

*Full Itinerary*

## EXPERIENCE AUSTRIA: MEMBER EVENT IN THE ALPS



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Monday - Thursday 9:00am -  
8:00pm, Friday 9:00am - 5:30pm  
(London time)



### JOURNEY SNAPSHOT

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**

Level 2

**DESTINATION:**

Experience Austria

Member Event

**DURATION:**

7 days, 6 nights

**FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Please arrange your flights to arrive into Munich  
Airport [MUC], Germany on Day 1 and to depart  
on Day 7

**PICKUP LOCATION:**

Munich Airport [MUC], Germany

## OVERVIEW

Sep 19 - 25, 2024 - SOLD OUT!

Discover some of the best Austria has to offer - explore the musical city of Salzburg, travel through the Salzkammergut, Austria's Lake District, and immerse yourself in picturesque Alpine villages, lakes and mountains

The Experience Austria Member Event will let you discover the best of Austria - charming cities, beautiful scenery and centuries of history. The Alpine Club in Schladming is a superb location for our base from which to explore. Famed for pristine landscapes and lush green alpine valleys, Schladming is a small, former mining town in the northwest Austrian state of Styria, overlooked by the mighty limestone walls of the glaciated Dachstein Massif. We will delve into the 'Sound of Music' and enjoy a guided walking tour around the fairytale city of Salzburg, soak up the spectacular panoramic views of Austria's largest national park at High Tauern and at Bad Ischl, see where the Habsburg Emperor, Franz Joseph, spent his summer holidays. This Member Event is full of excursions to ensure you see the best this beautiful region of Austria has to offer.

## ITINERARY SUMMARY

**DAY 1** - Welcome to Austria!

**DAY 2** - Welcome Breakfast, Salzburg & 'The Sound of Music'

**DAY 3** - Grossglockner Alpine Road & Zell-am-See

**DAY 4** - The Salzkammergut - Austria's Lake District

**DAY 5** - Eagle's Nest, Berchtesgaden & Königssee

**DAY 6** - Hallstatt & Bad Ischl - Lakes & Villages & Farewell Dinner

**DAY 7** - Say Goodbye to Austria

## FULL ITINERARY

### DAY 1 - WELCOME TO AUSTRIA!

On arrival at Munich Airport there will be three complimentary scheduled transfers The Alpine Club resort just over the border into Austria.

The rest of the day and evening is at leisure.

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**Accommodation:** The Alpine Club, Schladming, Austria

### DAY 2 - WELCOME BREAKFAST, SALZBURG & THE 'SOUND OF MUSIC'

We start the event with a Welcome Breakfast at the resort with our Big Journey Tour Director. There will be time to meet your fellow members and to discuss the plans for the days ahead.

No visit to this region of Austria would be complete unless you have visited the fairytale city of Salzburg. Not only the birthplace of Mozart, it is best known from the film, "Sound of Music". Many scenes from the movies were filmed in Salzburg and the real Trapp family once lived here. On our guided tour we will visit several film locations in the city.

There will be time for lunch at leisure before enjoying the rest of the day to explore the city further at leisure. Hohensalzburg Fortress, located on a hilltop overlooking the city, it is one of the largest medieval castles in Europe and contains many museums as well as affording lovely views back down over Salzburg. It can be reached on foot or by means of the Fortress Funicular. Alternatively, at Mozart's Birthplace Museum you can learn about his life, when he began to play music, his passion for opera, and much more.

We will return to the resort where the rest of the day and evening is at leisure.

**Included meals:** Welcome Breakfast

**Accommodation:** The Alpine Club, Schladming, Austria

### DAY 3 - GROSSGLOCKNER ALPINE ROAD & ZELL-AM-SEE

The Grossglockner High Alpine Road is one of Austria's most famous sights. The highest mountain pass road in Austria, it counts 36 turns over its 36 miles up and down the mountainside. Today we will have a guided panoramic drive along the Grossglockner pass. Driving higher and higher through mountain pastures and meadows, we'll also see waterfalls as we head into the centre of Austria's largest national park, the High Tauern, where the 'black mountain' that is the Grossglockner towers above us.

There will be time for photo opportunities and a spot of lunch at leisure before we wind our way back down to the bottom of the valley. Here we will stop in the picturesque lakeside village of Zell-am-See and enjoy some free time to wander along the lakeside promenade or visit the souvenir shops. If time allows, you may want to take a cruise on the lake or ride on a gondola to the summit of Schmittenhohe mountain, which overlooks the lake (Additional cost bookable on the day).

**Accommodation:** The Alpine Club, Schladming, Austria

### DAY 4 - THE SALZKAMMERGUT - AUSTRIA'S LAKE DISTRICT

Our guided excursion today is a scenic drive around the Salzkammergut, also known as the 'Austrian Lake District'. The German word 'see' means lake - we will pass by Ebensee and at Traunsee we will board a famous paddleship steamer for a cruise on the picturesque lake.

