

THE BAVARIAN

ITINERARY NIGHTS: Munich (3), Innsbruck (1), Lucerne (2), Heidelberg (1)

HIGHLIGHTS: Munich City Tour • Dachau • Linderhof • Neuschwanstein • Oberammergau • Salzburg City Tour • Lucerne Walking Tour • The Black Forest

OPTIONS: Mt Pilatus



DAY 1 Depart the US for Germany.

DAY 2 MUNICH Welcome to Deutschland! Arrive in Munich, where your TSA Tours representative waits to escort you to your hotel.

DAY 3 MUNICH On your **Munich City Tour**, see Marienplatz, the town square and its colorful Flower Market, the Glockenspiel which is the largest in Germany and the Frauenkirche Cathedral, which was built in 1468. Continue on to see the enormous Olympic Park and visit the BMW Museum. Also tour the ruins of the infamous **Dachau** concentration camp, outside of Munich. Dachau was not one of the foremost extermination camps, but a detention camp and a research center for the Auschwitz experiments. Although they were never used at Dachau, you will see the gas showers, the crematorium and the barracks. In the museum, the horrors of the Holocaust are documented through photos and artifacts, such as uniforms and prisoner insignia.

For those who wish, there are chapels and a Synagogue on the grounds.

DAY 4 MUNICH Visit two incredible castles built by “Mad”

King Ludwig II. Schloss **Linderhof** was built between 1869 and 1879 in one of the wildest valleys of the Ammergau Alps—a region the royal hunters of the house of Bavaria reserved for their own use. The small cream-colored palace served as a background for the romantic fantasies of the young king, obsessed by oriental fables and the heroic legends of Germany. Then tour amazing **Neuschwanstein**, also built by “Mad” King Ludwig. This towered and battlemented “fairy castle,” was the inspiration for Sleeping Beauty’s castle in Disneyland. Continue to **Oberammergau** a mountain sports and health resort, and home of the famous Passion Play which is help every 10 years. It was first performed in 1634, following a vow taken by the people of Oberammergau during an outbreak of plague in the previous year.

DAY 5 INNSBRUCK Journey into Austria to **Salzburg**, the birthplace of Mozart, for a **City Tour**. A famed tourist resort, music center, and setting for the

“The Sound of Music,” the city enjoys a unique combination of geographical and architectural beauty. Continue to the Olympic city of Innsbruck, located on the river Inn in the heart of the Tyrolean Alps.

DAY 6 LUCERNE Travel to the lakeside town of Lucerne, Switzerland. Situated on the northwestern tip of Lake Lucerne, this city is famous for its ancient churches, the Fritschi Fountain in the Kappellplatz, and its charming covered wooden bridges. Take a **walking tour** with your courier through the bridges and view the more than 100 17th century paintings depicting local saints and scene’s from the town’s history that hang from the rafters of the Kapellbrücke Bridge.

DAY 7 LUCERNE Explore the scenic city of Lucerne today. **Option:** An excursion to **Mount Pilatus**, the mountain of Lucerne, shouldn’t be missed. Mt Pilatus (7,000 feet) with the steepest cog railway in the world (48% gradient) and is magnificent view of the Alps, six lakes and the city of Lucerne is an unforgettable experience. The Pilatus cogwheel railway’s Alpnachstad station is on the main line be-



tween Lucerne and Interlaken, making Pilatus an easy stop-over on a trip from Lucerne. A panoramic restaurant at the top of the mountain provides you with a fantastic view of the alpine world surrounding you.

DAY 8 HEIDELBERG Travel through the beautiful **Black Forest** (*Schwarzwald*) to the ancient university city of Heidelberg. This quaint fairy tale city was left untouched in World War II. Be sure to see Heidelberg Castle, where its 18th Century wine barrel holds 49,000 gallons of wine to this day! Stroll down the town’s avenues along the banks of the Neckar River and luxuriate in the old world charm of its shops and cafes.

DAY 9 DEPART Jet home from Frankfurt, with great memories of your days in beautiful Bavaria!



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