

# ***ALPINE EXPLORER & THE GLACIER EXPRESS TRAIN with Oberammergau Passion Play***

Collette Tours

July 26-August 6, 2020



Breathtaking Alpine scenery awaits as you travel through Italy, Switzerland, Austria and Germany. From amazing railways to the dramatic Passion Play, experience wonders only found in the heart of Europe.

Pricing includes 12 Day Tour with 18 meals and Category 1 Oberammergau Passion Play ticket. Roundtrip Airfare from Washington, air taxes, hotel transfers and fees.\*

## **Tour Highlights include:**

- Journey aboard the famous Glacier Express Train
- Experience the Passion Play in Oberammergau
- Explore Salzburg on a walking tour
- Enjoy a two night stay in Lake Maggiore

## **Pricing:**

**Contact Your Travel Advisor  
for Rates & Availability!**

\*All rates are per person, are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from IAD.  
\$750 pp Deposit due at booking. Second deposit of \$1,500 due 1 year prior to departure.  
Final due March 28, 2020.

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#### **DAY 1 - SUNDAY, JULY 26: OVERNIGHT FLIGHT**

#### **DAY 2 - MONDAY, JULY 27: STRESA, ITALY (LAGO MAGGIORE) - TOUR BEGINS**

Arrive in Stresa (Lago Maggiore) and take some free time to explore this beautiful lakeside town on your own. Your evening begins with a cocktail party in a wine shop before we cruise to our welcome dinner on Isola dei Pescatori, the most beautiful of the Borromean Islands. (D)

#### **DAY 3 - TUESDAY, JULY 28: STRESA**

Today we make our way to an ancient village nestled in the mountains. Stop at a family farm to learn about the artisan cheeses they produce. Sample delicious creations and discover how to pair them with local wines. Return to Stresa for an afternoon at leisure. (B)

#### **DAY 4 - WEDNESDAY, JULY 29: STRESA - ZERMATT, SWITZERLAND**

Depart Lago Maggiore for a scenic drive into the heart of the mountains. The incredible views of the Italian and Swiss Alps are sure to leave a lasting impression. Upon arrival in Tasch, board a local train for a ride to the spectacular pedestrian village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps. (B, D)

#### **DAY 5 - THURSDAY, JULY 30: ZERMATT**

Today, Zermatt is at your fingertips. It's your choice! Tour Zermatt's best-known landmarks by foot with a local expert; or, enjoy a visit to the Matterhorn Museum where you'll learn more about the triumph and tragedy behind the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

#### **DAY 6 - FRIDAY, JULY 31: ZERMATT - GLACIER EXPRESS TRAIN - ST. MORITZ**

Traverse bridges and tunnels while aboard the world-renowned narrow gauge Glacier Express, the most charming express train in the world. Enjoy the natural beauty of this route through the heart of the Swiss Alps. Filled with forests, fragrant meadows, streams and deep valleys, it's a mountain dream come to life. Arrive in St. Moritz, playground of the rich and famous. (B)

#### **DAY 7 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 1: ST. MORITZ - INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA**

Drive through the picturesque Engadine Valley to Innsbruck, Austria, capital of the Austrian Tyrol. Join a local expert and explore the city's medieval pedestrian streets including Maria Theresian Strasse, the Hofburg and the Golden Roof. (B)

#### **DAY 8 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 2: INNSBRUCK - SALZBURG - INNSBRUCK**

Travel the Austrian countryside to historic Salzburg, one of Europe's most beautiful and romantic spots. Enjoy a leisurely walking tour of Salzburg's historic Old Town - the Altstadt. See highlights such as the Cathedral, Mozart's birthplace and Mirabell Gardens. Film buffs will be able to pick out locations from *The Sound of Music*. his evening, enjoy a delightful Mozart dinner concert at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant, central Europe's oldest restaurant. (B, D)

#### **DAY 9 - MONDAY, AUGUST 3: INNSBRUCK - MUNICH, GERMANY - OBERAMMERGAU**

Today we head to the frontier of Germany, crossing the border into Bavaria. Arrive in the Bavarian capital of Munich for a walking tour featuring the Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel and Olympic Park. Next, depart for the quaint village of Oberammergau, nestled in the Bavarian Alps. (B, D)

#### **DAY 10 - TUESDAY, AUGUST 4: OBERAMMERGAU - PASSION PLAY**

This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Year War, Oberammergau was spared from the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honor the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travelers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. (B, L, D)

#### **DAY 11 - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5: OBERAMMERGAU - LINDERHOF PALACE - FUSSEN - MUNICH**

Travel to nearby Linderhof Palace, one of the most artistic and stylistically complex ensembles of the 19th century. It is the only palace where King Ludwig II of Bavaria was able to complete. Behind the Baroque facade is a Rococo world, rich in abundant ornamentation. Next, enjoy free time exploring medieval Fussen, the romantic town in the foothills of the Bavarian Alps. Make a special picture stop at Neuschwanstein Castle, Germany's most famous castle and inspiration for the castle in Sleeping Beauty. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of an unforgettable journey. (B, D)

#### **DAY 12 THURSDAY, AUGUST 6: MUNICH - TOUR ENDS**

Your tour comes to a close today. Depart for return flight home. (B)