In the pretty lakeside town of Gmunden we will head for a traditional Austrian lunch together before time to wander around the village. Gmunden's tranquil location also is home to Gmunder Keramik, Europe's largest ceramic manufacturer - why not visit their shop in town to pick up a souvenir?

From here we will head back to Schladming by coach for an evening at leisure.

**Included meals:** Lunch

**Accommodation:** The Alpine Club, Schladming, Austria

## DAY 5 - EAGLE'S NEST, BERCHTESGADEN & KÖNIGSEE

Today, we will cross the border into Germany and its southern region of Bavaria, so make sure you have your passports with you!

Our first stop will be the scenic Königssee lake. Here we will cruise to see the unique pilgrimage church of St. Bartholomew, world-renowned for its wine-red onion domed roof.

After some free time for lunch at leisure by the lakeside, we will board the coach again for Eagle's Nest. Once Hitler's mountain retreat, Eagle's Nest is located 6,017 ft high up on the Kehlstein mountain. Access is via specially-designed mountain buses, a short walk through a tunnel inside the mountain before taking a luxurious brass and mirrored elevator to the summit. From here, there are spectacular views over the nearby countryside. The retreat is now a restaurant and we have included tea/coffee and some cake before descending. Then it's back across the border to Austria and our resort for an evening at leisure.

(Note: This tour may operate in reverse)

**Accommodation:** The Alpine Club, Schladming, Austria

## DAY 6 - HALLSTATT & BAD ISCHL - LAKES & VILLAGES & FAREWELL DINNER

Today we will visit one of the most picturesque villages in Austria - Hallstatt. With its 16th century Alpine houses, narrow alleyways and beautiful lakeside setting, it is home to many cafes and shops. With our guide, we will visit the quirky Beinhaus, an historic crypt which is home to skulls and bones from the last 8 centuries (a small donation may be requested to enter).

From here we will drive to the pretty spa town of Bad Ischl to visit and tour the Kaiser Villa - the Emperor's House. Here we will see the rooms in which Habsburg Emperor Franz Joseph, ruler of the Austro-Hungarian Empire spent his summers at the end of the 19th century,

There will be time to get some lunch during the day (own expense) before heading back to the resort. This evening, we will enjoy a traditional Farewell Dinner and music at a local restaurant in Schladming to round off our week in Austria.

**Included meals:** Farewell Dinner

**Accommodation:** The Alpine Club, Schladming, Austria

## DAY 7 - SAY GOODBYE TO AUSTRIA

Sadly, it's the end of our Austrian adventure. There will be three scheduled departures from the resort to Munich Airport.

Alternatively, if you would like to explore more of Austria's history and scenery, why not join us on our Viennese Whirl Tour. Discover the mighty Danube as you travel to Austria's capital, Vienna. Here, see imperial palaces, grand architecture and the sights this historic city has to offer. Please take a look at our Viennese Whirl Tour for further details.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Scheduled airport shuttle to the resort from Munich Airport [MUC], Germany on Day 1 and returning on Day 7
  - There will be three scheduled transfers from Munich Airport to the Alpine Club Resort on Day 1, departing the airport at 10am, 2pm and 6pm.
  - There will be three scheduled transfers from the Alpine Club Resort to Munich Airport on Day 7, departing the resort at 4am, 6am and 10.30am.
- Self-catering accommodation as detailed in the itinerary
- Transportation to and from all the events and activities as detailed in the itinerary
- All activities, visits, guides and excursions as detailed in the itinerary
- Meals as detailed in the itinerary
- Services of a Big Journey Company Tour Director

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International return flights to/from Munich Airport [MUC], Germany
- Airport transfers outside the tour dates, times or locations
- Visas, travel or medical insurance
- Any COVID tests or related entry & exit requirements
- Any personal items and anything not mentioned under included in price above
- Any food and beverage not detailed in the itinerary
- Entrance fees to non-stipulated attractions
- Any optional activities offered
- Gratuities
- City tax - A local city tax is payable at the resort at a cost of €2.50 per person per night (2024 rate)



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Hilton Grand Vacations Member Events Terms Apply
- Please let The Big Journey Company know prior to travelling if you have any medical needs or take any medication that we need to be made aware of to ensure that you have a safe and pleasant tour.
- Check in is after 2:00 - 3:00pm and check out is before 10am unless otherwise specified in the itinerary.
- Munich Airport [MUC] is located in Germany and the excursion day to Eagle's Nest and Bavaria will also cross back into Germany from Austria. Passengers must ensure they comply with the entry requirements, as well as have adequate insurance for both countries.
- City tax - A local city tax is payable at the resort in Schladming at a cost of €2.50 per person per night (2024 rate)

## BOOK YOUR JOURNEY

*Choose from the list of dates below*

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