

### Highlights and Inclusions:

**Accommodations:** Vienna 3 Nights, Salzburg 1N, Innsbruck 1N, Oberammergau 1N, Munich 3 N, Lucerne 2 N, Lausanne 1N, Geneva 1N. Total 13 Nights.

**Meals:** 13 Hot Buffet Breakfasts, 12 Dinners

Deluxe Motor-Coach Transportation

Quietvox Audio Headsets

City Sightseeing Tours: Vienna, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Munich, Lucerne, Bern, Geneva

English Speaking Guides for all City Tours

Admission to Schoenbrunn Palace Vienna

Admission to Morning Exercise Tour Spanish Riding School Vienna

Admission to Mozart Museum Salzburg

Admission to Passion Play Oberammergau

Admission to Dachau Concentration Camp

Admission to Neuschwanstein Castle with English Audio Guide

Admission to Nymphenburg Palace Munich

Cog Train From Garmisch to Zugspitzeplatt Highest Peak in Germany

Mount Pilatus Cog Train, Aerial Gondola and Cruise on Lake Lucerne

Sound of Music Tour Salzburg

Visit to Wies Church Wieskirche Steingaden

Visit to Vaduz, Capital of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Tyrolean Dinner Experience Innsbruck

Swiss Folklore Dinner and Show Lucerne

German Dinner with Bavarian Musicians and Dancers Munich

Experience Koinonia Tour Manger and Experience Local Guide

**Tour Price: Land Portion Only: \$5175 per person, double occupancy. Single Supplement: \$1540**

**Air Fare:** We will book as a group and pricing will be made available once group is confirmed.

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**Once you purchase Travel Insurance the premium is never refunded**

**Passport:** Full passport information is required for all international Tours. Passports must be valid for 6 months from the date of your travels.

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## The Best of Germany, Switzerland @ Austria

### Highlight: Oberammergau "Passion Play"

**August 22nd – September 5th, 2022**



**DAY 1 – MONDAY, AUGUST 22:** Flight to Vienna.

**DAY 2 – TUESDAY, AUGUST 23: ARRIVE IN VIENNA:** This evening we arrive in Vienna. Transfer to hotel and enjoy a welcome dinner.



**DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24: VIENNA SIGHTSEEING:** Today we have a guided sightseeing tour with a local specialist. Admire the grand boulevards and beautiful Gothic and Baroque façades, enjoy views of the grand State Opera House and Ringstrasse, a beautiful sweeping boulevard built in the 19th century to replace the city walls. Admire the ornate, colorful roof of St. Stephen's Cathedral, one of the city's most beloved icons. We will have the afternoon to explore the city on our own. We will provide information about different opportunities for your free time. BD

**DAY 4 – THURSDAY, AUGUST 25: VIENNA SIGHTSEEING:** Today we plan to attend the morning exercise of the Lipizzaner Stallions at the Spanish Riding School. We will be amazed with these sleek white stallions and their expert riders demonstrating the classic art of dressage in choreographed leaps and bounds. The stallions are the finest equestrian performers on earth. This afternoon visit The Imperial Summer Palace of Schönbrunn which offers an amazing journey through the centuries of Hapsburg rule. It is perfectly preserved and richly decorated with treasures from around the globe. Each room has a story to tell, so of course, we'll have a Local Specialist to bring it to life and to make the most of our time. We will explore the splendor of the imperial capital. Dinner Local Restaurant. BD



**DAY 5 – FRIDAY, AUGUST 26: VIENNA \* DURNSTEIN \* SALZBURG:** Scenic landscapes provide a beautiful backdrop for our drive today to Magical Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart. Sloping vineyards line the Danube from Melk Abbey to Dürnstein, where Richard the Lionheart was held prisoner and subsequently found by Blondel, his faithful minstrel. Our drive takes us past Lake Mondsee and the UNESCO-listed Wachau Valley. This afternoon we join a Local Specialist for a fascinating walking tour of a city where spires and domes rise in the shadow of Hohensalzburg Castle, one of the largest medieval fortresses in Europe. The guided walking tour takes you to view the house where Mozart was born, as well as to the squares and gardens of this beautiful city, crowned by the 11th century Hohensalzburg Fortress. The city is also known as the home of the singing Von Trapp family and as the setting for the film, *The Sound of Music*. Your guide will point out the sights related to the Sound of Music film. Admire the exquisite Mirabell Gardens, where the song "Do-Re-Mi" was filmed, the famous Horse Trough, the great Festival hall, St. Peters Churchyard and the monumental Domplatz. You will also visit the birthplace of Mozart on the historic Getreidegasse street. Travel to the shores of Lake Mondsee to see the famous church where the wedding of Maria and Captain Von Trapp was filmed for the movie. The tour will finish back at the hotel and you have the evening free to enjoy Salzburg. BD







**DAY 6 – SATURDAY, AUGUST 27:** Today we drive to **Innsbruck**. Enjoy the breathtaking Alpine scenery as we journey to Innsbruck, the Tyrolean capital of the Austrian Alps. We will embark on a short orientation tour that includes views of the Old Town, Hofburg Palace and the ornate Golden Roof, built to commemorate the wedding of Emperor Maximilian I. Spend some free time exploring Innsbruck's iconic sites and delving into fascinating Tyrol history and culture, or simply relax and admire this dazzling city with its magnificent Alpine backdrop. We'll enjoy a delicious meal of traditional Tyrolean cuisine before a lively folklore show, where singers, dancers and musicians dressed in national costume provide an evening of entertainment and fun. BD

