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Austrian Vineyard Trains

This unique tour will take you to Lower Austria's most beautiful areas in the Weinviertel ("wine quarter"), the Waldviertel ("forest quarter") and the Mostviertel ("cider quarter"). Experience the cultural and culinary highlights of each region. Your excursion leads you into the Danube valley and to the area known as Wachau, famous for its apricots and wine. Board the Wachaubahn which will take you along the banks of the Danube. Explore the Kamp valley with Kittenberger gardens, a harmonic wonderland amidst rolling hills, and visit the world of wine at Loissium.

Board the train Reblaus Express which takes you to the picturesque town Retz, famous for its largest historical wine cellar. Explore the town whether during a historical guided tour, a special night guard tour or with the little train Weinbergsschnecke ("grapevine snail").

Make your way to Gmünd, board the narrow-gauge railroad Waldviertelbahn and explore enchanting stretches of the Waldviertel. Continue to Zwettl where the famous Zwettl brewery is situated and experience a guided tour with all your senses. We also recommend visiting the Cistercian abbey there. A special treat is the Sonnentor-experience-tour through the Sonnentor tea-factory.

Suggested Service:

- 4 nights incl. half board in a middle-class hotel in Lower Austria
- 1 x journey on the Wachaubahn Emmersdorf – Krems
- 1 x guided tour of Loissium incl. degustation
- 1 x guided tour of apricot orchard Aufreiter incl. tasting
- 1 x guided tour of Kittenberger gardens
- 1 x journey on the "Reblaus Express" Drosendorf – Retz
- 1 x wine cellar tour Retz incl. degustation
- 1 x guided tour or night guard tour of Retz
- 1 x journey on the "Waldviertelbahn" Gmünd – Weitra
- 1 x guided tour of Zwettl brewery incl. tasting
- 1 x guided tour of Sonnentor factory and garden

Travel Period: May – October

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Castles and Peaks of Tyrol

From fairy tale castles to amazing peaks - experience the best scenery that Tyrol has to offer.

Experience the 500-year-old history of one of the most beautiful post gothic castles in Europe, Tratzberg, which is located in a beautiful hillside overlooking the Inn Valley. We also suggest a visit to the charming medieval town Rattenberg, the smallest town in Austria.

Visit Ambras castle, one of the most important sights of Innsbruck. Also recommended is a trip up to the mountain range "Nordkette" on the outskirts of Innsbruck. Enjoy the impressive views while having coffee and cake. Another highlight worth visiting is the spectacular Swarovski Crystal World in Wattens.

The landmark of Kufstein is the impressive fortress which sits high above the town. The charm and attraction of this town lies in its contrasts, which you can discover while wandering through the streets.

A scenic excursion through picturesque Tyrol will take you to the famous mountain resort Kitzbühel, where we suggest a horse and carriage ride, and to Ellmau, where you can take a

cable car ride up the mountain "Hartkaiser" for a marvellous view of the surrounding area.

Suggested services:

- 5 nights incl. half board in a middle-class hotel in the Inn Valley region
- 1 x entrance to Tratzberg castle, audio guide and Tratzberg train
- 1 x visit to Kisslinger glass
- 1 x journey on the Nordkette cable car with coffee and cake (Innsbruck – Seegrube and return)
- 1 x entry Swarovski Crystal World
- 1 x city tour Innsbruck
- 1 x entry Ambras castle
- 1 x entry Kufstein fortress
- 1 x city tour Kufstein
- 1 x city tour Kitzbühel
- 1 x horse and carriage ride Kitzbühel
- 1 x return ride Hartkaiserbahn

Travel Period: May – October



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Spring and summer in Salzkammergut

Come with us to the lakes of the Austrian Prealps. Into the heart of the country, where the Emperor and his entourage used to spend their summer holidays. More than 100 years later, this diverse region has become even more attractive.

Travel to Hallstatt, which is the archaeological heart of the World Heritage Region and is home to the world's oldest salt mines. Visitors from around the world flock to the historic village centre and love to stroll along the path along the shore of Lake Hallstatt. Your local city guide will show you the best photo spots during the guided tour. Afterwards in only a few minutes, the Salzbergbahn funicular will take you on a steep ascent ending 360 meters above the rooftops of Hallstatt. A panoramic bridge will lead you to the Rudolf's Tower. Then, suddenly, it lies there before you: an imposing 12-meters-long lookout platform extending out into the void like the points of a star – the Hallstatt Skywalk. During your tour through the salt mine you can feel the very breath of those far-distant times, as you roam the tunnels, stroke the roughly hewn rock walls with your hand and hurtle down the 64 meters-long miners' slide. Last but not least in our cavalcade of superlatives: Amid the prehistoric tunnels, the oldest wooden staircase in Europe was discovered, used by people some 2800 years ago to carry "white gold" out of the mountain.

Your next stop will be the picturesque St. Gilgen on the shore of the lake Wolfgangsee. Continue by boat across the dark, clear waters of the lake to St. Wolfgang. Journey on with the traditional rack railway, which takes you idyllically and comfortably up the 1,783 m high Schaffberg. Austria's steepest steam cogwheel railway has been running from St. Wolfgang up the Schaffberg since 1893. In 35 minutes it climbs 1,190 metres in altitude and 5.85 km to the top of the Schaffberg.

Enjoy a unique excursion to mountain Dachstein. You'll take the Dachstein Krippenstein cable car to the Schönbegalm mid-

le station, where an exciting guided tour through the Dachstein Giant Ice Cave OR the Mammut Cave awaits you. The name Mammut Cave was chosen by explorers due to the astonishing dimensions of the underground spaces and passageways contained within this cave system. At present, more than 70 km of these passageways have been explored – around 1 km of them can be viewed during the guided tours. The completely reconstructed Dachstein Giant Ice Cave offers you the chance to embark on a breathtaking adventure through rock and ice. After you can then enjoy a delicious „Bratl“ in one of the two restaurants. Last point of the trip is the 5fingers viewing platform. It offers an adrenaline rush at the highest level. This is probably the most spectacular viewing platform in the Alps and reaches out like a hand over the 400 m drop. Over 5 platforms (the 5fingers), each in a different design, you can put your head for heights to the test and enjoy unique views down over Hallstatt, the Hallstättersee lake and the inner Salzkammergut region.

Suggested Services:

- 3 x nights incl. half board in a middle-class hotel in Salzkammergut area
- 1 x entry and guided tour Salzwelten Hallstatt
- 1 x guided city tour Hallstatt
- 1 x journey on Salzbergbahn
- 1 x Wolfgangsee boat trip
- 1 x journey on Schaffbergbahn
- 1 x visit Dachstein incl. cable car ride, guided tour Ice or Mammut cave, eat a "Bratl" in restaurant Schönbegalm or Krippenstein, 5fingers viewing platform

Travel Period: May – October

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Kirchberg Flower Parade

A parade of flowers, traditional dress, music and a party – enjoy the Kitzbühel Alps and the village of Kirchberg at their best!

Visit the famous flower parade of Kirchberg where every year on the 15th of August the pedestrian area in the centre of the village becomes the meeting point for old and young as live bands and stalls provide entertainment as well as food and drink. The highlight of the day is the parade of “flower sculptures” made out of over 500,000 flowers.

Take a round trip through the magnificent landscape of Tyrol and visit the largest lake of Tyrol, Achensee. We recommend a ride with the unique steam train from Jenbach to Seespitz. Enjoy a drive along the Ziller Valley to the town Mayrhofen and experience the 500-year-old history of one of the most beautiful post gothic castles in Europe, Tratzberg. We also suggest a visit to the charming mediaeval town of Rattenberg, the smallest town in Austria. Visit Kufstein, a town of contrasts, with its impressive fortress that sits high above the old town.

Tip:

Why not enjoy a ride up one of the many cable cars in the region? A journey to the top of the mountains is always a breath-taking experience.

Suggested services:

- 4 nights incl. half board in a middle-class hotel in the Kitzbühel Alps region
- 1 x entry to Kirchberg flower festival
- 1 x journey Achensee steam train Jenbach – Seespitz
- 1 x Achensee boat trip with coffee and cake
- 1 x entry to Tratzberg castle, audio guide and Tratzberg train
- 1 x visit to Kisslinger glass in Rattenberg
- 1 x entry Kufstein fortress
- 1 x guided tour of Kufstein

Travel Period: August



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East Tyrol – The Impressive Dolomites

Authentic side valleys, 266 three-thousand-meter peaks and over 100 alpine huts, this is East Tyrol.

