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Alpine Explorer & the Glacier Express Train with Oberammergau Passion Play

Highlights...

Lago Maggiore ● Island Dinner ● Zermatt ● Glacier Express Train ● St. Moritz ● Innsbruck ● Salzburg

• St. Peter's Restaurant • Mozart Dinner Concert • Munich • Oberammergau Passion Play • Linderhof Palace • Füssen • Neuschwanstein Castle

12 Days • 17 Meals: 10 Breakfasts • 1 Lunch • 6 Dinners

COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

the banks of picturesque Lago Maggiore.

- ★ Experience the most legendary of Alpine railway journeys: the Glacier Express.
- ★ Explore Salzburg's historic and charming Old Town – the Altstadt.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

★ Spend two nights in lovely Stresa, located on ★ Witness a performance of the Oberammergau ★ Relish Italian cuisine on Isola del Pescatori in Passion Play.

- ★ Soak up the mountain air with two nights in the village of Zermatt.
 - ★ Visit Linderhof Palace, one of the most artistic and stylistically complex ensembles of the 19th century.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- Italy's Lago Maggiore.
- ★ Enjoy a wine and cheese pairing at an Italian family farm.
- ★ Delight in dinner and a Mozart concert at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, central Europe's oldest.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Breathtaking Alpine vistas await as you travel through Italy, Switzerland, Austria and Germany. From amazing railways to the thrilling Passion Play, experience the wonders only found in the heart of Europe.

Day 2: Stresa, Italy (Lago Maggiore*) - Tour Begins

Arrive in Stresa (Lago Maggiore) and take some free time to explore this beautiful lakeside town on your own. Your evening begins with a cocktail party in a wine shop before we cruise to our welcome dinner on Isola dei Pescatori, the most beautiful of the Borromean Islands. Today dinner will be included.

Day 3: Stresa

Today we make our way to an ancient village nestled in the mountains. Stop at a family farm to learn about the artisan cheeses they produce. Sample delicious creations and discover how to pair them with local wines. Return to Stresa for an afternoon at leisure. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 4: Stresa - Zermatt, Switzerland

Depart Lago Maggiore for a scenic drive into the heart of the mountains. The incredible views of the Italian and Swiss Alps are sure to leave a lasting impression. Upon arrival in Tasch, board a local train for a ride to the spectacular pedestrian village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 5: Zermatt

Today, Zermatt is at your fingertips. It's your choice! Tour Zermatt's best-known landmarks by foot with a local expert; or, enjoy a visit to the Matterhorn Museum where you'll learn more about the triumph and tragedy behind the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 6: Zermatt - Glacier Express Train - St. Moritz

Traverse bridges and tunnels while aboard the world-renowned narrow gauge Glacier Express, the most charming express train in the world. Enjoy the natural beauty of this route through the heart of the Swiss Alps. Filled with forests, fragrant meadows, streams and deep valleys, it's a mountain dream come to life. Arrive in St. Moritz, playground of the rich and famous. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 7: St. Moritz - Innsbruck, Austria

Drive through the picturesque Engadine Valley to Innsbruck, Austria, capital of the Austrian Tyrol. Join a local expert and explore the city's medieval pedestrian streets including Maria Theresian Strasse, the Hofburg and the Golden Roof. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 8: Innsbruck - Salzburg - Innsbruck

Travel the Austrian countryside to historic Salzburg, one of Europe's most beautiful and romantic spots. Enjoy a leisurely walking tour of Salzburg's historic Old Town - the Altstadt. See highlights such as the Cathedral, Mozart's birthplace and Mirabell Gardens. Film buffs will be able to pick out locations from The Sound of Music. This evening, enjoy a delightful Mozart dinner concert at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant, central Europe's oldest restaurant. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 9: Innsbruck - Munich, Germany - Oberammergau

Today we head to the frontier of Germany, crossing the border into Bavaria. Arrive in the Bavarian capital of Munich for a walking tour featuring the Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel and Olympic Park. Next, depart for the quaint village of Oberammergau, nestled in the Bavarian Alps. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 10: Oberammergau - Passion Play

This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honor the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast start to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travelers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Day 11: Oberammergau - Linderhof Palace - Füssen - Munich

Travel to nearby Linderhof Palace, one of the most artistic and stylistically complex ensembles of the 19th century. It is the only palace King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete. Behind the Baroque façade is a Rococo world, rich in abundant ornamentation. Next, enjoy free time exploring medieval Füssen, the romantic town in the foothills of the Bavarian Alps. **Make a special picture stop at Neuschwanstein Castle**, Germany's most famous castle and the inspiration for the castle in *Sleeping Beauty*. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable journey. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included*.

