



11 DAYS ALPINE EUROPE

Visiting

**HEIDELBERG * RHINE VALLEY * LUCERNE * INNSBRUCK * SALZBURG
MUNICH * OBERAMMERGAU * ROTHENBURG * FRANKFURT**

Including

THE PASSION PLAY OF OBERAMMERGAU

Hosted by:

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MEMPHIS/ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

SAT, JUL 11

Depart Memphis today and connect with your overnight transatlantic flight to Frankfurt, arriving the following day.

ARRIVE FRANKFURT/HEIDELBERG/RHINE VALLEY

SUN, JUL 12

Arrive Frankfurt. Drive to Heidelberg, the oldest University town in Germany and home of the “Student Prince.” View the medieval Town Hall and the University, founded in 1386. Cross the Neckar River and see the ancient castle high above the city and river. Overnight in the Rhine Valley.

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RHINE VALLEY/RHINE FALLS/LAKE LUCERNE

MON, JUL 13

View the magnificent Rhine Falls then drive to Lucerne. Its attractive waterfront, 14th and 15th century covered wood bridges and medieval walls make Lucerne one of Switzerland’s prettiest cities. Walk along the quaint, winding streets of the Old Town and see the 14th century wooden Kapell Bridge and the Lion Monument. Free time to stroll along the bridges, relax on the lakeshore or visit the elegant shops. Overnight in the Lake Lucerne area.

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LAKE LUCERNE

TUE, JUL 14

Tour Switzerland’s breathtakingly beautiful Bernese Oberland. Follow the Bruenig Pass road to Interlaken, a popular summer resort dwarfed by the famous snow-covered Alpine peaks of the Eiger and the 13,642-ft. Jungfrau. Proceed to the picturesque villages of Lauterbrunnen and Grindelwald and then return to your hotel for the night.

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LAKE LUCERNE/INNSBRUCK

WED, JUL 15

Drive to Innsbruck, capital of the Austrian province of Tyrol, set in the heart of the Alps. The 800-year-old city was named for the bridge across the Inn River, first built in the 12th century. On your orientation tour of Innsbruck, view the Goldenes Dachl (Golden Roof), a late Gothic oriel with 2,657 gold-plated tiles. It was built under the rule of Emperor Maximilian I as a royal box for spectacles held in the square below. Also see Wilten Basilica, Hofburg Palace and Maria Theresia Avenue.

(B,D)

INNSBRUCK/SALZBURG

THU, JUL 16

Admire the majestic mountain scenery as you travel east through the Kitzbuheler Alps to Salzburg, one of the world's most beautiful cities. Featured in the movie "The Sound of Music," Salzburg will always be remembered as Mozart's birthplace. On a city tour see the Mozarteum (house where Mozart lived) and visit the Church of the Franciscans and the Alter Markt in the heart of the Old City. **(B)**

SALZBURG/MUNICH

FRI, JUL 17

Return to Germany and continue to Munich, capital of Bavaria. Munich was ruled for over 650 years by the Wittelsbacher dukes and kings, who left their mark on the architecture and founded the world-famous Munich art collection. On a city tour see Marienplatz, Munich's town square, and view Nymphenburg, the former Royal Residence; Odeon Square with the beautiful Theatiner Church; and the Hall of Generals. Overnight in the Munich area. **(B)**

MUNICH/NEUSCHWANSTEIN/OBERAMMERGAU

SAT, JUL 18

Ascend the Bavarian Alps and view Mad King Ludwig's fairy-tale Neuschwanstein Castle, one of the most photographed palaces in the world and the model for the castles at the Walt Disney theme parks. Next visit the unusual, oval rococo Wies Church designed in the late 1740s and a UNESCO World Heritage site. On to Oberammergau, site of the world-famous Passion Play. **(B,D)**

THE PASSION PLAY OF OBERAMMERGAU

SUN, JUL 19

The highlight of your trip! In keeping with their 387-year old promise, the villagers of Oberammergau present their Passion Play depicting the last week of the life of Christ. The play's presentation can be traced to 1633 when the Black Plague swept Europe. The people of Oberammergau took a solemn oath: if God spared them, they would present a day-long play depicting the last week in the life of Christ. To this day they have kept their promise and every ten years the citizens of Oberammergau perform their passion play with the same love and devotion they have shown for over 380 years. Today the play takes place on an open-air stage with a covered auditorium seating 4,700, against a beautiful backdrop of towering Alpine mountains. **(B,D)**

OBERAMMERGAU/ROTHENBURG/FRANKFURT

MON, JUL 20

Travel north on the Romantic Road through fairy-tale towns surrounded by moats, gates and towers. Admire the landscape dotted with lovely church spires standing since the Middle Ages. Arrive in Rothenburg, Germany's best-preserved medieval town. Rothenburg's ramparts, cobbled roads, and high gabled houses invoke the romance of the Middle Ages. The battle-scarred walls that encircle the town still protect St. Jakobskirch, with its altar carving by Tilman Riemenschneider. After a visit, proceed to the Frankfurt area for the night. **(B,D)**

FRANKFURT/MEMPHIS

TUE, JUL 21

Bid farewell to Europe as you transfer to the airport for your flight to Memphis, arriving the same day. **(B)**

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