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## EXPERIENCE AUSTRIA: MEMBER EVENT IN THE ALPS



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



### JOURNEY SNAPSHOT

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**

Level 2

**DESTINATION:**

Experience Austria

Member Event

**DURATION:**

8 days / 7 nights

**FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Please arrange your flights to arrive into Munich Airport [MUC], Germany on Day 1 and to depart from there on Day 8

**PICKUP LOCATION:**

Munich Airport [MUC], Germany

## OVERVIEW

Sep 13 - 20, 2025

Discover Austria on this unique Member Event. Explore the musical city of Salzburg, discover Austria's Lake District plus picturesque Alpine villages & mountains.

The Experience Austria Member Event will let you discover the best of Austria - charming cities, beautiful scenery and centuries of history. The traditional chalet-style 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 glacier-topped Dachstein Massif.

After an initial night at Munich Airport, we will delve into the 'Sound of Music' and enjoy a guided walking tour around the fairytale city of Salzburg, sail crystal clear lakes and soak up the spectacular panoramic views atop Austria's stunning mountains. At Bad Ischl, see where the Habsburg Emperor, Franz Joseph, spent his summer holidays and enjoy a traditional Austrian night to round off the week. 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 Germany

**DAY 2** - Salzburg & The 'Sound of Music'

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

**DAY 4** - Hallstatt & Bad Ischl - Scenic Lake & Imperial Villa

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

**DAY 6** - The Salzkammergut - Austria's Lake District

**DAY 7** - The Mighty Dachstein Massif & Farewell Dinner

**DAY 8** - Say Goodbye to Austria

## FULL ITINERARY

### DAY 1 - WELCOME TO GERMANY

On arrival at Munich Airport, your overnight airport hotel is only a few minutes drive away from the terminals.

You may wish to make private transfer arrangements, taxis are readily available and pretty inexpensive from outside the terminal, or you can use the airport's hotel shuttle bus. The shuttle operates from both terminals and tickets are purchased XXX

The rest of the day and evening is at leisure to relax at the hotel, perhaps grab a drink or a bite to eat in the hotel's restaurant and bar.

**Accommodation:** Munich Airport, Germany

### DAY 2 - SALZBURG & THE 'SOUND OF MUSIC'

After breakfast at our hotel, we make our way to our coach and head for Austria and the city of Salzburg.

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 and discover its history.

There will be time for lunch at leisure before enjoying the rest of the afternoon to explore the shops or perhaps visit the hilltop Hohensalzburg Fortress. 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. 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 make our way to the resort, our base for the next week where the evening is at leisure.

**Included meals:** 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.

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

### DAY 4 - HALLSTATT & BAD ISCHL - SCENIC LAKE & IMPERIAL VILLA

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.

**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 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.

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

## DAY 6 - 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 boat for a leisurely cruise on the picturesque lake.

In the pretty lakeside town of Gmunden we alight and enjoy time at leisure. Gmunden's tranquil lakeside location tells of its wealthy past as one of the largest centres for ceramic production in Europe! From here we will head for a traditional Austrian lunch together in a historic tavern, where the waiters wear traditional dress.

On our return, we will stop at a historic gingerbread factory, where you can pick up a host of tasty treats. Austrian gingerbread, Lebkuchen, is softer and more mild in its spice than the UK style, and the renowned shop has been baking since the 1580s!

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 7 - THE MIGHTY DACHSTEIN MASSIF & FAREWELL DINNER

Today we head out to ascend the mighty Dachstein mountain, which bears over the valley and town of Schladming. The highest peak of the Dachstein Massif, the Hoher Dachstein ascends some 2,995 m above sea level (9826ft!)

We'll drive through the beautiful nearby countryside and the quaint town of Ramsau, before we start ascending the mountain in the coach before we board a panoramic cable car to ride to the top of the mountains. From here, we get an unrivalled view of the Dachstein mountain range as well as many others nearby, the Dachstein glacier and the valley below. The adventurous can head out over the Suspension Bridge and Stairway to Nothingness, as well as visit the Ice Palace.

We descend the mountain and return back to our resort with some final free time before we meet again in the evening for our farewell dinner. Travelling to a traditional Austrian Alpine tavern in the nearby village of Rohrmoos, we'll be treated to an Alpine feast to round off our week in Austria.

**Included meals:** Dinner

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

## DAY 8 - 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

- 1n bed and breakfast accommodation at Munich Airport Hotel on Day 1
- 6n 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

### Complimentary Hilton Shuttles

Hilton are delighted to offer 3 complimentary scheduled airport shuttles for your convenience:

Day 8 – Transfers from The Alpine Club Resort to Munich Airport [MUC]:

- Departing at 4:00AM, 6:00AM and 10:30AM.

**\*If you arrive outside of these scheduled times and miss the shuttles, you will need to arrange your own transportation to or from the resort.**

**To secure your spot on a shuttle please email the office with your flight details. Please ensure you let us know by the 'Pre Tour Zoom Call',**

## 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 in Schladming 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 direct at the Alpine Club resort 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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