Day 12: Munich - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. Today breakfast will be included.

Experience It! _______ Glacier Express Train

Travel through the glorious scenery of the Swiss Alps on the legendary Glacier Express, the most charming express train in the world. As you journey between Zermatt and St. Moritz you will see spectacular views of snowcapped peaks, glittering lakes, and historic castles that could have been pulled from the pages of a storybook. What makes the Glacier Express special isn't its speed. On the contrary, it's actually known as the slowest train in the world. This is a blessing; you'll want as much time as possible to sit back, relax and gaze out the windows at this once-in-a-lifetime panoramic view.





Austrian Delight with Oberammergau Passion Play

Highlights...

Innsbruck • Austrian Alps • Bavaria • Linderhof Palace • Fussen • Neuschwanstein Castle • Swarovski Crystal Worlds • Salzburg • St. Peter's Restaurant • Mirabell Gardens • Oberammergau Passion Play • Munich • Marienplatz

10 Days • 12 Meals: 8 Breakfasts • 4 Dinners

COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

★ Enjoy 3 nights in the imperial city of Innsbruck and the musical city of Salzburg.

- ★ Visit Linderhof Palace, one of the most artistic and stylistically complex ensembles of the 19th century.
- ★ Explore historic Salzburg, birthplace of Wolfgang Mozart, and location of the beloved film *The Sound of Music*.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

★ Experience the powerful Oberammergau Passion Play, a once-in-a-lifetime event.

- ★ Travel to Bavaria and view Neuschwanstein Castle, the inspiration for the castle in Sleeping Beauty.
- ★ Visit Marienplatz, Munich's historic town square and home to the world-famous Glockenspiel.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

★ Delight in dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, central Europe's oldest.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Embrace the beauty of the Austrian Alps with quaint villages, pristine lakes and the fertile valleys of Innsbruck and Salzburg. Plus, enjoy one night in the famous Bavarian village of Oberammergau, Germany, where you experience the historic Passion Play.

Day 2: Innsbruck, Austria - Tour Begins

Welcome to Austria! Your tour opens in enchanting Innsbruck. Here, modern architecture stands beside 800-year-old buildings with the Austrian Alps creating a postcard perfect backdrop. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Innsbruck

Join a local guide for a panoramic city tour featuring Maria Theresien Strasse; the famous Golden Roof, built in 1500 by Archduke Friedrich IV; and the Hofburg, once the seat of Habsburg princes. The remainder of your day is at leisure to relax or explore Innsbruck independently. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Innsbruck - Bavaria, Germany - Innsbruck

Set off for the beautiful Bavarian Alps of Germany and find storybook settings comprised of charming villages and enchanting castles. **Travel to nearby Linderhof Palace**, one of the most artistic and stylistically complex ensembles of the 19th century. It is the only palace King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete. Behind the Baroque façade is a Rococo world, rich in abundant ornamentation. Next, enjoy free time exploring medieval Fussen, the romantic town in the foothills of the Bavarian Alps. Before returning to Innsbruck, make a special picture stop at Neuschwanstein Castle, Germany's most famous castle and the inspiration for the castle in *Sleeping Beauty. Today breakfast will be included*.

Day 5: Innsbruck - Swarovski Crystal Worlds - Salzburg

Visit Swarovski Crystal Worlds, a fairy tale world of shimmering crystal amid the mystical mountains of Tyrol. Spend time exploring a multi-sensory experience of crystal in all its facets including a magical menagerie of art installations, a museum and a theme park. Later, travel through the Austrian countryside to the musical city of Salzburg. Beautiful gardens, old-world architecture and friendly locals paint Salzburg's delightful canvas. Home to Mozart, dotted with sights from the beloved film *The Sound of Music*, and with an Old City that is a UNESCO World Heritage site, Salzburg truly has something for everyone. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a delightful dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, central Europe's oldest restaurant...it dates back to 803! *Today breakfast and dinner will be included*.

