

Munich's legendary Oktoberfest. Spend four nights in the UNESCO World Heritage city of Bern and three nights in the charming Alpine city of Innsbruck. Spend your last night in the vibrant city of Munich. Get a taste of Switzerland when you meet a local alphorn maker and yodelers and enjoy a fondue lunch. Explore Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Visit Mozart's birthplace and the Mirabell Gardens, featured in The Sound of Music, during your time in Salzburg. Sample traditional regional cuisine at some of the oldest and most famous restaurants in Europe. Toast to tradition at Munich's Oktoberfest, dating back to the 1800s. The hills are alive on this enchanting journey across Switzerland, Austria and Bavaria.

# Escorted Tour

#### Highlights

- Bern
- Alphorn Maker
- Yodeling Demonstration
- Fondue Lunch
- Lucerne
- Austrian Alps
- Choice on Tour. Cultural City Walking Tour or Architectural Walking Tour
- Innsbruck
- Salzburg
- Mirabell Gardens
- St. Peter's Restaurant
- Bavaria
- Linderhof Palace
- Tyrolean Folklore Show
- Munich Oktoberfest

#### Your Tour Includes

- 3 Handpicked Accommodations
- 13 Meals
- 2 Choice on Tour Options

#### **Must-See Inclusions:**

- Spend a day exploring Salzburg's historic past and charming Old Town.
- Enjoy a walking tour of Lucerne's Altstadt (Old Town).
- Tour Linderhof Palace and its beautiful gardens.

### **Cultural Experiences:**

- Witness the creation of Alpine music during an alphorn and yodeling demonstration.
- Experience a Tyrolean folklore show in Innsbruck,
- Celebrate with locals and travelers from around the globe in your reserved tent at Munich's Oktoberfest.

## **Culinary Inclusions:**

- Savor lunch at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, Austria's oldest.
- Experience a fondue lunch in a picturesque Alpine town.
- Dine on Tyrolean cuisine at a local restaurant,











Meals

**Hotel Bern** Nights 1-4



Marriott Innsbruck Nights 5-7



13 Meals





# **Pre-Night Option**

Day: 1 Overnight Flight-Discover spectacular Switzerland, Austria and Bavaria on a tour featuring Munich's legendary Oktoberfest.

**Day: 2** Bern, Switzerland-Dinner Hotel Bern-Your journey begins in Bern, the capital of Switzerland. This UNESCO World Heritage site rests in the Swiss countryside. The cobbled Old Town section is so well preserved that residents who lived here 500 years ago would still find it familiar today. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring local cuisine.

**Day: 3** Bern-Breakfast Hotel Bern-Explore delightful Bern on a panoramic sightseeing tour, led by a local guide, featuring the Bundeshaus (the Swiss Parliament), the famous Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens and the gothic cathedral which dominates Old Town's skyline. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore independently. Perhaps you'll take a ride in the red carriages of the Gurtenbahn funicular railway, climbing Gurten Mountain to an altitude of 2,574 feet (858 meters) for impressive views of Bern, the surrounding towns and mountains.

**Day: 4** Bern - Habkern – Bern-Breakfast & Lunch Hotel Bern-Today, depart Bern and head to the small mountain village outside of Interlaken – Habkern. Boasting classic postcard imagery of Switzerland, enjoy a tour with a local workshop owner learning how the alphorn is made, and even entertain your musical side by playing one. After, explore the world of yodeling through a professional demonstration. Perhaps you're a natural and never knew. Finish your afternoon with a fondue lunch at a local restaurant before heading back to Bern. Enjoy the rest of your afternoon at leisure.

**Day: 5** Bern - Lucerne – Bern-Breakfast & Dinner Hotel Bern-Set out for Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Enjoy a leisurely paced Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour, exploring the hidden treasures of this 800-year-old city such as the covered Chapel Bridge (1333); 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. Tonight, dine at one of Bern's great restaurants.

**Day: 6** Bern - Liechtenstein - Innsbruck, Austria-Breakfast AC Hotel by Marriott Innsbruck-En route to Innsbruck, make your way through Liechtenstein, the smallest German-speaking country in the world and the only country to lie entirely within the Alps. Upon arrival in Innsbruck, **it's your choice!** Select one of two leisurely walking tours: join a local guide as you discover the city's history, culture and popular attractions including Maria-Theresien-Strasse, the Hofburg and the "Golden Roof" **-OR-** you may embark on a tour focusing on Innsbruck's unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump.

**Day: 7** Innsbruck - Salzburg – Innsbruck-Breakfast & Lunch AC Hotel by Marriott Innsbruck-Travel through the picturesque Austrian countryside to Salzburg. Start your day in Salzburg with a walking tour featuring Mirabell Gardens (seen in The Sound of Music), the quaint Getreidegasse (birthplace of Mozart), and many other highlights of this beautiful city. After, enjoy a delightful lunch at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, the oldest in Austria and still owned by the monks. Enjoy time in the afternoon at leisure before returning to Innsbruck.

Day: 8 Innsbruck - Bavaria, Germany – Innsbruck -Breakfast AC Hotel by Marriott Innsbruck-Tour Linderhof Palace, the only palace out of three - that King Ludwig II lived to see completed. Walk through the extraordinary halls that were modeled after Versailles with an expert guide and bask in the luxury of past royals. After, make your way to the Ettal Abbey\* – a Benedictine monastery founded in 1330 by Louis IV. Here, you'll tour the Basilica followed by a brewery tour complete with tastings. Next, return to Innsbruck. Later, experience the rich musical tradition of mountainous Austria during a Tyrolean folklore show hosted by a well-known local musical family.

**Day: 9** Innsbruck - Munich, Germany-Breakfast & Lunch Eurostars Grand Central Make your way to Munich for Oktoberfest, a traditional folk festival from the 1800s. Today, the festival draws people from all over the world and features lively music, savory cuisine, authentic costumes, amusement rides, and millions of liters of beer served. In your reserved tent, toast to a fun-filled day of drinks, games, and friendly locals.

Day: 10 Munich - Tour Ends-Breakfast-Your tour comes to an end in Munich.

