

Tour Code: GASP22



*Chapel Bridge, Lucerne*

*Central Europe:*

# *Germany, Austria & Switzerland*

*August 26—September 6, 2022*

*Optional Pre-Tour  
to Prague:*

*August 24-27, 2022*



*Swiss Alps*



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Salzburg



Rothenburg ob der Tauber



## **PRE-TOUR**

### **Day 1: Wed, August 24, 2022 • Depart**

Our adventure starts as we depart the U.S. on our flight to Prague, Czech Republic.

### **Day 2: Thurs, August 25, 2022 • Prague**

Upon our arrival in Prague, we meet our driver and a local guide who introduces us to the “Golden City.” We eventually arrive at the **Old Town Square**, an impressive open space surrounded by churches and historic buildings. We walk to the Old Town Hall to view its famous **Astronomical Clock**. Finally, we visit the **Jewish Quarter**, where we stroll through the oldest synagogue and Jewish cemetery in Europe. **D**

### **Day 3: Fri, August 26, 2022 • Prague**

We start our day with a locally guided walking tour of Hradčany, the largest castle complex in the world. Besides **Prague Castle**, the grounds also include St. Vitus Cathedral and the Golden Lane, a collection of small cottages from the 16th century. After crossing the famous **Charles Bridge**, we arrive at Wenceslas Square, a wide boulevard that is dominated by the National Museum and a statue of Saint Wenceslas. The afternoon is free to purchase some Czech crystal or garnet jewelry, visit one of the many fine museums or simply sample some Czech delicacies near the city center. This evening, we enjoy a typical Czech meal accompanied by traditional folk entertainment. **B/D**

### **Day 4: Sat, August 27, 2022 • Transfer to Munich**

This morning we travel to Germany to meet the main group. **B**

## **MAIN TOUR**

### **Day 1, Fri, August 26, 2022 • Depart**

The main group departs today for Munich, Germany.

### **Day 2: Sat, August 27, 2022 • Munich**

We arrive at Munich airport and meet our driver and guide. We travel to Dachau, a town just outside of Munich. Our visit to the **Concentration Camp Memorial** includes a film in English, an informative historical account of the camp’s history and plenty of time to walk the grounds on our own. Later, we continue to Munich, Bavaria’s friendly capital city. Our leader acquaints us with the pedestrian zone around the **Marienplatz**, the main square in front of the new town hall. There is time to do some sightseeing and shopping before checking in at our hotel. Dinner tonight is at a local “**bräuhaus**” a traditional Munich restaurant/beerhall. **D**

### **Day 3: Sun, August 28, 2022 • Munich**

Today, we discover other Munich sites by taking a **locally guided tour** that includes many highlights such as the grounds of **Nymphenburg Palace**, the elegant Maximilian Straße and the

1972 Olympic Grounds. Our tour ends at the Marienplatz where we watch the Glockenspiel play in the tower of the Neues Rathaus. The rest of the day is ours to shop along the mile-long pedestrian zone, get a bite to eat at the nearby Viktualien Market or visit one of a number of fine museums. Dinner is on our own tonight so some may wish to visit Munich’s Hofbräuhaus for dinner, singing and live entertainment. **B**

### **Day 4: Mon, August 29, 2022 • Salzburg**

Our first stop today is in Berchtesgaden, where we don miners’ apparel and descend into a **salt mine** for an unforgettable tour. Afterwards, we continue to **Hitler’s Eagle’s Nest**, a chalet built at the top of the Kehlstein mountain. On a clear day, the site affords beautiful views of the Alps. Next, we travel to Salzburg, Austria, which is famous for being Mozart’s birthplace and the backdrop for “*The Sound of Music*.” We enjoy some free time to explore the narrow winding streets of the old city before dinner. **B/D**