Day 6: Salzburg

Immerse yourself in Salzburg's rich history. Begin your day with a leisurely paced walking tour featuring Mirabell Gardens, famously featured during the song "Do Re Mi" from *The Sound of Music*; and Getreidegasse – a busy street in the Old Town section of Salzburg that also happens to be the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Perhaps you'll visit the city's amazing historic area, browse its wonderful shops, or enjoy a coffee at a local café while soaking in the charming atmosphere. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 7: Salzburg

Enjoy a full day at leisure. Perhaps you will choose to explore Salzburg's palaces, parks, museums, churches and natural charms. You may want to take the funicular to the 16th century Hohensalzburg Fortress high above the rooftops of the historical district; tour Leopoldskron Palace, an original shooting location from *The Sound of Music*; or visit the 17th century medieval bishops' Residenz Palace, home to some 180 rooms and courtyards where the prince archbishops of Salzburg held court. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 8: Oberammergau, Germany - Passion Play

Travel to the picturesque village of Oberammergau. This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honor the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this oncein-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast starts to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travelers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 9: Oberammergau - Munich

This morning we journey to the Bavarian capital of Munich – idyllically situated at the foot of the Alps. A locally guided panoramic tour showcases its unique blend of folkloric ambience and modern sophistication. Visit Olympic Park, site of the 1972 Olympic Games and a stunning example of modern architecture. Next, marvel at the Baroque-influenced architecture of the city as you visit the Marienplatz – the heart of Munich and the most scenic square of the Old Town. Here, behold the Rathaus-Glockenspiel – an ornate clock comprised of 43 bells and 32 life-sized figures that depict medieval jousting and dancing – reflecting different pieces of Bavaria's history. Enjoy leisure time to explore Munich's lovely historic center, visit one of its many museums or discover more of the city's

Experience St!

_ The Musical City of Salzburg

In the shadow of the Eastern Alps sits the postcard-perfect city of Salzburg where you can almost hear the music ringing out from every corner. This was the birthplace of the legendary composer, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, who became a musician in the Salzburg court. The city has produced numerous other musical luminaries throughout the ages, adding to the proud acoustic lineage of Salzburg. When viewing the city, with its incredible classic architecture and magnificent views of mountain peaks, it's not hard to understand why its residents were compelled to create beautiful music. It's also no wonder the creators of the film *The Sound of Music* decided to feature this picturesque city in so many of its scenes. Its rolling green hills and stunningly cultivated gardens will make you want to burst out in song!





Discover Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria with Oberammergau Passion Play

Highlights...

Bern • Château de Chillon • Montreux • GoldenPass Panoramic Train • Gstaad • Lucerne • Innsbruck • Austrian Alps • Salzburg • Mirabell Gardens • St. Peter's Restaurant • Bavaria • Oberammergau Passion Play • Linderhof Palace • Fussen • Neuschwanstein Castle

10 Days • 14 Meals: 8 Breakfasts • 1 Lunch • 5 Dinners

COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

★ Ride the GoldenPass Panoramic Train from Montreux to Gstaad.

- ★ Walk the halls of the legendary, medieval Château de Chillon, beautifully located on the shores of Lake Geneva.
- ★ Enjoy a walking tour of Lucerne's Altstadt (Old Town).

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

★ Witness a performance of the Oberammergau Passion Play.

- ★ Enjoy exploring Salzburg's historic and charming Old Town.
- ★ Visit Linderhof Palace, one of the most artistic and stylistically complex ensembles of the 19th century.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- ★ Savor a dinner featuring local cuisine and traditional cheese fondue.
- ★ Delight in dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, Austria's oldest.
- ★ Enjoy traditional cuisine in one of Bern's great restaurants.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out to experience Switzerland, Austria, Bavaria and the Oberammergau Passion Play.

Day 2: Bern, Switzerland - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Bern, the capital of Switzerland and a UNESCO World Heritage site nestled 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 such as traditional cheese fondue. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Bern

Explore Bern on a panoramic sightseeing tour featuring the Bundeshaus (the Swiss Parliament), the 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 will take the funicular ride up Gurten Mountain which affords beautiful views of Bern. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Bern - Château de Chillon - Montreux - Gstaad - Bern

Travel along the shores of Lake Geneva to the legendary, medieval Château de Chillon. This princely residence faces the lake but puts forth the image of an imposing fortress from the mountains. Later, enjoy inspiring Alpine views with a ride on the GoldenPass Panoramic Train from Montreux to Gstaad. Discover the delightful ambience of this world-famous Alpine ski resort with its numerous traditional wood chalets. This evening's dinner is included at one of Bern's great restaurants. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 5: Bern - Lucerne - Innsbruck, Austria

