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**Germany & Austria**  
The Michigan Marching Band's Grand European Tour

**July 2 - 12, 2025**

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Optional Vienna Postlude

**July 12 - 14, 2025**



## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

**TRAVEL** with fellow Wolverines as we **support the Michigan Marching Band on their European tour**, gaining special access to performances and celebrating their international success.

**JOIN** the band for a **special combined performance with the Bavarian Police Orchestra** in Munich and root them on as they perform alongside bands from around the world at the renowned **Mid EUROPE Festival** in Schladming, Austria.

**GO** behind the scenes of **BMW World** in Munich with an insider, learning some of the closely guarded secrets of German luxury vehicle design.

**ENJOY VIP access to Allianz Arena**, home of FC Bayern Munich, stepping into players' dressing rooms, walking through the tunnel, and sitting on the team bench where football legends have sat.

**PARTICIPATE** in **optional outdoor adventures**, including joining an expert mountaineer in the Dachstein mountain range, rafting, ziplining, and more.

**DISCOVER** how Germans and Austrians have perfected the art of brewing and distilling with guided tours and tastings at Salzburg's famous **Stiegl Brewery** and **Mandlberggut**, a traditional distillery in Schladming.

**EXPLORE** Salzburg's magical 17th-century **Mirabell Palace and Gardens** with an expert, standing in the very Baroque landscape where scenes from *The Sound of Music* were filmed.

**VENTURE** through the world's largest ice cave, Austria's **Eisriesenwelt Werfen**, with a knowledgeable guide, marveling at its natural ice sculptures and centuries-old rock formations.

**STEP** into the intimate world of perhaps history's greatest musical genius at **Mozart's Birthplace** in his hometown of Salzburg, perusing his personal treasures with a historian.

**SAVOR** traditional meals at exceptional, richly historic venues, such as the 480-year-old **Sternbräu Restaurant** in Salzburg.



Dear Friends and Alumni of the Michigan Marching Band,

Get ready for an unforgettable journey in July 2025! Follow Band 127 on their European tour as they represent Michigan and the U.S.A. Create lasting memories alongside fellow Wolverines while supporting our talented marching band. With stops in Munich, Germany, Mozart's hometown of Salzburg, Austria, and the enchanting mountain town of Schladming, let's share in their triumphs on the international stage.

Take front-row seats at the band's performances, as they bring their passion and skill to new audiences in these centuries-old cities. Enjoy special concerts, including a unique collaboration between the Michigan Marching Band and Munich's famous Bavarian Police Orchestra. Cheer them on during their set at the Mid EUROPE Festival, one of the world's biggest brass band events, in Schladming, Austria.

Off the field, thrilling adventures await on this behind-the-scenes program. Between performances, dive deep into the local cultures and historic landmarks of each city with expert guides, from BMW's futuristic showcase of luxury vehicles in Munich to Salzburg's splendid 17th-century Mirabell Palace and Gardens, where Maria and the Von Trapp children famously performed "Do-Re-Mi" in *The Sound of Music*.

For adventure seekers, you may enjoy the thrill of rafting down Austria's Enns River through pristine alpine scenery, skywalking over mountain valleys, and much more—all with expert guides and the most stringent safety standards. Food enthusiasts will savor meals in extraordinary settings and sample Germany and Austria's finest beers on private tours of historic breweries.

**To reserve your place on this journey**, please contact our tour operator Arrangements Abroad at 800-221-1944 or [trips@arrangementsabroad.com](mailto:trips@arrangementsabroad.com). Inquire about **an optional Vienna postlude**, an exclusive exploration of the Austrian capital. Join us for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to cheer on Band 127 as they make Michigan proud on the global stage!

Go Blue,

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# Germany & Austria

## The Michigan Marching Band's Grand European Tour

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### WEDNESDAY, JULY 2: DEPARTURE

Depart on an overnight flight to Munich.

### THURSDAY, JULY 3: MUNICH, GERMANY (D)

Arrive in **Munich**, Bavaria's capital, a former royal seat whose origins date to the 12th century. Join the group transfer to the Hilton Hotel Munich City (or similar), where you may settle in and enjoy a free afternoon to rest. Later, meet fellow travelers at a welcome dinner in a special setting.

### FRIDAY, JULY 4: MUNICH (B)

After breakfast, served daily at the hotel, venture out for a guided tour through Munich's history. In **Marienplatz**, the city's main square since 1158, gaze up at the Neo-Gothic Neues Rathaus (New Town Hall). Stop at the 15th-century **Frauenkirche**, a cathedral whose twin onion-domed towers define Munich's skyline; **Viktualienmarkt**, the city's daily food haven since 1807, where more than 140 stalls offer a taste of Bavaria; and the **Residenz**, Germany's largest city palace, originally built as a castle in 1385. The afternoon is yours to enjoy at leisure.

