

Oktoberfest. Bavaria. & Bohemia

September 23rd – October 5th, 2017



Berchtesgaden, Germany

Saturday. Sept 23rd

We depart the USA for Munich, Bavaria.

Sunday. Sept 24th

We arrive in Munich in the morning and transfer to Berchtesgaden with a stop en route at **Herrenchiemsee Palace on the island**. Late afternoon we check into **Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten** in the town center. Welcome drink and dinner at the hotel. Overnight Berchtesgaden.

Monday. Sept 25th

In the morning, after breakfast, we'll be offered an orientation tour of **Berchtesgaden's historic town center** followed by free time for relaxing, exploring and shopping. At 12:00 we depart to **Lake Königssee for a boat cruise** and free time for lunch at St. Bartholomew Peninsula. After free time for shopping at Königssee village (good for buying traditional Bavarian clothing), we return to Berchtesgaden. Dinner at hotel. Overnight Berchtesgaden.

Tuesday. Sept 26th

After breakfast, we tour historic Obersalzberg **including the underground bunkers**. A special bus will then take us up to the **Eagle's Nest** at over 6,000 ft. where we'll have time for lunch. In the afternoon, we tour **Grassl's gentian schnapps distillery** and sample various liqueurs. Some may wish to visit the **Salt Mines**, otherwise free time in Berchtesgaden. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight Berchtesgaden.

Wednesday. Sept 27th

After breakfast, we check out of the hotel and transfer to Salzburg to visit the old town. After free time for shopping and lunch, we transfer to **Landshut, making** a stop en route to visit the attractive town of **Altötting**, Germany's premier site of pilgrimage. After checking into **Hotel Michel** in the center of Landshut, we'll be served dinner at the hotel. After dinner, we might stroll through the town's beautiful historic center. Overnight Landshut.

Thursday. Sept 28th

After breakfast, we take a day trip to **Oktoberfest** where, apart from the many attractions, we'll experience the music, atmosphere, and food of the Hofbräuhaus tent. Upon returning to Landshut early evening, the remainder of the day will be free (dinner on own). Overnight Landshut.



Friday, Sept 29th

After breakfast we visit the **Bavarian Hops Museum** in Wolnzach and sample regional beers from this internationally acclaimed Hallertau-hops region. After a driving and **walking tour of Munich**, the remainder of the day will be free to explore the town. In the evening we'll have **dinner at the Hofbräuhaus** with musical entertainment. Overnight Landshut.

Saturday, Sept 30th

After breakfast, we'll visit the **Weltenburg Abbey** in the scenic **Danube Gorge** and spend time in the beautiful town of **Regensburg** on the Danube. Here we will go to **Drubba Clocks & Gifts** for a clock presentation with hundreds of cuckoo clocks from the Black Forest region. We will also visit, **Der Hutmacher am Dom**, a large hat store and **Wurstkuchl** the world's largest sausage kitchen/tavern that has been around for over 500 years. We return to Landshut for late-afternoon free time. This evening we'll have dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight Landshut.

Sunday, Oct 1st

After breakfast we check out of our hotel and travel first to the beautiful town of **Passau** with free time for lunch. We then continue to the stunning town of **Cesky Krumlov** in Southern Bohemia. After checking into the centrally located **Hotel Bellevue**, our local guide will conduct a one-hour historical and orientation tour. Dinner will be served at the hotel. Overnight Cesky Krumlov.

Monday, Oct 2nd

After breakfast, we'll take a day trip to nearby **Cesky Budejovice (Budweis)** where we first tour the impressive Hluboka Castle, followed by a visit to the **Budweiser (Budvar) Brewery** (origin of the American beer's – copied – name). We'll be served **lunch at a microbrewery** in the town center of Cesky Budejovice followed by some free time to explore the town center. Late afternoon we return to Cesky Krumlov for free time and shopping. This evening dinner will be served at a restaurant in town. Overnight Cesky Krumlov.

