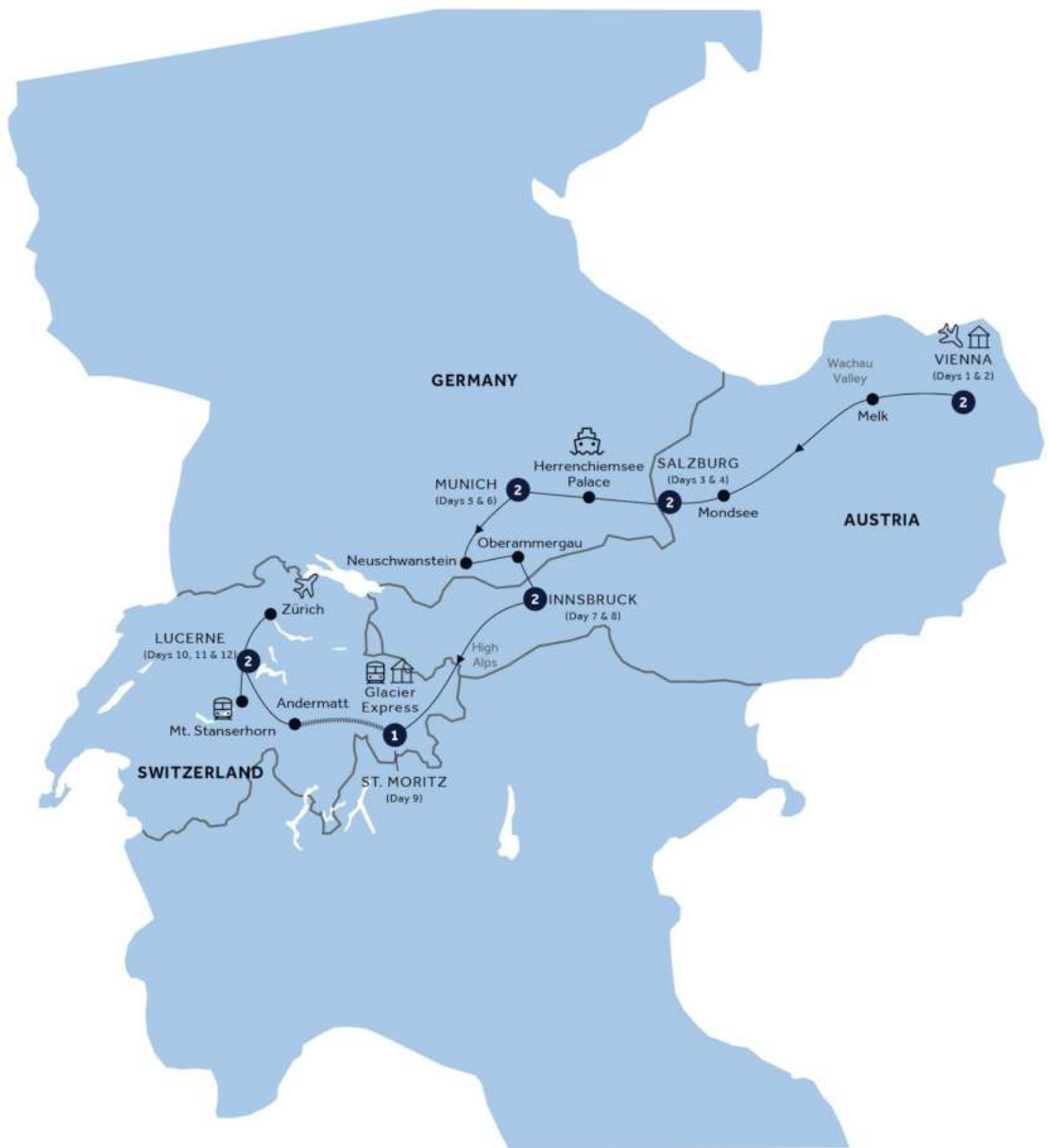


INSIGHT VACATIONS

Country Roads of Bavaria, Switzerland & Austria





KEY


① Central Hotels + Nights

① Scenic Hotels + Nights

● Place Visited

○ Optional Place Visited

▬ Trip Option

 Cruise

 Train

 Join/Leave Options

 Included Flights

 UNESCO Heritage Site

Day 1 | Welcome to Vienna



Welcome to Vienna! Enjoy your afternoon before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers to enjoy dinner served with wine at a local restaurant.

Meals: Dinner

Hotel: InterContinental Vienna.