Set out for Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Enjoy a leisurely paced Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour, and discover the hidden treasures of the city. Lucerne has more than 800 years of history. Explore such medieval treasures as the covered Chapel Bridge (1833); 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. En route to Innsbruck we make our way through Liechtenstein, the smallest and richest German-speaking country in the world and the only country to lie entirely within the Alps. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 6: Innsbruck

This morning, **it's your choice!** Choose 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. Upon arrival, enjoy a leisurely paced 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. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to independently explore and enjoy Salzburg's fabulous sights. **Complete your day with a delightful dinner at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant**, the oldest in Austria and still owned by the monks. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 8: Innsbruck - Oberammergau, Germany - Passion Play

Cross the border into Bavaria, Germany to the quaint village of Oberammergau. This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honor the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast starts to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. During a break of the performance, join your fellow travelers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Day 9: Oberammergau - Linderhof Palace - Fussen - Munich

Begin your day with a visit to Linderhof Palace, one of the most artistic and stylistically complex ensembles of the 19th century. It is the only palace King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete. Behind the Baroque façade is a Rococo world, rich in abundant ornamentation, with many sculptural elements showing workmanship of an incomparable artistic quality. Next, enjoy free time to explore medieval Fussen, the romantic town in the foothills of the Bavarian Alps. Make a special picture stop at Neuschwanstein Castle before gathering for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Experience It! _______ Golden Pass Panoramic Train

This legendary train ride, one of Switzerland's many scenic rides, connects central Switzerland and Lake Geneva. Departing from Montreux, the train makes an exhilarating ascent through vineyards and country estates, traveling along the shimmering lake. This journey takes you past weathered timber chalets with their flower-bedecked windows to Gstaad. It's just as you always imagined Switzerland. Towering peaks and majestic fir trees reach toward a limitless sky. Immerse yourself in all the breathtaking magnificence from the comfort of your seat on board the train.





Exploring the Alpine Countries with Oberammergau Passion Play

featuring Austria, Germany and Switzerland

Highlights...

Vienna • Danube Cruise • Salzburg • Mozart Dinner Concert at St. Peter's Restaurant • Munich • Oberammergau Passion Play • Black Forest • Château de Chillon • Zermatt • Lucerne

13 Days ● 19 Meals: 11 Breakfasts ● 1 Lunch ● 7 Dinners

COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

- ★ Enjoy a lovely cruise along the Danube River.
- ★ Make a stop at the impressive Benedictine Melk Abbey.
- ★ Come to know Vienna and its incredible Schoenbrunn Palace.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- ★ Experience the powerful Oberammergau Passion Play, a once-in-a-lifetime event.
- ★ Discover the fascinating city of Munich and its world-famous Glockenspiel.
 - ★ Explore the many splendors of Salzburg during a leisurely paced walking tour.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

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

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out to explore three distinct Alpine cultures and experience the epic Oberammergau Passion Play.

Day 2: Vienna, Austria - Tour Begins

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

Day 3: Vienna

Begin your day with a locally guided tour of Vienna showcasing its architectural marvels. Visit the incredible Schoenbrunn Palace and see the impressive St. Stephen's Cathedral. This afternoon, enjoy leisure time to independently 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 musical city of Salzburg. Tonight, **sit down for a Mozart dinner concert** 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 we travel to Germany. In Munich, feel the energy of this lively city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park, the world-famous Glockenspiel, and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Later we arrive at our home for the next two nights — the quaint village of Oberammergau, renowned for woodcarvings and the Passion Play. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 7: Oberammergau - Passion Play

This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honor the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast starts to grow their hair and beards more

than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travelers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner 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 Zermatt is at your fingertips. **It's your choice!** Explore on foot during a guided walking tour. Or, experience Zermatt independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum to learn more about the triumph and tragedy of the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. *Today breakfast will be included*.

