

# An Alpine Adventure Tour with Oberammergau - *June 2020*

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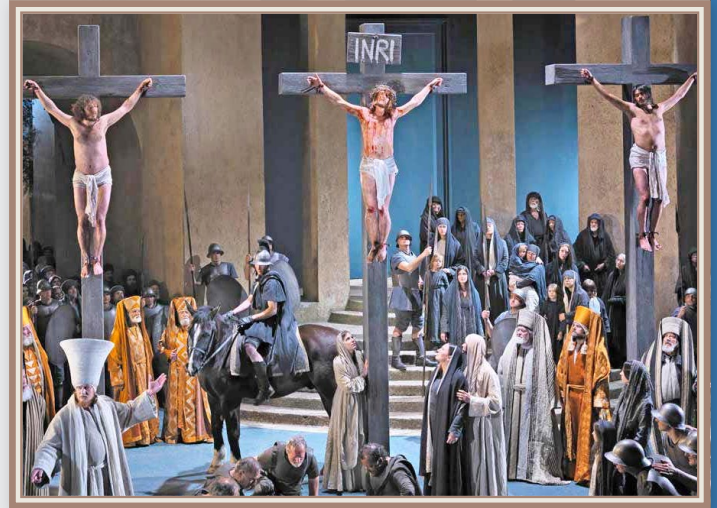
**An Alpine Adventure plus the Oberammergau Experience**

## Zurich to Munich

Discover the breathtaking scenery of the French and Swiss Alps from the peak of the remarkable Aiguille du Midi, to the meadows of the Bernese Oberland.

See Zermatt, the mighty Matterhorn and ride across the breathtaking Alps on the Glacier Express. Relax in Montreux beside Lake Geneva and Klosters before exploring delightful Lake Garda and Romeo and Juliet's Verona.

Stay in the medieval city of Innsbruck, see the famous Golden Roof and visit Hall - the oldest town in the Austrian Tyrol. In beautiful Bavaria, visit Füssen, Ludwig's 'fairytale' Neuschwanstein Castle, and be spiritually lifted in that extraordinary pilgrimage Wieskirche - the 'Church in the Meadows'. As a grand finale, stay two nights' in first class, centrally located Oberammergau accommodation and enjoy Premium Category 1 'best in house' seating for the marvellous Passion Play.



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# An Alpine Adventure Itinerary

## Day 1:- Zurich Welcome

Your tour commences this evening in Zurich. Join us tonight for a welcome drink before dinner. This is an ideal chance to meet, and get to know, your Tour Manager and fellow travellers. Stay 1 night Zurich.

## Day 2:- Geneva and Chamonix

We arrive in Geneva around lunch time. You will have time at leisure to explore Switzerland's second largest city and once home of the Red Cross. Make sure you take a walk along the beautiful foreshore of Lake Léman (Lake Geneva) to see the city's symbolic 140 metre high Jet d'Eau fountain which is set offshore in the lake. Crossing back into France we continue deep into the heart of the mighty French Alps and the Chamonix Valley in the Haute Savoie, to Chamonix, where we stay the next three nights. Set at an altitude of 1000 metres, and surrounded by a dozen world class ski resorts, Chamonix is the world capital of skiing and mountaineering. Stay 3 nights Chamonix.

## Day 3:- Aiguille du Midi and the 'Sea of Ice'

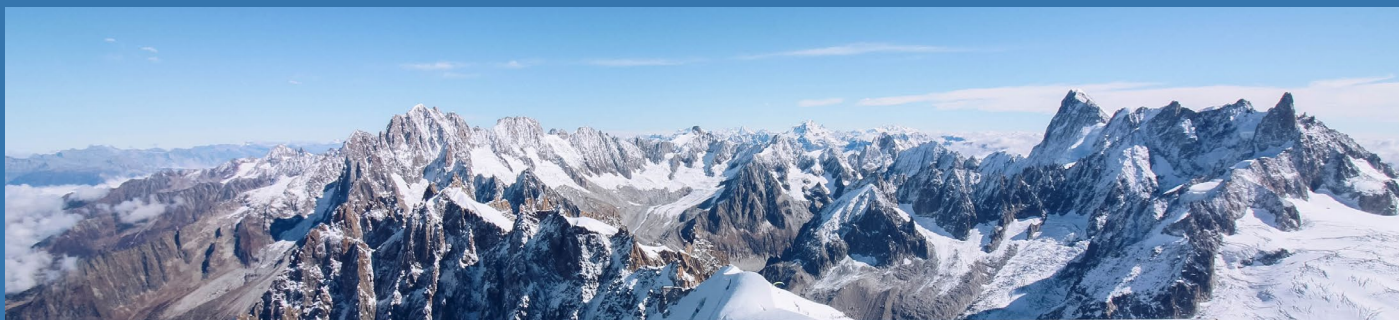
Today we have included not one, but two incredible mountain rides. The first, arguably one of the world's greatest mountain rides, is by cable car up to the very tip of the Aiguille du Midi - the 'Needle of Midday'. At an altitude of 3842 metres (12,605ft) you are seemingly within reach of Mont Blanc and the views across the French, Italian and Swiss Alps are astounding. The second ride is on the famous 'Little Red Train' - a funicular railway that follows a scenic route through the forests of conifers up to Montenvers station. Soaring high above you is the spike of the Drus Mountain and the massive rock wall of the Grands Jorasse. Filling the valley below you is France's largest Glacier, the 'Mer du Glace' or 'Sea of Ice'. You can even take a cable car down to explore the hand carved ice caves, beautifully illuminated deep inside this glacier\*. The less adventurous can of course relax in Montenvers panoramic restaurant or enjoy an afternoon at leisure exploring the shops and boutiques of lovely Chamonix.

