

General Travel Guide: Germany Rail Tour (Seattle Departure)

Trip Focus: Music History Attractions, Hands-On Cultural Workshops & Premium Concert Performances

Transit Framework: Full High-Speed Rail Integration (No Rental Cars)

Sunday Framework: Strict Zero-Transit Rest & Family Check-In Days

1. Group Schedule At-a-Glance

Date	Day	Location / Base	Focus of the Day
June 17	Wed	Seattle Airport -> In Transit	Overnight Transatlantic Flight Path to Europe
June 18	Thu	Frankfurt Arrival -> Bonn	Frankfurt Airport Merge, High-Speed Train to Hub 1
June 19	Sat	Cologne Day Trip	Hands-On Chocolate Workshop & Perfume Blending
June 20	Sun	Bonn Rest Day	No Transit. Video calls home, gentle local walks
June 21	Mon	Düsseldorf Day Trip	Modern Art Museum & Giant Mesh Installations
June 22	Tue	Bonn -> Hanover (Transit)	High-Speed Rail Transfer to Hub 2
June 23	Wed	Hamburg Day Trip	Classical Composers' Quarter & Beatles History
June 24	Thu	Hanover Local Day	Walking Tour -> Special Evening Performance
June 25	Fri	Bremen Day Trip	Universum Hands-on Science & Physics Center
June 26	Sat	Hanover -> Leipzig (Transit)	High-Speed Rail Transfer to Hub 3
June 27	Sun	Leipzig Rest Day	No Transit. Video calls home, gentle park walks
June 28	Mon	Leipzig Local Day	Bach Music Heritage & Porsche Factory Tour
June 29	Tue	Halle (Saale) Day Trip	Handel Birthplace & Historical Instrument Tour
June 30	Wed	Berlin Day Trip & Leipzig Finale	Philharmonie Concert -> DDR Museum -> Concert Finale
July 1	Thu	Leipzig -> Frankfurt	Train to Frankfurt Airport, Settle into Airport Sheraton
July 2	Fri	Frankfurt -> Seattle	Return Flight Path back to Washington State

2. Multi-Hub Detailed Exploration Tracker

Hub 1: Bonn (June 18 – June 22)

June 17-18 (Wed-Thu): Transatlantic Flight & Arrival Concourse Merge

The Seattle travel wing departs from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA) on an afternoon flight path, crossing the Atlantic overnight. The group touches down at Frankfurt Airport (FRA) on Thursday morning. After collecting baggage, they meet up directly at the main Terminal 1 meeting concourse with the arriving Seoul wing. The unified party then boards a direct high-speed train straight to their apartments in Bonn.

June 19 (Saturday): Hands-on Cologne Workshop Excursion

The group takes a short regional train up the Rhine River to Cologne. Students participate in interactive, tactile workshops: first custom-designing their own personalized chocolate bars from scratch at the Cologne Chocolate Museum, followed by a private fragrance session at the historic Farina House to blend a custom bottle of perfume from pure raw essences.

June 20 (Sunday): Bonn Rest Day

Strictly no travel, transit, or day trips. This day is completely set aside for students to rest up inside their apartments and utilize the Wi-Fi to make long-distance video calls home to check in with parents in Seattle. Physical movement is limited to a short, relaxing stroll near the housing block.

June 21 (Monday): Düsseldorf Architectural Excursion

A dedicated day trip to Düsseldorf. The group explores the futuristic harbor architecture and heads directly to the K21 Art Museum, where the students can safely climb across a massive open mesh art installation suspended high under the building's glass dome.

June 22 (Tuesday): Train Transit to Hub 2

The group checks out of Bonn and boards a high-speed Intercity Express (ICE) train heading north to Hanover. They check into their next apartments and spend the evening exploring their new neighborhood.

Hub 2: Hanover (June 22 – June 26)

June 23 (Wednesday): Hamburg Musical Roots Excursion

An hour-long rail line takes the group north to the port city of Hamburg. Students tour the interactive Composers' Quarter (celebrating Brahms and Mahler) and visit Beatles-Platz. They spend the afternoon exploring Miniatur Wunderland, the world's largest moving model landscape and automated airport.

June 24 (Thursday): Hanover Exploration & Live Opera Night

The group stays local to follow Hanover's sidewalk-painted 'Red Thread' history route and tour the Herrenhausen Gardens. In the evening, the students dress up to attend a youth-accessible live performance or orchestral concert at the historic, 19th-century Staatsoper Hannover.

June 25 (Friday): Bremen Interactive Science Excursion

The group travels by train to Bremen to see the historic Bremen Town Musicians fairy-tale monument. The core of the day is spent at the Universum Bremen, a spectacular, hands-on science center shaped like a whale where students interact with physics and sensory experiments.

June 26 (Saturday): Train Transit to Hub 3

The group checks out of Hanover and boards a morning high-speed train straight to Leipzig. After settling into their new apartments, they take a casual afternoon walk through Leipzig's historic pedestrian center.

Hub 3: Leipzig (June 26 – July 1)

June 27 (Sunday): Leipzig Rest Day

Strictly no travel or transit. A quiet, beautifully slow Sunday completely inside Leipzig. Students spend the mid-day making their weekly long-distance video calls home to families in Seattle. In the afternoon, they stretch their legs with a slow-paced walk through the lawns of Johannapark.

June 28 (Monday): Bach History & Industrial Robotics

Students explore classical roots at the interactive Bach-Museum and step inside St. Thomas Church where Bach composed his music. In the afternoon, they tour the high-tech Porsche Leipzig Factory to stand over the active manufacturing floor and watch advanced robotics assemble luxury cars in real-time.

June 29 (Tuesday): Halle Music History Excursion

A swift 25-minute commuter train takes the group to Halle (Saale). Students tour the Handel-Haus museum, the historic birthplace of George Frideric Handel, which features a vast collection of hands-on historical baroque instruments.

June 30 (Wednesday): Berlin Capital Excursion & Grand Concert Finale

A major musical day. The group takes a 1-hour train to Berlin to see the Brandenburg Gate, followed by an elite Lunchtime Chamber Concert at the iconic Philharmonie Berlin, designed with a relaxed foyer atmosphere perfect for music students. After a visit to the interactive DDR Museum, they return to Leipzig for an evening grand finale concert by the world-famous Gewandhausorchester or the historic Thomanerchor boys choir.

July 1 (Thursday): Train back to Frankfurt Base

The group boards an afternoon direct high-speed train from Leipzig straight back to Frankfurt Airport. They walk across the terminal skywalk and check into the Sheraton Frankfurt Airport Hotel. Students spend the evening packing up and making their final check-in calls to parents.

July 2 (Friday): Return Flight Path to Seattle

The Seattle wing walks straight out of the hotel lobby and into the airport terminal check-in area to board their connecting flight path back home across the Atlantic, landing back in Washington State on Friday, July 2nd.

3. Apartment Supervision & Housing Guidelines

Gender-Segregated Layout: To maximize student tracking and safety, the tour completely bypasses public hostels and standard hotel blocks. Instead, the group relies on renting two separate, self-contained 2-bedroom suites within the exact same apartment building complex.

Chaperone Embedding: Supervision is managed directly inside the flats. The female chaperones room alongside the female students in the female suite, and the male chaperones room alongside the male students in the male suite. This establishes two highly secure, separate household environments.

Private Kitchen Sourcing: Both the male and female suites feature fully equipped private kitchens. Adult leaders will source grocery items locally at German markets to coordinate communal breakfasts, prepare packed travel lunches for day trips, and oversee comfortable, quiet group dinners inside the apartments—particularly during your strictly protected Sunday rest days.