Tuesday, Oct 3rd

After breakfast we check out of our hotel and travel to **Prague**, stopping for a tour at the famed **Pilzn Brewery**, lends its name to Pilsener (or Pils) beers. After lunch at the brewery, we continue to Prague. After checking into **Hotel Yasmin** in the historic city center, we'll take an orientation walk to the famed **Charles Bridge**. Dinner will be served at a local brewery. Overnight Prague.



Wednesday, Oct 4th

After breakfast we take a **tour of Prague's Castle district**. Late morning we return to the town center to enjoy free time for the remainder of the day. This evening we'll be offered a farewell dinner at an elegant Art Nouveau restaurant. Overnight Prague.

Thursday, Oct 5th

We transfer to Prague airport for our flight home and arrive the same day.



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PRICE: \$4668.00 per person based on double occupancy
Single supplement \$500

Should the number of paying participants not reach the minimum of 20, the tour will be subject to higher pricing or, possibly, not be able to operate. During the Oktoberfest period, hotels in Bavaria apply higher rates and stricter booking conditions.

Included Tour Features:

- First class transportation on 12 days throughout land package
- Services of tour manager / guide throughout
- Local guides when applicable
- 11 nights in superior and first class hotels
- 11 breakfasts from buffet
- 10 dinners of regional specialties
- 1 Oktoberfest lunch
- Roundtrip airfare from Minneapolis/St Paul
- Musical entertainment
- Welcome drink
- All guided tours and admission fees as stated in the program
- Gratuities for restaurant staff at included dinners
- Local bed tax
- Luggage handling (1 suitcase / person)

Not included: Beverages with dinners and gratuities for driver and guide

General Information

Reservations: A deposit of \$300 per person, along with a copy of your passport, is required to secure a place on the tour. The deposit is fully refundable until March 1, 2017.

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 terms of the contract. Please ask for details. The price of insurance is **\$305.00 per person and must be paid at time of deposit**.

Final payment: Final payment is due by July 10, 2017. We will invoice you for the balance.

Cancellation Schedule: From receipt of deposit to March 01, 2017 – No fee
From March 1– July 10– fee of \$300 plus insurance if purchased
From July 10 and later– no refund

Smoking: We kindly request no smoking 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 to the U.S. to the conclusion of the tour (Oct. 5, 2017).

Responsibility: *This tour is operated by Higgins Travel & Cruise Center. Ltd. DBA Higgins Travel Leaders at 2514 Golf Road., Eau Claire, WI 54701 and Tailor Made Europe / David and Christine Harper, C/O 101 Churn Road, Bozeman, MT 59715. Higgins' and Harper 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 circumstances 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. Higgins and Harper will not be responsible for any loss or damage to personal property or for injuries or damages incurred by a tour member. Higgins and Harper may cancel the tour, should it become necessary, and refund all monies, thus releasing Higgins Travel Leaders and Tailor Made Europe from any further obligation. We require a minimum of 20 participants to operate this tour.*

For More Information, Please Contact

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Registration Form

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Passport Name(s) 1. _____

2. _____

(On the lines above, please print your name **EXACTLY** as it appears on your passport.)

Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____

Email _____

Passport # 1 _____ Expiration Date _____ Birth Date _____

Passport # 2 _____ Expiration Date _____ Birth Date _____

Any special occasion _____

(For example a birthday or anniversary while we are traveling.)

Price: \$4668.00 per person based on double occupancy. **Single supplement:** \$500.00

Payment: A \$300 per person deposit is due to secure a place on our tour. Payments can be made by credit card or check. Please make checks payable to Higgins Travel and mail to 2514 Golf Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Final payment will be due July 10, 2017. We will send you an invoice.

Please include a photo copy of the inside photo page of each passport with your application.

Insurance: Insurance is recommended but optional, and must be paid with your initial deposit. The insurance becomes non-refundable once paid. Information about this insurance coverage will be provided to all participants. Insurance price is \$305.00 per person.

I/We Accept Insurance _____ I/We Decline Insurance _____

In case of an emergency, please contact:

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