Day 11: Zermatt - Grimsel Pass - Lucerne

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

Day 12: Lucerne

This morning, embark on a scenic walking tour of this picturesque city, including a stroll through its romantic Old Town. The remainder of the day is yours to independently explore all Lucerne has to offer. Tonight, come together with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner featuring local specialties and toast the end of a memorable trip. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

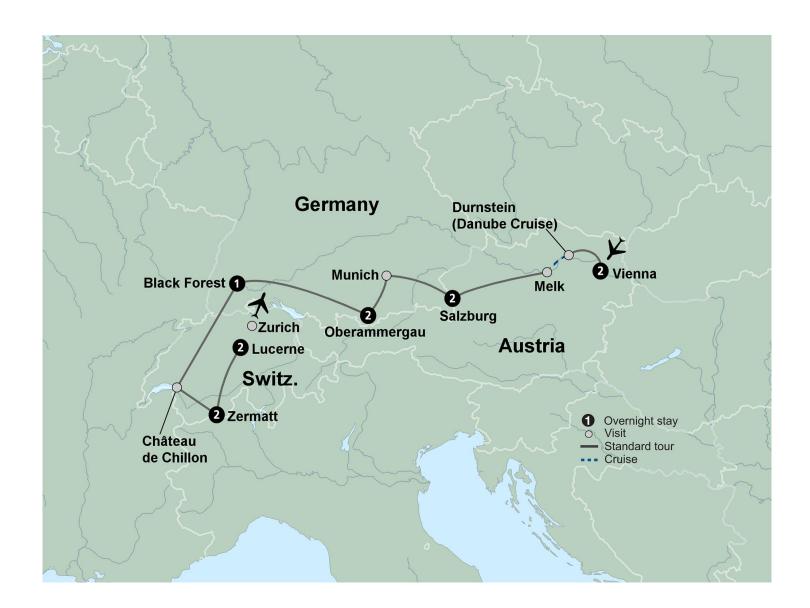
Day 13: Lucerne - Tour Ends

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.





Classic Danube River Cruise with Oberammergau Passion Play

featuring a 6-night Danube River Cruise, Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna, Passau and Munich

Highlights...

Budapest ullet Bratislava ullet Vienna ullet Wachau Valley ullet Linz ullet Passau ullet Munich ullet Oberammergau Passion Play ullet Linderhof Palace ullet Füssen

11 Days • 24 Meals: 9 Breakfasts • 6 Lunches • 9 Dinners

COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- ★ Take a walking tour of Passau, a 2,000-yearold fairy-tale city.
 - ★ Discover Slovakia's remarkable capital, Bratislava.
- ★ Board a cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline.
- ★ Witness a performance of the 2020 Oberammergau Passion Play.
- ★ Cruise through the stunning Wachau Valley.
 - ★ Visit Linderhof Palace, one of the most artistic and stylistically complex ensembles of the 19th century.
- ★ Attend the Captain's Gala Dinner.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out to explore the Danube River and experience the epic Oberammergau Passion Play.

Day 2: Budapest, Hungary - Board Cruise Ship - Tour Begins

Unpack for a relaxing 6-night Danube River cruise. Your vessel offers the newest technology, a panoramic deck, terrace café, panorama salon and bar, excellent cuisine, outstanding service and unlimited wine and beer with every dinner onboard. After a welcome aboard cocktail reception and dinner, take in the essence of the region during an evening cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline. Cap the night off with a fun-filled folklore show. *Today dinner will be included*.

Day 3: Budapest

Embark on a tour of Budapest, Hungary's lovely capital, featuring the historic Buda Castle area, Fisherman's Bastion and the 500-year-old St. Matthias Church. Enjoy splendid views of the twin cities of Buda and Pest, nestled on opposing banks of the river. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 4: Budapest - Bratislava, Slovakia - Vienna, Austria

Tour Slovakia's remarkable capital, Bratislava, and discover the city's most celebrated sites including the 13th-century castle, Old Town, St. Martin's Cathedral, Michael's Gate, and the Archbishop's Palace. This afternoon, sail towards Vienna, Austria's capital. Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Day 5: Vienna

Join a local expert exploring Vienna's Imperial architecture including the lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ringstrasse, and the awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Vienna's Baroque elegance, stroll along the Kartner Strasse, or sample some of Vienna's famous pastries. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 6: Emmersdorf - Wachau Valley

View the picturesque landscape as you cruise to the charming town of Emmersdorf. Relax and enjoy the scenery. This afternoon you **continue cruising through the romantic Wachau Valley**, dotted with magnificent castles and small riverside towns. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included*.

Day 7: Linz - Passau, Germany

This morning, enjoy a walking tour of the riverside town of Linz. Next, continue on to Passau which rests at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers.

