



## Germany –Austria

**Day 1** - Depart for Europe!

**Day 2** - Arrive in Munich, the capital of Bavaria. You'll see why most Germans, if given the choice, would live in Munich. It's Germany's prettiest city, and lays claim to being its cultural capital. Plus, it's only an hour or so from the Alps!



**Day 3** – In the morning, we will tour the BMW museum and the Olympic Stadium from the 1972 games. That afternoon, continue to Dachau, where we will tour the WWII concentration camp outside of Munich. Late that afternoon, we will depart for Garmisch – Partenkirchen, a beautiful Bavarian town located on the German-Austrian border.



**Day 4** – After breakfast, we will go to the top of the world as we take the cogwheel train to the Zugspitze peak and then the cable ride down (the steepest in Europe). While at the top of the mountain, look across the peaks of the German, Austrian, Italian, and Swiss Alps. From 10,000 feet high, send an email to your family back home! After our descent, enjoy scenic Lake Eibsee, where there are relaxing hikes to take. After lunch in Garmisch, take a short drive to the end of the famous Romantic Road to the area around Fussen. While there we will visit the spectacular Neuschwanstein Castle built by Mad King Ludwig. This is the castle after which the Disney castle is patterned. After eating dinner at the base of the castle, return to our hotel in Garmisch.

**Day 5** – In the morning, travel to Oberammergau and visit the famous Passion Play house, the site of the longest running Passion Play in the world, dating back centuries. A highlight of our day will be departing from the site of the 1936 Winter Olympic Games to hike up the incredible gorge called Partnachlam. (Weather permitting.) Don't forget to wear your raingear as you might get wet! That afternoon, we will depart for Salzburg. Arrive in the early evening, check into the hotel and eat dinner.

**Day 6** – Enjoy Salzburg, Austria, the beautiful setting for The Sound of Music. In the morning,, visit the Salzburg Cathedral and Mozart's Birthplace. Listen and watch for the Glockenspiel in the Mozartplatz as you enjoy the town shops. You'll love this city! That afternoon, take an exciting visit to the Hallein Salt Mines, where your tour will include going down two long wooden slides, along with a flat boat ride across a subterranean lake. Learn about the "white gold" of this area that allowed the Austrian princes to gain wealth and power. Dinner and night in Salzburg.

**Day 7** - After our tour of the Hohensalzburg Fortress, the massive castle that sits 400 feet above the old town of Salzburg, we will depart for Vienna. Enjoy some of the world's most beautiful views

as we pass through the Austrian Alps by bus (apprx. 4 hours). Check into hotel, dinner, and walking tour of the Austrian imperial city upon our arrival.



**Day 8** - Our tour today will include the Stephanplatz and the Michaelerplatz. Visit Vienna's premier landmark, the St. Stephen's Cathedral. We will also stroll through the Heldenplatz, browse through Vienna's largest market, the Naschmarkt, and opt to visit Mozart's home. In the afternoon we will visit the spectacular Schonbrunn Palace where Marie Antoinette was raised. Depart for Munich in the late afternoon.

**Day 9** - After our once-in-a-lifetime experience, fly back home from Munich!