\* From the foot of the cable car you need to go down a large number of steps to access the ice caves entrance.



## Day 4:- Chic Megeve and lakeside Annecy

First stop this morning will be in the exclusive, chic ski resort of Megeve. Running from the delightful cobbled central square, the main pedestrian street is lined with medieval buildings, al fresco cafés and some hideously expensive designer boutiques. The rest of the day will be in the delightful French lakeside town of Annecy. A local guide will show us around the cobbled stone streets, half-timbered and beautifully painted houses that sit beside picturesque canals which are criss-crossed with stone bridges. With a back drop of mountains and the turquoise lake, the Vieille Ville (Old Town) is incredibly pretty.



#### **Day 5:- Chateau de Chillon, Monteux and Gruyeres**

Driving over the spectacular Forclaz Pass into Switzerland we reach Montreux. Our first stop will be to enjoy a guided tour through Château de Chillon. Made famous in Byron's poem 'The Prisoner of Chillon', this 13th century fortress juts out imposingly into Lake Geneva. The rest of the morning is at leisure on the grand lakeside promenade and foreshore of Montreux. In the afternoon we visit the fortified village of Gruyères, which rises out of the flat valley floor, perched on top of a steep rocky hill. The broad cobbled stone main street, flanked by centuries old houses, is an astounding time capsule and one of the great sights of Europe. Later we drive deep into the heart of the Bernese Oberland to Grindelwald where we stay the next three nights. Grindelwald is known the world over for its dramatic setting surrounded by massive snow covered peaks and meadows. The views of the north face of the Eiger are exceptional! The village is full of restaurants, cafés and shops. On arrival we will enjoy a welcome drink, followed by dinner in a local restaurant. Stay 3 nights Grindelwald.

#### **Day 6:- 'My Time' in the Bernese Oberland**

We have left this day entirely free for you to enjoy the spectacular Swiss scenery. Perhaps go for a walk in the hills or catch a train to explore nearby Interlaken. Alternatively, take the cog train which tunnels up inside the mountain to the snowbound Jungfrauoch. At 3454 metres (11,333 feet) high there is a large restaurant complex and the views are breathtaking. Here you will also find an ice cave, curling rink with ice bar and a fascinating mountain museum.

#### **Day 7:- Lakeside Luzern and medieval Bern**

Our morning will be spent at leisure exploring the lovely lakeside town of Luzern with its quaint old town and the famous Chapel and Mill wooden bridges which cross the river. In the afternoon we set off to explore the medieval cobbled stone streets of Bern. A UNESCO World Heritage Listed landmark, this capital city is set on a spectacular bend above the River Aare, and boasts kilometres of sheltered arcaded shopping ways, an intriguing clock tower and the famous 'Bärengraben' bear pits.

#### **Day 8:- Lauterbrunnen, Trummelbach Falls and Zermatt**

Our first stop of the day will be in the nearby delightful village of Lauterbrunnen. Set spectacularly with 1000 foot sheer cliffs rising either side, this valley is often called the 'Valley of the Waterfalls' – these are the cliffs that James Bond keeps leaping off when he is being chased by the baddies. Here we visit the unusual Trummelbach Falls. Taking a funicular up inside the cliff face we then walk through the mountain caverns that are still being carved by these 'living waterfalls' which thunder right beside us, down through the inside of the mountain. An extraordinary sight and sensation! Later we drive through spectacular scenery into 'Le Valais' and Taesch where we catch a cog railway train up to the world-famous alpine resort of Zermatt. Set at an altitude of 1620 metres (5315 feet), the village is surrounded by a dozen huge peaks and dominating all is the mighty Matterhorn. Petrol-driven vehicles are banned from the village and as such the peace and quiet enhances the beauty of the wooden chalets and small winding village streets. Stunning! Stay 2 nights, Zermatt.



#### **Day 9:- 'My Time' in Zermatt**

Today has been left free for you to explore the town, walk on the well sign posted hiking trails to mountain restaurants and waterfalls, and relax in the crisp clean air. Alternatively pamper yourself in the hotel's excellent indoor pool, spa and wellness centre. Looking for another classic mountain ride? The Sunnegga Paradise cable car is situated right beside the hotel, or maybe jump on the nearby funicular train which takes you up to the Gornergrat station and terraced restaurant with its massive views across to the Matterhorn. Alternatively if you want to spend a day skiing, maybe catch a cable car ride up the Kleine (little) Matterhorn, where there are twenty-five kilometres of pistes and eight ski lifts which remain open all summer long!