Visit the natural distillery Kuenz and get to know the secrets of distilling spirits and liqueurs. Discover Lienz, the capital of East Tyrol during a guided tour. We also recommend visiting the castle Bruck or the archaeological excavation Aguntum.

Enjoy East Tyrol's wonderful mountain scenery in the Gschlöss valley. From there you will have a magnificent view over the impressive glacier world. Alternatively we also recommend a trip to the valley Isel and the Umbal Falls.

A scenic excursion will take you to South Tyrol and the beautiful Pragser Wildsee. On your way back we recommend a stop at the “Loacker Genusswelt”, a world of chocolate, waffles and an interactive confectionery. We also advise a side trip to the “Villgrater Natur” in the Villgrater valley, where you will learn more about the processing of sheep's wool.

We also recommend visiting the Vitalpinum. During a guided tour through the wellness garden and the show distillery you will experience the vital forces of the mountains and the

herbs with all your senses. Continue your journey along the Pustertaler mountain road to the Bärenwirt where you can taste the typical, homemade “Schlipfkrapfen” (East Tyrol dumplings filled with potatoes) surrounded by the massive Lienzer Dolomites.

Enjoy a day in the Großglockner Resort Matrei-Kals and take the gondola up the mountain to Adler Lounge from where you will have a breath-taking view.

Suggested services:

- 5 nights incl. half board in a middle-class hotel in East Tyrol
- 1 x guided tour of distillery Kuenz incl. tasting
- 1 x guided tour of Lienz
- 1 x entry and guided tour Aguntum
- 1 x entry Bruck Castle
- 1 x guided Tour of Loacker interactive confectionery
- 1 x guided tour of Villgrater Natur
- 1 x entry and guided tour Vitalpinum
- 1 x journey on gondola Kals – Adler Lounge

Travel Period: May – October



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Salzburg & The Sound of Music

Austria is famous for its music, but perhaps it is even better known as the setting of the popular musical The Sound of Music that has enchanted audiences from all over the world and infused them with the desire to see the picturesque towns, glittering lakes and majestic mountains for themselves.

Take a day trip into the beautiful Salzkammergut, Austria's lake district. We recommend you visit the pretty town of Bad Ischl with the Imperial Villa as well as taking a cruise on one of the many lakes and a ride to the top of a mountain by cog railway or cable car.

One of the absolute highlights of this journey is a visit to the magnificent city of Salzburg. Your guide will take you on a special tour of the city of music and show you all the sights as well as the places where The Sound of Music was filmed in 1964. Be sure to try the famous Mozartkugeln, delicious orbs of marzipan and nougat covered in chocolate. In the evening a further highlight awaits you: the Sound of Salzburg Dinner & Show.

Why not visit the Eisriesenwelt Cave at Werfen, the world's largest ice cave? Good shoes and warm clothes are essential as you enter this wonder world of ice formations. You can also visit Hohenwerfen Castle, a mediaeval fortress with a falconry and a bird of prey show.

Tip:

Prolong your stay to include a visit to Berchtesgaden just across the German border and the famous Eagle's Nest.

Suggested Services:

- 4 nights incl. buffet breakfast in a middle-class hotel in the Bischofshofen area
- 3 x 3-course evening meal at the hotel
- 1 x guide for "Sound of Music Tour"
- 1 x Sound of Salzburg Dinner & Show incl. 3-course evening meal
- 1 x full day guide for Salzkammergut tour

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The Austrian Bake Off

Embark on a journey into the world of famous Austrian delicacies, with a chance to experience an apple strudel show as well as the process of making Mozartkugeln and to create your own Linzer cake.

Visit Salzburg, home to Mozart and The Sound of Music, where you will meet your guide for a city tour. Around lunch time you will participate in an apple strudel cooking lesson where you have the chance to try your hand at one of the most famous desserts in Austria. The programme also includes a traditional goulash soup for lunch, which will be served before your own cooked creations. Why not enhance your stay with a visit to the delightful Hellbrunn Palace this afternoon.

Make your way to the beautiful lake Wolfgangsee where you will board the famous train Schafbergbahn, the steepest cogwheel railway in Austria. Since 1893 mighty steam locomotives have powered their way from the lakeside base station in St. Wolfgang to the 1783 m high summit of the Schafberg. The Schafbergbahn

allows every visitor to conquer the mountain in comfort and style, making the entire journey an unforgettable experience! After your return to the valley you will take the ship to St. Gilgen. Here you will participate in a hands-on Mozartkugel show at Café Dallmann. Experience how the famous confectionery is made and dip one into the chocolate yourself. Afterwards you can enjoy some coffee and cake on the café's terrace.

Finally your journey will take you to Austria's capital, Vienna. Enjoy a city tour and stop at the famous Hotel Sacher for a piece of the world-famous Sacher cake and a hot drink. A further highlight is a visit to the Hofburg, the former residence of the Austrian Emperors.

Suggested services:

- 3 nights incl. half board in a middle-class hotel in the area Salzburg/Salzkammergut
- 1 night incl. half board in a middle-class hotel in the area Vienna
- 1 x city tour of Salzburg
- 1 x apple strudel cooking lesson incl. lunch (traditional goulash soup/lentil soup) at Edelweiss cooking school in Salzburg
- 1 x Wolfgangsee boat trip Schafbergbahn – St. Gilgen (one way)
- 1 x return ride with Schafbergbahn
- 1 x hands-on Mozartkugel show at Café Dallmann in St. Gilgen incl. coffee and cake
- 1 x city tour of Vienna
- 1 x exclusive banquet-room at Hotel Sacher
- 1 x hot drink and cake at Hotel Sacher
- 1 x entrance with audio guide Hofburg incl. Imperial Apartments, Sisi-Museum and Silver Collection

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Dachstein – Adventures on Every Level

Discover the amazing region around the Dachstein glacier. Enjoy the stunning views, collect some unbelievable impressions and get to know the beautiful country of Salzburg.

Start your stay with the visit of the distillery Mandelberggut. During a guided tour you will learn more about the production of their natural products made out of local plants and fruits. Of course some tasting of the products must not be missed! Afterwards the Dachstein cable car will take you up on the Dachstein glacier from where you can enjoy a unique panorama experience, the Skywalk, one of the most spectacular viewing platforms made out of glass. You will also visit the Ice Palace, a seductive and mystical world of ice and snow deep inside the Dachstein glacier. The Stairway to Nothingness, 14 narrow steps down to a glass platform, and the Suspension Bridge will guarantee remarkable views across the mountains.

Discover the wild-romantic Wörschach gorge. Over millions and millions of years the river has carved its way through the stone and formed the gorge. On your way through you will get to see many natural monuments alongside the canyon. The trail will lead you to the lake Spechtensee and the ruins of Wolkenstein castle. Afterwards your coach will take you to Admont where the famous Benedictine monastery is situated. During your guided tour you will see the world's biggest monastic library, the monastery church and the museum.

Head to the Ausseerland where you will visit the scenic towns Bad Aussee, famous for the Daffodil Festival, and Altaussee. The 3-lakes-tour starts at the lake Grundlsee. From there a motorboat will bring you the 6.5 km over to the other side of the lake. After a short walk you will arrive at the mysterious Toplitzsee where you will get back on your boat and make your journey to the romantic Kammersee passing beautiful waterfalls. There you will also get to see the origin of the river Traun. The Hochwurzen cable car will take you up to the peak. The new gondolas are made entirely out of glass and offer breath-taking views of the Dachstein massif. After reaching the top you can take the opportunity to go for a walk or hike, or use the amenities of the mountain restaurant for some sun bathing. In the afternoon you can take a mountain go-kart on a speedy 7km long ride back down to the valley.

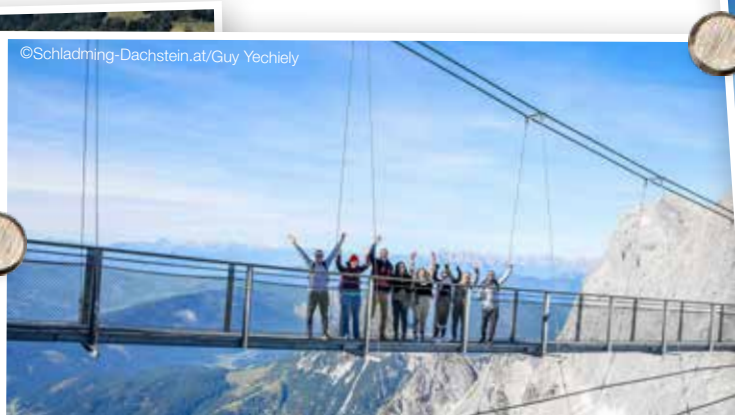
Another highlight is the city of Salzburg, the home to Mozart and The Sound of Music, where you will meet your guide for the city tour. He will introduce you to the city's most famous sights such as Mirabell Palace, Mozart's Residence and Birthplace or the picturesque Getreidegasse. We highly recommend a ride up to the spectacular fortress Hohensalzburg, which sits high above the rooftops of the city. In the afternoon your journey will take you to Hallein, to the salt mine. At Durrnberg near Hallein the oldest mine in the world is open to visitors. More than 2500 years ago, the Celts were already mining this precious mountain resource, as is evident from the traces they left behind. Warm clothes and good shoes are essential!