### **Day 5: Tues, August 30, 2022 • Salzburg**

Today a local guide joins us for a **walking tour of Salzburg**. We see the magnificent **Cathedral**, the Getreidegasse, the city’s quaint shopping area, a photo stop at Mozart’s birth house and a walk-through at St. Peter’s Cemetery. After time for lunch, we enjoy an excursion to the **Salzkammergut**. With its beautiful mountains and alpine lakes, it is an immensely popular vacation destination for many Austrians. After exploring some of the lakes and sites, we return to Salzburg for a treat - dinner and a concert in the Stiftskeller St. Peter! It is the perfect setting to enjoy delicious Austrian food and the music of Mozart. **B/D**

### **Day 6: Wed, August 31, 2022 • Oberammergau area**

Departing Austria, we return to Germany as we drive through the Bavarian countryside to the **Wieskirche**. This “Church in the Meadow” is a fine example of Rococo architecture. Next, we take a short drive to Füssen to visit **Palace Neuschwanstein**. One of three palaces built by Bavaria’s King Ludwig II, Walt Disney used it as the model for his Fantasyland Castle. Finally, we pass by Germany’s highest mountain and arrive in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, an alpine valley surrounded by the foothills of the alps, for a two-night stay. **B/D**

### **Day 7: Thurs, September 1, 2022 • Oberammergau area**

We enjoy a relaxed morning in **Oberammergau**, admiring the bright frescoes that adorn many of the homes and businesses, perhaps shopping for a souvenir woodcarving for which the village is famous. After included lunch, we attend Part One of the **Passion Play**, the legacy of a vow made by the Oberammergauers in 1633 to enact the Passion story. Due to the ravages of the Thirty Years War, the plague had taken its toll in lives. But many of the people were spared, and the following year, 1634, the first Passion Play

was performed on a stage set up in the cemetery. After dinner we attend Part Two. **B/L/D**

#### Day 8: Fri, September 2, 2022 • Sarnen area

Today's drive is filled with breathtaking mountain scenery as we travel over mountain passes to the **Bernese Oberland** area of Switzerland. Our first stop is in **Vaduz**, the capital of the small principality of Liechtenstein. We also spend time in lovely **Lucerne** to enjoy a late lunch and see the poignant **Lion Monument** that pays tribute to the Swiss mercenaries who lost their lives defending the kings of France. There is time to explore this beautiful city, including taking a walk across the famous wooden **Chapel Bridge**, or shopping for Swiss Chocolate, before continuing to our hotel in Sarnen. **B/D**

#### Day 9: Sat, September 3, 2022 • Sarnen area

This morning we drive to view the **Trümmelbachfälle**, several waterfalls within a mountain that drain nearby glaciers. The raw power and beauty of the falls have attracted tourists for decades. Afterwards, we take an excursion up into the heart of the Swiss Alps. We start by riding a cogwheel train to the small car-free town of Wengen, where we have some time to explore before taking a gondola up to the ridge of the nearby mountain. From there it's an easy and leisurely hike to **Kleine Scheidegg**. Our hike affords breathtaking vistas of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau peaks, as well as views of the tiny villages in the valley. At Kleine Scheidegg, we have time for lunch before taking a train down to Grindelwald where there's an opportunity to shop or simply relax at one of the many outdoor cafés. This evening's entertainment features a **Swiss folklore show** at our hotel. **B/D**

#### Day 10: Sun, September 4, 2022 • Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Departing Switzerland, we travel via Lake Constance and southern Bavaria to the medieval walled city of **Rothenburg ob der Tauber**. Upon our arrival, we visit **St. James Church** and see the famous altar created by the renowned woodcarver, Tilman Riemenschneider. The rest of the afternoon is ours to explore the cobblestone streets and ramparts and admire the half-timbered buildings that make us feel as if we have stepped back in time. After dinner, we learn more about life in medieval times as we accompany the night watchman on a **guided tour** of the town. **B/D**

