

# Exploring the Alpine Countries

Austria - Germany - Switzerland

with optional Bratislava Pre Tour Extension



## Highlights...

Vienna • Danube Cruise • Salzburg • Dinner at St. Peter's Stiftskeller • Munich • Oberammergau • Meet a Passion Play Performer • Innsbruck • Bavarian Castles • Black Forest • Château de Chillon • Zermatt • Choice of Tours in Zermatt • Lucerne

**13 Days • 17 Meals: 11 Breakfasts • 6 Dinners**

### COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

- ★ Take a lovely cruise along the Danube River.
- ★ Make a stop at the impressive Benedictine Melk Abbey.
- ★ Meet a Passion Play performer in Oberammergau.

### MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- ★ Come to know Vienna and its incredible Schoenbrunn Palace.
- ★ Discover the fascinating city of Munich and its world-famous Glockenspiel.
- ★ Walk through Innsbruck's charming pedestrian streets.

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- ★ Savor a special dinner in the quaint winemaking village of Grinzing.
- ★ Delight in dinner at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant in Salzburg.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out to explore three distinct Alpine cultures set amid incredible landscapes.

#### Day 2: Vienna, Austria - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Vienna. This evening, meet your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring regional wine and a meal highlighting the local cuisine in the quaint winemaking region of Grinzing. *Today dinner will be included.*

#### Day 3: Vienna

**Come to know Vienna this morning during a locally guided tour** that show cases its architectural marvels. You will visit the incredible Schoenbrunn Palace and see the impressive St. Stephen's Cathedral. This afternoon enjoy free time to explore the avenues of Vienna or visit one of its many museums. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 4: Vienna - Salzburg

After a short journey through the countryside, enjoy a lovely cruise along the Danube\*, one of Europe's most important waterways. Later, make a stop at the Benedictine Melk Abbey before continuing to the "City of Music," Salzburg. Tonight, **sit down for dinner at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant.** *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 5: Salzburg

Discover the splendor of Salzburg on a leisurely paced walking tour of the Old Town. Some of the amazing sights you will see along the way include the Cathedral, Mozart's birthplace and Mirabell Gardens. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 6: Salzburg - Munich, Germany - Oberammergau

Today you travel to Germany. In Munich, feel the energy of this lively and fascinating city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park; the world-famous Glockenspiel; and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Later in the day, **arrive at your home for the next two nights — the quaint village of Oberammergau**, renowned for wood carvings

and the Passion Play. This evening, **enjoy a magical dinner and a visit by a local performer from the village.** *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 7: Oberammergau - Innsbruck, Austria - Oberammergau

Enjoy the scenery of the spectacular Bavarian Alps en route to enchanting Innsbruck, located in Tyrolean Austria. Walk through the charming pedestrian streets and see such landmarks as The Golden Roof on a locally guided tour. As you wind through the narrow cobblestone lanes, it is easy to understand why this city was the center of European culture and politics during the 14th century. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 8: Oberammergau - Black Forest

Today fairy tales become reality at a picture stop of Bavaria's most famous castle, King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein. Next you are off to the heart of the stunning Black Forest, a region famous for its artisans who create authentic cuckoo clocks, Hummels and wood carvings. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 9: Black Forest - Zermatt, Switzerland

Welcome to Switzerland! Your first stop en route to Zermatt is at one of the most photographed castles in the world, the Château de Chillon, located on serene Lake Geneva. Later, **enjoy a short train ride aboard the Matterhorn Gottard Bahn** from Tasch to the relaxing pedestrian village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps. Take a stroll and breathe in the fresh Alpine air. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 10: Zermatt

Today you have all of Zermatt at your fingertips. You choose how you spend your day! You may choose to explore on foot during a guided walking tour of this charming city. Or, perhaps you'll choose to discover Zermatt independently and learn more about the triumph and tragedy of the first ascent of the Matterhorn with included admission to the Matterhorn Museum. The choice is yours! The remainder of the day is at leisure. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 11: Zermatt - Grimsel Pass - Lucerne**

Views of glaciers, crystal clear rivers and snow capped mountains will invigorate you as you travel through the spectacular scenery of the Grimsel Pass. Your destination is the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake," the city of Lucerne. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Day 12: Lucerne**

