

Travel Buddies presents...

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Exploring the Alpine Countries & Oberammergau's Passion

Play **JUNE 2010**

13 Days
19 Meals:
11 Breakfasts
1 Lunch
7 Dinners

Departure: JUNE 2010

Rates:

Twin: 3979.00 cdn\$ + AIR

Single :4609.99 cdn\$

Triple:

Highlights...

Vienna • Danube Cruise • Salzburg
Mozart Dinner Concert • Munich
Oberammergau Passion Play
Neuschwanstein Castle • Black Forest
Zermatt • Lucerne • Bern

Includes:

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Welcome to Collette's Alpine Countries tour - a visit to three of Europe's most picturesque countries: Austria, Germany (Bavaria), and Switzerland.

Day 2: Vienna, Austria - Tour Begins

You arrive in the grand city of Vienna, the former capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. **HTonight, in the picturesque wine-making village of Grinzing, you will join your fellow travelers at one of the local restaurants for a delightful welcome dinner, complete with local wines and traditional entertainment.H (D)**

Day 3: Vienna

Your Imperial Vienna tour highlights the baroque marvels of Schoenbrunn or Belvedere Palace. Touring Vienna's city center, you view St. Stephan's Cathedral, beautiful baroque architecture, parks and gothic spires of a by-gone age. The remainder of the day is at leisure. This evening you are invited to dinner at a popular local restaurant. **(B, D)**

Day 4: Vienna - Danube River Cruise - Melk - Salzburg

Depart Vienna and travel along the banks of the Danube to the medieval town of Durnstein. **HEmbark on a cruise on the Danube River, gliding through the historic Wachau Valley, one of the most beautiful stretches of river in the world.H** Later you visit the Benedictine Abbey in Melk, before continuing to the "City of Music", Salzburg. **(B)**

Day 5: Salzburg - Mozart Dinner Concert

Enjoy a walking tour of the Altstadt (Old Town) highlighting the Cathedral, Mozart's Birthplace and Mirabell Gardens. You will not be able to miss recognizable locations from the "Sound of Music". Your afternoon is at leisure. **HThe evening includes a memorable Mozart Dinner Concert at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant. In the stylish ambiance of the historic Baroque Hall, you will enjoy a traditional candlelight dinner (featuring recipes from the 17th & 18th centuries) while you listen to some of Mozart's most popular compositions performed by local artists in colorful, historic costumes.H** **(B, D)**

Day 6: Salzburg - Munich, Germany - Oberammergau

Travel through the picturesque landscape of Austria to neighboring Germany. Your destination is Munich, the beautiful capital of the state of Bavaria. Upon arrival, enjoy a city tour featuring the Olympic Park, Marienplatz and the Glockenspiel. Next, depart for the quaint village of Oberammergau, nestled in the Bavarian Alps. **(B, D)**

Day 7: Oberammergau - Passion Play

HEnjoy a performance of the Passion Play which originally took place in 1634.H During the Thirty Year War, the village of Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the villagers vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honor the life of Christ. The performers are native Oberammergauers. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast start to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. This is truly an unforgettable event. **(B, L, D)**

Day 8: Oberammergau - Rhine Falls - Black Forest

Today you visit Wies Church, proclaimed as a World Heritage site. You then view perhaps the most famous castle in Bavaria - Neuschwanstein - with its turrets and pinnacles. Continuing on the scenic route, you traverse southern Germany, skirting the northern shores of Lake Constance to the Rhine Falls, Europe's most powerful waterfall. **HYou then proceed to the mysterious Black Forest - setting of legends and stories of yore! Don't forget to shop for authentic cuckoo clocks, Hummels, and wood carvings!H** **(B)**

Day 9: Black Forest - Chateau deChillon, Lake Geneva, Switzerland - Zermatt

Today enjoy a visit to the Chateau de Chillon, beautifully situated on Lake Geneva. Your travels continue through the wine-growing region of the Rhone Valley before beginning the ascent into the fabulous Swiss Alps. Upon arrival in Tasch, board a local train for the short ride to the spectacular Alpine village of Zermatt. **(B, D)**

Day 10: Zermatt

Begin your day with an orientation tour of the village. The balance of the day is at leisure to explore this charming village, savor pastries at a local café or just relax. **(B)**

Day 11: Zermatt -Lucerne - Bern

This morning travel to the beautiful medieval city of Lucerne, the “Swiss Paradise on the Lake”. Enjoy a leisurely-paced Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour exploring the hidden treasures of the city. In addition to its natural charm and tranquility, Lucerne has more than 800 years of history. **HExplore such medieval treasures as the covered Chapel Bridge (1833); the famous Water Tower which has served as a prison, watchtower and treasury; the Renaissance-style Town Hall; the baroque Jesuit Church; and the Lion Monument, carved from natural rock to commemorate the heroic Swiss Guard.H** This afternoon, travel to the Swiss capital of Bern. **(B)**

Day 12: Bern

Today, explore delightful Bern on a panoramic sightseeing tour featuring the Bundeshaus (the Swiss Parliament), the famous Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens, and the gothic cathedral which dominates the Old Town skyline. This evening, join your fellow travelers in celebrating the end of a marvelous trip with a farewell dinner. **(B, D)**

Day 13: Bern - Tour Ends

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Your Itinerary at a Glance

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| Day 1 | Overnight Flight |
| Day 2, 3 | Hotel De France, Vienna, Austria |
| Day 4, 5 | Renaissance Hotel, Salzburg, Austria |
| Day 6, 7 | Oberammergau or Garmisch-Partenkirchen |
| Day 8 | Hofgut Sternen, Black Forest, Germany |
| Day 9, 10 | Hotel Schweizerhof, Zermatt, Switzerland |
| Day 11, 12 | Hotel Bristol, Bern, Switzerland |

On some dates alternate hotels may be used

Please Note:

Please note that single accommodations are extremely limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. If you wish to secure single accommodations it is highly recommended that you book early. Also, triple and child rates are not available.

All tours will be subject to the finalization of play tickets. In the event that Collette cancels the tour, you will be refunded 100%.

Due to flight restrictions, you may require an early morning departure from your hotel.

Collette air passengers will depart from the Zurich, Switzerland airport. All Collette transfers will depart from Bern for the Zurich airport.

If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

For your information, The Salzburg Summer Music Festival takes place during the month of August.

Order of events subject to change on some departure dates.

The dinner in Salzburg may be on another evening due to limited availability.

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IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

PAYMENTS:

A per person deposit of \$750 Per Person is due with passenger name + cost of Cancellation Insurance
Second Deposit of \$1,000 Per Person is Due One Year Prior to Departure.

The second deposit is applicable for all tours that include Oberammergau.

Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure.

TRAVEL BUDDIES CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY:

Deposits are non-refundable. Once final payment has been received, it too will be totally non-refundable. Minimum number required for group travel. If numbers should fall below the minimum, Travel Buddies reserves the right to cancel the trip. If Travel Buddies cancels a trip, it would be prior to your final payment and your deposit would be completely refunded.

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