

# Alpine Splendor: Switzerland and Austria

**14 days for \$6,992 total price from Detroit**

**(\$6,395 air & land inclusive plus \$597 airline taxes and fees)**

*The towering peaks of the Alps serve as the stunning backdrop for our Swiss and Austrian exploration. As our small group discovers mountain villages and European cities, rides the famed Glacier Express, cruises on glassine lakes, and ascends snowcapped summits, borders disappear and the region's history – and beauty – enchant one and all.*



Majestic Alpine scenery surrounds us throughout our tour.

## Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Lovely Lucerne, including *Kapellbrücke* covered bridge • Cogwheel train to Mt. Pilatus • Famed *Glacier Express* Alpine train route • *Gornergratbahn* open-air railway with views of the Matterhorn • Private Lake Lugano cruise • Visit to Bellinzona's Castelgrande, a UNESCO site • Alfresco grotto lunch • Tour and tasting at Cellars of Prince of Liechtenstein • Baroque Old Town of Salzburg • Eagle's Nest, Nazi cliff-top retreat • Medieval Hohensalzburg, one of Europe's finest castles • Intimate Mozart concert

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Zurich		
2-3	Lake Lucerne	Renaissance Lucerne	First Class
4-5	Zermatt	Resort Hotel Alex	First Class
6-8	Lugano	Hotel Lugano Dante	First Class
9-10	Seefeld	Hotel Seelos	First Class
11-13	Salzburg	Imlauer Hotel Pitter Salzburg	Sup. First Class
14	Depart Munich for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the *Hotel & Travel Index*, the travel industry standard reference.

### Day 1: Depart U.S. for Zurich, Switzerland

**Day 2: Arrive Zurich/Lake Lucerne** We arrive in Zurich and transfer to our hotel on the shores of Lake Lucerne. After checking in, we meet for a briefing about the journey ahead, followed by dinner at our hotel. *D*

**Day 3: Lucerne/Mt. Pilatus** This morning we encounter historic and alluring Lucerne, surrounded by mountains and sitting on its namesake lake. We visit the medieval Old Town; and cross treasured *Kapellbrücke* (Chapel Bridge), the oldest covered bridge in Europe. After our introduction to Lucerne, there's time to explore the open-air morning market and enjoy lunch on our own. Later we ride the world's steepest cogwheel train to the summit of nearby Mt. Pilatus for stunning views across the surrounding countryside. *B*

**Day 4: Lake Lucerne/Zermatt** Today's scenic overload begins with a ferry ride on Lake Lucerne, where we pass Rütli meadow, legendary "birthplace of Switzerland." Disembarking at Flüelen, we coach to Andermatt to board the celebrated *Glacier Express* train, renowned for its panoramic views as it sweeps through striking valleys, past mountain hamlets, and follows the course of the fabled Rhône. Our adventure on this famed route ends in Zermatt, gateway to the Swiss Alps in the shadow of the Matterhorn.

Tonight, we enjoy dinner together at a local restaurant. *B,D*

**Day 5: Zermatt/Gornergrat** Sitting in a low-slung notch, Zermatt is surrounded on all sides by towering slopes. We get a unique view of the spectacular scenery this morning as we ride the *Gornergratbahn*, the highest open-air railway in Europe, to the summit of the Gornergrat. Atop this rocky ridge, a dramatic tapestry unfolds all around us: 29 Alpine peaks, each over 13,000 feet, including the majestic Matterhorn standing alone at nearly 15,000 feet. After admiring the jaw-dropping scenery, we begin our descent by train to Zermatt, where the remainder of the day is free to explore this very walkable village as we wish. *B*

**Day 6: Zermatt/Stresa, Italy/Lugano** We travel by coach today through more superb Swiss scenery, and cross into northern Italy via the legendary Simplon Pass through the Alps. Late morning, we arrive in Stresa, Italy, along the shores of lovely Lake Maggiore, where we have time to explore and enjoy lunch on our own. Then a scenic drive through the famed Italian lake district returns us to Switzerland and our hotel in lakeside Lugano. *B,D*

**Day 7: Lugano/Bellinzona/Ascona** Today's tour of Ticino, Switzerland's southernmost canton, begins

in medieval Bellinzona, with its three feudal castles, all UNESCO sites. Here we visit Castelgrande, the iconic central castle where we explore the ramparts and expansive grounds, then enjoy regional fare as we lunch alfresco at a local *grotto* restaurant built around mountain caves. Then we coach to the former artists' colony of Ascona on the shores of Lake Maggiore before we return to Lugano. *B,L*

