

# 9 Days October 1 - 9, 2018

## Highlights

- 7 Nights at One Hotel Innsbruck, Austria
- Munich's Oktoberfest
- Munich City Tour
- Bavarian Restaurant & Beer Hall Lunch
- Innsbruck City Tour
- Golden Roof & Imperial Palace Hofkirche
- Swarovski Crystal Fantasy World
- Salzburg Walking Tour
- Mirabell Gardens
- Neuschwanstein Castle
- Wies Church
- Oberammergau
- Bier Garden Farewell Dinner
- 2 Days at Leisure or Optional Tours

## Inclusions

- Roundtrip Airfare- IAD
- Int'l Air Departure Taxes/Fuel
- 11 Meals: 7- Breakfasts, 1- Lunch & 3- Dinners
- Professional Tour Director
- Motorcoach Transportation
- Hotel Transfers
- Admissions per Itinerary
- Comprehensive Sightseeing
- Baggage Handling

## Accommodations

•7 Nights - Hotel Grauer Bar, Innsbruck, Austria





## **Tour Rates**

Booking Discount\*: \$4,095 pp double \$4.195 pp double Regular Rate:

+\$650 Single Supplement: \*See Reservation Info for Booking Discount details



# Daily Itinerary

#### Day 1: Depart USA

Depart from USA on your overnight flight enroute to Munich, Germany.

## Day 2: Arrive Munich - Innsbruck

Upon arrival in **Munich**, meet your **Tour Director** and enjoy a panoramic drive through the German Alps into Austria. Enroute enjoy your first glimpse of the majestic mountain scenery that awaits you. Later check into your hotel for a 7-night stay in Innsbruck, Austria nestled in the Austrian Alps. Tonight enjoy a Welcome Dinner with your fellow travelers. Övernight - Innsbruck Meal - (D)

#### Day 3: Innsbruck

Day 4: Munich's Oktoberfest

This morning enjoy an Innsbruck City Tour, an 800-year-old university city surrounded by the beautiful Alps and host to the 1964 & 1976 Olympic Winter Games. Enjoy a guided walk through the Old **Town** to see the famous Golden Roof, built in 1500 and decorated with 2657 fire-gilded copper tiles. Also see the Imperial Palace and visit the **Hofkirche** (Imperial Chapel), built in 1553. Visit the famous Swarovski Crystal Fantasy World in the nearby village of Wattens. Later return to Innsbruck and enjoy the evening at leisure.

#### Meal - (B) Overnight - Innsbruck

This morning travel north into Germany for a full day visit to Munich & Oktoberfest. The day in the Bavarian capital begins with a Munich City Tour featuring views of Olympic Park and a visit to the famous Marian Platz, home to the fourth largest glockenspiel in the world. Then stop at a local Bavarian Restaurant & Beer Hall for an traditional lunch with an included 'bier'. After lunch your motorcoach will take you to experience Munich's legendary Oktoberfest at your own pace. They've been brewing 'liquid bread' here for 3000 years and they do it better than anyone else. Enjoy time on your own to stroll the festival grounds and indulge in the unique and amazing atmosphere of Oktoberfest. Be sure the sample the brew and feast on Bavarian food and specialities as you discover an array of Munich's history and culture. This evening return to Innsbruck.

Overnight - Innsbruck

#### Day 5: Neuschwanstein Castle - Oberammergau

Today travel to Germany and make a photo stop at Bavaria's famous Neuschwanstein Castle, commissioned by Ludwig II of Bavaria. Then visit Wies Church, a pilgrimage church and UNESCO World Heritage site. Continue to the charming village of **Oberammergau** for an orientation of this famous village, known for its Passion Play, performed every ten years to fulfill a pledge made by the villagers to God for sparing their city from the ravages of the plague in 1633. Enjoy time to wander the quaint village as well. Later return to Innsbruck. This evening join your fellow travelers for an included dinner. Overnight - Innsbruck Meals - (B,D)

## Day 6: Innsbruck at Leisure

Today is at leisure for shopping or enjoying the beautiful Alps. An optional excursion will be available to Merano, Italy and the Italian Alps. The tour features the town of Merano to visit Castle Trauttmansdorf and to explore this beautiful spa town that was the destination of choice for Austria's nobility. The area is also famous for its delicious wines. Enjoy a Wine Tasting of various local vintages before returning to Innsbruck. Meal - (B) Overnight - Innsbruck