This Fourth of July evening, experience the magic as the **Michigan Marching Band joins the Bavarian Police Orchestra for a special performance.**

### SATURDAY, JULY 5: MUNICH (B,L,D)

Choose your morning adventure. For the more intrepid, you may scale the **Olympic Stadium's tent-like roof** secured by safety gear. Climb to the summit for sweeping views of Munich's skyline and the distant Alps. For an extra thrill, soar 200 meters (656 feet) across the stadium on the Flying Fox zipline.

For the more earthbound, dive into football fever with a VIP tour of **Allianz Arena**, home of FC Bayern Munich, who've won the German Bundesliga a record 32 times. Step into players' dressing rooms, walk through the tunnel, and sit on the team bench. Then explore the **FC Bayern Munich Museum**, Germany's largest club museum, tracing Bayern's journey from 1900 to today through trophies, memorabilia, and interactive exhibits.

Following lunch, enjoy a guided inside look at German luxury vehicles at Bavaria's most famous landmark, **BMW World**. As you explore this futuristic glass and steel building, marvel at gleaming, cutting-edge BMW, Mini, and Rolls-Royce models.

Gather for dinner this evening at **Brenner Operngrill**, set in Munich's former royal stables. Dine on expertly grilled meats and seafood in the grand columned hall, saving room for sweet treats from their in-house patisserie.

### SUNDAY, JULY 6: MUNICH / SALZBURG, AUSTRIA (B,D)

After breakfast, bid farewell to Munich and cross the German-Austrian border to **Salzburg**, Mozart's hometown. Upon arrival, step into history with a guided tour of Salzburg's **Old Town**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Wander cobbled streets lined with Baroque buildings. Ascend to the **Hohensalzburg Fortress**, one of Europe's largest medieval castles. From its walls, take in panoramic views of Salzburg and the distant Alps.



BMW World, Munich, Germany, photo © DZT/Saskia Wehler



Experience a living fairytale at **Mirabell Palace and Gardens**, whose splendid Baroque landscape you might recognize from the “Do-Re-Mi” scene in *The Sound of Music*. View the palace, built in 1606, and stroll through the gardens, designed in 1690. Don’t miss Europe’s oldest dwarf garden, with 17 original marble statues, or the hedge theater, one of the oldest north of the Alps.

Visit **Mozart’s Birthplace** on Getreidegasse, the vividly yellow townhouse where he was born in 1756. Inside this museum and pilgrimage site for the composer’s fans, you’ll have a guided tour of Mozart’s childhood instruments and personal items, an immersion into the world of this child prodigy-turned-iconic genius. Marvel at the marble Baroque splendor of the **Salzburg Cathedral**, where Mozart was baptized. Delve into the site’s history dating all the way back to the eighth century A.D.

Nearby, admire the grand **Residenz Fountain** in Residenzplatz, adorned with mythological figures. Check into the Hotel NH Collection Salzburg City (*or similar*), your home in Salzburg. For dinner, savor Austrian culinary classics at **Sternbräu Restaurant**. This 480-year-old establishment serves up hearty dishes like *wiener schnitzel* and *tafelspitz* in a setting steeped in local lore.

#### **MONDAY, JULY 7: SALZBURG (B,L)**

This morning, dive into 530 years of Austrian brewing tradition. Enjoy a private experience at **Stiegl Brewery**, a Salzburg institution since 1492. You’ll have an inside look at Stiegl’s commitment to quality, including their use of local ingredients to their “slow brewing” practices. Watch as master brewers craft Austria’s favorite beers using time-honored techniques and sample their specialties, including the Stiegl Radler, their popular beer-lemonade blend.

At the brewery, enjoy a private lunch of Austrian dishes paired with fresh Stiegl brews. Spend your afternoon and evening exploring Salzburg at your own pace, with dinner at leisure.

#### **TUESDAY, JULY 8: SALZBURG / SCHLADMING (B,L)**

Check out of the hotel this morning and journey towards **Schladming**, a pristine Austrian mountain village, former mining town, and celebrated skiing destination. En route, stop at **Eisriesenwelt Werfen**, the world’s largest ice cave, which stretches more than 26 miles long. Ascend by cable car, then hike 15 minutes to enter the “World of the Ice Giants.” Marvel at natural ice sculptures and the cave’s centuries-old rock formations.