**Day 8: Lake Lugano** After a free morning to explore Lugano independently, we board a motorboat for a private half-day cruise around Lake Lugano. We put ashore at Morcote, a town barely a mile square whose cobbled streets, terraced gardens, and Mediterranean charm led Swiss citizens in 2016 to name it the nation's loveliest village. After lunch together and time to explore, we continue on our cruise with a stop in Gandria, whose stucco façades seem to cling precariously to the side of Monte Brè. *B,L*

**Day 9: Lugano/Vaduz, Liechtenstein/Seefeld, Austria** Leaving the Lake District today, we're bound for Austria by way of the tiny sovereign nation of Liechtenstein. We reach the country's scenic capital of Vaduz mid-morning then have some free time to explore and have lunch on our own. This afternoon we visit a royal attraction: the Cellars of the Prince of Liechtenstein, the prince's own winery set on 10 grape-growing acres just outside Vaduz. We stroll through the vineyard, tour the wine cellars, and sample the wines on offer here. From here we travel on to



The Gornergratbahn open-air railway

Austria, reaching our hotel in the mountain village of Seefeld early this evening. We dine together at our hotel tonight. *B,D*

**Day 10: Seefeld/Innsbruck** This morning we coach to nearby Innsbruck, host of the 1964 and 1976 Winter Olympics.

### Post-Tour Extension

August 28-31, 2024

## Vienna – On Your Own

4 days/3 nights for \$795

Single Supplement: \$355

*Savor an unstructured stay in this city of arts and culture. Music, opera, and museums abound.*

### Your Tour Price Includes

- Rail transportation Salzburg/Vienna
- 3 nights' accommodations at Hotel Kaiserhof (First Class)
- 3 meals: 3 breakfasts
- Vienna city orientation tour with local guide
- Transfer from rail station and to airport



SWITZERLAND WOULD BE  
A MIGHTY BIG PLACE  
IF IRONED FLAT.”

– MARK TWAIN

A walking tour highlights the postcard-worthy sights, including the many pedestrian squares surrounded by pastel-colored façades. Then we take a cable car to a lookout in the Nordkette, the “mountain at the heart of Innsbruck,” where we enjoy panoramic views of the city and the surrounding Alps. We have time on our own in Innsbruck before returning to Seefeld. *B,D*

**Day 11: Seefeld/Tyrol/Salzburg** Today we travel through Tyrol, a crossroads of Western Europe, en route to Salzburg. We stop to visit the Museum of Tyrolean Farms, an interactive outdoor exhibit featuring dozens of preserved farmhouses dating from the 15<sup>th</sup> century onwards. Then we continue on to Salzburg, Austria's riverside jewel and city of Mozart and *The Sound of Music*. Following dinner together, we attend a Baroque chamber music concert in the Marble Room of famed Mirabell Palace. *B,D*

**Day 12: Salzburg** Our walking tour this morning features the geometrically-styled Mirabell Gardens, dating to the 17<sup>th</sup> century; the Baroque Old Town, now a UNESCO site; and visits to Salzburg Cathedral and medieval Hohensalzburg Fortress, one of Europe's largest and best-preserved castles. Then the remainder of the day is at leisure for independent exploration and dinner on our own. *B*

**Day 13: Salzburg/Eagle's Nest/Berchtesgaden** We travel today to the Bavarian resort town of Berchtesgaden, site of the cliff-top *Kehlsteinhaus* (Eagle's Nest), the Nazi Party's alpine retreat. Arriving by the original 1930s brass elevator, we tour the chalet where Hitler

### Salzburg Festival

As an added bonus to our touring, we will be in Salzburg during the Salzburg Festival, a world-famous celebration of classical music and drama. While we have no formal activities planned for the festival, you may wish to experience some of the festival's performances during time on your own.

### Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 12 nights' accommodations in Superior First Class and First Class hotels
- 22 meals: 12 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 7 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers
- \$100 frequent traveler credit towards your next U-M/Odysseys Unlimited tour (\$200 after 3 tours; \$300 after 10 tours)



Lucerne's beloved Kapellbrücke (Chapel Bridge)

paid multiple visits before it was captured by the Allies in the closing days of WWII. In the event Eagle's Nest is closed because of unseasonal weather, we'll visit the nearby Berchtesgaden Salt Mine, which has operated continuously for more than 500 years. After lunch together, we take a walking tour of the village of Berchtesgaden, once the residence of the Bavarian royal family. Then we return to Salzburg, where the rest of the afternoon is at leisure before we celebrate our splendid journey at a farewell dinner. *B,L,D*

**Day 14: Depart for U.S.** We transfer today to the Munich airport for our return flight to the U.S. *B*

### Tour Departs: August 15, 2024

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees

Boston, New York, Philadelphia	\$6,692
Atlanta, Charlotte, Washington, DC	\$6,892
Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Tampa	\$6,992
Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$7,092
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$5,795

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$597, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,095. All tour prices above (excluding airlines taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class - \$3,895 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,595 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).



THE SMALL GROUP TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

### *Important Information About Your Tour*

# General Terms and Conditions

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a deposit represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

## Tour Prices

Tour prices quoted are guaranteed through December 31, 2024, and include accommodations based on double occupancy; airfare from your departure city; airline taxes, surcharges, and fees, and port charges and cruise line fees (where applicable), which are subject to change until final payment has been made; internal air, rail, and motorcoach transportation; meals, sightseeing, and transfers as described; hotel taxes; entrance fees for included sightseeing; the services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director; luggage handling for one bag per person; and all gratuities as described below. Please note that the cost of air upgrades is subject to change.

## Gratuities

Tour prices include all gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers on base tours and on optional extensions when accompanied by an Odysseys Unlimited representative. Please note that gratuities for the Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour) are not included. These tips are optional and should be extended on a voluntary basis. Gratuities are not included on "On Your Own" optional extensions.

## Not Included in Your Tour Price

Airfare from your hometown to your departure city; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; immunizations, inoculations, and COVID-19 testing;

communications charges; airport transfers when purchasing a land-only package; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour), which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10–\$15 per guest, per day); and a Travel Protection Plan. Additional baggage fees levied directly by the airline(s) may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

## Registration and Payment

A deposit of \$500 per person confirms your reservation. Full payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure and may be made by personal check or credit card. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. reserves the right to cancel any reservations that are not paid in full at any time after final payment is due. If you make your reservation after the final payment date, payment in full will be required upon reservation.

## Cancellations and Refunds

If you must cancel your tour, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:

*For all tours (except as noted)*

<u>Prior to departure</u>	<u>Charge</u>
95 days or more:	\$200
94-65 days:	25% of tour price
64-45 days:	50% of tour price
44-30 days:	75% of tour price
29-0 days:	No refund

*For Ancient Greece, Journey through Vietnam, Machu Picchu to the Galapagos, Patagonian Frontiers*

<u>Prior to departure</u>	<u>Charge</u>
95 days or more:	\$200
94-65 days:	50% of tour price
64-30 days:	75% of tour price
29-0 days:	No refund

Please note that we will not refund the cost of any unused portion of your tour package. If due to unforeseen circumstances Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. cancels your tour, you will receive a complete refund of all payments you have made to us.

### Pre-Departure

Upon reservation, you will be able to access all information regarding your tour in My Odyssey, our secure on-line portal. This material includes your invoice, a detailed day-by-day itinerary, visa requirements (if applicable), and more. Your final tour documents, including airline itineraries (with e-ticket numbers), will be available in the portal two to three weeks before departure.

### Single Travelers

We welcome single travelers, and offer a limited number of single accommodations on each tour. Because hotel and cruise rates are priced by the room or cabin, the per person cost for accommodations occupied by one person is higher than that shared by two people. We will endeavor to keep single supplements at a reasonable cost. Please note that single rooms in many foreign hotels may be smaller than those to which you are accustomed.

