

Walking up an Appetite in the Italian Alps

Saturday, October 7th, 2017
Munich, Bavaria.

We depart the US for

Sunday, October 8th We arrive at Munich airport and transfer by private minibus to the beautiful **Alpine region of Alto Adige** (South Tyrol) in Italy. After making a stop at the attractive town of **Vipiteno** (Sterzing) en route, we check into the family-run Hotel Wildschütz in St Leonardo / Passiria. After time to rest and relax, we'll be offered a welcome drink and dinner at the hotel. Overnight St Leonardo.



Hotel Wildschütz



Beautiful view from your room!

Monday, October 9th After breakfast from the buffet we take an **excursion to the pretty village of Pfelders** where we board a chairlift up the mountainside. From here we have a choice of various **hiking** possibilities, depending on the participants. We'll enjoy free time for lunch at a mountain hut before returning to our hotel mid-afternoon. Dinner and overnight in St Leonardo.



Pfelders chairlift



Scenic hiking in the mountains!

Tuesday, October 10th After breakfast from the buffet, we'll be driven to the starting point of our **hike** with Manfred, owner and chef at Hotel Wildschütz. We'll be picking wild herbs and flowers to be used in our **cooking class at a rustic mountain hut**. Mid-afternoon we return to our hotel where we have time to relax, visit the town or enjoy the sauna and wellness area. Dinner and overnight in St Leonardo.



Manfred, owner and chef at Hotel Wildschütz



Ready for our first course!



Time to go back!

Wednesday, October 11th After breakfast from the buffet, we check out of the hotel and travel to the village of Nova Levante in **Alto Adige's Dolomites**. Upon arrival, we'll be treated to an **exclusive cooking class** with the delightful **Michelin-Star Chef Theodor Falser**, followed by lunch. In the afternoon we check into the charming Hotel Rosengarten at the edge of the forest outside Nova Levante. After a **short hike**, we can relax and freshen up before dinner at the hotel. Overnight Hotel Rosengarten in Nova Levante.



The stunning Dolomites!



Hotel Rosengarten

Thursday, October 12th After breakfast from the buffet, we take an excursion, stopping first at the stunning **Carezza Lake** before taking a chairlift up towards the Rosengarten massif. From the top station we **hike to the Rotwand**, where we have free time for a bite to eat. Some may wish to continue on a more challenging loop over a rocky pass, others may prefer to take the same easy path back. Late afternoon we'll be given a **cooking class at our hotel**. Dinner and overnight in Nova Levante.



Lake Carezza



Breathtaking scenery as we hike.



Our destination!

Friday, October 13th After breakfast from the buffet, we leave for a **driving tour through spectacular Dolomite scenery** via Canazei to Ortisei (St Ulrich). From here, we take a chair lift to Mont Seüc overlooking the expansive **Alpi di Siusi** plateau (Seiseralp), Europe's largest open pastureland. A **45-minute hike** takes us to a scenic mountain hut where we'll be served a very special "gourmet" lunch. After some free time in the **delightful village of St Ulrich**, we'll return to our hotel via the shorter route through the valley. Dinner and overnight in Nova Levante.



Alpi di Siusi



Time for lunch!

Saturday, October 14th After breakfast from the buffet, we check out of our hotel and stop at the **lovely town of Bressanone** (Brixen) for some free time. We then are given an unforgettable and educational **cheese sampling lunch snack** before continuing our transfer to the picture-perfect town of Landshut in Bavaria. After checking into the hotel and enjoying a walk along the historic main street we'll enjoy a classic Italian dinner at a nearby restaurant. Overnight Landshut, Bavaria.



Charming town of Bressanone



A tasty cheese tray!

Sunday, October 15th After breakfast, we transfer to nearby Munich airport for our flight home or we may choose to extend our stay in Bavaria.



