

## Tour Central Europe

# 2020 Alps and Dolomites Tour

Germany - Austria - Northern Italy

**This is the best and most comprehensive tour you will find anywhere!**

**Departure: Tuesday, September 15, 2020**

From your point of departure in the USA to Munich (MUC)

**Pick-up: Wednesday, September 16, 2020** At Munich Airport

**Returning: Sunday, September 27, 2020 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. 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.

**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 **Mooserer-Lake**, located in idyllic solitude of the Seefeld nature preserve. In the afternoon departing for **Innsbruck**.

### Overnight in Innsbruck

(B)

## 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 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-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-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. In the afternoon delightful visit of the **Wine Chateaux of Rametz**. It will include a guided tour of the private vineyards, their wine museum, wine degustation together with typical Tyrolean light lunch. Time at leisure in Merano.

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

**Overnight in Schenna/Merano**

(B-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, Erdingerhof Weissbrau Brewery.

### **Overnight in Erding**

(B-D)

## **DAY 12**

Transfer to the airport in Munich.

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## **TOUR SPECIFICATIONS AND PRICING**

Upon signing up for this tour, you will receive a booklet with important and helpful information, including detailed itinerary, money exchange, what to pack, electrical appliances, cell phones, hotel addresses and phone numbers, medical concerns, suggested readings, information on visiting places, and much more.

This trip has been custom-designed specifically for a small group of 6-10 guests to appreciate unique natural landscapes, cultural and historical sites, culinary treats, behind the scene treasures, and authentic encounters. You will never feel like you are a part of a herd. We like to travel light – smaller group causes little environmental and cultural disturbance, which allows you to get closer to the world you are exploring.

We will be traveling in a private air-conditioned mid-size bus/van. We realize that hotels are not the main reason for you to select a tour. But great accommodation can improve the tour experience. We are selecting hotels according to our previous satisfied experience or hotels that we believe are the best for our particular trip. European hotels are usually smaller than those in the U.S.A. Also, air conditioning isn't as common as at home and in some country setting hotels elevators may not be available (we'll help you with your luggage). Our goal is to select accommodations that will offer you a nice and clean place, with the usual amenities or better, good service and good location. In larger cities, our hotels are usually centrally located so you can get around easily. In rural areas we will offer unique lodging that will provide local ambiance larger groups never experience.

## **YOUR PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Small group of up to 10 guests.
- All accommodations.
- All Breakfasts, **2** Lunches and **10** Dinners as indicated on the itinerary (beverages are not included).
- All land transportation.
- Entrance fees for all planned events.
- Transfer from/to the airport (only on the official arriving and departure day).
- Guided tours and special events.

***Note:** Round trip air-fare from your point of departure is not included.*

## **All land arrangements as described above:**

- Double room occupancy: **\$4,975 per person**
- Single room occupancy: **\$5,375**

Deposit of \$700.00 per guest is due with sign up to secure your spot. It is fully refundable if Tour Central Europe cancels the tour.  
Limited space reservation to 10 people - first come, first served basis.

We would like to suggest arranging your own round trip air travel from your hometown to Munich and from Munich back home. Please contact us first prior to making your reservation. If you are not able to make your own travel plans we will assist you.

In order to get the full benefit of this trip adequate degree of physical conditioning is recommended due to a good amount of walking and some hiking on our tour. If you need assistance in getting around, our tour may not be appropriate for you. Please contact us prior to making a decision on this tour.

We are strongly recommending purchasing travel insurance to protect yourself and your investment in case you have to cancel or interrupt this tour. Please check with your personal travel agency concerning an adequate travel insurance. Please consult the "Reservations" and "Terms & Conditions/Travel Insurance" sections for more pertinent information concerning this tour.

**In order to secure the best possible air-fair and our reserved hotels please register early! Before securing your flight arrangements, please check with us on the number of registered travelers.**