### Changes to Your Reservation

We will not charge a fee for any changes made to your reservation outside of 95 days before departure. From 94 to 30 days before departure, if you make any changes to your reservation, a \$100 per person administrative fee will apply, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by airlines, hotels, or other third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason or at any time, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes to your reservation can be made within 30 days of departure.**

### Required Information

Upon reservation, we will need to obtain from you the following, in accordance with the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Secure Flight program (for details, please visit [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov)), as well as for our international travel partners: **your full name as it appears on your passport, date of birth, and gender.** In addition, airlines may require that we provide them with your contact information prior to departure. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, or if you use a different passport than originally cited, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

### Travel Documents

A passport valid for at least six months after the completion of your tour is required for U.S. citizens on all of our international tours. For all domestic tours, where we fly into a U.S. city to begin the tour or out of a U.S. city at the end, you must present a valid U.S. government-issued photo identification. Starting on May 7, 2025, your government-issued photo ID must be REAL ID-compliant (or you can present an alternate form of ID, such as a passport). Visit [www.dhs.gov/real-id](http://www.dhs.gov/real-id) or contact your local DMV for more information. If your tour requires a visa(s), we strongly recommend that you have at least six blank visa pages available; for tours not requiring a visa(s), we recommend that your passport have at least three blank visa pages. We will send you specific visa and entry requirements after you make a reservation. You are responsible for obtaining these documents. If you need to obtain a visa, we recommend our preferred provider G3 Global Services. If you are traveling with a minor, please contact us for special entry requirements. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please contact your embassy or consulate to ensure you obtain the proper documentation.

### Health and Medical Issues

We welcome all travelers, but request that you be in good health to participate in an Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. tour. All of our tours involve a reasonable amount of walking (typically two to three miles per day), often uphill or on uneven or cobblestone streets. **You must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats**

**on your own.** We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire, and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical condition or behavior, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other tour members. In that event, Michigan Alumni Travel and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour. While we do our best to accommodate food allergy concerns, we cannot guarantee zero cross-contamination.

### Air Transportation

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, booking the tour “Land Only” is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

### Responsibility

The liability of the Alumni Association of Michigan Alumni Travel as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Michigan Alumni Travel and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchase transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant

and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. Michigan Alumni Travel and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers.

We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality. Cruise itineraries may change due to factors such as government regulations, water levels, or weather conditions.

### Association Disclaimer

The Association is not the Tour Operator. • The Association is not responsible for changes of flight times, fare changes, dishonor of airline, hotel, or car-rental reservations, delays, losses, injuries, inconveniences, cessation of operations, airline or tour operator bankruptcies, acts of God, or any other event beyond our control. • The Association acts only as an independent contractor and not as a principal, agent, or joint venture for the airline, hotel, car-rental company, cruise line, and/or tour operator named in the catalog. As a result, the Association is not responsible for their acts or omissions. • The Association acts only as agent for the participants with respect to travel services, and it shall not be responsible for changes of flight times, fare changes, dishonor of airline, hotel, or other reservations, injury, damage, loss of baggage, accidents, or for the acts or defaults of any person or entity engaged in conveying participants or in carrying out other arrangements of the tour. Further, the Association shall not be responsible for losses or additional expenses of the participant due to sickness, weather, strike, civil unrest, acts of terrorism, quarantine, acts of God, or other causes beyond its control. • The Association shall not be responsible for alteration in the itinerary as deemed necessary for carrying out the tour and the right is

reserved to substitute hotels of similar quality. The right is further reserved to cancel the tour prior to departure, in which case the entire payment may be refunded without further obligation on its part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of the tour

should such person's health, actions, or general deportment impede the operation of the tour or the rights or welfare of the other participants. No refund will be made for the unused portion of any tour. • Applicants for participation on this tour accept in full all of the conditions set forth above.

## MICHIGAN ALUMNI TRAVEL RESERVATION FORM

To reserve your place on tour, **please call Odysseys Unlimited toll-free at 888-370-6765**. Please have the information outlined below available to share with an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor.

*If you prefer*, you may also complete this Reservation Form and mail it to Odysseys Unlimited's office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

**For more information, please call the Alumni Travel team at 855-764-0064.**

Send to: **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.**  
**Attn: Special Interest Groups**  
**One Newton Place**  
**275 Washington Street, Suite 300**  
**Newton, MA 02458**

Tour Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Pre- or Post-Tour Extension (as described on tour page): Please sign me/us up

I/we would like to request \_\_\_\_\_ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

Full Passport Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Full Passport Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_ I/We request an air upgrade to \_\_\_\_\_

I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_ I request a single room (limited availability)

I/We request an upgrade to cabin category \_\_\_\_\_ (for *Patagonian Frontiers* only)

I/We request an upgrade to a Highland Villa (*Machu Picchu to the Galapagos* only)