

Tour Central Europe

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2017 Alps and Dolomites Tour

Germany - Austria - Northern Italy

Departure: Tuesday, September 26, 2017*

**From your point of departure in the USA for Munich.*

Pick-up: Wednesday, September 27, Munich Airport (MUC)

Returning: Sunday, October 8, 2017 from Munich.

This unique tour will take you through the most spectacular alpine regions of Western Europe, designed with Tour Central Europe's traditional high standards in mind. Following our three previous tours of this breathtaking region in 2012, 2015 and 2016, we refined certain aspects of the 2017 tour to make it even more attractive. We added some off the beaten path sites where you would find very few American tourists. Our goal is to introduce you to the most beautiful and cultural sites and the places you always wished to visit; small villages, postcard-perfect outdoor vistas, as well as a sampling of local cultural and culinary fares, including visits with local families.

Our expertise and carefully selected hotels, places to visit, traveling roads and activities will provide you with a balanced mix of traveling, physical activities (walking and hiking), cultural local encounters, historical sightseeing, culinary treasures of each regions and time for your own exploration or relaxation . At most places we will spend two or more nights, giving you plenty of time to enjoy each city, village and the mountains. Your spirits will soar as you experience the Alps and Dolomites.

Tour Highlights:

Mountain resort of Seefeld • idyllic solitude of the Moeserer Lake • historic and Olympic town of Innsbruck along the Inn River • spectacular Tyrolean Museum at Bergisel • hiking the Seegrube Mountain • historic Brixen, the oldest town in Tyrol • Val Gardena road into the spectacular Dolomites region • hiking in the Dolomites at Col Raiser • Merano, the "city of flowers" • exotic gardens of Trauttmansdorff Castle • delightful vineyards at the Wine Chateaux of Rametz, including a private tour and wine degustation • monumental Castle of Tyrol • charming family farm at Valteleshof • South Tyrol Museum of Archeology, "Oetzi the Iceman" in Bolzano • Erdinger Weissbrenn brewery in Erding by Munich, and much more.

DAY 1

Pick up at the **Munich** airport. *Please arrange for an AM arrival in Munich.*

Transfer to Seefeld (1 1/2 hour driving time).

Stop for lunch at Kochelsee

Welcome dinner and tour orientation.

Overnight in Seefeld

(D)

DAY 2

Walk/hike in and around **Seefeld** (1964 and 1976 Alpine Olympic events resort).

Lunch at the **Moeserer-Lake**, located in idyllic solitude of the Seefeld nature preserve.

In the afternoon departing for **Innsbruck**.

Overnight in Innsbruck

(B-L-D)

DAY 3

Visiting the spectacular **Tyrolean museum at Bergisel**.

(360 degree portrayal of the 1809 battle for the Tyrolean liberation).

Experience the bird's eye view from the **Olympic ski-jumping tower**, overlooking the entire region.

Cableway to the **Hafelekar (Seegrube, 7000 feet)** with panoramic views of the Alps and the city of Innsbruck.

Overnight in Innsbruck

(B-L-D)

DAY 4

Traveling over the Brenner-Pass to South Tyrol (Northern Italy).

Visit of the historic old town of Brixen.

After lunch we will continue into the Dolomites region.

We will take a cable car to the Alm-Hut (Hotel) at **Col Raiser** in midst of the **Dolomites**, where their sheer rock walls are standing like silent stone sentinels against the sky.

Overnight Alm hotel.

(B-D)

DAY 5

Hiking day in the Dolomites to **Seceda** hut (8,200 feet).

Upon returning to the hotel there is time to relax (hotel site pool and spa).

Overnight Alm hotel.

(B-L-D)

DAY 6

There is another hike planned in the Col Raiser region.

Upon return to the hotel there is time for your own relaxation.

Overnight Alm hotel.

(B-L-D)

DAY 7

Following breakfast, we will travel to the historic city of **Merano**, the "City of Flowers" and visit the extraordinary botanical **Gardens of Trauttmansdorff Castle**. Trauttmansdorff offers spectacular views of exotic gardens and breathtaking vistas of the surrounding mountains and the spa resort town of Merano. Colorful plants from all around the world thrive and bloom in Trauttmansdorff's more than eighty garden landscapes.

Overnight in Schenna/Merano

(B-D)

DAY 8

This morning is reserved for your own discovery of this beautiful town.

Afternoon delightful visit of the **Wine Chateaux of Rametz**. It will include a guided tour of the private vineyards, their wine museum and wine degustation.

Free time.

Overnight in Schenna/Merano

(B-L-D)

DAY 9

Following breakfast we will drive to the picturesque village of **Tirol**. Then, we will walk to the **Castle of Tirol**. The castle offers an overview in the rich history of the castle and the village of Tirol. Also, from there you will enjoy a spectacular view of the surrounding mountains and the villages below.

After lunch, there will be time to stroll through the picturesque village of Tirol and enjoy a cup of cafe/tee or gelato.

Later in the afternoon, we will drive high in the mountains to a family own mountain farm at **Valtehof**. We will be their guests for a special farm presentation and family dinner.

Overnight in Schenna/Merano

(B-L-D)

DAY 10

This morning, we will travel to **Bolzano** to visit **Oetzi**, a nickname given to the well-preserved natural mummy of a man who lived around 3,300 BCE. The Iceman is on display at the **South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology** in Bolzano and is one of the world's best-known and most important mummies.

Overnight in Schenna/Merano

(B-D)

DAY 11

Following breakfast, we will depart for **Erding** by Munich.

Stop for lunch in the picturesque town of **Mittenwald**.

Farewell dinner in Erding.

Overnight in Erding

(B-D)

DAY 12

Transfer to the airport in Munich.

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TOUR SPECIFICATIONS:

We will be traveling in a private air-conditioned small bus and staying in nice country places with the usual comfort. The tour price includes all accommodations with **all** breakfasts, **6** lunches, **11** dinners (beverages are not included), all land transportation within all countries, transfer from/to the airport (only on tour's arriving and departing days), tickets for all planned events, local guides where needed, services of Tour Central Europe's Tour Directors, and special events. *Round trip airfare from your port of departure is not included.*

- ★ **All land arrangement as described above:**
 - **Double room occupancy: \$4,650.00/per person**
 - **Single room occupancy: \$5,150**

- ★ **The prices are based on minimum of 10 travelers. We reserved the right to cancel the tour due to an insufficient number of travelers.**

- ★ **Limited space reservation of 12 travelers on first come, first serve basis.**

- ★ **Deposit of \$700.00 per traveler is due with sign up. This will secure your spot.**

- ★ **We would like to suggest arranging your own round trip air travel from your home town to Munich (MUC). Please contact us first prior to finalizing your reservation. If you are not able to make your own travel plans, we can assist you.**

- ★ **In order to get full benefit of this trip, adequate degree of physical conditioning is recommended due to a good amount of walking and hiking. If you require assistance getting around, this tour may not be appropriate for you. Please contact us prior making decision to discuss it further.**

- ★ **We are strongly recommending to purchase a travel insurance to protect yourself and your investment in case you have to cancel or interrupt this tour. In order to provide you with the most effective coverage, the policy exclusion for "Pre-Existing Conditions" will be waived if you purchase a plan within 14 days of making your initial deposit payment for your trip. Please let us help you with securing your travel insurance.**

- ★ **Please consult the "Reservations" and "Terms & Conditions/Travel Insurance sections on our web site www.TourCentralEurope.com for more detailed information.**

- ★ **In order to secure the best possible airfare and our reserved hotels, please register early! Registration for this tour closes on April 30, 2017.**

- ★ *(If there is still space available, late registration is possible).*