Refuel with lunch at the storied **Brunner Gasthaus**, which offers Austrian staples like beef goulash alongside Ayurvedic rice dishes and chutneys. In the afternoon, choose your adventure:

**Option 1:** Amid a picturesque forest, participate in a **3D archery course**, shooting life-sized targets. You may also hike with alpacas, zipline at speeds up to 71 mph (115 km/h), or try a laser biathlon.

**Option 2:** Step back in time at the historic **Annastollen** mine. Explore 16th-century tunnels where miners once searched for nickel and see evidence of ancient fire-setting and blasting techniques.

Check into the Falkensteiner Hotel Schladming (*or similar*) this afternoon. In the evening, **watch the Michigan Marching Band** take center stage in **the Mid EUROPE Festival**, one of the world’s premier wind band events.



Eisriesenwelt Werfen, Salzburg, Austria



### WEDNESDAY, JULY 9: SCHLADMING / RAMSAU AM DACHSTEIN / MANDLING (B,L)

Rise to new heights today, **ascending the highest peak of the Dachstein mountain range via cable car**. At 2,995 meters (9,826 feet), this UNESCO World Heritage site offers breathtaking alpine vistas. Feel your heart race on the Dachstein Skywalk, a glass platform jutting over a 250-meter (820-foot) cliff. On clear days, you can gaze as far as Slovenia and the Czech Republic. Then cross the 100-meter (328-foot) Hanging Bridge, suspended 400 meters (1,312 feet) above ground. After lunch at leisure, choose one of the following afternoon activities:

**Option 1: Ride the rapids of the Enns River.** This 12-kilometer (7.5-mile) rafting trip from Mandling to Schladming offers thrills for all skill levels. Expert guides ensure safety as you navigate through stunning alpine landscapes.

**Option 2:** Travel through time with a guided tour of the **Museum Zeitroas**. Explore Schladming's rich history through interactive exhibits and artifacts. Learn about the region's Protestant heritage, dating back to the Reformation era. Next to the museum, visit the neo-Gothic **Evangelische Pfarrkirche Schladming**, a church built in 1882, known for its pointed arches and beautiful stained glass. Enjoy a fascinating discussion about religion in this region.

The remainder of your day is at leisure.

### THURSDAY, JULY 10: SCHLADMING / RAMSAU AM DACHSTEIN (B)

After breakfast, choose your morning adventure:

**Option 1: Tackle a thrilling 7-kilometer (4.3-mile) mountain kart descent.** After a safety briefing and equipment fitting, race down alpine slopes on specially designed karts. Wind through curves and straightaways, drinking in panoramic mountain views as you go.

**Option 2: Explore Ramsau's ski jump stadium on a guided tour.** Learn the rich history and technical intricacies of ski jumping in this world-class facility. Then gain insights into the challenges facing winter sports in a warming world. Discover innovative "snow farming" techniques used to preserve snow throughout the year.

Spend your afternoon at leisure before this evening's festivities: the **Lange Nacht (Long Night) event**, which transforms Schladming into a vibrant cultural playground. Attend live performances and special exhibitions throughout town.

### FRIDAY, JULY 11: SCHLADMING (B,L,D)

Begin your day with a unique guided tour of **Mandlberggut**, Austria's only distillery combining whisky, schnapps, and pine spirits production. Observe the grafting of native plants and fruits, learning how each step—from harvest to distillation—enhances their renowned brandies and whiskies. For lunch, head to **Bergcafé**, followed by an afternoon at leisure. This evening, gather for a festive farewell dinner.

### SATURDAY, JULY 12: SCHLADMING / MUNICH / RETURN (B)

After breakfast, transfer with the group to Munich Airport for your flight home.

**An optional postlude to Vienna is offered July 12 - 14, 2025.**

**DISCLAIMER:** *This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at [www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms](http://www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms).*

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Lange Nacht event, Schladming, Austria



## PROGRAM RATE

**\$6,999 per person, double rate**

**\$8,699 single rate**

## RATE INCLUDES

- Nine nights hotel accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine and beer at welcome and farewell dinners
- Entry to select Michigan Marching Band performances
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport/hotel/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers

**NOT INCLUDED IN RATE** International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than what is noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; optional Vienna postlude; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.



## ACCOMMODATIONS



### **HILTON HOTEL MUNICH CITY (OR SIMILAR)**

This premier hotel features stylish and contemporary design, elegant rooms and suites, state-of-the-art amenities, and exceptional service. Savor delectable dining options in chic settings, relax in the sophisticated lounge, or take advantage of the fully-equipped fitness center.