Suggested Services:

- 6 nights incl. half board in a middle-class hotel in the area Schladming-Dachstein
- Schladming-Dachstein Card for the whole stay
- 1 x guided tour and tasting at distillery Mandelberggut
- 1 x road toll Dachstein
- 1 x journey on Dachstein cable car
- 1 x entry to Ice Palace, Suspension Bridge and Stairway to Nothingness
- 1 x entry to Wörschach gorge
- 1 x entry to Admont Abbey library and museum
- 1 x 3-Lakes-tour Grundlsee, Toplitzsee, Kammersee
- 1 x journey on Hochwurzen cable car
- 1 x mountain GoKart Hochwurzen
- guided tour of Salzburg
- 1 x guided tour of salt mine Hallein

Travel period: May - October





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Little Trains of Lower Austria

Though not as well-known as the western parts, Austria's east has a whole lot to offer.

This programme is based at the Naturhotel Steinschalerhof, a family-run hotel offering delicious home-cooked meals and a cosy atmosphere. The hotel has its own nature garden and produces its own herbs and vegetables. It is ideally situated for a number of excursions into the surrounding area.

A tasty welcome drink, an after-dinner Most (cider) degustation, a guided tour through the hotel's garden and an evening with traditional Lower Austrian live music are just a few examples for the extras this hotel offers to enhance your stay.

Make your way to Puchberg, from where the famous "Salamander Train" will take you to the Hochschneeberg, with its 2,075 meters, Lower Austria's highest mountain and a very popular excursion destination. From its top you can see the mountains Rax, Ötscher and Hochschwab and the lakes Neusiedl and Balaton in Hungary. The Schneeberg is an ideal location to go for a walk. However, there are also some typical and rustic taverns such as Fischerhütte, Damböckhaus or Berghaus Hochschneeberg. Afterwards the train will take you back to Puchberg.

Another great excursion leads you into the Danube valley. Visit Melk, where you experience a guided tour of the magnificent baroque Abbey. Afterwards you will board the Wachaubahn, a train that will take you through the gentle rolling hills and the vineyards along the banks of the Danube to Krems. Here you can visit the winery Sandgrube 13 and take a tour of the vineyards as well as sampling some of the produce. Alternatively we recommend the beautiful Grafenegg Castle where seven centuries of history are clearly visible in the architecture. During a guided tour you can find stylistic traces from Gothic through Baroque and Biedermeier to elegant Neo-Gothic.

The famous Mariazellerbahn, also known as the Himmelstreppe ("Stairway to Heaven"), takes you straight to the town of Mariazell. Since 1330 – and to the present day – Mariazell and its basilica have been an official place of pilgrimage. After gathering first impressions of this unique town you will enjoy lunch in the Hotel Drei Hasen. In the afternoon you can visit the gingerbread factory Pirker where you can learn many new things about the

production and decoration of gingerbread. Of course a tasting is also essential. Don't miss the famous pilgrimage basilica of Mariazell – we recommend a guided tour.

Tip:

Extend your holiday to include a day-trip to nearby Vienna, Austria's magnificent capital, or explore the Kamp valley. Here you can visit Arche Noah ("Noah's Ark"), a garden and a seed bank dedicated to the preservation and regeneration of crop diversity. We also recommend Kittenberger gardens, a harmonic wonderland amidst the rolling hills of Langenlois. Enjoy a picnic in the beautiful gardens and explore the routes through this unique place during a guided tour. Another experience you're sure to enjoy is a visit to the world of wine at Loisium. Join an expedition with all your senses, learn about winemaking in Austria's largest wine growing town and take a closer look at the region and its tradition of wine-making – including a tasting of course!

Suggested Services:

- 4 nights incl. half board at the Naturhotel Steinschalerhof (or its sister hotel)
- 1 x journey Schneebergbahn / Salamander Train Puchberg – Hochschneeberg (return)
- 1 x journey Wachaubahn Emmersdorf – Krems
- 1 x journey Steinschal – Mariazell (return)
- 1 x entrance and guided tour of Melk Abbey
- 1 x 2-course lunch at Hotel Drei Hasen in Mariazell
- 1 x welcome drink
- 1 x farewell drink
- 1 x little farewell present on departure day
- 1 x nature garden tour at Steinschalerhof
- 1 x music evening at Steinschalerhof
- 1 x Most (cider) degustation at Steinschalerhof

Travel Period: May – October

AUSTRIA

Silent Night – Christmas Markets in Salzburg and Tyrol

Enjoy the splendour of Salzburg, the atmosphere of Austria's Christmas markets and discover the origins and legacy of the world's most famous Christmas carol: Silent Night, Holy Night. Since they were written in the early 19th century the original German lyrics have been translated into more than 300 languages and dialects and spread to the four corners of the world. In 2001 UNESCO declared the carol an intangible cultural heritage in Austria. Two men are credited with creating this song: The curate Joseph Mohr who wrote the lyrics and the schoolteacher and Organist Franz Xaver Gruber who composed the melody. Wander in their footsteps and see the places that inspired them to create this immortal piece of music.

Make your way to Austria and check in at your hotel in the Salzburg area. Immerse yourself in the pre-Christmas atmosphere with some hot punch or mulled wine and Christmas biscuits before dinner.

Start your journey of discovery, looking for the origins of Silent Night. Your trip will first take you to Oberndorf where you will visit the Silent-Night-Chapel, built in place of the former St. Nicholas Church where the carol was performed for the first time on Christmas Eve 1818 by its two creators. Continue to Hochburg-Ach, the birthplace of Franz Xaver Gruber with its museum dedicated to the composer. Next you will stop at Arnsdorf to visit the Silent Night Museum before you make your way to the magnificent city of Salzburg, forever linked with W.A. Mozart and The Sound of Music. After a lunch break, your guide will meet you to show you the most important sights. At the end of the guided tour, you will have some free time to explore the city on your own or to get some Christmas shopping done. Depending on your interests, you can visit the Mozart House, the Salzburg Fortress, Schloss Mirabell or the Salzburg Museum (which among many other interesting artefacts houses the oldest extant autograph of Silent Night, Holy Night by Joseph Mohr). In the evening, you can enjoy an optional Musical experience, the Sound of Salzburg Show, that incorporates songs from the popular musical The Sound of Music as well as some of Mozart's masterpieces.

Embark on an excursion into Tyrol. Make a stop in Kufstein, the region's second-largest town and home of the artist and priest Josef Muhlbacher who created the monument to Franz Xaver Gruber and Josef Mohr in Oberndorf. Take a stroll through the beautiful old town centre watched over by the majestic fortress. Be sure not to miss the large Heldenorgel (heroes' organ) which is played every day at noon and can be heard for miles around. Continue your journey to Fügen. Here you can visit the Museum at Widumspiste, a folk museum that also documents how Silent Night, Holy Night spread throughout the world. Afterwards you will see baroque Schloss Fügen, where the then relatively new carol was performed in 1822 for the Austrian Emperor Franz I. and the Russian Czar Nicolas I. Enjoy some mulled wine or punch at the Christmas market, then continue to the picturesque alpine village of Kitzbühel. Go for a walk or take an optional horse and carriage ride before you head back to Salzburg. Take your leave of festively decorated Salzburg and head homewards.

Suggested Services:

- 3 nights incl. buffet breakfast in a middle-class Hotel in the Salzburg area
- 1 x mulled wine or punch and biscuits at the hotel
- 3 x 3-course evening meal at the hotel
- 1 x entry to Franz Xaver Gruber Gedenkhaus in Hochburg-Ach
- 1 x entry to Silent Night Museum in Arnsdorf
- 1 x guided tour of Salzburg
- 1 x entry to Museum at Widumspiste in Fügen

Tour Enhancements:

- Mozart Dinner & Concert in Salzburg instead of dinner at hotel
- Sound of Salzburg Dinner Show instead of dinner at hotel
- Horse and carriage ride in Kitzbühel

Travel Period: November – December (Advent)





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The Origins of Christmas in Austria

What better way is there to spend the time before Christmas than wandering through the streets and Christmas markets of historic Austrian towns?