## Day 7: Salzburg

Meals - (B,L)

Today enjoy a full day excursion to Salzburg, Austria, Mozart's birthplace. The city's picturesque streets with their wrought-iron signs, its spacious squares with sculptured fountains and the noble architecture of its buildings inspired by bishops with a passion for construction, leave memories which linger for years. Enjoy a Salzburg Walking Tour of Old Town, Mirabell Gardens, Mozart Square, the Dom Cathedral and the cobble-stoned Getreidegasse. Later enjoy some time at leisure to shop, relax at a cafe or maybe visit the Hohensalzburg Fortress. Later return to Innsbruck. Meal - (B) Overnight - Innsbruck

# Day 8: Innsbruck at Leisure - Bier Garden Farewell Dinner

Today is at leisure to enjoy the Innsbruck area. An optional tour will be available to the Bavarian Alpine town of Berchtesgaden & Eagles Nest. Tour the 500-year-old Salt Mine by train and boat. Later visit to Hitler's Eagles Nest which towers high above the village and the valley floor. Eagles Nest was intended as a 50th birthday present for Adolf Hitler to serve as a retreat, and a place for him to entertain visiting dignitaries. Tonight in Innsbruck enjoy a Bier Garden Farewell Dinner featuring an Oktoberfest style bier garden for an included 'bier' followed by a traditional Bavarian meal. Overnight - Innsbruck

## Day 9: Innsbruck - Munich - Flight Home

Depart for Munich and fly home filled with wonderful memories of your Alpine Countries Tour. Meal - (B)



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Dear Virginia Tech Alumni & Friends,

The annual 16 day Oktoberfest Festival started in 1810 and is held each year in Munich, the capital of Bavaria, Germany. Beginning in September and running through the first weekend in October, it is the world's largest fair with 6 million visitors per year. Here is your chance to enjoy the culture, music, food and of course Bavarian beer, where they have been creating "liquid bread" for 3,000 years! Upon arrival into Munich, make your way to Innsbruck, Austria, situated in the Tyrol region of the Alps and your home for the next seven nights. Innsbruck is the perfect hub to venture from and experience majestic scenery, sample wonderful food and explore historic cities & sights of the Alpine Countries.

The exploration begins as you enjoy an Innsbruck City Tour, stroll the streets with your guide and learn about the history of this 800-year old university city which hosted the 1964 & 1976 Winter Olympic Games. The featured Oktoberfest day begins with a scenic drive into Bavaria for a panoramic **Munich City Tour** including the world's fourth largest Glockenspiel. Then experience Oktoberfest, visit the 'Wiesen' as it is called by the locals, in reference to the fairgrounds where the event is held. Oom-Pah music, great food and of course beer will be part of this famous German & European cultural event. Another day in the Alps brings the famous Neuschwanstein Castle, commissioned by Ludwig II of Bavaria, the Wies Church, a UNESCO World Heritage site & the village of **Oberammergau**, known for its Passion Play, performed every ten years after the village was spared from the plague of 1633. One day travel to nearby Salzburg, well known as the birthplace of Mozart and its role in the classic movie 'The Sound of Music'. Enjoy a tour of Salzburg that includes Old Town, Mirabell Gardens, Mozart Square, the Dom Cathedral and the cobble-stoned Getreidegasse. This unique special event trip also features two traditional dining experiences with a Bavarian Restaurant & Beer Hall Lunch in Munich & Bier **Garden Dinner** in Innsbruck. Additionally the program allows for self exploration, free time and/ or more touring with 2 days at your own pace.

Please consider joining us on this exciting Alpine Countries & Oktoberfest travel adventure.

Regards,

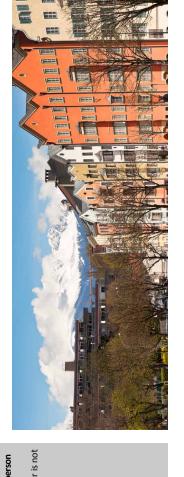
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# Alpine Countries & Oktoberfest

featuring Munich, Salzburg & 7 Nights at One Hotel in Innsbruck

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