#### Day 11: Mon, September 5, 2022 • Rudesheim

Our final day in Europe features a cruise on the mighty **Rhine River**. We leave Rothenburg and travel to Rudesheim where we board a boat and enjoy time on one of Europe's most important waterways. Along the way, we hear about the history of the many castle ruins and vineyards that dot the hillside along the river. After our cruise, we transfer to our hotel and have some time for last minute shopping in the Getreidegasse before dinner. Tonight, we celebrate our last evening in Europe with a **farewell dinner** and a **tasting** of the region's fine Rhine wines. **B/D**

#### Day 12: Tues, September 6, 2022 • Return

Sadly, we say "Auf Wiedersehen" to Europe as we transfer to the Frankfurt Airport for our return flight to the United States. We take with us memories of exciting cities, peaceful villages, great entertainment, and beautiful, unforgettable scenery. **B**



**TOUR COST: \$4,999\* per person**

*Includes estimated air from Minneapolis*

*\*Price is based on a minimum of 25 participants, double occupancy*

**Prague Pre-Tour: \$839**, based on 10 participants

**Single supplement = \$875 (\$150 ext)**

#### Your Tour Includes:

- Estimated **Roundtrip airfare** from Minneapolis to Prague or Munich, return from Frankfurt, related taxes/fees (\$1,300)
- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in superior tourist and moderate first-class hotels
- **Meals per the itinerary**
- Services of a **professional tour manager**
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- Luggage strap, luggage tags and trip journal
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services

#### Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for tour manager and coach driver
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees, testing (*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (*This insurance is available and offered by Ed-Ventures.*)

#### Payment Schedule:

**Deposit with registration: \$500 per person**

*(\$120 is non refundable if cancel for ANY reason)*

**2nd Deposit Nov. 15, 2021: \$1000 per person**

*(Additional \$150 is non refundable, another \$550 non-refundable after Nov. 15, 2021. These are Passion Play Penalties.)*

#### Final payment due April 28, 2022

Invoices 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:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

#### Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Airline tickets once written are usually nonrefundable.

- ⇒ **Up to Nov. 14, 2021: \$100** per person administrative fee will be assessed
- ⇒ **Nov. 15, 2021 to April 28, 2022: \$300** per person plus any lost land (Play packages) and air deposits will be assessed
- ⇒ **From April 29 to July 25, 2022: \$850** per person plus any lost deposits on land and air will be assessed
- ⇒ **After July 26, 2022: No Refund**

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

#### Abbreviations for Meals

**B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner**



## Terms and Conditions

We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available, but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible, that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client. Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip for a medical reason only. You will be mailed trip cancellation insurance information with the brochure or upon receipt of your deposit.

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Please register me for:

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land & est. air from MSP
- ☐ Single Supplement • \$875
- ☐ **Prague Pre-Tour** • Aug. 24-27, 2022
- ☐ Prague Pre-Tour Single Supplement • \$150

## Passenger Information (1<sup>st</sup> 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. *Best practice is to include a photocopy of your passport with the application.*

**Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Name for name badge): \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Exp. Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Authority:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gender:** ☐ Male ☐ Female (required by airline)

**Special Dietary Needs:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Passenger Information (2<sup>nd</sup> 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. *Best practice is to include a photocopy of your passport with the application.*

**Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Name for name badge): \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Exp. Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport Authority:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Gender:** ☐ Male ☐ Female (required by airline)

**Special Dietary Needs:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work phone/cell:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sleeping Preference** (circle one): Double bed (1 bed) Twin Beds (2 beds)

**Roommate name:** \_\_\_\_\_ OR **Single supplement:** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

## Travel Insurance (please check one)

**Price is 7.2% of tour cost**

☐ I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.

☐ I wish to decline the travel insurance offered through Travel Guard.

## Deposit Payment Information (please check one)

☐ Enclosed is my \$ \_\_\_\_\_ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make check payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.**

☐ Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

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**Signature of 1<sup>st</sup> traveler:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of 2<sup>nd</sup> traveler:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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