Spend the morning relaxing in your hotel or taking a stroll around your resort. In the early afternoon, enjoy a trip to the town of Wels, where the Wels Christmas market will get you into the Christmas spirit. Enjoy the magical market, which offers its visitors an excellent programme every year, and do some last minute Christmas shopping. In the late afternoon you take a special tour, a night guard will guide you with a lantern and halberd through the Christmas world of Wels. He will tell you exciting stories of past and present times.

After the mulled wine or punch, you then return to your hotel for your evening meal.

Travel to Grünburg. There you will board the famous light railway to the Christmas town of Steyr. You will pass the world-famous pilgrimage church Christkindl and get a magnificent view of the countryside passing by. In Steyr your city guide will already await you for your

old town tour. You then have time for lunch and a wander around the Christmas market and a visit of the different programmes that are on offer. Let yourself be lulled into the Christmas spirit with a mug of warming mulled wine or punch, or try some of the tasty delicacies, before returning to your hotel for the evening.

Suggested Services:

- 3 nights incl. half board in a middle-class hotel in the Wels/Steyr region
- 1 x visit to the Wels Christmas Market
- 1 x night guard tour
- 1 x Wels Christkind pass – 5 vouchers for the Christmas market
- 1 x journey on the light railway Grünburg-Steyr
- 1 x guided tour of Steyr
- 1 x visit to Steyr Christmas market
- 1 x punch incl. free mug souvenir in Steyr

Travel Period: November – December (Advent)

AUSTRIA

Lakes and Lights – Christmas Markets in the Salzkammergut

The Salzkammergut is Austria's lake country, an area of stunning natural beauty steeped in thousands of years of human history: from the Bronze and Iron Age burial fields and salt mines to mediaeval towns and imperial villas. In the pre-Christmas seasons, when the nights are long and dark, the lakes come to life with countless lights and lanterns of breath-taking sizes, giving the whole area a mystical and magical atmosphere.

Your first stop will be picturesque St. Wolfgang on the shore of the lake Wolfgangsee. Continue by boat across the dark, clear waters of the lake to St. Gilgen. Take in the atmosphere enhanced by the impressive floating lantern, the sound of festive music and the sweet and spicy smell of gingerbread and mulled wine. Journey on to the lake Wallersee and Gut Aiderbichl, a former farming estate that was turned into a pet sanctuary.

Visit Gmunden, a town famous for its very distinct style of traditional Austrian pottery. Take a tour of the Gmundner manufactory, the largest ceramic-manufacturer in central Europe, and learn

how pottery has been made here since 1492. Afterwards continue along the lake Traunsee to Bad Ischl. Admire the Kaiservilla, the imperial villa, before your journey takes you onwards to Hallstatt. Probably the most photographed village in the area, Hallstatt is a UNESCO world heritage site that has fascinated visitors from all over the world so much that an exact (mirrored) copy was constructed in China.

Suggested Services:

- 3 nights incl. buffet breakfast in a middle-class hotel in the Salzkammergut area
- 1 x mulled wine or punch and biscuits at the hotel
- 3 x 3-course evening meal at the hotel
- 1 x boat tour St. Wolfgang – St. Gilgen
- 1 x entry to Gut Aiderbichl
- 1 x guided tour of Gmunder Keramik
- 1 x journey on Salzbergbahn

Travel Period: November – December (Advent)

ROUNDRIPS

Four Countries

Austria, Germany, Liechtenstein, Switzerland –
Four countries and 1000 impressions on one tour

Travel through the Bregenz Forest region to the capital of Vorarlberg, Bregenz, located on the shores of Lake Constance, and enjoy a city tour before travelling on to the Pfänder cable car where in just a few minutes you will be whisked up to an altitude of 1,064m above sea level. Here you can enjoy the fantastic view while having coffee and cake in the mountain restaurant or take a relaxing walk along the deer park trail and visit the birds at the falconry. During the day, we also recommend a „behind the scenes“ tour of the Bregenz festival house where you will see the world's biggest lake stage and learn about the history and development of the renowned Bregenz festival.

Take the coast road of Lake Constance to Meersburg, where you join the ferry to the town of Konstanz. Here you can visit the unique Flower Island of Mainau, one of the main attractions of Lake Constance. Discover the park and its gardens with all their glory and enjoy the variety of this island with all your senses.

Visit the principality of Liechtenstein, where we recommend a guided round trip of this tiny country. Also worth a visit is Werdenberg, a small medieval wooden town, and St. Gallen. In St. Gallen you can enjoy a walk around the old town with its colourful houses from the 16th and 18th centuries, as well as the baroque cathedral with its abbey library, the oldest library in Switzerland. Alternatively you can take the Arosa train from Chur to Arosa and enjoy the wonderful mountain scenery of Switzerland.

If you want to extend your trip to a “Five Countries” tour we recommend a trip over the spectacular „Reschenpass“ to Italy where you can visit Meran on the South Tyrol wine route and the wonderful gardens of Trauttmansdorff Castle.

Tip:

Enhance your trip with a journey on the Bregenz Forest steam or diesel train along the Bregenz River, to the Schwarzenberg train station (subject to train's schedule). Discover the Bregenz Forest Cheese House where you can look over the shoulder of the Alpine dairyman going about his business and get the chance to taste some of the products! Follow this with a visit to the Bentele Schnapps distillery and beekeepers. If you have a sweet tooth, Maestrani's Chocolarium, a world of Swiss chocolate, is just the thing for you. To beer lovers we heartily recommend a visit of the Fohrenburger beer brewery in Bludenz or to Hopfengut No. 20 in Tettnang. Those who delight in history and architecture may want to visit Meersburg Old or New Castle and the beautiful Salem Monastery and Palace. If technology peaks your interest, a visit to the Zeppelin Museum in Friedrichshafen and to the Rolls-Royce Museum in Dornbirn will be most enjoyable.

Suggested Services:

- 4 nights incl. half board in a middle-class hotel in the Vorarlberg region
- 1 x guided tour of Bregenz
- 1 x journey on the Pfänder cable car
- 1 x ferry crossing from Meersburg – Konstanz
- 1 x entrance Flower Island of Mainau
- 1 x guided tour of Liechtenstein

Travel Period: May – October



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ROUNDTrips

Three Rivers Experience: Danube, Inn & Vltava

If Europe's rivers are its veins then the Danube is one of the continent's main arteries. Experience a unique journey centred on the lifeblood of Austria and Bohemia.

Travel to Schärding, a small town with a pretty, baroque centre. A unique experience awaits you: Board the brewery ship where you will see a demonstration of how beer is brewed. Afterwards embark on a 2-hour cruise along the river Inn almost as far as Passau and back. During the cruise beer will be brewed and you will have the opportunity to taste it. It is also possible to have lunch on board.

Head to Passau next, just across the German border. Explore the "City of Three Rivers" at the confluence of the Danube, the Inn and the Ilz with a city guide.

Take a day trip into the Bohemian part of the Czech Republic and the historic towns connected by the "national river", the Vltava. Visit České Budějovice, home to the Budvar brewery, where we recommend a guided city tour and a visit of the beer brewery. Then continue to the town of Český Krumlov, a picturesque gem and one of the most popular places in central Europe. We suggest a guided tour and a visit to the majestic castle which is a UNESCO World Heritage site. If time permits you can go to Seidl's Photo Studio to learn all there is to know about the history of the art of photography. You can even have your picture taken in historical costumes. On the way back to Austria we recommend stopping at the Lipno Dam, an artificial lake created by damming the waters of the Vltava. Why not enjoy a boat cruise here?

Make your way to the city of Steyr where the rivers Steyr and Enns meet. Here you can take the Steyrtalbahn, a historic nar-



row-gage railway, to Grünburg (subject to the train's timetable). Afterwards head to Linz, Upper Austria's capital for a guided city tour. Enjoy some free time in this city on the banks of the Danube. We recommend you visit one of the many museums, such as the art museum LENTOS or the Ars Electronica Center, also known as the "Museum of the Future".

