Tour Code: KKG21

Alpine Countries Tour

Germany, Austria & Switzerland

July 11 - 23, 2021

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Sunday, July 11, 2021 • Depart USA
We begin our exciting journey to the beautiful Alpine countries as we board our flight to Frankfurt. This tour presents the natural beauty, dynamic history, and special traditions found in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. **IF**

Monday, July 12, 2021 • Rothenburg
Upon arrival in Frankfurt, we meet our driver and depart immediately for Wurzburg – a city along the river Main surrounded by huge parks and vineyards. We enjoy a short tour of the Residenz which was built from 1720 – 1744. The Residenz is the main work of south German Baroque and one of the most important castles in Europe. Since 1982, the Residenz has been included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. We then continue on to Rothenburg, one of Germany's greatest treasures – the city that time passed by. Preserved as a kind of national monument – no one is allowed to change anything within the city walls which date back hundreds of years. **IF/D**

Tuesday, July 13, 2021 • Rothenburg
This morning we have a tour of Rothenburg – the medieval walled city – which acquaints us with this truly charming gem. As we admire the handsome, half-timbered buildings and walk the narrow and winding cobblestone streets and ramparts, we realize that we are truly stepping back over 500 years in time. Afterwards you have some free time to relax if you wish or simply stroll through this enchanting village. Sit down at a sidewalk café, order a brat and a beer, and just enjoy the atmosphere of this old German city. You also find that this is one of the best places to shop while on tour. **B/D**

Wednesday, July 14, 2021 • Salzburg
We leave Rothenburg and drive to Salzburg today. Salzburg is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. In Salzburg we take a walking tour of the "old city" and see some of the sights of the Sound of Music. The tour also includes the Mirabell Gardens, the Mammoth Cathedral, and the famous Getreidegasse, a pedestrian shopping area. In the evening we enjoy the very popular "Sound of Music" Dinner show located in the old city. **B/D**

Thursday, July 15, 2021 • Salzburg
This morning we take a very exciting bus ride to visit Hitler's Eagles Nest, perched high above the city of Berchtesgarden. From the Eagle's Nest you are treated to a spectacular view of the countryside below including SALZBURG in the distance. The afternoon is free for you to explore Salzburg and spend some time shopping in the famous Getreidegasse in the old city. **B/D**

Friday, July 16, 2021 • Oberammergau
Today we leave Austria and travel back into Germany to the beautiful Bavarian village of Oberammergau, where the famous Passion Play is held every ten years. On the way, we stop in Munich and walk through the famous Marienplatz where we can see the Glockenspiel on the new city hall and stop in at the renowned Hofbrauhaus to listen to some music and have refreshments if you wish. We are staying at the Alte Post in Oberammergau. **B/D**

Saturday, July 17, 2021 • Oberammergau
Today we visit Linderhof, another one of the King Ludwig's Castles. It is smaller than Neuschwanstein but a much more ornate castle, trimmed with gold leaf. We return to Oberammergau where you have a chance to relax and enjoy the German village and even shop for wood carvings – something this region is quite famous for. **B/D**

Sunday, July 18, 2021 • Lucerne
We are leaving Germany once again and traveling into the majestic country of Switzerland. On the way, we stop at Vaduz, the capital of Liechtenstein for lunch and then continue on to Lucerne, Switzerland. Lucerne is the storybook image of a Swiss town, abounding in cobblestone streets, spires and turrets, covered bridges, frescoed houses and fountains. We also see the famous Lion Monument and the Chapel Bridge. **B/D**

Monday, July 19, 2021 • Lucerne
After breakfast, we begin a full day excursion into the Swiss Alps. We drive to Stechelburg, just outside of Interlaken, and take a cable car to the Piz Gloria, a 360-degree solar-powered revolving restaurant on the Schilthorn mountain peak where we have lunch. Excerpts from James Bond film, "On Her Majesty's Secret Service" were filmed on the Schilthorn. Tonight, we have dinner and a Swiss Folklore show. **B/L/D**

Tuesday, July 20, 2021 • Black Forest
We leave Switzerland and drive to Lake Konstanz on the border between Germany and Switzerland. Here we visit the famous tropical island of Mainau to see the very beautiful tropical gardens. From spring through autumn, Mainau presents a magnificent view of an ever-changing sea of

flowers. We then continue to the Hofgut Sternen hotel in the Black Forrest. In the Evening we enjoy a Black Forrest buffet with folk dancing. **B/D**

