

GERMANY

The Places

Bavaria has a place of its own in Germany, both geographically and culturally. The tour starts with the Alpine lake known as the Königssee and explores the surrounding landscape, including the Berchtesgaden National Park and the gardens of Ludwig II's answer to Versailles, his grandiose Schloss Herrenchiemsee. The tour ends with the Chiemsee, its islands and its tranquil waters.

1. Königssee
2. Donaustauf: Landscape and Castle Ruins
3. Berchtesgaden National Park
4. Herrenchiemsee Palace and Park
5. Herrenchiemsee

The Music

The music for the tour is by Johannes Brahms and his colleague and collaborator, the violinist Joseph Joachim. Brahms's *Second Symphony*, which accompanies the earlier parts of the tour, was described by some contemporaries as Brahms's Pastoral Symphony and provides, in its generally cheerful serenity, an apt accompaniment to views of the Bavarian countryside. Joachim's Overture *In memoriam Heinrich von Kleist*, written probably in the same year as Brahms's symphony, 1877, commemorates the centenary of the birth of the great German writer.



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