Suggested Services:

- 4 nights incl. half board at a middle-class hotel in Upper Austria
- 1 x river cruise on Inn with brewery ship incl. 2 small glasses of beer
- 1 x guided city tour of Passau
- 1 x guided tour of České Budějovice
- 1 x entry to České Budějovice Brewery
- 1 x guided tour of Český Krumlov
- 1 x entry to Český Krumlov castle
- 1 x journey on Steyrtalbahn between Steyr and Grünburg
- 1 x guided city tour Linz

Travel Period: June – September

ROUNDTrips

Bled and the Jewels of the Carinthian Lake Country

Discover rolling hills, ancient castles and picturesque lakes and mountains in Austria, Italy and Slovenia.

Visit Tarvisio on the Italian border. Continue via Planica, home to one of the largest ski jumps, and Kranjska Gora to Bled. Enjoy a walk around the lake or visit the castle.

Experience a trip to Villach before driving along the Villach Alpine Road up to the Dobratsch Mountain. Enjoy panoramic views of the Julian Alps. We also recommend visiting the bird of prey demonstration at Landskron Castle as well as the Monkey Mountain, where you can observe monkeys without cages or glass panes.

Enjoy a visit across the border to Ljubljana. Enhance your stay with a guided city tour or a visit of the castle.

The small historical town Spittal an der Drau is always worth a visit and the starting-point of a picturesque tour of the Carinthian countryside. Continue along the Malta valley. At 1,933m above sea level Austria's highest concrete dam, the Kolnbreinsperre, awaits you, allowing an amazing view.

Alternatively, we also recommend to discover the world of Minimundus. In this famous miniature world you can marvel at monuments from across the globe. Take a guided tour of Klagenfurt or a cruise on lake Wörthersee. The Pyramidenkogel viewing platform offers a marvellous panoramic view.

Suggested Services:

- 5 nights incl. half board in a middle-class hotel in Bled/Lake area
- 1 x guided tour of Villach/Klagenfurt/Ljubljana 2hrs
- 1 x bird of prey demonstration at Landskron Castle
- 1 x entry and guided tour Monkey Mountain
- 1 x funicular, entrance and guided tour Ljubljana Castle
- 1 x entry Bled castle
- 1 x boat trip Lake Bled
- 1 x guided tour of Spittal an der Drau 1,5h
- 1 x guided tour dam wall Kolnbreinsperre
- 1 x entry Minimundus
- 1 x lake Wörthersee boat trip
- 1 x entry viewing platform Pyramidenkogel

Travel Period: May – October



ROUNDTrips

Castles of Upper Austria and Český Krumlov

Travel to Linz for a guided tour and a journey through the past, present and future as you discover the highlights and secrets of the city. Afterwards you take one of the world's steepest adhesion railways, the "Pöstlingbergbahn". Starting from the main square, this "mountain tramway" climbs Linz's local mountain in only 20 minutes. There you will see the pilgrimage basilica as well as the "Grottenbahn", a realm of fairy tales and dwarves, and enjoy the breath-taking view of the city by the Danube.

Explore the Clam Castle, which is perched majestically on a hill high above the Danube Valley. It is, first and foremost, a much-loved family home and has been lived in continuously by the Counts of Clam since 1454. Follow in the footsteps of our ancestors and gain better insight into life in a medieval castle as you learn about the history of the Counts of Clam who have been living here for over 550 years. Your tour starts in the three-story inner courtyard, then continues on through the pharmacy, the Gothic chapel and the armory, ending in the residential apartments of the Counts of Clam, where you will find a large collection of fine 18th century furniture

Cross the border into the Czech Republic and the town of Český Krumlov, listed as an UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1992, and clas-

sed as one of the most beautiful and best-preserved towns in the Czech Republic. The town experienced its greatest prosperity during the years 1302-1602 when it lay on the crossroads between the Czech Republic, Austria, Bavaria and Northern Italy. Now a lively cosmopolitan town with a unique atmosphere, it is still dominated by its castle and nestled in unspoiled countryside. Make the most of your visit with a guided tour through the streets and narrow lanes of the town.

On the way back to Austria we recommend stopping at the Lipno Dam, an artificial lake created by damming the waters of the Vltava. Why not enjoy a boat cruise here?

Suggested Services:

- 4 nights incl. half board at a middle-class hotel in area Linz/Mühlviertel
- 1 x guided tour of Linz
- 1 x journey on Pöstlingbergbahn incl. entrance Grottenbahn
- 1 x guided tour of Clam Castle
- 1 x guided tour of Český Krumlov
- 1 x entry to Český Krumlov Castle
- 1 x boat trip at Lipno Dam

Travel Period: May - October





ROUNDTrips

Prague, Budapest & Vienna: The Three Golden Capitals

This fascinating tour is a great introduction to these three beautiful capital cities. Often referred to as the “Imperial Triangle” because of their historical past, each city has however still retained its unmistakable character.

During a sightseeing tour you will receive a general view of “the city of a hundred spires”. You will see the most important sights, for example Wenceslas Square, the National Theatre, the Lesser Town and Hradcany with Prague Castle, Charles’ Bridge, the former Jewish district and the Old Town Square.

Get to know Budapest, Hungary’s vibrant capital city. Close to the City Park, you will see Heroes’ Square and Vajdahunyad Castle. Travelling back towards the city centre you will pass by the synagogue in the Dohány Street and St. Stephen’s Basilica. See the Parliament building on the banks of the Danube. The tour then continues to the castle district in the area of Buda, where Matthew’s Church, the Fishermen’s Bastion and the Citadel are located and from where you have a spectacular view over the whole city.

A morning’s sightseeing tour of Vienna: During this tour, you will see the most important buildings along the Ringstrasse, such as the State Opera House, the Museums of Fine Art and Natural History, the Imperial Palace, the Parliament and the City Hall. The tour will also take you to the other side of the Danube, where you will see the UNO City and the modern side of Vienna. To learn more about Austria’s imperial past, and especially about Franz Joseph I. and Sisi, the best place to visit is the Hofburg Palace with the Imperial Apartments, the Sisi Museum and the dazzling Silver Collection. One of Vienna’s most iconic landmarks is the Riesenrad, the Giant Ferris Wheel, built in 1897 by an Englishman. Admire the view as you take your turn.

Tip:

Why not include a stop at Bratislava on the way between Budapest and Vienna? Though not quite as grand as the other cities on this tour, Slovakia’s capital is definitely worth a visit. Another way to enhance the tour is to include a typical evening meal at each of the Three Golden Capitals – folklore evenings with delicious food, music and dancing that are sure to be a memorable experience!

Suggested Services:

- 2 nights incl. buffet breakfast in a middle-class hotel in Prague
- 2 nights incl. buffet breakfast in a middle-class hotel in Budapest
- 2 nights incl. buffet breakfast in a middle-class hotel in Vienna
- 1 x guided tour of Prague
- 1 x guided tour of Budapest
- 1 x guided tour of Vienna
- 1 x entry to Prague Castle
- 1 x entry to Fishermen’s Bastion and Matthew’s Church in Budapest
- 1 x ride on the Giant Ferris Wheel in Vienna
- 1 x entry to Hofburg Palace in Vienna incl. Imperial Apartments, Sisi Museum and Silver Collection

Travel Period: March – November



POLAND

Poland for Beginners

While exploring the sixth largest country of Europe visit the cities Wroclaw in the west, Krakow in the south, Warsaw in the east and Gdansk in the north. Every single one of those four has its specialties: Wroclaw the city of flowers, Krakow the city of poesy, art and Bohemian lifestyle, Warsaw as the capital and Gdansk part of the Tricity at the Gdansk Bay.

Start your tour in Wroclaw and get to know the most important sights such as the splendid central plaza with the town hall, a pearl of Silesian gothic, and the baroque university. Visit the Wroclaw Cathedral and the Virgin Mary church on the small offshore island and enjoy a nice boat tour on the Oder afterwards.

Start your day with a tour through Krakow and visit the city's highlights such as the beautiful "Kings-route" which leads you to the oldest, mediaeval part of the city. Visit the Wawel Cathedral, the inner courtyard of the royal castle and St. Mary's Basilica with the famous high altar carved by Veit Stoss, which is known as the largest in Europe. We also recommend to visit the Jewish part of Krakow, once an independent city, today one of the most popular attractions. After scenes of the movie "Schindler's List" were filmed here, the quarter was revitalized once again. Let your day fade out during a relaxed dinner in the historic centre of Krakow.

Enjoy a day in Poland's beautiful capital Warsaw. During a guided city tour you will visit the most important and famous sights Warsaw has to offer. Especially the historical city centre and the Royal Route are worth visiting and will definitely fascinate you.

On your way to Gdansk make a visit to the magnificent castle complex in Malbork Castle, Europe's biggest brick stone castle and base of the German knight's order. Continue your tour in Gdynia with an amber workshop and carry on to Gdansk in the late afternoon. Let your day fade out during a relaxed dinner in the historic centre of Gdansk.