Wednesday, July 21, 2021 • Rüdesheim
Today our first stop is an open-air living museum at Gutach in the Black Forest. Go back in time to the 16th Century and discover the world of the Black Forest farmers. We see the way they lived and worked as we explore their farmhouses and mills. After the tour we continue to Rudesheim, the most picturesque of the Rhineland wine villages. **B/D**

Thursday, July 22, 2021 • Rüdesheim
We spend the morning with "Vater Rheine" the granddaddy of the German waterways. A cruise on the most scenic segment of the river takes us past majestic medieval castles and fortifications perched high on the banks overlooking the river. You encounter picturesque villages with pointed church spires and countless immaculately kept vineyards. We get off the ship at St. Goarshausen, continuing in our coach to Braubach, where we have a tour of Germany's best-preserved medieval castle, the Marksburg! Later, we are back in Rudesheim for time on your own to do some last-minute shopping, pack for your trip home, or just to wander around the city. This evening we kick back and enjoy the world famous "Drosselgasse" with its many wine bars that offer live music and dancing. This city is the perfect place for us to end our tour of the Alpine countries. **B/D**

Friday, July 23, 2021 • Frankfurt/USA
Sadly, it is time for us to return to the USA. Our tour has been relaxing and filled with many wonderful memories. We have enjoyed the Gemutlichkeit of Bavaria, the beautiful Rhein river, the castle of a king, the spectacular Alps, and of course the music of Austria. We take with us friendship and memories that last a lifetime. **B/F**

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast **L**=Lunch **D**=Dinner

TOUR COST: $3,499* LAND ONLY

per person, double occupancy

Single supplement = $675
with a minimum of 20 participants

Your Tour Includes:
- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in superior tourist and moderate first-class hotels
- **Meals as indicated in the itinerary**
- Services of **Ken Koob as tour manager**
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services except as noted below

Your Tour Does Not Include:
- **Roundtrip airfare** to Frankfurt , related taxes and fees ***Air from Minneapolis will be quoted when available***
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for tour manager and coach driver
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. *(This insurance is available and offered by Ed-Ventures.)*

Payment Schedule:
Deposit with registration: $500 per person
Final payment due March 13, 2021
Invoices will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

Currency:
Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

Refund/Cancellation Policy:
All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to March 13, 2021 a $100 administrative fee plus any airfare penalties will be assessed. From March 14 - June 28, 2021, a $300 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling June 27, 2021 or after will receive no refund.

Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/ interruption insurance is strongly recommended.

Terms and Conditions

We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available, but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible, that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client. Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip for a medical reason only. You will be mailed trip cancellation insurance information with the brochure or upon receipt of your deposit.

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Please register me for:

□ **KKG21: July 11 - 23, 2021** • $3,499

□ Single Supplement $675

Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information **exactly as it appears on your passport.** Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Best practice is to include a copy of the photo page of your passport.*

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge):_____

Passport #:_____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth:_____

Gender: □ Male □ Female

Dietary Needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Please record information **exactly as it appears on your passport.** Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Best practice is to include a copy of the photo page of your passport.*

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

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Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: □ Male □ Female

Dietary Needs: _____

Address:_ _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip**:_____ **Phone:** _____

Work phone/cell: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed *(1 bed)* Twin Beds *(2 beds)*

Roommate name:_____ OR **Single supplement:** _____**Yes** _____**No**

Travel Insurance *(7.2% of tour cost)*

□ I wish to purchase a travel protection plan and have included the premium with my deposit.

□ I wish to decline the travel protection plan offered through Travel Guard.

Deposit Payment Information *(please check one)*

□ Enclosed is my $_____deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). ***Make checks payable to Alex Travel Agency.***

□ Please charge $_____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

Credit Card Number: _____ **Exp. Date:** _____

Card ID Code:* _____ **last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

_____Initial to acknowledge you understand that Federal law prohibits the carriage of certain hazardous materials in your luggage or on your person aboard aircraft and could result in a fine or imprisonment. Visit ***www.tsa.gov*** for more information.

Prices in this brochure were effective on 2.5.20. By signing below, I understand that price changes are possible at the time of final invoicing, due to exchange rates, an increase in carrier charges, fuel costs, taxes and tariffs, and the number of passengers traveling in the group. I agree to the terms and conditions of this tour.

Signature of 1st traveler: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ **Date:** _____

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