



Itinerary

Alpine Explorer & the Glacier Express Train with Oberammergau Passion Play

May 12, 2020 - May 23, 2020

Pre Night: Zacchera Hotels



Zacchera Hotels Group offers a choice of high quality hotels in Baveno, Stresa Lago Maggiore, Italy.

Day 1: Overnight Flight



Breathtaking Alpine vistas await as you travel through Italy, Switzerland, Austria and Germany. From amazing railways to the thrilling Passion Play, experience the wonders only found in the heart of Europe.

Day 2: Stresa, Italy (Lago Maggiore*) - Tour Begins



Arrive in Stresa (Lago Maggiore) and take some free time to explore this beautiful lakeside town on your own. Your evening begins with a cocktail party in a wine shop before we cruise to our welcome dinner on Isola dei Pescatori, the most beautiful of the Borromean Islands.

Hotel

Zacchera Hotels
Lago Maggiore

Culinary

Dinner

Weather

High 20°
Low 14°
Rain 3"

Day 3: Stresa



Today we make our way to an ancient village nestled in the mountains. Stop at a family farm to learn about the artisan cheeses they produce. Sample delicious creations and discover how to pair them with local wines. Return to Stresa for an afternoon at leisure.

Hotel

Zacchera Hotels
Lago Maggiore

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 20°
Low 14°
Rain 3"

Day 4: Stresa - Zermatt, Switzerland



Depart Lago Maggiore for a scenic drive into the heart of the mountains. The incredible views of the Italian and Swiss Alps are sure to leave a lasting impression. Upon arrival in Tasch, board a local train for a ride to the spectacular pedestrian village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps.

Hotel

Hotel Alex
Zermatt

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 13°
Low 5°
Rain 2"

Day 5: Zermatt



Today, Zermatt is at your fingertips. It's your choice! Tour Zermatt's best-known landmarks by foot with a local expert; or, enjoy a visit to the Matterhorn Museum where you'll learn more about the triumph and tragedy behind the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure.

Hotel

Hotel Alex
Zermatt

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 13°
Low 5°
Rain 2"

Day 6: Zermatt - Glacier Express Train - St. Moritz



Traverse bridges and tunnels while aboard the world-renowned narrow gauge Glacier Express, the most charming express train in the world. Enjoy the natural beauty of this route through the heart of the Swiss Alps. Filled with forests, fragrant meadows, streams and deep valleys, it's a mountain dream come to life. Relax and enjoy a three-course lunch while onboard. Arrive in St. Moritz, playground of the rich and famous.

Hotel

Hotel Steffani
St Moritz

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 13°
Low 0°
Rain 1"

Day 7: St. Moritz - Innsbruck, Austria



Drive through the picturesque Engadine Valley to Innsbruck, Austria, capital of the Austrian Tyrol. Join a local expert and explore the city's medieval pedestrian streets including Maria Theresian Strasse, the Hofburg and the Golden Roof.

Hotel

Hotel Innsbruck
Innsbruck

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 17°
Low 6°
Rain 4"

Day 8: Innsbruck - Salzburg - Innsbruck



Travel the Austrian countryside to historic Salzburg, one of Europe's most beautiful and romantic spots. Enjoy a leisurely walking tour of Salzburg's historic Old Town - the Altstadt. See highlights such as the Cathedral, Mozart's birthplace and Mirabell Gardens. Film buffs will be able to pick out locations from The Sound of Music. This evening, enjoy a delightful Mozart dinner concert at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant, central Europe's oldest restaurant.

Hotel

Hotel Innsbruck
Innsbruck

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 17°
Low 6°
Rain 4"

Day 9: Innsbruck - Munich, Germany - Oberammergau



Today we head to the frontier of Germany, crossing the border into Bavaria. Arrive in the Bavarian capital of Munich for a walking tour featuring the Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel and Olympic Park. Next, depart for the quaint village of Oberammergau, nestled in the Bavarian Alps.

Hotel

Oberammergau Regional Hotel
Oberammergau Region

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 17°
Low 6°
Rain 4"

Day 10: Oberammergau - Passion Play



This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honour the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast start to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travellers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance.

Hotel

Oberammergau Regional Hotel
Oberammergau Region

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 17°
Low 6°
Rain 4"

Day 11: Oberammergau - Linderhof Palace - Füssen - Munich



Travel to nearby Linderhof Palace, one of the most artistic and stylistically complex ensembles of the 19th century. It is the only palace King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete. Behind the Baroque façade is a Rococo world, rich in abundant ornamentation. Next, enjoy free time exploring medieval Füssen, the romantic town in the foothills of the Bavarian Alps. Make a special picture stop at Neuschwanstein Castle, Germany's most famous castle and the inspiration for the castle in Sleeping Beauty. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable journey.

Hotel

Sheraton Munich Westpark Hotel
Munich

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 17°
Low 7°
Rain 4"

Day 12: Munich - Tour Ends



Your tour comes to a close today.