Enjoy a leisurely paced walking tour of this 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city, exploring the ornate Baroque architecture, the quaint cobblestone streets, and St. Stephan's Cathedral, home to Europe's largest church organ. Tonight **you are invited to attend the Captain's Gala Dinner** with your fellow passengers. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 8: Passau - Disembark Ship - Munich - Oberammergau

Today, disembark your cruise ship and journey to 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. Next, **depart for the quaint village of Oberammergau**, nestled in the Bavarian Alps. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included*.

Day 9: Oberammergau - Passion Play

This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honor the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast starts to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travelers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 10: Oberammergau - Linderhof Palace - Füssen - Munich

Travel to nearby Linderhof Palace, one of the most artistic and stylistically complex ensembles of the 19th century. It is the only palace King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete. Behind the Baroque façade is a Rococo world, rich in abundant ornamentation. Next, enjoy free time exploring medieval Füssen, the romantic town in the foothills of the Bavarian Alps. Make a special picture stop at Neuschwanstein Castle, Germany's most famous castle and the inspiration for the castle in Sleeping Beauty. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable journey. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

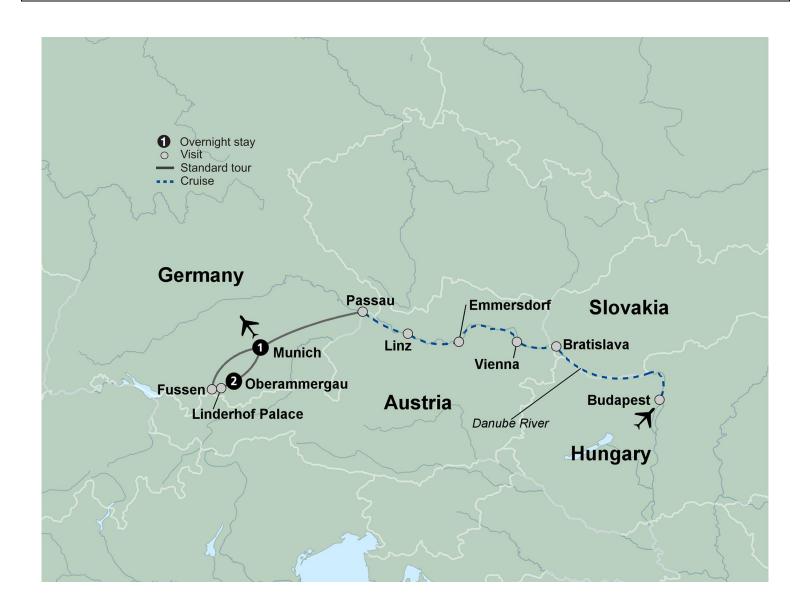
Day 11: Munich - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. Today breakfast will be included.

Experience 9t! _______ 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.





Germany's Cultural Cities & the Romantic Road with Oberammergau Passion Play

featuring Berlin, Hamburg, Marburg, Rothenburg and Munich

Highlights...

Berlin • Lübeck • Hamburg • Hamelin • "Pied Piper" Tour • Fairytale Princess Castles • Würzburg

13 Days • 19 Meals: 11 Breakfasts • 1 Lunch • 7 Dinners

COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

- ★ Embark on a guided tour of Hamelin with a flute-playing "Pied Piper."
- ★ Join a local guide who leads you on a Beatles tour in Hamburg.
 - ★ Explore the Hanseatic town of Lübeck, famous for marzipan.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- ★ Witness a performance of the 2020 Oberammergau Passion Play.
- ★ Discover Rothenburg ob der Tauber, a medieval gem in the heart of Franconia.
- ★ Tour Neuschwanstein Castle right out of the pages of a storybook.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS

★ Indulge in a wine tasting in a cellar restaurant.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

This enchanting journey offers the best of Germany. Travel to some of the country's most iconic cities, view its stunning countryside and experience the epic Oberammergau Passion Play.