Joel, David, and Christine

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Tour inclusions:

8 days transportation with minibus

8 days services of tour manager / driver / guide

7 nights' accommodations in comfortable hotels

7 breakfasts from the buffet

Welcome drink

7 three-course dinners

4 lunches

3 cooking classes (including one with Michelin-star chef)

Numerous hiking opportunities based on ability

All admission fees in program

Gratuities for wait staff at included meals

Not included in above rates: Airfare, items of a personal nature such as room service, passport and airline baggage fees, luggage handling, **trip insurance**** gratuity to tour manager.

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\$2,447.00*
Per person based on
double occupancy.

\$150.00
Single supplement
subject to availability.

*All prices are based on an exchange rate of 1 U.S. Dollar = 1.5 Euros. In the event the exchange rate moves either direction by more than 4% the price of the tour may be adjusted.

General Information

****Trip Insurance:** We strongly suggest that you consider the purchase of travel insurance. Coverage includes trip cancellation for covered occurrences, medical, baggage, emergency evacuation and more. Pre-existing medical conditions are covered per the terms of the contract if coverage is taken out within 14 days of receipt of deposit. All trip participants will be provided information including pricing (age based) for the trip insurance.

Airfare: Airfare is not included in the price of the tour. A suggested air itinerary will be provided to all trip participants departing from Mpls/St. Paul. Trip participants are responsible for securing their own air arrangements to correspond with these arrival and departure times in Munich.

Reservations: A deposit of \$300 per person is due to secure a spot on the tour. Payment may be made with a credit card or personal check. Final payment will be due by **August 1, 2017**. We will invoice you.

Smoking: No smoking is permitted when and wherever the group is traveling together.

Important: You must possess a valid U.S. Passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from your return date to the U.S. from the conclusion of the tour. **(April 13, 2018)**

Responsibility: This tour is operated by Travel Designs, LLC at 3103 Coltman Lane., Eau Claire, WI 54701, Higgins Travel & Cruise Center. Ltd. DBA Higgins Travel Leaders at 2514 Golf Road., Eau Claire, WI 54701 and Tailor Made Europe, 101 Churn Road, Bozeman, MT 59715. Travel Designs, Higgins' and Tailor Made Europe will act only as agent for tour members in arranging transportation, accommodations, sightseeing and admissions. We reserve the right at our sole discretion to make changes to the itinerary and are not responsible to any person for expense, loss of time or money or other circumstance that result from such a change. Rates are quoted upon tariffs and exchange rates current at time of printing and are subject to change at any time. Should the exchange rate change significantly, the price of the tour may be adjusted. Also, if fuel surcharges are imposed, the price of the tour may be adjusted. We may decline or accept any person as a tour member at any time. Travel Designs, LLC, Higgins' and Tailor Made Europe will not be responsible for any loss or damage to personal property or for injuries or damages incurred by a tour member. Travel Designs, LLC, Higgins' and Tailor Made Europe may cancel the tour, should it become necessary, and refund all monies, thus releasing Travel Designs, LLC, Higgins Travel Leaders and Tailor Made Europe from any further obligation. **We require a minimum of 10 paying participants to operate this tour.**

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM TO:

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APPLICATION
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Name (1) _____

(2) _____

On the lines above please print your names EXACTLY as on your passports

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (Home) _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____ Birthdate _____

PRICE: The price of our tour is \$2,447.00 per person based on double occupancy.

INSURANCE: Travel insurance is available to all participants and is strongly recommended.
Insurance must be purchased at time of deposit in order to cover pre-existing health conditions. Information on coverage will be provided to each participant at the time of deposit.

PAYMENT: Deposit of \$300.00 per person (plus optional insurance) is required to secure a reservation. The balance is due by August 1, 2017. We will invoice you for the balance. **Please make your check payable to Higgins' Travel Leaders.**

Card type: _____ Card Number _____ Exp Date _____

Name as it appears on the card: _____

Signature _____

In case of an emergency please contact:

Name

Address _____

Relationship _____ Contact Telephone _____

Please return completed application and payment to:
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