



COACH TOUR - SWITZERLAND & AUSTRIA - 12N/13D



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Switzerland & Austria:
13days Tour (Trafalgar)

Into the very heart of Europe, this trip takes in scenic Switzerland and Austria, but also sneaks you into miniature Liechtenstein and over the border into the northern fringes of Italy.

You'll enjoy Insider moments like...getting an insight into one of Austria's oldest traditions, as you watch the balletic horses of Lipizzaner Stud Farm in their alpine pastures and hear how this endangered breed is being protected.



Day 1 : ARRIVE ZURICH

Welcome to Zurich. After check-in, your Travel Director takes you on an orientation of Switzerland's financial capital before you enjoy a Welcome Reception with your fellow travellers and Travel Director at a local restaurant.

Meal(s)

Welcome Reception

Hotel : Radisson Blu Airport



Day 2 : ZURICH - LIECHTENSTEIN - SALZBURG SIGHTSEEING
A scenic drive along Lake Zurich brings you to Liechtenstein where you stop at its capital Vaduz. Follow the Arlberg route into the Tyrol, past the pretty skiing area around St. Johann and the Wilder Kaiser Mountains to Salzburg. This impressive city is dominated by Fortress Hohensalzburg. Your Local Specialist shows you a wealth of fascinating sights during your walking tour, including Mozart's family house and the Domplatz.

Meal(s)
Buffet Breakfast
Hotel : Austria Trend Europa



Day 3 : SALZBURG - VIENNA (2 NIGHTS)
Admire breathtaking scenery as you travel past Lake Mondsee and through the Wachau Valley to see the impressive Melk Abbey en route to Imperial Vienna.

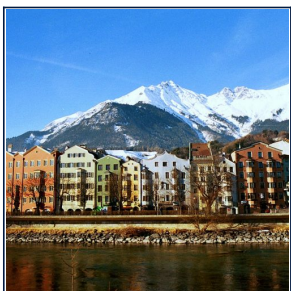
Meal(s)
Buffet Breakfast
Hotel
Austria Trend Parkhotel Schonbrunn



Day 4 : VIENNA SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Vienna is a beautiful city featuring grand palaces and buildings such as the State Opera, the Hofburg, St. Stephen's Cathedral, the Parliament and the Imperial Boulevards. Marvel at all these wonderful sights with your Local Specialist. Stroll through the oldest part of the city - 'Am Hof'. Spend time afterwards exploring on your own. Tonight why not enjoy a Viennese concert.

Meal(s)
Buffet Breakfast



Day 5 : VIENNA - GRAZ - PIBER STUD FARM - VILLACH

Admire galleried courtyards and Renaissance squares in Graz. Visit the Lipizzaner Stud farm at Piber for a Cultural Insight into the breeding of the athletic white stallions for the Spanish Riding School. This evening enjoy a Be My Guest dinner at a monastery housed in a beautiful old castle, before arriving to your hotel in Villach.

Meal(s)
Buffet Breakfast
Be My Guest Dining
Hotel : Romantik Post



Day 6 : VILLACH - CORTINA D'AMPEZZO - INNSBRUCK
The Alpine scenery is breathtaking as you drive into Italy via Carbonin and Lake Misurina to the Tre Croci Pass. Explore Cortina d'Ampezzo, the Olympic skiing resort set in the heart of the Dolomites. Traverse spectacular mountain passes as you cross back into Austria. At Innsbruck admire the Golden Roof, St. Jakob's Cathedral, the Hofburg Palace and see the Olympic ski-jump during your orientation tour.

Meal(s)
Buffet Breakfast
Hotel : Grauer Bär



Day 7 : INNSBRUCK - ST. MORITZ
This morning travel over the border into Switzerland and cross the enchanting Engadine. Arrive later in the fashionable winter sports resort of St. Moritz, where you are free this afternoon to explore the pristine landscape. Tonight enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Meal(s)
Buffet Breakfast
Dinner
Hotel : Bären Authentic Accommodation



Day 8 : ST. MORITZ - STRESA - ZERMATT (2 NIGHTS)
Traverse Alpine landscapes to Thusis and follow the San Bernadino route to Bellinzona, famous for its three castles. Continue via Locarno to the shores of Lake Maggiore and explore the scenic town of Stresa. See the beautiful Borromean Islands as you head towards the Simplon Pass. This evening enjoy dinner at your hotel in Zermatt.

Meal(s)
Buffet Breakfast
Dinner
Hotel : Ambassador/Monte Rosa



Day 9 : ZERMATT FREE TIME
Spend your free day relaxing in the shadows of the magnificent Matterhorn or perhaps consider a mountain trip for fantastic views of the surrounding Alpine peaks.

Meal(s)
Buffet Breakfast



Day 10 : ZERMATT - GENEVA - LAKE GENEVA (EVIAN)

A spectacular drive through the Rhône Valley brings you to Lake Geneva where you view Lord Byron's Castle of Chillon. Admire the sights of Geneva during your orientation tour including the old Cathedral, the Jet d'Eau fountain and the United Nations building. Follow the southern shores of Lake Geneva to Evian, renowned for its pure mineral water.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Hotel : Hilton Evian Les Bains



Day 11 : LAKE GENEVA (EVIAN) - BERNE - INTERLAKEN - LUCERNE ORIENTATION (2 NIGHTS)

Travel via Berne the Federal capital of Switzerland, to Interlaken in the Bernese Oberland, where you see the mighty Jungfrau (subject to weather conditions). Interlaken is one of the oldest and most popular tourist resorts in Switzerland. Cross the Brünig Pass to the charming town of Lucerne. Cross the Brünig Pass to the charming town of Lucerne. View the Chapel Bridge and visit the Lion Monument, built in the memory of Louis XVI's Swiss Guards, during your orientation tour.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Hotel : Grand Europe Authentic Accommodation

Day 12 : LUCERNE FREE TIME

Lucerne is a beautiful medieval town set against an impressive backdrop of mountains. Spend free time afterwards exploring the old town, shopping for watches and chocolates or consider an Optional Experience up a nearby mountain. Tonight celebrate with your travelling companions at a Farewell Dinner.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

Farewell Dinner

Day 13 : LUCERNE - DEPART ZURICH

Say goodbye to Europe and your new found friends at the end of this amazing holiday. Airport transfers are available to Zurich Airport. Conditions apply.

Meal(s)

Buffet Breakfast

INCLUSIONS:

Sightseeing Highlights:

City tour in Salzburg and Vienna

Orientation of Zurich, Graz, Innsbruck, Geneva and Lucerne

Visit Vaduz the capital of Liechtenstein, the Italian ski resort of Cortina d'Ampezzo, the mountain resort of St. Moritz, lakeside Stresa and Zermatt

View the Golden Roof and Hofburg Palace in Innsbruck, the Matterhorn and Jungfrau mountains (weather permitting), the castle of Chillon, Jet d'Eau in Geneva, the city of Berne, Chapel Bridge and Lion Monument in Lucerne

See Melk Abbey and the Wachau Valley

Dining

12 hot buffet breakfasts.

5 dinners

(including Be My Guest).

Travel Highlights:

Luxury air-conditioned coach with WiFi in most countries or alternative transportation (such as rail journeys)

Hand-picked 4 and 5 star accommodation

Hand-picked Insider Experiences

Optional Experiences and free time

All portorage and restaurant gratuities

Must-see sightseeing and surprise extras

An expert Travel Director and separate Driver

All hotel tips, charges and local taxes

VIP entry to many sights

Audio Headsets for flexible sightseeing

Airport Transfers