

Alpine Beauties of Switzerland & Austria

Zurich – Lucerne – Tyrol – Salzburg - Munich



Lion monument, Lucerne



View of Innsbruck Nordkette mountain



St. Bartholomae, Lake Königssee

PROGRAM:

Zurich - Lucerne

Upon arrival in Zurich Airport, we will be met by our tour manager and board our private motor coach for a panoramic tour of Zurich. Continue on to Lucerne, where we will check in to our centrally located 4* Hotel. In the afternoon, you have time to stroll along the cobblestone streets of this perfect Swiss town and shop amongst the lovely little stores. There will be time to relax before enjoying a traditional welcome dinner at the hotel to celebrate our arrival. (D)

Lucerne

Breakfast at your hotel. Lucerne, is a beautiful city at the foot of the Swiss Alps on fabulous Lake Lucerne. See the Lion Monument (the famous dying "Lion of Lucerne"), walk the wooden Chapel Bridge, and join your guide for a stroll of the Old Town. Lunch on own. In the afternoon we enjoy a scenic 1-hour cruise on beautiful Lake Lucerne onboard a fantastic panoramic yacht. Sit back and relax as you cruise towards Meggenhorn Castle and admire the views of luxurious villas, hilly landscapes, and the deep blue lake. The rest of the day is on your own. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Lucerne - Mount Pilatus - Lucerne

Breakfast at hotel. Today be prepared for incredible views as you climb up Mount Pilatus by cogwheel train, the steepest in the world. From the top enjoy endless views of the mountains, plains and lakes below. Lunch is arranged in one of the mountain restaurants. Return downhill on the other side of the mountain by cable car. Tonight, enjoy another delicious dinner at our hotel. Overnight. (B, L, D)

Lucerne - Vaduz, Liechtenstein - Seefeld in Tirol, Austria

Leaving Switzerland today, we're bound for Austria by way of the tiny sovereign nation of Liechtenstein. We reach the country's scenic capital of Vaduz mid-morning then have some free time to explore and have lunch on our own. From here we travel on to Austria, reaching our hotel in the mountain village of Seefeld in Tirol early this evening. Check in to our hotel. We dine together at our hotel this evening. (B, D)

Seefeld - Innsbruck & Nordkette mountain - back to Seefeld

Breakfast. Afterwards, we set off to discover the old town of Innsbruck, including all of the major sights such as the famous Golden Roof or the Bergisel Stadium (site of the Olympic ski jump). Innsbruck's beautiful old town center has historic buildings dating back more than 800 years. The city, besides being known for hosting the 1964 and 1976 Winter Olympics, is extremely scenic, situated in the Inn Valley between two dramatic mountain chains. After lunch (on our own), we take a cable car from Innsbruck city center to a lookout in the Nordkette, the "mountain at the heart of Innsbruck," where we enjoy panoramic views of the city and the surrounding Alps. The breathtaking 360° view leaves a lasting impression. Thanks to a direct connection from the city, we are soon back in the centre of Innsbruck. We have time on our own in Innsbruck before returning to Seefeld. (B, D)

Seefeld - Dolomites mountains, Italy – return to Seefeld

Our journey today takes us south over Europe's highest road-bridge, across the Brenner Pass and into Italy to the magnificent Dolomite Mountains. Our journey today takes us to the magnificent Dolomite Mountains. A panoramic scenic drive through the chic resort of Cortina, Val Gardena, and the quaint village of Ortisei, with photo stops alongside spectacular alpine meadows, pristine valleys, and sparkling-clear lakes. Lunch is included at a local restaurant in Val Gardena.

Time permitting, a stop in Sterzing makes the ideal spot for coffee and cake to round-out our day before returning to Seefeld. (B, L, D)

Seefeld - Salzburg

Today we drive to Salzburg, home of Mozart and "The Sound of Music". A UNESCO World Heritage Site and surrounded by scenic Alpine mountains, Salzburg has some renowned baroque architecture and one of the best-preserved city centers.

Salzburg is storybook Austria. Standing beside the fast-flowing Salzach River, your gaze is raised inch by inch to the Altstadt's mosaic of graceful domes and spires, the formidable cliff-top fortress and the mountains beyond. It's a view that never palls.

You will set off on a guided walking tour, during which we will learn about the city's most important sights. Check-in to our central located 4* hotel. Afterwards, there will be some free time for shopping in Getreidegasse. Dinner together at hotel. (B, D)

Salzburg - Eagle's Nest, Berchtesgaden & Lake Königssee - back to Salzburg

Today, we cross over into Germany to Berchtesgaden. Framed by six formidable mountain ranges, the Berchtesgadener Land is a drop-dead-gorgeous corner of Bavaria steeped in myths and legends. Local lore has it that angels given the task of distributing the earth's wonders were startled by God's order to get a move on and dropped them all here. These most definitely included the Watzmann, Germany's second-highest mountain, and the pristine Königssee, perhaps Germany's most photogenic body of water. Much of the area is protected within the Berchtesgaden National Park, which was declared a 'biosphere reserve' by Unesco in 1990. Visit Hitler's mountain retreat "Eagle's Nest", a lodge built for Hitler and now a major tourist destination, and Dokumentation Obersalzberg, a museum that chronicles the region's sinister Nazi past. Afterwards, enjoy a relaxing boat cruise on Lake Königssee, the deepest and cleanest lake in Germany, including a lunch at Gaststätte St. Bartholomä.

Then we return to Salzburg, where the rest of the day is at leisure. we celebrate our splendid journey at a farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

Salzburg – transfer to Munich Airport

Time to say "Auf Wiedersehen". Transfer to Munich Airport for flight back home. (B)

INCLUDED SERVICES:

- Deluxe motor-coach throughout as per itinerary including all necessary fees for parking, road tolls etc.
- Service of a Professional Tour escort (English-speaking) for all tours as mentioned in program above
- All costs for driver and tour escort
- Daily European breakfast buffet at hotel mentioned above
- 3x overnights in a 4-star hotel in Lucerne
- 3x overnights in a 4-star hotel in Seefeld in Tirol
- 3x overnights in a 4-star hotel in Salzburg
- 8x 3-course dinners at hotel restaurants as mentioned in program (beverages are not included)
- 1x 2-course lunch in one of the mountain restaurants of Mt. Pilatus
- 1x 2-course lunch at Gaststaette St. Bartholomae, Lake Königssee
- 1x 2-course lunch at a local restaurant in Val Gardena (Dolomites Mountains)
- Excursion to Mt. Pilatus roundtrip from Kriens/Alpnachstad with cogwheel railway to Mt. Pilatus and return
- Scenic 1-hour cruise in Lucerne onboard of the fantastic panoramic yacht "Saphir" (1st class)
- Nordkette funicular/cable-car ride from Innsbruck Congress station to the Top of Innsbruck (Hafelekar) and return
- Entrance fees and guided tours at: Eagles Nest (Bus & elevator from Obersalzberg to Eagles Nest and return)
Boat ride at Lake Königssee to St. Bartholomae and back
- Guided City tour with English-speaking local guide in Lucerne, Innsbruck and Salzburg
- Tap water included with all lunches and dinners
- All other visits according to the tour program
- Porterage of luggage at hotels (in/out)
- All applicable taxes (local tax etc.)