Day 2 | Vienna and the Habsburgs



Join our Local Expert on a private tour of Maria Theresa's magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and its formal gardens. Be transported to a time of opulence and extravagance, as you marvel at the intricacies of gilded Rococo frames, frescoed ceilings and crystal chandeliers. See the city's many highlights, including St. Charles' Church, the Hofburg Palace, Parliament and State Opera House.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: InterContinental Vienna.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered one of the following two Optional Experiences depending on availability:

Dinner In A Country Mansion - Cross the Danube, passing the famous Prater Park en route to one of Austria's most famous restaurants. Former patrons include Napoleon, the Emperor Franz Joseph, Liz Taylor and Arnold Schwarzenegger. Once through the door of this historic country mansion you're transported to a different world! Old memorabilia, autographed photos and other paraphernalia cover the ceilings, walls and even the restrooms. Choose from traditional Austrian fare, enjoy unlimited drinks and be serenaded by musicians at your table. A fun-filled experience never to be forgotten!

Adult: 77.00 EUR

Gala Viennese Concert - Enjoy a wonderful concert of Viennese Classical music performed by highly acclaimed soloists and dancers. During this special evening, enjoy a glass of champagne along with some of the most famous works by Johann Strauss and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Adult: 72.00 EUR

** On occasion, dinner will be included for 123.00 EUR.*

*** On 24 & 25 December, the price of both options will increase due to holiday rates.*

Vibrant Vienna & UNESCO Coffee House Culture - Vibrant Vienna - walk in the historic and vibrant city center. See the house where Mozart lived in Vienna, visit St. Stephen's Cathedral and marvel at the beauty of this former imperial capital. Past the stables of the famous horses we stop for an UNESCO World Cultural Heritage - we sample some local coffee roast and hear about Vienna coffee culture.

Adult: 52.00 EUR

Day 3 | On to Salzburg



A short drive through wonderful Austrian countryside leads us to Salzburg. En route, visit Melk Abbey and Mondsee's Basilica St. Michael, easily recognizable due to its appearance in 'Sound of Music'.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Wyndham Grand Salzburg Conference Centre

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Evening In The Austrian Countryside - Drive into the pretty Austrian countryside for a special evening. Learn about rural life over a homemade dinner in this cosy corner of Salzburg. In a totally unique experience, sip home-made beverages, feast on home-baked bread, succulent meat and oven baked vegetables.

Adult: 72.00 EUR

Day 4 | The City of Mozart



Join your Local Expert, who will show you the formal gardens of Mirabell Palace, Residenzplatz, the city's imposing fortress, and the immense cathedral in the Old Town. Visit Mozart's birthplace where you will enjoy a pianoforte demonstration and examine letters, memorabilia, and musical instruments of the great composer. In the evening, relish the authentic experience of Farm-to-Table dining.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Wyndham Grand Salzburg Conference Centre

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Eagle's Nest & The Bavarian Alps - Drive over the German border, past picturesque farmhouses and villages to Obersalzberg. Nearly 75 years ago, this small mountain paradise was the summer playground for top Nazi brass. Here we will transfer to special coaches for the scenic drive up the mountain to Hitler's notorious "Eagle's Nest". Used as a restaurant since the 50's, there are splendid views through the arches up to the 'Hohen Goll' and across the snow capped peaks.

Adult: 79.00 EUR

* The optional experience Eagle's Nest & The Bavarian Alps is weather dependent and subject to seasonal closures, therefore it may not be available on all departures.

Day 5 | Salzburg to Munich



This morning, board a boat to explore the sites of picturesque Herrenchiemesee. Visit the palace and the Fraueninsel. Enjoy time at leisure in the gardens over lunch before continuing by boat to Gstadt. Journey by coach to Munich, home of the world-famous Oktoberfest. This evening, revel in a truly Bavarian experience as you dine at a local beer hall.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Munich Marriott

Day 6 | Explore Munich and Dachau



Enjoy an orientation of Munich's sites including the university, Victory Arch and the Marienplatz, where crowds gather at the Town Hall to watch the antics of the Glockenspiel. Afterwards, explore with Insight Choice. Choose to join a Local Expert for a culinary walking tour in the city centre. Alternatively, visit the Munich Residenz, Germany's largest inner-city palace and former seat of Bavarian royalty. Travel to Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site for a moment of commemoration and remembrance. Reflect on the weighty history that marks the site and observe the importance of its preservation.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Munich Marriott

Day 7 | On to Innsbruck



Embark on an exciting visit to Neuschwanstein Castle (subject to availability), bristling with turrets and pinnacles and built as a retreat for the wildly eccentric King Ludwig II. See the extravagantly decorated apartments, including the Throne Room and Lohengrin courtyard. Continue to Oberammergau, home of the Passion Play since 1634. See the immense theatre and admire the colourful painted chalets before driving on to the Tyrolean capital of Innsbruck, set in a valley of snow-capped mountain peaks. This evening, for your Dine-Around experience, choose from a fantastic selection of restaurants.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

Hotel: Innsbruck

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Tyrolean Evening - Enjoy a lively evening of traditional entertainment, featuring dancers in national costume, yodelling and entertainment typical of the life, crafts and traditions of the Tyrolean people. Two drinks are included.
Adult: 60.00 EUR

