

# ALPINE WONDERS

Germany – Switzerland - Austria

## Day 01: Munich - Garmisch

Welcome to Munich. After your arrival you will be transferred to Garmisch, the charming Bavarian holiday-resort near the Austrian border. In the afternoon take an excursion to the Zugspitz mountain, highest peak of the German Alps. Enjoy breathtaking views:

## Day 02: Garmisch - Linderhof - Ettal - Oberammergau - Garmisch

Visit Castle of Linderhof and the Venus-Cave, constructed and built by the 'crazy' King Ludwig II. The Monastery of Ettal impresses with its baroque church. Enjoy a liqueur distilled by the monks. After lunch depart for Oberammergau, world famous for its passion-play. Take a stroll and admire beautiful old houses decorated with baroque paintings called 'Lüftelmalerei' on their facades.

## Day 03: Garmisch - Neuschwanstein – Tettngang

The Pilgrimage Church of Wies, located on the foothills of the Alps, is a masterpiece of Rococo. Visit of the spectacular Castle of Neuschwanstein, a fairy tale on its own. Experience the lovely Bavarian city of Fuessen on your own before the road takes you through the charming landscapes of the Allgaeu-region in direction to the Lake Constance, to Tettngang, the 'green city'.

## Day 04: Tettngang - Lindau Bregenz - Tettngang

Discover Lake Constance, privileged holiday-place in the triangle of Germany, Switzerland and Austria. There is no better way to explore than taking a boat-ride. Visit Lindau, small historical city, located on the island of the same name. A cable-car in Bregenz takes you up on top of the Pfaender and gives a lovely view on the lake and the Alps. Enjoy a 'Schnaps' in a local distillery.

## Day 05: Tettngang - Lucerne

The ferry crosses the lake to the Island of Mainau, the 'Island of Flowers'. It is maintained as a garden island and a model of excellent environmental practices. The Rhine-Falls at Schaffhausen offer a breathtaking water-spectacle. Reach the city of Lucerne, attractive and charming. The evening is reserved for a typical cheese-fondue menu and a folk-show.

## Day 06: Lucerne

Morning city-tour of Lucerne, also featuring the famous Kappell-Bridge, oldest wooden covered bridge in Europe and one of Switzerland's main tourist attractions. The Lake-Lucerne boat takes you to the cog-railway, steepest in Europe, which climbs up Mount Pilatus. The mountain proudly overlooks the lake. Enjoy marvellous views from the top.

## Day 07: Lucerne - Vaduz - Innsbruck

On the way towards Austria stop in Vaduz, capital of the principality of Liechtenstein. Dominated by its castle, this small city is gorgeous set in the Alps and stretches along the Rhine-River. It is until today the residence of the royal family. The Arlberg Tunnel, almost 14 km long, leads you into Tyrol and its capital Innsbruck.

## Day 08: Innsbruck – Wattens - Innsbruck

In the morning guided tour of Innsbruck. See the 'Golden Roof' and imposing historical buildings nestled in the old town. Innsbruck had pleasure hosting the Winter Olympic Games twice, 1964 and 1976. Dive into the mystical world of crystals in the afternoon when visiting Swarovski at Wattens.

## Day 09: Innsbruck - Zell am See

The stream train takes you into the Zillertal Valley, where the Alps unfold their natural beauty. In Mayrhofen, the most famous resort here, a visit to a cheese-farm explains one of the manifold products of the region. Climbing up the Gerlos admire the Krimml waterfalls, pouring down on three terraces. Reach Zell am See in the afternoon.

## Day 10: Zell am See – Grossglockner Alpine Road - Salzburg

A masterpiece of road-architecture is the Grossglockner Alpine Road (weather permitting) which winds up to astonishing heights and opens marvellous views at the highest peak of Austria. It is a breathtaking nature and driving experience of about 30 miles. Lovely landscapes lead you to Mozart and his hometown Salzburg.

## Day 11: Salzburg

Hohensalzburg Fortress builds the dominating fortress, overlooking the city of culture and music. Enjoy the highlights of Salzburg on a guided city-walk. In the afternoon tour the Salzkammergut, the region of crystal clear lakes. Visit the picturesque city of Hallstatt and the enchanting town of St. Wolfgang.

## Day 12: Salzburg - Munich

Visit the underground galleries of the salt-mine of Berchtesgaden, a fascinating and funny experience. Back in Bavaria King Ludwig shows you another ferry tale: the boat crossed Lake Chiemsee and after a short wald you reach the impressive building of Castle Herrenchiemsee. On to Munich.

## Day 13: Munich

Definitely worth to explore: Munich, capital of Bavaria shows its highlights on a city-tour. Located on the banks of the Isar-River it has a lot to offer as a result of its long history. Munich is also known for the variety of Bavarian traditions, not at least for its beers. Enjoy a farewell-evening in the famous Hofbraeuhaus.

## Day 14: Munich – depart for home

Transfer to the airport Munich



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