near hotels).

Recommended daily tours and excursions are provided to travelers and are completely optional. Each person can choose to stay with Harder Travel on one to two activities per day or choose activities to do on their own. Harder Travel can assist with booking individual tours if the traveler wishes. Fees for all tours will be added to the base price. The only required activities will be on the days that the group travels between Munich and Frankfurt, and Frankfurt to Amsterdam.

Some of the excursions you may choose to do:

Germany

- Traditional Oktoberfest
- Neuschwanstein Castle
- Dachau Concentration Camp
- Old Town Historic Districts in Munich and Frankfurt
- Walking Food Tasting Tour

Netherlands

- Anne Frank House
- Heineken Brewery
- Canal Boat Tour
- Van Gogh Museum
- Rijksmuseum

Why Harder Travel

Are you wondering if this trip is for you? People will enjoy traveling with Harder Travel if you prefer some independence to roam around these historic cities while also knowing that there are experienced travelers taking care of every detail. Carly & Nathan travel with the group and are available to answer questions and guide you throughout the trip.

We're here to help you every step of the way, from packing recommendations to making sure your cell phone works in a different country. We host two get togethers prior to the trip to help prepare our travelers for visiting a new country. We want you to make the most of your adventure, so come with questions! Mark your calendars for:



Friday, April 11th – Informational / Meet & Greet

We want to get to know you! Everyone is welcome to join us for an informational session about the trip and to meet the other members of the group. We'll provide information about Europe, show you some tips for packing, and have time for a Q&A session to answer all your questions.

Friday, June 20th – Plan Your Excursions & Customize Your Trip

A few weeks prior to the gathering, Harder Travel will send several options for day trips and excursions that you can select to customize your trip. You can choose to stay with us on a daily excursion or go out and explore on your own. All excursions are optional. If you have a tour in mind that we are not hosting, we'll help you book it! After you've had a chance to review your options, the group will get together to finalize daily itineraries.

Terms & Conditions

Price

The base price for the trip is \$4,875 per person, based on double occupancy. This price includes:

- Roundtrip Delta* airfare to Europe, including nonstop return flight from Amsterdam to Minneapolis.
- Accommodation at Marriott properties, with each location near city centers and walkable to many sites, including the Oktoberfest grounds in Munich.
- Ground transportation for airport transfers to and from Minneapolis as well as transportation between Munich, Frankfurt, and Amsterdam. Transportation will be provided by coach bus and high-speed trains.
- Breakfast included in hotel stays in Munich and Frankfurt (6 days) and one group meal at a beer tent at Oktoberfest in Munich.
- Two local guides that will travel with the group to assist with any questions or issues, and lead travelers throughout the trip.

*Please note that flights within the group booking are NOT eligible for paid or complementary upgrades to Comfort+. Please contact Harder Travel for pricing if interested in upgrading to Premium Select or Delta One, or would like to fly from a different departure city. Price with flights is guaranteed through May 22, 2025.

Additional fees will be added for optional day tours or excursions that travelers select at the second gathering on June 20th. The combined total for all excursions is estimated to be about \$550, bringing the total to approximately \$5,425. There are limited single-occupancy rooms available. Please contact us for availability.

Travelers are responsible for any meals not listed above, city taxes, gratuity for excursions, optional trip insurance (from third party), souvenirs, and any miscellaneous expenses not listed.

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Payment Schedule

Minimum payments are due in the following fee schedule.

- \$500 per person deposit paid upon registration to hold your spot in the group.
 - Early Bird Discount! Register early by **March 1, 2025** for \$50 off the deposit (\$450 due)
- **June 1, 2025** – Second installment payment due of \$2,000 per person
- **August 1, 2025** – Third installment payment due of \$2,000 per person
- **September 1, 2025** – Final payment of \$375 + balance for excursion costs or price fluctuations*

Travelers will not be allowed to travel if not paid in full on departure date. We accept checks, Venmo, PayPal, and all major credit cards. Checks should be made payable to Harder Travel LLC. An additional non-refundable 3% will be added for credit card payments. Contact us to make arrangements.