### **HOTEL NH COLLECTION SALZBURG CITY (OR SIMILAR)**

This centrally located hotel offers convenient access to Salzburg's historic landmarks such as Mirabell Palace and Gardens, Mozart's Birthplace, and Hohensalzburg Fortress. Enjoy modern, comfortable rooms equipped with amenities such as free Wi-Fi.

### **FALKENSTEINER HOTEL SCHLADMING (OR SIMILAR)**

Nestled in the scenic Dachstein-Tauern region, this hotel provides alpine charm blended with modern luxury. Experience its exceptional wellness facilities, including a 1,500 m<sup>2</sup> Acquapura Spa, pools, saunas, and relaxation areas. Indulge in gourmet dining at the hotel's restaurant, which serves various local and international dishes.





# OPTIONAL VIENNA POSTLUDE

July 12 - 14, 2025



House of Strauss, Vienna



Stephansdom, Vienna

## SATURDAY, JULY 12: SCHLADMING / VIENNA (B,L,D)

Travel to Vienna, Austria's grand capital and former Habsburg seat of power known as the "City of Music" on the Danube. For lunch, step into **Figlmüller** on Wollzeile Street, a Viennese institution since 1905. Savor their world-famous *wiener schnitzel* paired with a glass of house wine. Dine where celebrities and local luminaries have gathered for more than a century, just steps from Stephansdom (St. Stephen's Cathedral).

In the afternoon, explore the **Haus der Musik**, housed in the historic Palais Erzherzog Karl. This interactive sound museum brings Vienna's rich musical heritage to life. Try your hand at conducting the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra with the Virtual Conductor exhibit. Check into the Hilton Vienna Plaza (or similar), with an evening to explore one of the world's most livable and magical cities.

## SUNDAY, JULY 13: VIENNA (B,L,D)

Step back to 19th-century Vienna at the **House of Strauss**, housed in the historic Casino Zögernitz, once a popular hub for the Viennese elite. Join an expert guide at this expansive interactive museum devoted to Vienna's most prominent musical dynasty, from Johann Strauss I to the "Blue Danube" composer, Johann Strauss II. Experience the enchanting ballroom and sit in original Strauss family opera boxes, immersing yourself in the music as it was heard in their era.

Gather for lunch along the picturesque Danube Canal at **Motto am Fluss**, a modern restaurant designed in 1950s Venetian style. Watch Vienna's bustling riverfront from the terrace while enjoying contemporary Austrian cuisine.

In the afternoon, journey through the 900-year history of **Stephansdom**, Vienna's Gothic masterpiece, with its ornate spire and rich interior. Take an inside look at the catacombs, where a guide leads you through its royal tombs. This evening, experience a guided tour of the **Vienna State Opera**, one of the world's most prestigious opera houses. Inside, ascend the grand staircase past gilded sculptures and ceiling frescoes. Peek into the Tea Salon, once reserved for royalty, gleaming with 22-carat gold leaf.

Then gather for a festive farewell dinner at **Chez Bernard**, a Viennese culinary treasure blending French flair with Austrian tradition.

## MONDAY, JULY 14: VIENNA / RETURN (B)

After breakfast and checking out of the hotel this morning, transfer to the airport for your flight home.



Vienna State Opera



## ACCOMMODATIONS

### HILTON VIENNA PLAZA (or similar)

Rest in 1920s elegance at this Art Deco hotel right off Vienna's famous Ringstrasse and a short walk away from the Imperial Palace and the Vienna State Opera. Taste a mix of Austrian and international favorites at the ÉMILE Restaurant and Bar, where the spirit of the Roaring Twenties lives on in every carefully crafted dish and cocktail.



Hohensalzburg Fortress, Salzburg, Austria



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN GERMANY & AUSTRIA JULY 2 - 12, 2025 RESERVATION FORM

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Name(s) in full as on passport(s). Please print.

Address

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E-mail

### OPTIONAL POSTLUDE RATE

**\$1,999 per person, double rate**

**\$2,200 single rate**

#### RATE INCLUDES

- Two nights hotel accommodations as per itinerary
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- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Hotel/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights for the return home
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers

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#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel Room Preference  One bed  Two beds  Single

I wish to share a room with \_\_\_\_\_

#### OPTIONAL VIENNA POSTLUDE

I/we am/are interested in learning more about the Optional Vienna Postlude

Hotel Room Preference  One bed  Two beds  Single

#### FORM OF PAYMENT

Enclosed is my check (Arrangements Abroad)

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Name on debit/credit card

Debit/credit card number

3- or 4-digit security code

Expiration date

I/We confirm that I/we have carefully read and agree to the *Terms & Conditions* of this Program. I/We agree to full payment 120 days prior to departure. Each participant must sign below.

Signature (required)

Date

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