#### **Day 10:- Glacier Express, Chur & Klosters**

This morning we board the famous Glacier Express train which takes us along the 'Valais' through Switzerland's finest mountain scenery. Ranked as one of the world's top train trips, you will be seated in panoramic carriages as we cross some of the 291 bridges, the 2033 metre Oberalp Pass and go through 91 tunnels. Early afternoon we arrive and have time to explore Switzerland's oldest city, Chur. The traffic free zone in the old town has a wonderful atmosphere with its boutiques, shops, bars and restaurants. Later we continue to Klosters where we stay two nights.

#### **Day 11:- 'My Time' in Klosters**

Your day is free to relax and explore Klosters.

#### **Day 12:- Bolzano and lakeside Bardolino**

Today we go to Italy! Passing through the Alps, we enjoy lunchtime in the centuries old town of Bolzano. Influenced by both Tyrolean and Italian cultures, you will find intricately carved gables, painted timber façades and an elegant arcaded main street. Later we continue to the charming lakeside town of Bardolino, where we stay the next four nights. Dinner tonight will be in our hotel restaurant.

#### **Day 13:- 'My Time' in Lake Garda**

We have left today entirely free. Do as little or as much as you want. Lake Garda is Italy's largest and perhaps most beautiful lake, and its shores are lined with quaint villages and colourful ports. The shopping is excellent and the cafés, lakeshore restaurants and shady gardens, all have that distinctly Mediterranean feel. Perhaps catch a ferry across the lake and wander around Gardone Riviera with its botanical gardens on the hill, or explore the characterful 'picture postcard' ports of Lazise or Sirmione.

#### **Day 14:- Verona and lakeside town of Garda**

Skirting the lake we will visit Romeo and Juliet's Verona. A local guide will bring to life this beautiful city, where these tragic lovers avowed a love that spanned the centuries. After free time to explore and find a restaurant for lunch, we return to glorious Lake Garda and enjoy an afternoon visit to the delightful lakeside town of Garda, after which the lake is named.

#### **Day 15:- Lakeside Salo and Redaelli de Zinis**

This morning we visit the delightful lakeside town of Salo to explore its historical centre filled with lanes and little squares with noble houses, elegant shops and the longest promenade on Lake Garda. Later we continue to Redaelli de Zinis in Calvagese della Riviera. This is a famous local winery and restaurant. Here we enjoy a wine tasting and sample some of the locally sourced produce before lunch.

#### **Day 16:- To Innsbruck**

travel north up over the Brenner Pass to Innsbruck, in Austria. Stay 2 nights

#### **Day 17:- Innsbruck**

Days Touring into Bavaria and spend lunchtime in Fussen, and the afternoon visiting Neuschwanstein Fairy-tale Castle.

#### **Day 18:- to Oberammergau**

Days Journey TBA . Stay 2 nights

#### **Day 19:- Oberammergau Passion Play**

Days Itinerary TBA

#### **Day 20:- To Munich**

Depart Oberammergau & travel to Munich where our tour ends.



# Terms & Conditions

## Inclusions

Accommodation on a Twin share basis  
Transfer as listed  
Itinerary as outlined in the Tour Brochure.  
Meals as per Itinerary  
Guaranteed Category 1 Seating for Passion Play  
Performances

## Exclusions

Items of a personal nature  
Excess luggage  
Meals other than listed

## Notes

Flights – Can be booked to suit your own travel requirements  
Extra nights accommodation can be requested in Zurich & Munich if required  
Further touring can be added pre or post tour  
Itinerary subject to change  
Travel insurance is compulsory

## Special Conditions

As Oberammergau is a unique tour to an extremely popular event which only occurs every 10 years and attracts pilgrims from all over the world, tickets are extremely difficult to procure. Tours planned to coincide with Oberammergau are also very popular and book out very fast once released. It is for that reason that 'expressions of interest' are offered in order to be able to place bookings as soon as prices become available. Deposits are required well before the intended departure date.

The full cost of the tour will be approx. \$10500 per person and exact itinerary and costs will be confirmed approx. Aug/Sept 2018. Single Supplements will be available – cost on application.

Airfares & Taxes are additional & we anticipate that airfares will be released approx. August 2019. All costs quoted prior to that are subject to change without prior notice as costs for 2020 are subject to currency fluctuations & land tour cost increases.

The final itinerary & costs (including airfares, taxes & stopover accommodation) will to be advised approx. August 2019.

This tour will operate subject to a minimum of 20 passengers.

A non-refundable deposit of \$1000.00 per person is required to secure your place on this tour and must be paid within 7 days of booking. This deposit secures your place

on the whole tour/cruise including the Oberammergau Passion Play. Further deposits will be required and exact amounts and dates are to be advised. Final payment will be due and payable on or around 28th February 2020.

We recommend that International Travel Insurance is taken at the time of paying your deposit to cover you for any Unforeseen circumstances prior to departure. Please refer to the Policy booklet for full details.

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