Start your day with a city tour of Gdansk, an UNESCO World Heritage Site, and explore the historic centre with its typical hanseatic facades that are rich in detail. Visit the St. Mary's Church, Europe's largest brick stone church, and the Oliwa Cathedral where you can listen to wonderful organ concerts in the summer months. Continue to the city Sopot, also part of the Tricity, and enjoy a walk along Europe's longest and oldest wooden landing stage.

Suggested Services:

- 1 x night incl. half board in a middle-class hotel in Wroclaw
- 1 x half day guided tour Wroclaw
- 1 x boat cruise on the river Oder
- 2 x nights incl. buffet breakfast in a middle-class hotel in Krakow
- 1 x dinner in the hotel in Krakow
- 1 x dinner in a restaurant in the historic centre of Krakow
- 1 x half day guided tour Krakow
- 1 x entry to Wawel Cathedral
- 1 x entry to St. Mary's Basilica Krakow
- 1 x night incl. half board in a middle-class hotel in Warsaw
- 1 x half day guided tour Warsaw
- 1 x entry and guided tour Malbork Castle
- 1 x entry to amber workshop
- 1 x 2 nights incl. buffet breakfast in a middle-class hotel in Gdansk
- 1 x dinner in the hotel in Gdansk
- 1 x dinner in a restaurant in the historic centre of Gdansk
- 1 x full day guided tour Gdansk
- 1 x entry to Oliwa Cathedral incl. organ concert (summer season only)
- 1 x entry to St. Mary's Church Gdansk
- 1 x entry to landing stage Sopot

Travel Period: May – October



POLAND

Best of Krakow

Krakow, situated in the heart of Europe and also known as the „Polish Rome” is a city of poesy, art and Bohemian lifestyle. Learn more about this exciting city during a guided city tour, visit the salt mine Wieliczka or the concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Start your tour with a day in Krakow and visit the city's highlights such as the beautiful “Kings-route” which leads you to the oldest, mediaeval part of the city. Visit the Wawel Cathedral, the inner courtyard of the royal castle and St. Mary's Basilica with the famous high altar carved by Veit Stoss, which is known as the largest in Europe. We also recommend to visit the Jewish part of Krakow, once an independent city, and today one of the most popular attractions. After scenes of the movie “Schindler's List” were filmed here, the quarter was revitalized once again. Let your day fade out during a relaxed dinner in the historic centre of Krakow.

Experience today a thought-provoking trip to the concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau which was part of a network of German Nazi concentration camps and extermination camps built and operated by Nazi Germany in annexed Polish areas during

World War II. The Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum estimates that 1.3 million people, 1.1 million of them Jewish, were sent to the camp during its existence.

Enjoy a trip to Wieliczka where one of the world's oldest and most famous salt mines is situated. Learn more about the special salt sculptures and the underground salt lake, both making the mine an UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Suggested Services:

- 4 nights incl. buffet breakfast in a middle-class hotel in Krakow
- 1 x dinner in a restaurant in the historic centre of Krakow
- 1 x full day guide Krakow
- 1 x entry to Wawel Cathedral
- 1 x entry to St. Mary's Basilica Krakow
- 1 x entry and guided tour Auschwitz
- 1 x entry and guided tour of salt mine Wieliczka

Travel Period: May – October



CZECH REPUBLIC

Romantic Castles and Palaces of South Bohemia

A landscape of forests and fishponds with beautiful countryside and fairytale chateaux. South Bohemia is a dream paradise for holidays whether you decide to spend time sightseeing or relaxing. The countryside offers endless possibilities for visiting places of natural beauty, but also lots of historical monuments and great conditions for cycling and walking.

Get to know also the unique charm of Holašovice, which is situated in the middle of the harmonious landscape of Southern Bohemia. The wonderful baroque farmhouses set around the extensive village green have made Holašovice an UNESCO World Heritage Site. A further highlight of the tour is Český Krumlov with its castle, which rises above the picturesque renaissance architecture of the pretty little town. The historical centre with its inimitable medieval character guarantees Český Krumlov a place on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

Enjoy a unique excursion to Lipno and Vltavou, walk among the treetops and have a wonderful view of the surrounding Šumava countryside and the distant Alps. Enhance your trip with a visit to the Vyšší Brod Monastery, the spiritual centre of South Bohemia, which dates back to the mid 13th century.

Finally visit the medieval Rožmberk castle, the former property of

the Vítkovci family, the predecessors of one of the most powerful Bohemian aristocratic families, the Rožmberks.

Suggested Service:

- 3 nights incl. half board in a middle-class hotel in the region of České Budějovice
- 1 x 3-course lunch at the Budvar restaurant České Budějovice
- 1 x 3-course lunch at a local restaurant
- 1 x guided tour of Holašovice
- 1 x guided tour of České Budějovice
- 1 x entry to České Budějovice Budvar Brewery
- 1 x guided tour of Český Krumlov
- 1 x entry to Český Krumlov Castle
- 1 x entry to Lipno treetop walk incl. cable car and coach services
- 1 x entry to Cistercian Monastery Vyšší Brod
- 1 x entry Rožmberk castle

Travel Period: May – September





CZECH REPUBLIC

The Imperial Spa-Towns of Bohemia

Your journey takes you through the world famous spa resorts of Karlovy Vary, Mariánské Lázně and Františkovy Lázně, not to mention Prague, a must on any visit to the Czech Republic.

Enroute to your destination we recommend a visit to Karlovy Vary for a short city tour. The town is named after King Charles IV. who founded it in 1370, and is famous for its hot springs and is the most visited spa town in the Czech Republic.

Take a day trip to Mariánské Lázně, the most beautiful spa town in the Czech Republic, Františkovy Lázně, known as the village of Emperor Franz, and the ancient town of Cheb. A local tour guide will spend the day with you pointing out all the highlights of your destinations.

Travel to Prague where your city guide will meet you for a half day tour of the „City of a hundred towers“. Your visit will include the Prague Castle and the Golden Lane and will end at the Old Town Square, after which you are free to explore

on your own before returning to your hotel for your traditional old Slavonic evening meal.

Before departing the Czech Republic, we recommend a small city tour of the old town of Loket and its fortress.

Suggested Services:

- 3 nights incl. half board in a middle-class hotel in the Loket area
- 1 x guided tour of Karlovy Vary
- 1 x guide for Mariánské Lázně, Františkovy Lázně and Cheb tour
- 1 x guided tour of Prague
- 1 x entry to Prague Castle
- 1 x guided tour of Loket

Travel Period: January - November

CZECH REPUBLIC

Baroque Treasures and the Nature Wonders in South Moravia

South Moravia is a region of great wine, natural wonders and cultural monuments.

Start your journey in Valtice and visit the baroque chateau and former residence of the Lichtenstein family with its famous wine cellars.

Discover the charming Moravian capital Brno with its old town hall and the functionalist Villa Tugendhat, an UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the castle of Špilberk, a prison shrouded in horrific legends, now hosting valuable historical collections.

Explore one of the most beautiful karst areas in Europe. The main attraction here is the famous Macocha Abyss, 138 m deep and steeped in terrifying myths and legends. Then visit the Punkva Caves, where you can admire the cathedrals of stalagmites and stalactites and take a boat along the subterranean Punkva River.

A further highlight is the little known city of Olomouc. The central streets are dotted with beautiful churches, a testament to the city's long history as a bastion of the Catholic Church. Explore the foundations of the ancient castle, then head for one of the city's many pubs or microbreweries. Don't forget to try the cheese, Olo-

moický sýr or tvarůžky, reputedly the smelliest in the country. Allow yourself to be enchanted by the gardens in Kroměříž. During the summer Kroměříž is reminiscent of the Garden of Eden and represents a perfect symbiosis of light, plants, water, art and architecture.

Suggested Services:

- 3 nights incl. half board in a middle-class hotel in South Moravia
- 3 x 3-course lunch in a local restaurant
- 1 x entry and guided tour at Castle Valtice
- 1 x guided tour and wine tasting at the wine salon at Castle Valtice
- 1 x guided city tour of Brno
- 1 x guided tour of fortress Špilberk incl. city museum
- 1 x guided tour Moravian Karst incl. train ride and cable car
- 1 x guided city tour of Olomouc
- 1 x guided city tour of Kroměříž incl. Castle of Kroměříž

Travel Period: May – September

GERMANY

Berlin, Dresden and Prague

Visit the three exciting cities Berlin, Dresden and Prague during your trip and discover iconic monuments, vibrant life and a rich history.