**DAY 7 – SUNDAY, AUGUST 28: OBERAMMERGAU (PASSION PLAY PERFORMANCE)**

We drive to Steingaden to visit the Church of Wies (Wieskirche a ro-coco masterpiece in a beautiful setting). Travel to Oberammergau where we watch as villagers will keep their covenant with God and perform their Passion Play, as they have every ten years since 1634. Witness first-hand the enduring faith of this Bavarian village and the divine blessings of God that spared Oberammergau and its people from the ravages of the plague which swept Europe in the 17th century. Take our premium seats for a poignant afternoon spent watching the Passion Play, giving thanks to God for His grace and mercy. Dine at a local restaurant this evening before taking our seats for the captivating second half of this performance as night falls. Play begins at 1:30 PM Intermission 4 PM, Second Part 7-9:30 PM. BD



**DAY 8 – MONDAY, AUGUST 29: OBERAMMERGAU \* NEUSCHWANSTEIN \* MUNICH.** Indulge in a world of fantasy and fables, journeying to the Neuschwanstein Castle, built as a retreat for King Ludwig II to retire from public life. This castle was the inspiration for The Walt Disney Sleeping Beauty Theme Park Castle. Continue through the hills and past lakes as we admire the scenery on our way to Garmish-Pertenkirchen. Our motor-coach carries us down another scenic road towards the Olympic town of Garmisch-Partenkirchen. We ride a cable car to the summit of Zugspitze, Germany's highest peak. The ride is just as much as an experience as the breathtaking views. This evening we arrive in Munich, Bavaria's political and cultural capital. BD

**Day 9 – TUESDAY, AUGUST 30: MUNICH.** Meet our local guide for a full-day guided tour of **Munich** (combination coach & walking, with free time for lunch and shopping). While exploring Munich, a city famed for its fantastic cultural attractions, we will see this city's best attractions including Peterskirche (St Peter's Church), which is the oldest church in Munich, as well as the open-air market, Viktualienmarkt, and the medieval Isartor Gate. We will also visit Munich's Marienplatz, which has served as the city's main square for almost 900 years. If we arrive at the right time, we'll get to enjoy the iconic Glockenspiel's life-size figurines perform high atop the New Town Hall (Rathaus). Our tour will also take us inside the Schloss Nymphenburg, the former summer residence of Munich's ruling Wittelsbach family, is one of the most beautiful palaces in all of Europe. Hopefully there will be time to check out the city's beautiful Englischer Garten. The tour will finish late-afternoon back at the hotel. German Dinner with Bavarian Musicians and Dancers. BD



**DAY 10 – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31:** This morning we will travel north to **Dachau**. Probably the most gruesome result of Hitler's rise to power was the building of the concentration extermination camps. One of the first of these was situated 15km to the northwest of Munich near Dachau. In 1965 a memorial to the victims was created, giving visitors a chance to learn of the atrocities prisoners were forced to suffer. Watch the 22-minute orientation video and then explore the cells, barracks and gas chambers. The exhibition contains accounts of the prisoners' tragic experiences from the setting up of the camp until their liberation by US-forces in 1945. Afternoon free to explore Munich. BD

**Day 11 – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1:** Travel to picture book **Lucerne** via **Vaduz, Liechtenstein**. We will enjoy an orientation tour before departing for Lucerne. This afternoon enjoy an orientation and pleasant walk around Lucerne. Walk along ornate patrician houses of the walled Old Town, then cross the famous covered CHAPEL BRIDGE to the Jesuit Church, the first large baroque church built in Switzerland on the north side of the Alps. This evening enjoy a folklore party with yodeling and alphorn blowing for a first-hand impression of Alpine merrymaking. Swiss Folklore Dinner and Show. BD



**DAY 12 – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2:** Our group will meet a local guide for a brief walking tour of the city of Lucerne. Here we will see local attractions including the Kapellbrücke (covered Chapel Bridge), the Old Town Hall, Stag Square and the Lion Monument. Our group will then embark on an once-in-a-lifetime trip to the summit of **Mount Pilatus**, which offers views of the extraordinary beautiful surrounding landscapes. This is our opportunity to enjoy the mountains and lakes of the region. We'll view the stunning scenery from several different vantage points. The lake steamer provides a 90-minute boat ride; the world's steepest cog railway takes us up to the top of the mountain; and a large aerial tramway connects to a modern 4-seat gondola for our ride back down to civilization. They call it the Golden Round Trip. There are two hotels at the top, so we'll have time to snap some inspiring photos and grab lunch with a view. After today's unforgettable excursion, the evening is ours to enjoy in Lucerne. B

**DAY 13 – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3: LUCERNE INTERLAKEN, BERNE AND LAUSANNE, DRIVING BUNIG PASS TO INTERLAKEN:** The town's unique location nestled between Lake Thun and Lake Brienz and surrounded by the world-famous **Eiger, Mönch, and Jungfrau** mountains, guarantees spectacular views. Next it's off to Berne. our guided tour starts with a stop at the rose garden for a panoramic view of the city. continue on foot and walk through the beautifully preserved medieval Old Town, witness the hourly parade of painted figures at the Clock Tower and marvel at the ornate, flower-adorned fountains. Stop at the Bear Park, symbol for the name of the town. Next we travel to Lausanne. BD



**DAY 14 – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4: LAUSANNE GENEVA:** This morning we explore Lausanne. Then off to enjoy Geneva and an afternoon tour of the old city and a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. BD

**Day 15 – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5: TRAVEL HOME:** Travel back to the USA with many precious memories and new friends from this wonderful journey. B