Price Changes*

The price is subject to supplemental price increases after the date of initial deposit due to additional charges imposed by a supplier or government for increased fees, fuel surcharges, taxes, fluctuations in foreign exchange rates, or a combination of any of the aforementioned items.

Cancellation Policy

Refunds will be issued as follows:

- 180+ days = Deposit refundable less \$25 booking fee (before March 24, 2025)
- 121-179 days prior to departure = Deposit refundable less \$100 (March 25 to May 22, 2025)
- 61 to 120 days prior to departure = Payments refundable less \$1,000 (May 23 to July 21, 2025)
- 1 to 60 days prior to departure = All payments non-refundable (after July 22, 2025)

Next Steps

Read the attached waiver, sign, and return the contract with a copy of your passport and deposit. We require e-signatures or wet signatures on the forms. Please drop off or mail to:

Harder Travel
1242 Sunset Drive
Wausau, WI 54401

Merrill Chamber of Commerce
705 N Center Ave
Merrill, WI 54452

Travelers will be confirmed in the order the completed contract and deposit are received.

Questions can be directed to Harder Travel at 715.544.7406 or by email at explore@hardertravel.com.



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Group Travel Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement For the 2025 Oktoberfest Trip

1. I (participant, traveler) hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE Harder Travel LLC, a Wisconsin Limited Liability Company (LLC), Carly and/or Nathan Harder (hereinafter referred to as RELEASEES) from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, the traveler, or any of the property belonging to me, WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, or otherwise, while participating in such activity, or while in, on or upon the premises where the activity is being conducted.
2. I am fully aware of the risks involved and hazards connected to this activity, including but not limited to travel risks. I hereby elect to voluntarily participate in said activity with full knowledge that said activity may be hazardous to me, the traveler, and my property. I VOLUNTARILY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISKS OF LOSS, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, that may be sustained by me, or any loss or damage to property owned by me, as a result of being engaged in such an activity, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise.
3. I further hereby AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the RELEASEES from any loss, liability, damage or costs, including court costs and attorney fees, that they may incur due to my participation in said activity, WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise.
4. I understand that the RELEASEES do not maintain any medical, health, accident, trip cancellation, or liability insurance policies for PARTICIPANT. As such, I am aware that I should review my personal insurance portfolio, especially accident/medical coverages. Harder Travel strongly recommends obtaining travel medical and cancellation insurance.
5. It is my express intent that this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representative, if I am deceased, and shall be deemed as a RELEASE, WAIVER, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the above-named RELEASEES. I hereby further agree that this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin.
6. I understand that optional and voluntary day tours and excursions booked through third party travel agencies are not in the control of the RELEASEES, therefore the RELEASEES cannot be held liable for any loss or damage that may be incurred due to actions by third parties.
7. I have or will have a valid passport that does not expire before **March 31, 2026**. Schengen countries generally require that all passports are valid for at least six months beyond the departure date of the country.
8. Bed type (one or two beds) in each hotel room is not guaranteed. Harder Travel will do their best to accommodate travelers' preferences but cannot be guaranteed in advance.



Harder Travel Registration Form Oktoberfest 2025

Please return this form, along with your deposit and a copy of your passport to: Harder Travel, 1242 Sunset Drive, Wausau, WI 54401 or the Merrill Chamber of Commerce, 705 Center Ave, Merrill, WI 54452

Traveler 1: Name (Last, first, middle as it appears on your passport):

_____ Date of Birth: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

TSA or Global Entry _____ Delta Skymiles Number: _____ Do you have a passport? Y / N

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): _____

Special accommodations you would like us to be aware of (food allergies, walking limitations, etc.): Y / N

If yes, please explain: _____

IN SIGNING THIS RELEASE, I ACKNOWLEDGE AND REPRESENT THAT I have read the foregoing Terms and Conditions, Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement, understand it and sign voluntarily as my own free act and deed; no oral representations, statements, or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreement, have been made; I am at least (18) years of age and fully competent; and I execute this Release for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by same.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____