Start with a city tour of Berlin. Your guide introduces you to the most important sights such as the Brandenburg Gate, the remains of the Berlin Wall, the Reichstag Building or Alexanderplatz. Later, you can immerse yourself in the eventful history of Berlin. Learn more about the history of the Berlin Wall at the Checkpoint Charlie Museum or become a part of the city's history at Story of Berlin, where you can explore 800 years of Berlin history.

A visit of Charlottenburg Palace and its gardens is also recommended. It is the largest and most significant palace complex in Berlin.

Alternatively, you can spend a day at the nearby city of Potsdam. Discover the city centre on your own and visit the famous Sanssouci Palace, which is often named as the German Versailles. With 70 km of walkways, its park is the largest in Brandenburg.

On your way, from Berlin to Dresden you can stop in Lübbenau at the Spreewald. Enjoy an unforgettable boat trip through the unique landscape of this UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

Discover the city of Dresden, which offers impressive buildings and a unique historical centre. The world-known Frauenkirche and Semperoper are only two highlights of your city tour. Then, take your time and visit other sights, such as the Zwinger, the Old Masters Picture Gallery or the Green Vault.

We also recommend a panorama boat ride on the river Elbe from Dresden to Pillnitz. There, you can visit the famous Pillnitz Castle and its garden. It is a prime example for the Chinoiserie of the 18th century. Another option is a visit to the famous Meissen porcelain manufacturer.

Your journey leads you to Prague, which is also known as the „Golden City“. A city tour includes a view of the Charles Bridge,

St. Vitus Cathedral, Wenceslas Square, the Old Town Square, the Jewish Quarter, Mala Strana and the Astronomical Clock. A visit of the Prague Castle, which was built in the 9th century, is also a must. Enjoy also a city cruise on the Vltava River where you can explore the city from a different angle.

Karlovy Vary is also definitely worth a visit. It is also called the “Jewel of the West Bohemian Spa Triangle”. The incarnation of spa elegance, imposing colonnades, exclusive spa buildings and a wonderful layout in the heart of the forested valley. It is one of the most famous towns in the Czech Republic and also famous for its glass. You can visit the famous Moser glass factory.

Suggested Services:

- 3 nights incl. half board in a middle-class hotel in the Berlin area
- 2 nights incl. half board in a middle-class hotel in the Dresden area
- 3 nights incl. half board in a middle-class hotel in the Prague area
- 1 x guided city tour of Berlin
- 1 x visit of Checkpoint Charlie Museum (audio-guides available)
- 1 x guided visit of Story of Berlin
- 1 x guided visit of Charlottenburg Palace or Sanssouci Palace
- 1 x boat ride (Kahnfahrt) on the Spree River
- 1 x guided city tour of Dresden
- 1 x boat ride with a paddle steamer Dresden – Pillnitz
- 1 x guided visit of Pillnitz Castle
- 1 x entry “House of Meissen – A world of Experience”
- 1 x guided city tour of Prague
- 1 x visit of Prague Castle
- 1 x boat ride on the Vltava River
- 1 x guide for Karlovy Vary tour
- 1 x visit of the Moser glass factory

Travel Period: May – October





GERMANY

Summer in The Black Forest

This wonderful, unspoiled picturesque region encompasses ravines, waterfalls, lakes, dense woods, expansive vineyards as well as historic towns.

Discover the Black Forest with a scenic coach tour. As the region is famous for its cuckoo clocks, you stop in Schonach, where you find one of the region's largest cuckoo clocks. You continue to Triberg, the home of Germany's highest waterfall. Then you visit Dorotheenhütte in Wolfach, where you see glassblowers and glass grinders at work and discover an amazing

selection of decorative articles and gift ideas. As a last stop, we recommend the Black Forest Open Air Museum. Find out, how people have lived and worked in Black Forest farmhouses over the last 400 years.

Make a trip to the university city of Freiburg. Discover the impressive old town with its world-famous „Münster“ during a city tour. After some time at leisure, continue your scenic tour of the Black Forest. Why not immerse into the world of gâteau with a Black Forest Gâteau demonstration? Enjoy the taste and get useful piece of advice to bake yourself.

Travel to the Alsace and the city of Colmar for a guided tour. Afterwards, you have some time to visit the famous Isenheimer Altarpiece and to stroll through the city centre. In the afternoon, you continue to the Kaiserstuhl-Tuniberg wine area. Visit a typical winegrower's cellar and learn more about the wine in the region during a guided tour and a wine tasting.

Suggested Services:

- 4 nights incl. half board in a middle-class hotel in the Black Forest
- 1 x entrance cuckoo clock in Schonach
- 1 x entrance waterfalls in Triberg
- 1 x entrance Dorotheenhütte Wolfach
- 1 x entrance & guided tour of Black Forest Open Air Museum in Gutach
- 1 x guided city tour of Freiburg
- 1 x entrance Black Forest Gâteau demonstration incl. 1 Gâteau piece and 1 coffee
- 1 x guided city tour of Colmar
- 1 x entrance Isenheimer Altarpiece in Colmar
- 1 x guided tour of a winegrower's cellar -incl. wine tasting

Travel Period: May – October



GERMANY

Bavarian Forest Winter Wonderland

The region enchants with unspoiled landscape, picturesque mountains and snowy towns. Discover the Bavarian Forest National Park, enjoy the world of building igloos and get to know the sled dogs!

Arrival at your hotel in the Bavarian Forest. Begin your stay with a mulled wine and a torch lit hike.

Your journey starts with a highlight tour of Bavarian Forest National Park, where you walk along the world's biggest tree top path. A visit of Joska Crystal Adventure World in Bodenmais is also not to miss. It is an interactive, sparkling adventure world where you have the chance to blow your own glass ball.

A real highlight is the visit of a sled dog farm and an igloo village. At the sled dog farm, you get interesting insights in the housing, feeding and training of sled dogs. Later, you visit an igloo village. There, you learn many interesting background stories about the igloo building and the things to do around this village.

Travel also to Passau where a guide shows you the old district of the "City of the Three Rivers". Optionally, continue to Aldersbach Abbey and its brewery where you can enjoy a Bavarian snack.

Suggested Services:

- 4 nights incl. half board in a middle-class hotel in the Bavarian Forest
- 1 x torch-lit hike incl. mulled wine
- 1 x guided visit of the tree top path Neuschönau
- 1 x guided tour of Joska Crystal World
- 1 x guided visit of the sled dog farm incl. non-alcoholic beverages
- 1 x guided visit of an Igloo Village incl. mulled wine
- 1 x guided city walk of Passau 1,5hrs

Optional Services:

- guided tour of Aldersbach Abbey incl. 1 beer & Bavarian snack
- Horse Carriage Ride in the Bavarian Forest

Travel Period: End November – Mid March
Igloo Village depends on weather conditions



SWITZERLAND

Panoramic Trains of Switzerland

Discover the highlights of Switzerland and marvel at the stunning mountains and lakes from the comfort of the country's best panoramic trains.

Explore Chur, Switzerland's oldest town, with a guide. Afterwards take the Arosa Train to the holiday resort of Arosa. Here a special highlight awaits you: Take the cable car up to the Arosa Bear Sanctuary. This state-of-the-art facility works together with the Austrian animal rights group Vier Pfoten to rescue captured and mistreated bears and give them a new home where they can lie out their days in peace and dignity. Apart from the large compound housing the bears there is also a modern visitor centre, a restaurant and a crazy golf course – all with spectacular mountain views.

Dedicate a whole day to the Glacier Express, the "world's slowest express train", which runs between St. Moritz/Davos and Zermatt. It may not be the fastest train but you're in no hurry today as you sit back and enjoy the comfortable ride through the breath-taking Swiss scenery to Andermatt.

The Bernina Express, running from Chur all the way to Tirano in Italy, is not quite as famous as the Glacier Express but just as spectacular. Journey over impressive viaducts, past the majestic Morteratsch Glacier, steadily climbing until you reach Ospizio Bernina, at 2,253m above sea level the highest station on this route. Make your way downhill again until you reach Poschiavo, a picturesque little village with very Italian flair.

Tip:

Why not extend your stay to include a trip to Davos Monstein, a beautiful mountain village and home to Switzerland's highest brewery. Enjoy a guided tour of the "last beer stop before heaven" (along with tasting) and lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon take the nostalgic Crocodile Train from Davos to Filisur, before returning to Chur.