** This evening choice experience may not be available on every departure.*

Day 8 | Beautiful Innsbruck



Awake to the beautiful Alpine city of Innsbruck. A Local Expert will guide you through the city to see the 14th-century houses of the Old Town, the impressive Imperial Palace and the delightful Golden Roof. Visit a nearby ski jump, set against staggering mountain vistas. Meet one of the ski jumpers and observe a demonstration jump.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Innsbruck

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Nordkette Alps & Heritage - A visit to the Nordkette is an unforgettable experience - a unique combination of relaxation, natural wonder and modern architecture. Space-age stations designed by star architect, Zaha Hadid herald your journey up to Hungerburg. From here the panoramic gondola continues up to the 1,905-metre-high Seegrube, where (weather permitting) you can enjoy tremendous views of the entire Central Inn Valley and across to the Italian border. Back down in the Old Town, join your local expert to explore the heritage of the Golden Roof and the "Black Men" of Emperor Maximilian.

Adult: 76.00 EUR

Swarovski Crystal World and Dinner in Hall - We'll visit Swarovski Crystal World - home to the most-famous crystals in Art and Pop music. With breathtaking installations, you won't have to be a collector to love this place! Then, we'll continue to one of the best-preserved medieval towns in the Tyrol - Hall, where we'll enjoy an excellent dinner in a 700-year-old manor house!

Adult: 96.00 EUR

Day 9 | The Engadine Valley and Chic St. Moritz



Take in the stunning views of the beautiful Engadine Valley, as you enter Switzerland headed for the chic Alpine resort of St. Moritz. Enjoy the town's marvellous scenery, fresh air and maybe visit its many museums or shop for souvenirs. Perhaps experience one of Europe's outstanding train journeys over the Bernina Pass.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Crystal Hotel / Hotel Steffani, St. Moritz

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Rail Journey Over The Bernina Pass - Enjoy one of the most exciting train rides in Switzerland as you cross the Bernina Pass to the Alp Grum. Spectacular views of the Alpine peaks, glaciers, waterfalls, green valleys and mountain villages. We then descend to Poschiavo to reboard our touring coach.

Adult: 61.00 CHF

Day 10 | All aboard the Glacier Express and on to Lucerne



Embark on an iconic train journey onboard the Glacier Express, taking in vistas of ice-capped mountains, stone-built villages and lush meadows. Ascend through the spiral tunnels of the Albula Pass and cross the Landwasser Viaduct before heading down through the Oberalp Valley to rejoin the coach at Andermatt. Continue north, following the staggering Schöllenen Gorge through William Tell country. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a seasonal juice tasting. Onwards to Lucerne, join your Travel Director to see the sorrowful sculpture of the dying lion, cut out of a limestone cliff to commemorate the Swiss Guards who died at the Battle of the Tuileries.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Astoria Lucerne

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Lake Lucerne Cruise - Take the chance to enjoy the wonderful mountain scenery from a different perspective. Enjoy a leisurely lake cruise, offering fine views of the town and its surroundings. The serene beauty of Lake Lucerne is a joy to behold, made even more enjoyable by the surrounding snow-capped mountains and dense forests.

Adult: 50.00 CHF

Swiss Evening - There's nothing better than convening with friends around a pot of bubbling fondue with a glass of chilled white wine and having a good yodel! Join us for a tasty Swiss meal in a typical restaurant. While you dine, enjoy a lively folklore show of flag throwing, yodelling, Alpenhorn blowing and other great Swiss entertainment.

Adult: 116.00 CHF

Day 11 | Dinner at the 'Roof of Europe' in Stanserhorn



Enjoy the morning at your leisure to explore the city's 14th century covered wooden bridge, painted gables, old walls and watchtower of the medieval fortifications. Stroll across the Chapel Bridge to the Jesuit Church, or use your free time to shop. Later, head to the town of Stans where you'll embark on a scenic journey by funicular railway and cable car, to the summit of the stunning Stanserhorn. On a clear day, there are views as far as Alsace in France and the Black Forest in Germany. Here amid true Alpine majesty, your journey literally peaks with an unforgettable dinner, hosted in Drehrestaurant Rondorama, located atop the mountain. Enjoy a glass of sparkling wine and admire the stunning panoramic views as the restaurant slowly rotates throughout the evening, ensuring you don't miss a thing.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Astoria Lucerne

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Carriages & Countryside - In a typical rural community, meet local farmers for a delightful horse-drawn ride. Clip-clop your way through bright green pasture, where the angular spire of a traditional white church shoots skyward and rickety old wooden storehouses still dot the landscape. Call in at a local farm where a wonderful spread of homemade drinks and snacks is served.

Adult: 81.00 CHF

* Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Day 12 | Leave Lucerne for Zürich



Your Alpine adventures end this morning with a transfer to Zurich airport.

Meals: Breakfast