



Innsbruck

INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA FEATURING OKTOBERFEST

9 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

(7) Innsbruck



TOUR FEATURES

- **ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION** - Air transportation from New York
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** - Hotel accommodations for 7 nights
- **SUPERB CUISINE** - 11 included meals consisting of 7 buffet breakfasts and 4 dinners.
- **SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM** - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Full day tours to Munich and Oktoberfest, a tour to Neuschwanstein Castle and a half day tour of Innsbruck. Optional tours available.
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR HOST** - Assistance of a professional Tour Host for the entire length of the tour
- **DELUXE MOTORCOACHES** - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- **DISCUSSIONS** - International Awareness Discussion on the local region
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** - Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport
- **LOCAL TAXES AND SERVICE CHARGES** - Hotel & City taxes and service charges

Day 1 - Depart USA Depart from New York JFK on your overnight flight to Munich, Germany.

Day 2 - Arrive Munich/Innsbruck Upon arrival in Germany, you will be met by your Central Holidays host outside the secure area of the airport. We will then take a scenic drive to Innsbruck, and check in to your hotel, home for the next seven nights. Innsbruck is the provincial capital of Tyrol and it has twice hosted the Winter Olympics. This beautiful alpine destination, with its historical buildings, breathtaking scenery and snow-capped mountains, is one of the most wonderful places to visit in all Europe. This evening we will enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3 - Innsbruck/City Tour After breakfast we will head out on our city tour of Innsbruck. First we will visit the old town where we view everybody's favorite, the world famous Golden Roof. Then it's off to see by the famous triumph gate, and the Innsbruck Imperial Palace "Hofburg" with entrance into the Imperial Chapel "Hofkirche". In addition we will visit the Olympic stadium and ski jump and the beautiful gardens of the Ambras Castle. The afternoon is yours to relax, shop for Cuckoo clocks or explore on your own. This evening why not head out on an optional tour to a Tyroian dinner and show. Clap along to traditional Tyrolean folk dancing and music on a raucous evening in Innsbruck! Taking place inside the family-run Sandwirt Restaurant, the show features dancing by the friendly Gundolf family, as well as cow-bell ringing and jigs aplenty. We will enjoy hearty Austrian a 3-course Tyrolean feast, featuring local delights like Wiener schnitzel. (B)

Day 4 - Innsbruck/Optional Salzburg Tour Today is spent at leisure or take an optional tour to Salzburg. Considered one of the jewels in the crown of Europe, the city of Salzburg has been named a UNESCO World Heritage Site, framed by the majestic backdrop of the snow-capped Alps and famed for its old world glamor. Discover the historical side of Salzburg a guided walking tour. Feel like you're going back in time as you explore Salzburg's Baroque old town with its beautiful churches and cathedrals. Experience the city's charming streets with their unique wrought iron signs, its large squares with fountains and buildings inspired by royalty. As we walk we will view many of the city's famous sites such as the majestic Cathedral of Salzburg, Mozart's birthplace, as well as the hills come alive with the Original Sound of Music, as we visit many sites from the movie Sound of Music, with Julie Andrews. Afterwards we will have some tree time to explore the old town and experience this grand city. (B)

Day 5 - Innsbruck/Bavaria, Munich and Oktoberfest After breakfast we leave Austria and enter Germany as we travel down the autobahn to Munich, the Capital of Bavaria. Munich sits at the foot of the Bavarian mountains and is the home of BMW, oompah bands, and vibrant history and delicious beer. On view will be the fourth largest glockenspiel in the world, Marian Platz, Munich Cathedral and the Olympic Park. Today, Munich is the beer capital of the world and the legendary Oktoberfest. Oktoberfest is an important part of Bavarian culture and culture, having been held since 1810. Along with your tour director, we take the day to travel into the heart of Oktoberfest Munich, drink like the locals drink, dine on a feast of Bavarian favorites and "drink in" the incredible atmosphere. (B, D)



Day 6 - Innsbruck/Optional Merano Tour

Today relax, take it easy, do your last minute shopping for crystal or join the optional tour to Merano Italy. As we leave Innsbruck behind, we will enjoy impressive panoramic views of the Austrian, Italian and Swiss Alps as we head to Resia



Lake for a photo stop. We will then reach the town of Merano Italy where we have a walking tour ending up in a local wine cellar for wine tasting. Afterwards there will be free time to explore on your own, breathe the pure mountain air and taste some of the local Italian specialties. On the way back to Innsbruck we visit the Alpine town of Bolzano to visit the Archeological Museum containing the famous iceman, Ötzi. Ötzi is a well-preserved natural mummy of a man who lived about 3,300 BC. The mummy was found in September 1991 in the Ötztal Alps, hence his name Ötzi (B)

Day 7 - Innsbruck/Neuschwanstein Castle Following breakfast, we enter the fairytale kingdom of 19th-century Bavaria on our Neuschwanstein Castle tour! You'll visit the enchanted castle once inhabited by King Ludwig II and take in the breathtaking alpine views of lakes and rugged Mountains. Neuschwanstein appears through the mist like something out of a dream, and as you listen to your guide you will learn about the tragic reign of the legendary "mad" Ludwig, including the obsession that drove him to build his secluded dream castle in the Alps. Enjoy dinner this evening at a traditional local restaurant in Innsbruck. Meal - (B D)

Day 8 - Innsbruck/Optional Mittenwald and Garmisch Partenkirchen Tour

Today is a day at leisure to relax, unwind, visit the cafes, elegant shops, and boutiques, or enjoy yourself simply strolling through the historic old town or join the optional tour into the Mittenwald and Garmisch Partenkirchen, two unforgettable favorites of the area. Mittenwald is not only one of the most important violin making centers in the world, it is also famous for its many colorful wall paintings ("Lüftlmalereien"). The facades of many houses are decorated with wall paintings dating from the 18th century and later. In 1786 the German writer Goethe called the town a living picture book, and it remains like this day. Then it's off to the resort town of Garmisch Partenkirchen. Partenkirchen is the older town of the two, dating to A.D. 15, when it was a Roman town called Partanum. Independent towns for centuries, and still separated by the Partnach River, Garmisch and Partenkirchen were forcibly joined together in 1935, under Hitler's instructions, to host the 1936 Winter Olympics. Today, the area of Partenkirchen is centered on the quiet, cobblestoned Ludwigstrasse. The narrow street is lined with historic buildings with open wooden shutters, and street-facing facades painted in pastel-hued imagery of religious, pastoral and regional scenes. The Garmisch district is more modern and famous for its skiing. Here we will tour the squares of Richard Strauss Platz and Marienplatz, and enjoy some free time. As we return to Innsbruck we may catch a glimpse of the Zugspitze, Germany's tallest mountain at nearly 10,000 feet. Tonight we will have a farewell dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

Day 9 - Innsbruck/USA This morning we will say goodbye to Innsbruck and the Tyrol and drive to airport for our flight back to the U.S (B)

(B) - Breakfast, (D) - Dinner, Hotel and itinerary are subject to change.



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