This morning, embark on a scenic walking tour of this picturesque place, including a stroll through its romantic Old Town. The remainder of the day is

yours to relax or independently explore the best Lucerne has to offer. Tonight, come together with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner featuring local specialties and toast the end of a wonderful trip. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 13: Lucerne - Tour Ends**

Your tour comes to a close in Lucerne. *Today breakfast will be included.*

**Experience It!****Danube River Cruise**

The Danube River is the second largest river in Europe. At 1,770 miles in length, this mighty waterway carves its way through a total of ten European countries. Like any extensive body of water, the Danube offers travelers a plethora of splendid vistas. Join us as we take you on a lovely cruise along the Wachau Valley region, the most breathtaking area of the Danube.

Beginning in the charming medieval town of Durnstein, you'll see a dramatic shoreline complete with lofty hills, hilltop castles and charming villages nestled between flourishing vineyards. Schonbuhel Castle, built to protect the entrance to the Wachau Valley, is as impressive today as it was when it was constructed several hundred years ago. Experience the vineyard region of the Wachau from the water and see some of Austria's most breathtaking landscapes.

**YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Mercure Grand Hotel Biedermeier, Vienna or Courtyard by Marriott, Vienna
Days 4, 5	Castellani Parkhotel, Salzburg or Wyndham Grand Hotel, Salzburg
Days 6, 7	Hotel Alte Post, Oberammergau Region
Day 8	Maritim Hotel, Black Forest
Days 9, 10	Hotel Alex, Zermatt or Hotel Pollux, Zermatt
Days 11, 12	Ameron Hotel Flora, Lucerne or Hotel Waldstaetterhof, Lucerne

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**Please Note:**

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Please note that single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Triples are not available.

Days of features are interchangeable.

\*Danube River Cruise is available mid-April to mid-October.

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 prescheduled times.

Air passengers will depart from the Zurich, Switzerland airport. All transfers will depart Lucerne for Zurich.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

## Extend Your Vacation With...

Optional 4 Days Bratislava Pre Tour Extension  
Rate: \$599.00 USD per person, double, land only  
2 Meals: 2 Breakfasts

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

### Day 2: Vienna, Austria - Bratislava, Slovakia

Arrive in Vienna and meet your local guide who will take you on a short journey to the capital of Slovakia, Bratislava. Settle in to your city center hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax or independently explore charming Old Town in this post-communist city.

### Day 3: Bratislava

Delve into the history of this undiscovered city during a walking tour of the "stare mesto," or "Old Town." Your local guide will discuss the country's communist past while showing you the city's treasures, including Saint Michael's Gate, the Slovak National Theatre, Mozart's residence, and St. Martin's Cathedral where the coronation of Maria Theresa took place. Then, have free time to explore, relax and perhaps enjoy lunch at a local café. Later, rejoin your guide for a visit to a family-owned majolica factory where you will witness artisans at work glazing the colorful pottery. Next, spend some time with a local resident in their home. Embrace this opportunity to discuss the realities of daily life for Slovaks. *Today breakfast will be included.*

### Day 4: Bratislava - Vienna, Austria

This morning you have some leisure time in Bratislava before boarding your high-speed catamaran for a trip up the mighty Danube River to Vienna. Along the way, pass the outskirts of the city of Bratislava and the ruins of Devin Castle. Upon arrival in Vienna, transfer to your hotel to meet the rest of your group. *Today breakfast will be included.*

### Please Note:

Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

During your extension, your local guide will provide included sightseeing services and will be available via a local office at other times.

A minimum of 4 passengers is required for this extension to operate.

This extension requires moderate physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.

## IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

### IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our clients traveling abroad 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.

\***Airfare:** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all vacation packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your rates are subject to change until paid in full. Seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

**Checked Baggage Charges:** Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

**Cancellation Charges for this tour:** After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 30% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan Fee with Air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette. Exception: If you originally purchased non-refundable airline tickets, the Travel Protection Plan does not provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes or fees, in the event of cancellation. This air ticket is covered by Collette's travel protection plan under Part B, if you cancel your trip for covered reasons (see Part B for more details). The Travel Protection Plan Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. However, the Part B travel insurance includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons as detailed in Part B. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement. Cancellation waiver protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. Cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you choose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you chose to partially cancel your vacation, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault

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