



Alpine Adventure

Germany, Austria & Switzerland

September 4-14, 2014



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Alpine Adventure

Thursday, September 4, 2014 • Depart

Our adventure begins as we depart on our international flight to Frankfurt, Germany.

Friday, September 5, 2014 • Rothenburg

Upon arrival in Frankfurt, we collect our luggage and after departing customs, we drive to Rothenburg ob der Tauber, one of the few remaining walled cities left in Europe. We will check into our hotel and we have some free time to relax or to explore this medieval walled city. After a welcome dinner at our hotel, we take a stroll through the city with the Night Watchman. **D**



Saturday, September 6, 2014 • Munich



After breakfast we depart for Munich, home of the Oktoberfest and "Gemütlichkeit," that Bavarian blend of fun, relaxation, and good cheer! Our tour of Munich begins with an orientation tour of Munich's highlights. We will then enjoy a pleasant walking tour of the old town sites, including the Marienplatz, the Rathaus and its famous Glockenspiel. This afternoon we have some leisure time for shopping or independent sightseeing, or just relaxing at one of the famous "Biergarten". We end our tour of Munich with dinner at the

famous Hofbräuhaus. **B/D**

Sunday, September 7, 2014 • Salzburg

This morning drive to Dachau to visit the memorial at the infamous concentration camp. Our visit includes an audio. After some time to reflect on a part of history never to be forgotten we drive south into Austria. The hills are alive with the sounds of music and Mozart as we approach Salzburg, our home for the next two nights. Dinner tonight is at our hotel. **B/D**



Monday, September 8, 2014 • Salzburg



This morning a local guide joins us for a walking tour that includes the Salzburg Cathedral, the catacombs, the Getreidegasse - the city's quaint shopping area, Mirabell Gardens and much more. Salzburg's grand past is evident in the immense Dom Cathedral, with its statues and ornamentation.

After an opportunity for lunch we continue to Schloss Hellbrunn and Mondsee where we see the church which was included in some of the scenes in the Sound of Music. We return to Salzburg for our Sound of Music dinner. **B/D**

Tuesday, September 9, 2014 • Oberammergau

Our day begins with a drive to Berchtesgaden in the Bavarian Alps. Here we board a smaller bus and traverse narrow roads up the Kehlstein Mountain (Eagles Nest). Our trip continues with a walk into the mountain and an elevator ride to the summit, site of the tea house. The view on a clear day is spectacular! Back at the base of the mountain, we visit a salt mine; a working mine and museum. Then we drive further west to Oberammergau, where we stay for the next two nights. Dinner tonight is at our hotel. **B/D**



Wednesday, September 10, 2014 • Oberammergau



First on our agenda today is a short drive to Palace Linderhof, the smallest, but favorite residence of the eccentric King Ludwig II. We walk through the castle and the grounds where we see the enchanting "Blue Grotto," and the Moorish Teahouse. Next we drive through the Austrian Alps and re-enter Germany to

visit Castle Neuschwanstein. A medieval knight's castle, it is one of the most photographed and visited attractions in all of Europe. It is said that Walt Disney copied it as a symbol for his Fantasy-world Castle at Disneyland. Each room is a splendor of carved oak and tapestries. We will take time for a guided tour of the castle and then continue to back to Oberammergau. En route we stop to visit the Wieskirche (Meadow Church), considered the most beautiful rococo church in Europe. **B/D**

Thursday, September 11, 2014 • Sarnen

We drive westward today and enter Switzerland, that magical land of crystal-clear lakes and snow-capped alpine vistas. We stop in Liechtenstein for lunch and an opportunity to explore this tiny "postage stamp" country! Then it's on to Sarnen our home for the next two nights.



We arrive in time to relax at our hotel before dinner. After dinner we enjoy a Swiss folklore show. **B/D**

Friday, September 12, 2014 • Sarnen

After our Swiss breakfast, we travel to Lauterbrunnen where we

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visit the Trummelbachfaelle, a waterfall inside a mountain, formed by the draining of seven glaciers. Then we drive to Lauterbrunnen where we board a cogwheel train and ride to the Kleine Scheidegg for a beautiful view to the top of Europe – Jungfrauoch. We ride back to Grindelwald where meet our coach again before returning to our hotel for dinner. **B/D**

Saturday, September 13, 2014 • Lucerne - Zurich

A wonderful day of sightseeing awaits us, as we drive over the Brunig Pass to Lucerne, which lies on the magnificent “Vierwaldstättersee”. A walking tour of Lucerne featuring the Chapel Bridge, and Jesuit Church, the Lion Monument, designed by the Danish sculptor Thorwaldsen, as a memorial to Swiss mercenaries that lost their lives defending the King of France This afternoon we experience the Rigi where “you can see forever”. The experience includes a cruise over the lake and a Cogwheel Train ride to the summit with outstanding views and a restaurant. We continue to Zurich our last destination for overnight before returning home. Tonight our farewell dinner will be a traditional Swiss fondue at a local restaurant. **B/D**



Sunday, September 14, 2014 • Return

We transfer to the Zurich Airport for our return flight. **B**

Abbreviations for Meals

B=Breakfast **D**=Dinner



TOUR PRICE: X,XXX* per person, land only

\$xxxx Estimated Air from Minneapolis

Single Supplement = Call for pricing

*Price is per person based on a minimum of xx participants, double occupancy.

Your Tour Includes:

- Estimated **Roundtrip Airfare from Minneapolis** plus related taxes, fees and fuel charges
- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in moderate first-class hotels
- **Meals** per the itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Services of **professional tour manager**
- Local **step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services on land tour, including tour manager and driver

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Meals other than indicated above
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity for coach driver and tour guide**
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (This insurance is available and recommended.)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 100 days prior to departure date. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

Currency:

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Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 99 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee plus any airfare penalties will be assessed. From 99-14 days, a \$300 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling less than 14 days prior to departure will receive **no refund**.

Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.

For more information

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Registration Form

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Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal Name: _____

(Nickname): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal Name: _____

(Nickname): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Work phone/cell: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Deposit Payment Information

(please fill out if paying by check):

Enclosed is my check made payable to
Ed-Ventures, Inc. in the amount of:

_____.

Deposit Payment Information (please fill out if paying by *credit card*):

Credit Card Number: _____

Visa/MasterCard/Disc: _____ **Card ID Code:*** _____

Exp. Date: _____ **Amount:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

**last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds

Roommate name: _____

Single supplement (additional \$XXX, land only): ____ Yes ____ No

Travel Insurance (please check one): Yes, sign me up No, I decline

Insurance Payment Information: Charge my card below Check enclosed

Credit Card Number: _____

Card ID Code: _____ **Visa/MC/Disc:** _____ **Exp. Date:** _____ **Amount:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions. Please sign me up for the trip!

Signature of 1st traveler: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ **Date:** _____

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