

Discover Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria

featuring *Oktoberfest*
September 2026



Highlights...

Bern • Alphorn Maker • Yodeling Demonstration • Fondue Lunch • Lucerne • Austrian Alps • Choice on Tour: Cultural City Walking Tour or Architectural Walking Tour • Innsbruck • Salzburg • Mirabell Gardens • St. Peter's Restaurant • Bavaria • Linderhof Palace • Tyrolean Folklore Show • Munich Oktoberfest

10 Days • 13 Meals: 8 Breakfasts • 3 Lunches • 2 Dinners

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

- ★ Witness the creation of Alpine music during an alphorn and yodeling demonstration.
- ★ Experience a Tyrolean folklore show in Innsbruck.
- ★ Celebrate with locals and travelers from around the globe in your reserved tent at Munich's Oktoberfest.

MUST-SEE HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Spend a day exploring Salzburg's historic past and charming Old Town.
- ★ Enjoy a walking tour of Lucerne's Altstadt (Old Town).
- ★ Tour Linderhof Palace and its beautiful gardens.

CULINARY EXPERIENCES

- ★ Savor lunch at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, Austria's oldest.
- ★ Experience a fondue lunch in a picturesque Alpine town.
- ★ Dine on Tyrolean cuisine at a local restaurant.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Discover spectacular Switzerland, Austria and Bavaria on a tour featuring Munich's legendary Oktoberfest.

Day 2: Bern, Switzerland

Your journey begins in Bern, the capital of Switzerland. This UNESCO World Heritage site rests in the Swiss countryside. The cobbled Old Town section is so well preserved that residents who lived here 500 years ago would still find it familiar today. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring local cuisine. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Bern

Explore delightful Bern on a panoramic sightseeing tour, led by a local guide, featuring the Bundeshaus (the Swiss Parliament), the famous Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens and the gothic cathedral which dominates Old Town's skyline. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore independently. Perhaps you'll take a ride in the red carriages of the Gurtenbahn funicular railway, climbing Gurten Mountain to an altitude of 2,574 feet (858 meters) for impressive views of Bern, the surrounding towns and mountains. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Bern - Habkern - Bern

Today, depart Bern and head to the small mountain village outside of Interlaken – Habkern. Boasting classic postcard imagery of Switzerland, enjoy a tour with a local workshop owner learning how the alphorn is made, and even entertain your musical side by playing one. After, explore the world of yodeling through a professional demonstration. Perhaps you're a natural and never knew. Finish your afternoon with a fondue lunch at a local restaurant before heading back to Bern. Enjoy the rest of

your afternoon at leisure. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 5: Bern - Lucerne - Bern

Set out for Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Enjoy a leisurely paced Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour, exploring the hidden treasures of this 800-year-old city such as the covered Chapel Bridge (1333); the famous Water Tower, which has served as a prison, watchtower and treasury; the Renaissance-style Town Hall; the baroque Jesuit Church; and the Lion Monument, carved from natural rock to commemorate the heroic Swiss Guard. Tonight, dine at one of Bern's great restaurants. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 6: Bern - Liechtenstein - Innsbruck, Austria

En route to Innsbruck, make your way through Liechtenstein, the smallest German-speaking country in the world and the only country to lie entirely within the Alps. Upon arrival in Innsbruck, **it's your choice!** Select one of two leisurely walking tours: join a local guide as you discover the city's history, culture and popular attractions including Maria-Theresien-Strasse, the Hofburg and the "Golden Roof" **-OR-** you may embark on a tour focusing on Innsbruck's unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 7: Innsbruck - Salzburg - Innsbruck

Travel through the picturesque Austrian countryside to Salzburg. Start your day in Salzburg with a walking tour featuring Mirabell Gardens (seen in *The Sound of Music*), the quaint Getreidegasse (birthplace of Mozart), and many other highlights of this beautiful city. After, enjoy a delightful lunch at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, the oldest in Austria and still

owned by the monks. Enjoy time in the afternoon at leisure before returning to Innsbruck. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 8: Innsbruck - Bavaria, Germany - Innsbruck

Tour Linderhof Palace, the only palace - out of three - that King Ludwig II lived to see completed. Walk the extraordinary halls that were modeled after Versailles with an expert guide and bask in the luxury of past royals. After, make your way to the Ettal Abbey* – a Benedictine monastery founded in 1330 by Louis IV. Here, you'll tour the Basilica followed by a brewery tour complete with tastings. Next, return to Innsbruck. Later, experience the rich musical tradition of mountainous Austria during a Tyrolean folklore show hosted by a well-known local musical family. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 9: Innsbruck - Munich, Germany

Make your way to Munich for Oktoberfest, a traditional folk festival from the 1800s. Today, the festival draws people from all over the world and features lively music, savory cuisine, authentic costumes, amusement rides, and millions of beer liters served. In your reserved tent, toast to a fun-filled day of drinks, games, and friendly locals. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 10: Munich - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to an end in Munich. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Experience It!

Oktoberfest

Local cuisine. Traditional costumes. Amusement rides. Live music. Travelers from all over the world. Millions of beer liters. Find all of this and more at Munich's Oktoberfest – a folk festival from the 1800s that has inspired countless renditions worldwide. The celebration lasts for 3 weeks, starting in the middle of September and ending on the first Sunday of October. Beer tents line the festival, each containing the capacity for thousands of visitors. Only beer brewed in Munich can be served at the festival, and it must meet strict criteria outlined in the *Reinheitsgebot*. The Bavarian gathering was originally established to celebrate the marriage of King Ludwig I and Princess Therese, but has evolved over time to include the celebration of local agriculture as well.

YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 5	Hotel Bern, Bern or Hotel Ambassador, Bern or Swissotel Kursaal, Bern or Hotel Kreuz, Bern
Days 6 – 8	Hotel Innsbruck, Innsbruck or AC Hotel by Marriott, Innsbruck
Day 9	Eurostars Grand Central Hotel, Munich

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Collette's Flagship: Collette's tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. These itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, where an expert guide takes care of all the details.

Important Tour Information:

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Salzburg's Old Town does not allow coaches to access the center. You should anticipate walking at least 0.5 miles in order to reach the Old Town for the start of your day's touring and lunch.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

The day you visit Salzburg will be one of the longest days of this tour as it takes about 3 hours each way to get there from Innsbruck.

*Ettal Abbey may be closed to tours on some departures. When closed, travelers will have an alternate inclusion.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

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Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive into Zurich prior to 4:00 p.m.

Travel Requirements:

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in May 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

Please note that this is a preliminary itinerary. Some trip details may change with your departure date. A finalized itinerary will be available to you when it is released.



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