

Germany – Jewels of Romantic Europe



Itinerary 8 Days / 7 nights

Munich – Zugspitze - Neuschwanstein – Innsbruck – Wattens/Swarovski – Berchtesgaden – Salzburg – Chiemsee – Munich

1. Day **Munich Arrival**

Arrival in Munich, the capital of Bavaria and one of the most beautiful cities all over Germany. Transfer to the hotel (30 min, 35 km). You can get it started with a first walk through the most historic part of Munich's old town. See the famous Marienplatz with the town hall next to the Gothic Cathedral – The Church of Our Old Lady. The city tour is highlighted by a traditional dinner with Bavarian beer. Overnight in Munich

Overnight: Munich

Meal(s): Dinner

2. Day **Munich – Garmisch Partenkirchen – Zugspitze - Munich**

After breakfast you will head towards the Alps: Garmisch-Partenkirchen (1,15 hrs, 95 km). Germany's highest mountain, the Zugspitze is located there and can be easily reached by taking the vintage cogwheel train. The last bit to the very top of the mountain will be gone by cable car, it is only a few minutes to go. After making it to the summit you can enjoy a delightful lunch in the Panoramic Restaurant: The view is unforgettable - promised. One of the world's longest and steepest cable cars takes you all the way down to the Eibsee again. Return to Munich in the afternoon and enjoy some time on your own upon arrival. Overnight in Munich

Overnight: Munich

Meal(s): Breakfast, Lunch on Top of Zugspitze

3. Day **Munich – Fuessen (Neuschwanstein)**

Next stop: Neuschwanstein (2hrs, 120 km). On the way you will stop by in Oberammergau – the world famous Passion Play Village. Enjoy the typical Bavarian architecture in the authentic village, also famous for religious woodcarving. Continue to Fuessen and visit Neuschwanstein Castle. The renowned castle was built by King Ludwig II surrounded by a picturesque mountain scenery and was prompted by the idea of rebuilding the castle in the genuine style of the old German knights' castles. Overnight in Fuessen.

Overnight: Fuessen

Meal(s): Breakfast

4. Day **Fuessen – Wattens – Innsbruck**

Today's route leads you directly through the Alps and over the so called "Fernpass" towards Innsbruck (2hrs, 120 km). Wattens awaits you with the Swarovski Crystal World. You will enjoy sumptuousness in its entire splendor with the unique Chambers of Wanders and the vast gardens. Several artists were needed to create the amazing halls. In the world's biggest Swarovski shop at the end of the Chambers of Wanders you will find the most impressive display of products. A short drive brings you back to Innsbruck afterwards. On a short walk through the historical part of town you will see the "Goldenes Dachel" with its 2657 golden tiles – it's absolutely fantastic. The local dinner is the perfect opportunity to reconsider today's impressions. Overnight in Innsbruck.

Overnight: Innsbruck

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner

5. Day **Innsbruck – Berchtesgaden - Koenigssee**

After breakfast you will depart from the hotel and drive along the Inn River towards Berchtesgaden (2,5hrs, 160 km). Visit the interesting salt mine of Berchtesgaden, which started operating in 1517. Even nowadays some parts of the salt mine are open to public and are definitely worth being explored. You do not only slide right into a mountain, you will also learn everything of interest about salt and its usage. Continue to the Koenigssee amid the Alp National park Berchtesgaden afterwards. A boat ride reveals the whole beauty of the scenic region. St Bartholomae is known to be one of the most photographed objects in Germany. Dinner at a local restaurant and overnight in Berchtesgaden.

Overnight: Berchtesgaden

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner

6. Day **Berchtesgaden – Salzburg**

Berchtesgaden and today's destination, Salzburg, are only about 30 minutes apart from each other going the bus. Salzburg is known to be the city of "The Sound of music" and is furthermore the place, where Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born and raised. To get a first impression of the city we start at the more than 900 years old citadel, Hohensalzburg Fortress, which provides a nice view of the city. Walk through the Old town to Mozart's Birthplace, supposed to be the origin of the genius composer. The house is located in the "Getreidegasse", Salzburg's most attractive and busy shopping street with its high and narrow houses as well as romantic courtyards. The other highlights we will see are the Cathedral and St. Peter's Abbey, the Residence and the Festival-Theatres, the oldest pharmacy and the oldest café. The Mirabel Garden is the tour's final, which will remind you of the movie "Sound of Music". Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Salzburg.

Overnight: Salzburg

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner

7. Day **Salzburg – Lake Chiemsee**

After breakfast you will start through westwards again across the border between Germany and Austria. Lake Chiemsee (1hr, 80 km) is not far away. By boat you will reach Herrenchiemsee, another eccentric palace built by King Ludwig II in 1873. This time he was trying to copy Versailles for himself. The highlights of the large state rooms are the State Staircase, the State Bedroom and the Great Hall of Mirrors. The king's own rooms were in the intimate small apartment, designed in the French Rococo style. Return by boat to Prien, the place to rest for the night. Farewell dinner in a local Restaurant.

Overnight: Prien am Chiemsee

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner

8. Day **Lake Chiemsee – Munich Departure**

Return to Munich in the morning (1,5hrs, 90 km). Enjoy some free time for shopping, before the bus will transfer you to the airport for your onward or departure flight.

Meal(s): Breakfast

HOTELS

subject to modifications and availability

| City | Nights | Hotel | Category |
|-------------------|--------|------------------------------|----------|
| Munich | 2 | Leonardo Hotel Royal | **** |
| Fuessen | 1 | Luitpoldpark Hotel | **** |
| Innsbruck | 1 | Austria Trend Congress Hotel | **** |
| Berchtesgaden | 1 | Amber Residenz Bavaria | **** |
| Salzburg | 1 | Austria Trend Hotel Europa | **** |
| Prien am Chiemsee | 1 | Bayerischer Hof | *** |

SERVICES

Following services are included:

- 7 nights in twin/double accommodation without portorage (city tax excluded)
- 7 x breakfast at the hotel
- 5 x dinner (3 Course Menu) at local Restaurants (in Munich incl. 0,5l of local beer)
- 1 Lunch on Top of Zugspitze at Panorama Restaurant (3 Course Menu)
- Transfers, sightseeing tours and round trip by 49-Seater bus (incl. parking fees, road tolls, city permits, accommodations and meals for the driver)
- Following entrance fees and services included
 - Zugspitze Package with combination of Cogwheel Train and Cable Cars
 - Neuschwanstein Castle
 - Swarovski Crystal Worlds
 - Berchtesgaden Salt Mine
 - Cruise on Lake Koenigssee
 - Cogwheel Train Ride R/T to Hohensalzburg Castle
 - Boat ride on Lake Chiemsee
 - Herrenchiemsee Palace
- Munich city tour including local English speaking guide(3hrs)
- Salzburg city tour including local English speaking guide(3hrs)

Following services are not included:

- Any international flight arrangements
- Any Visa Costs
- No other guide services then mentioned above
- Any others than mentioned
- Drinks to the Meals

Optional Services:

- 1) Throughout English speaking guide

An experienced English speaking Studiosus Guide will accompany the group and will take care of sightseeing related and organizational matters