

Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Italy 2011

Day 1 – Lucerne- Overnight flight to Switzerland.

Day 2 – Lucerne- Arrive in Zürich and transfer to Lucerne. Free until dinner to explore. Meals (B,D)

Day 3 – Lucerne- Guided tour of the lakeside city of Lucerne. View the Löwendenkmal, a sandstone carving that pays tribute to fallen Swiss Guards; and stroll across the Kapellbrücke, a covered bridge whose history dates back to medieval days. Then, opt for a cog railway ride up Mount Pilatus. Later opt for a Swiss Folklore Dinner, featuring local specialties and live entertainment. Meals (B)



Day 4 – Lucerne- Spend a free day strolling alongside Lake Lucerne or visiting the city's many interesting museums, including the Picasso Museum. Or opt to join an excursion to Mt. Titlis and Engelberg. Meals (B)

Day 5 - Bern & Geneva- The first stop is Bern, Switzerland's capital and then stop in Geneva. See the United Nations buildings and shores of Lac Léman. Cross into France, arriving later today in Annecy. Meals (B,D)

Day 6 - Lake Annecy Region- Begin the day with a walking or cruise tour around Lake Annecy, featuring panoramic views of the Alps. (Cruise is seasonal). Tour the town, from the Château to the Palais de l'Île, a tiny 12th-century fort, before enjoying lunch. Meals (B) Included entrances: Lake Annecy Cruise (Seasonal)

Day 7 – Chamonix- Transfer to Chamonix, home of the 1924 Winter Olympics. Spend free time exploring this mecca for alpine mountaineers. Opt to join an excursion to Mont Blanc, featuring a ride on Europe's highest cable car (weather permitting). Next, travel through the Mont Blanc tunnel – Europe's longest such passageway – into Italy. Arrive in the Lake Como region. Meals (B, D)

Day 8 - Lake Como- Begin the day with a visit to Villa Carlotta an 18th-century Italian estate, (alternatively during the off-season, ride a funicular to Brunate). Continue to the town of Como for an informal tour. Pass the 15th-century Gothic Duomo, the medieval quarter, and the 12th-century gate called Porta Vittoria. Later, opt to join a Lake Como cruise and meal. Meals (B) Included entrances: Villa Carlotta

Day 9 - St. Moritz- Arrive in St. Moritz, a retreat for the rich and famous, located in Switzerland. Walk with the tour director through town and behold the Engadin Valley, and St. Moritz's leaning tower. Meals (B, D)

Day 10 – Liechtenstein- Travel through the principality of Liechtenstein, known for its production of wine and postage stamps. Pass the Royal Palace in Vaduz. Arrive by evening in Innsbruck, Austria. Meals (B, D)

Day 11 – Innsbruck- Enjoy a free morning in Innsbruck with gems of Baroque architecture, including the Helblinghaus and the Hofburg. Opt for pastry-sampling or a climb up to the Olympic ski jump. This afternoon, opt to visit the Bavarian castle of Neuschwanstein and the village of Oberammergau. Meals (B)

Day 12 – Munich- Transfer to Munich, the cultural center of Germany. Enjoy a guided tour of the city, including views of the Olympic Village, Nymphenburg Palace, Marienplatz and the Residenz. Spend a free evening continuing the exploration of Munich. Meals (B) Included entrances: Nymphenburg Palace

Day 13 – Munich- Return home or extend your stay. Meals (B) except for early morning departures.

Extension: Add 2 nights in Munich, Bavaria's capital. Munich has more than its share of great museums, architectural treasures, historic sites, and world-class shops, restaurants, and hotels.