Day 2: Berlin, Germany - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in Berlin. This city blends a deep history, a modern flare and multi-cultural influences. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Berlin

This morning **enjoy a traditional city tour** that features Charlottenburg Palace, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the Schoenberg City Hall, Kurfuerstendamm, the Reichstag building and a stop at "Checkpoint Charlie," the best-known Berlin Wall crossing point between East and West Berlin during the Cold War. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Berlin - Lübeck - Hamburg

Your destination is Hamburg with its winding canals and impressive harbor that have made it a center of trade for centuries. En route, make a stop in the medieval Hanseatic League town of Lübeck, the famed birthplace of marzipan and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Join a local guide for a tour of the town and have a chance to visit Café Niederegger to shop for the marzipan they have been making for 200 years. Arrive in Hamburg. Tonight, enjoy dinner out on the town. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 5: Hamburg

Come to know the city on a panoramic tour that showcases the Rathaus (Town Hall), the Alster, St. Michaelis Church, the city center, the beautiful Jungfernstieg promenade and, of course, the port of Hamburg - dubbed the "gateway to the world." Later, **it's your choice!** Board a harbor boat for a narrated cruise around the massive Hamburg shipping port highlighting the key maritime sights. Or, embark on a relaxing boat cruise on Alster Lake to take in stunning views of the shoreline dotted with the homes of Hamburg's elite. Later we gather for a walking tour of the Reeperbahn area, Hamburg's red light district, immortalized as the place where the Beatles cultivated their fame in the early 1960s. Join in the fun with your "singing and ukulele playing local Beatles expert" and travel down memory lane. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 6: Hamburg - Bremen - Hamelin

Today's first stop is in Bremen, at the beginning of the Fairy Tale Road. Join a local guide for a walking tour of this quaint town featuring the musicians of Brothers Grimm fame, the Town Hall (UNESCO), and the medieval Schnoor district. Later, travel to Hamelin, made famous by the Pied Piper legend from the stories of the Brothers Grimm. Feel like you have stepped into a storybook when the "Pied Piper of Hamelin" plays delightful tunes while he leads you on a discovery walk through Hamelin with its charming Tudor-style architecture. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 7: Hamelin - Trendelburg and Sababurg Castles - Kassel - Marburg

This morning you are transported back to childhood as you come face to face with the real life places that inspired the fairy tale classics. First, meet a local storyteller at the famed "Rapunzel's Castle" – Trendelburg. Continue on to Reinhardswald, home to Sleeping Beauty's castle – Sababurg. Have time to explore the enchanting grounds before traveling to Kassel, home to the Brothers Grimm Museum. At the museum, an expert will lead you on a tour through the interactive displays that bring you through the life of the Grimm brothers. Journey to the medieval university town of Marburg with its endless alleys and stairways that lead to the castle perched above. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included*.

Day 8: Marburg - Würzburg - Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Journey to the perfectly preserved medieval town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, located in the middle of the famous Romantic Road and in the heart of the Franconia wine region. En route, make a stop in Würzburg, a Bavarian wine town known for its lavish Baroque and Rococo architecture. Enjoy time to explore the town on your own before continuing to Rothenburg, located high on a plateau overlooking the Tauber River. Arrive at your city center hotel, the perfect location to discover this captivating town. Take an evening stroll to a local restaurant where you'll enjoy a tasting of local wines followed by a traditional German dinner. Later, join a colorfully costumed local expert for the famous "Night Watchman" walking tour of this medieval town. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 9: Rothenburg ob der Tauber

It's your choice! Join in a walk to a local bakery to make "schneeball" pastries – snowballs – a favorite treat of the locals! Or, tour the Medieval Crime and

Justice Museum. Later we gather to spend time at the famous Käthe Wohlfahrt Christmas Museum where you will be treated to a private tour, enjoy an ornament-making demonstration and shop for handmade Christmas ornaments. The remainder of the day is at leisure. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 10: Rothenburg ob der Tauber - Neuschwanstein Castle - Oberammergau

Today we make our way through mountains and along winding country roads for a tour inside the famous Neuschwanstein Castle. Built by the "crazy" King Ludwig II, it is the most photographed castle in Germany. Next, **continue to the quaint, picturesque village of Oberammergau.** Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 11: Oberammergau - Passion Play

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authenticity to the performance, the cast start to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travelers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 12: Oberammergau - Munich

Today we travel to Munich, the exciting capital of Bavaria. Feel the energy of this lively city during a tour that highlights Olympic Park, the world-famous Glockenspiel;* and Marienplatz, a beautiful square surrounded by shops, restaurants and cafés. Enjoy time to explore Munich before gathering with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of your memorable trip. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 13: Munich - Tour Ends

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Experience 91!

Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Find yourself immersed in days gone by in the Bavarian region's Rothenburg ob der Tauber. This perfectly preserved walled town rests along Germany's historic Romantic Road and is a place where the Middle Ages comes to life. As Germany's second largest city during this period and now a favorite tourism destination, you'll discover winding cobbled streets lined with half-timbered houses surrounded by 1,000-year-old walls. This is all nestled in the quiet Bavarian countryside that is also the heart of the award-winning Franconia wine region. Get to know this delightful area where history meets state-of-the-art winemaking.



Imperial Cities with the Passion Play

featuring Budapest, Vienna & Prague

Highlights...

Budapest ● Matthias Church ● Fisherman's Bastion ● Bratislava ● Vienna ● Grinzing Evening ● Schoenbrunn Palace ● Cesky Krumlov ● Prague ● Hradcany Castle ● Oberammergau Passion Play ● Munich

11 Days ● 16 Meals: 9 Breakfasts ● 1 Lunch ● 6 Dinners

COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

- ★ Get to know Bratislava's history on a city tour with a local expert.
- ★ Enjoy a stop in the fairy-tale town of Cesky Krumlov.
- ★ Embark on a magnificent tour of the "Golden City" of Prague, including Hradcany Castle.

MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- ★ Visit magnificent Schoenbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty for more than 200 years.
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CULINARY INCLUSIONS

★ Enjoy dinner and sample regional wine in picturesque Grinzing.

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Welcome to Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube," truly one of the world's most beautiful cities. Enjoy time at leisure to relax or explore before gathering for tonight's welcome dinner. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Budapest

Join a local expert who brings the city to life. Discover Matthias Church, site of many coronations of kings. Next, see the Fisherman's Bastion with its white walls, towers and arcades for spectacular views. Continue to historic Old Buda and Gellert Hill, followed by the Parliament. At Heroes Square, admire the imposing Millennium Monument, completed in 1904, which memorializes the 1,000th anniversary of Hungarian dominion. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Budapest - Bratislava, Slovakia - Vienna, Austria

This morning we **journey to Bratislava**, the former Imperial capital of the Hapsburg Empire. During your visit, get to know the city's history on an expert led tour. A scenic ride through the countryside takes you into the grand city of Vienna, the former capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Tonight, enjoy dinner featuring regional wine and a meal highlighting the local cuisine of the quaint winemaking region of Grinzing. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included*.

Day 5: Vienna

This morning, join a local resident for a visit to magnificent Schoenbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty for more than 200 years. Continue to Vienna's city center. En route, behold the beautiful architecture, scenic parks and gothic spires that fill the city. End your day with an unforgettable classical music concert featuring many fine melodies from the great composers — Mozart and Strauss. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 6: Vienna - Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic - Prague

Depart Vienna, crossing the border into the Czech Republic. Continue to the fairy-tale town of Cesky Krumlov. During some free time you may explore the well-preserved streets lined with Baroque architecture. Arrive in Prague, also known as "The Golden City" and "The City of a Hundred Spires." *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 7: Prague

Your introduction to this fairy-tale city begins with a panoramic tour. Next, explore the majestic Hradcany Castle, including the gothic St. Vitus Cathedral. Then we stroll down the quaint, colorful Golden Lane. Discover the lovely statue-lined Charles Bridge. This afternoon enjoy time to relax or explore independently. Perhaps you'll shop for famous Bohemian crystal or visit one of the city's many outstanding museums, such as the Lapidarium, home of stone sculptures dating from the 11th century to the present. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 8: Prague - Oberammergau, Germany

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Experience It! ______ Praque Ob Fann

For many world travelers, the Prague Old Town is the epitome of what a European square and Old Town (Stare Mesto in Czech) should look and feel like. This medieval settlement was once separated from the outside by a moat and city wall that was connected at each end to the Vltava River. The moat is now covered up by the city streets, but where it once was is considered to be the boundary of the Old Town. Cobblestone streets, sweeping views of Prague Castle from the riverside promenade or from Charles Bridge, cellar restaurants, and the classic square have all made this a must-see destination for the traveler to Europe. Other must-see sites include the Old New Synagogue and Old Town Square with its Astronomical Clock. The Charles Bridge spans the river Vltava and connects the Stare Mesto to the Lesser Quarter (Malá Strana in Czech), a sprawling set of winding roads and lanes that lay at the foot of Prague Castle, which dominates the skyline of this side of the river.