Suggested Services:

- 4 nights incl. half board at a middle-class hotel in the greater Chur area
- 1 x guided tour of Chur
- 1 x journey on the Arosa Train between Chur and Arosa (2nd class)
- 1 x entry to Arosa Bear Sanctuary incl. return ride with cable car
- 1 x journey on the Glacier Express between Chur and Andermatt (2nd class)
- 1 x journey on the Bernina Express between Chur and Poschiavo (2nd class)

Travel Period: May – October





SWITZERLAND

Lake Geneva and the Golden Pass

The Lake Geneva Region is a miniature version of Switzerland, where you will find nearly everything that Switzerland is famous for.

Discover the region of Lake Geneva with its picturesque villages and vineyards. Travel to the Lavaux region with its spectacular UNESCO vineyards dropping down to Lake Geneva. To explore the region close at hand we recommend a trip on one of the two little trains (Lavaux Express and Lavaux Panoramic) and a stop in a wine cellar for a well-earned break.

You then continue to the city of Lausanne, home to the Olympic Museum, one of the most well-known Lausanne Museums. From here, we recommend a boat trip across the lake to Montreux before returning to your hotel for the evening.

An excellent day out is a trip on the Golden Pass Panoramic train which connects Montreux with Lucerne via Château-d'Oex. The most spectacular section of the journey is between Montreux and Gstaad. Here you will travel through the vineyard terraces of Lake Geneva, through the pastures and forest of Upper Gruyère and over inspiring mountain passes. The day offers excellent photo opportunities and wonderful memories of Switzerland. Enjoy some free time in the famous mountain resort of Gstaad before returning to your hotel.

Explore the French side of Lake Geneva today. Start your day

with a visit to the elite Spa town of Evian, home to the world famous "Evian" mineral water. In the late 19th century, the town was home to over 20 hotels, and the hills and lakeshore were covered with noble houses and luxurious villas. After some free time, you continue on to the medieval village of Hermance, one of the most picturesque villages of the region. The village dates back to the 13th century and its authentic architecture has been preserved. The village is dominated by its beautiful church and invites you to wander down its narrow lanes and visit the cafes and shops. You then continue to the city of Geneva for some free time before returning to your hotel for the evening.

Suggested Services:

- 5 nights incl. half board in a middle-class hotels in the Leysin region
- 1 x journey on the Golden Pass between Montreux and Gstaad
- 1 x journey on a Lavaux wine train
- 1 x entrance to the Olympic Museum
- 1 x boat trip Lausanne – Montreux
- 1 x half day city guide Lausanne
- 1 x half day city guide Geneva
- 1 x wine tasting in the Lavaux wine growing region

Travel Period: May - October

Service and Booking Terms and Conditions

Holidays by air – we can create or amend any itinerary for groups flying to any European airport and can provide coaches and guides for the duration of the tour.

Overnights – we can organise overnight accommodation in the region of your choice.

Support – in emergencies you can contact us 365 days a year; the contact information will be on your itinerary.

Information package – with vouchers, route descriptions and service telephone number will be sent to you before you depart on your journey.

Low numbers – should you not have reached your minimum number of passengers at the time of the last free cancellation date then let us know and we will do our best to extend the date.

1. Accuracy of Brochure

The current brochure 2020 is valid from March 2019 until December 2020. All information in the brochure is, to the best of our knowledge and belief, correct at the time of publication. We do however reserve the right to make changes to information contained within our brochure and will advise you of these changes at the time of booking or when they are known to us. This advice will be limited to changes which are fundamental to the contract or which we believe may affect the enjoyment of the holiday. We are sure you will understand that certain advertised facilities may not be in operation at times and we may not always be advised in advance of such matters.

2. Our Hotels

- Free place: Generally we offer per 20 full paying guests one free place in double unless otherwise stated on the individual-offer/confirmation.
- Minimum group size: unless otherwise stated all prices are calculated on a minimum of 25 paying guests.
- Not all rooms will be the same and room sizes may vary, particularly in older or historical buildings.

Accommodation is provided in standard rooms, unless otherwise stated.

- Please note that an Austrian twin room is generally one large bed frame with 2 separate mattresses, separate blankets and pillows.
- Soap and shower gel is not always provided in rooms
- Check-in at hotels is normally between the hours of 12.00 – 3.00 p.m. An earlier check-in may be possible on request or at extra cost. You should anticipate having to vacate your rooms by 10:00 a.m. irrespective of the time of your departure.
- For offers based on an unnamed hotel, the hotel name will be advised approx. 4 weeks prior to arrival. Should it not be possible to accommodate your group in the region booked, Eurotours Ges.m.b.H. reserves the right to accommodate your group in an alternative town/village suitable to the programme.

3. Payment conditions

All payments can be made per bank transfer. The client must pay any relevant bank charges. Should payment be delayed, Eurotours Ges.m.b.H. reserves the right to cancel all services following a written reminder. This does not release the customer from any cancellation costs as detailed in clause 4 mentioned below. If payment is delayed, the usual bank interest rate will be charged automatically, but at least 14% p.a. Any additional costs incurred by Eurotours Ges.m.b.H. to enforce the claim, will in turn be reclaimed from the tour operator. Unless otherwise stated on the individual offer/sales confirmation, or in any other written agreement between the customer and Eurotours Ges.m.b.H., the following payment schedule will apply:

- 30 days before arrival: 30% of the total amount.
- 10 days before arrival: outstanding balance.

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Eurotours Deutschland
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4. Cancellation fees

Unless otherwise stated on the individual offer/sales confirmation, or in any other written agreement between the customer and Eurotours Ges.m.b.H., the following cancellation fees apply:

- 30 – 14 days prior to arrival 30 % of the total amount
- 13 – 08 days prior to arrival 50 % of the total amount
- 07 – 04 days prior to arrival 80 % of the total amount
- Less than 4 days & no shows 100% of total amount.

5. Ticket reservations:

All tickets must be paid 100% in advance. Exact payment and cancellation conditions will be given at time of the offer/sales confirmation.

6. Responsibility and Liability

Should Eurotours Ges.m.b.H. be unable to accommodate the clients in the reserved accommodation, then we will provide alternative accommodation of the same or better standard and position. Any additional costs will be covered by Eurotours Ges.m.b.H.. Eurotours Ges.m.b.H. acts as an agent between the customer and the local suppliers and cannot be held responsible for any impairment (e.g. insolvency or other) to the services provided which are beyond its control, caused by a third party, or the result of force majeure (such as, but not exclusively, war, or threat of war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity, adverse weather conditions, technical, mechanical or electrical breakdowns within a hotel or any method of transport, industrial disputes, governmental action, port regulations, timetable changes and all similar circumstances).

7. Rates

All rates are generally quoted net per person in Euro (€), except for Swiss products (see below) and include taxes and duties. All rates are due in full. Should there be changes to a local tax structure, you will be informed of these 4 weeks before they come into effect and increases will be passed on to you. We reserve the right to increase rates without prior notification. Eurotours Ges.m.b.H. reserves the right to pass on exchange rate fluctuation to the tour operator, which increases the rate by more than 8%.

Products in Switzerland are quoted in Euro (€) and Swiss Francs (CHF). The Swiss Franc (CHF) price is the valid price, but the product can also be paid for in Euro (€). The price in Euro will be calculated according to the exchange rate on the date the invoice is issued.

8. Direct contracts

The customer agrees not to contract hotels/pensions/ suppliers supplied by Eurotours Ges.m.b.H., directly or through a third party for the period of at least 12 months after the last booking with Eurotours Ges.m.b.H. In case of violation, the customer agrees to pay 10% of the total turnover with the hotels/pensions/suppliers to Eurotours Ges.m.b.H. for the following 3 years. The amount due will be calculated based on the average turnover with Eurotours over the previous 3 years.

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Any complaints or problems must be notified to the supplier directly, and reported to us, in resort, within 24 hours of the problem arising. If the matter remains unresolved, you must write to us with full details within 30 days of the completion of the arrangements, enclosing copies of the customer complaints. We regret we cannot accept any responsibility for any claim not notified to us within this timescale. Any invoice differences must be notified in writing within 14 days of the invoice date, otherwise our invoices will be considered correct and valid. Any differences do not entitle the contracting partner to a delay in payment but will be settled by credit note.

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In the case of insolvency, Eurotours Ges.m.b.H. is covered by a bank guarantee from the UniCredit Bank, Austria as well as under the insurance bond for travel agents for the protection of clients' monies, according to the Travel Agency Insurance law (RSV, BGB1.11/10 from 15.01.98). The settlement of any possible claims is subject to Austrian law. The court of jurisdiction is Kitzbühel.

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