

Briarwood Presbyterian Church presents...

Discover Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria

with Optional 3-Night Vienna Post Tour Extension

September 16 – 25, 2025



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10 Days • 13 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 3 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Bern, Alphorn Maker, Yodeling Demonstration, Fondue Lunch, Lucerne, Austrian Alps, Choice on Tour: Cultural City Walking Tour or Architectural Walking Tour, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Mirabell Gardens, St. Peter's Restaurant, Bavaria, Linderhof Palace, Tyrolean Folklore Show

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Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 – 5 Hotel Ambassador, Bern

Days 6 – 9 Hotel Innsbruck, Innsbruck

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 Overnight Flight

Discover spectacular Switzerland, Austria and Bavaria on a tour featuring 4-night stays in two cities.

Day 2: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 Bern, Switzerland

Your journey begins in Bern, the capital of Switzerland. This UNESCO World Heritage site rests in the Swiss countryside. The cobbled Old Town section is so well preserved that residents who lived here 500 years ago would still find it familiar today. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring local cuisine. (D)

Day 3: Thursday, September 18, 2025 Bern Explore delightful Bern on a panoramic sightseeing tour, led by a local guide, featuring the Bundeshaus (the Swiss Parliament), the famous Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens and the gothic cathedral which dominates Old Town's skyline. The remainder of the day is yours to explore independently. Perhaps you'll take a ride in the red carriages of the Gurtenbahn funicular railway, climbing Gurten Mountain to an altitude of 2,574 feet (858 meters) for impressive views of Bern, the surrounding towns and mountains. (B)

Day 4: Friday, September 19, 2025 Bern - Habkern - Bern

Today, depart Bern and head to the small mountain village outside of Interlaken – Habkern. Boasting classic postcard imagery of Switzerland, enjoy a tour with a local workshop owner learning how the alphorn is made, and even entertain your musical side by playing one. After, explore the world of yodeling through a professional demonstration. Perhaps you're a natural and never knew. Finish your afternoon with a fondue lunch at a local restaurant before heading back to Bern. Enjoy the rest of your afternoon at leisure. (B, L)

Day 5: Saturday, September 20, 2025 Bern - Lucerne - Bern

Set out for Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Enjoy a leisurely paced Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour, exploring the hidden treasures of this 800-year-old city such as the covered Chapel Bridge (1333); the famous Water Tower, which has served as a prison, watchtower and treasury; the Renaissance-style Town Hall; the baroque Jesuit Church; and the Lion Monument, carved from natural rock to commemorate the heroic Swiss Guard. Tonight, dine at one of Bern's great restaurants. (B, D)

Day 6: Sunday, September 21, 2025 Bern - Liechtenstein - Innsbruck, Austria

En route to Innsbruck, make your way through Liechtenstein, the smallest German-speaking country in the world and the only country to lie entirely within the Alps. Upon arrival in Innsbruck, **it's your choice!** Select one of two leisurely walking tours: join a local guide as you discover the city's history, culture and popular attractions including Maria-Theresien-Strasse, the Hofburg and the "Golden Roof" **-OR-** you may embark on a tour focusing on Innsbruck's unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump. (B)

Day 7: Monday, September 22, 2025 Innsbruck - Salzburg - Innsbruck

Travel through the picturesque Austrian countryside to Salzburg. Enjoy a walking tour



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IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. **(See registration form for consent.)**

featuring Mirabell Gardens (seen in *The Sound of Music*), the quaint Getreidegasse (birthplace of Mozart), and many other highlights of this beautiful city. Complete your afternoon with a delightful lunch at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, the oldest in Austria and still owned by the monks. (B, L)

Day 8: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 Innsbruck Savor a free day in this beautiful city. You may stroll through Old Town and shop at many of the city's outstanding stores or you may just relax and breathe in the mountain air while enjoying a beverage in one of the many cafés that dot this charming city. Later, experience the rich musical tradition of mountainous Austria during a Tyrolean folklore show hosted by a well-known local musical family. (B)

Day 9: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 Innsbruck - Bavaria, Germany - Innsbruck Tour Linderhof Palace, the only palace - out of three - that King Ludwig II lived to see completed. Walk the extraordinary halls that were modeled after Versailles with an expert guide and bask in the luxury of past royals. After, make your way to the Ettal Abbey* - a Benedictine monastery founded in 1330 by Louis IV. Here, you'll tour the Basilica followed by a brewery tour complete with tastings. Next, return to Innsbruck. Tonight, you are treated to a farewell dinner at a traditional Tyrolean restaurant. (B, D)

Day 10: Thursday, September 25, 2025 Innsbruck - Tour Ends Your tour comes to an end in Innsbruck. (B)

Experience It! Salzburg

Salzburg is filled with history and culture. As the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, it's surely bursting with music and art. Discover castles and palaces along with cities and towns dominated by churches. A place where the Trapp family from *The Sound of Music* once called home. This picturesque old town doubling as a UNESCO World Heritage Site welcomes you.

EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH

Optional 4 Days 3-Night Vienna Post Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$1,299.00 USD double, \$1,599.00 USD single, land only

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit

<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1280771>

PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Mar 17, 2025, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Salzburg's Old Town does not allow coaches to access the center. You should anticipate walking at least 0.5 miles in order to reach the Old Town for the start of your day's touring and lunch.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

The day you visit Salzburg will be one of the longest days of this tour as it takes about 3 hours each way to get there from Innsbruck.

*Ettal Abbey may be closed to tours on some departures. When closed, travelers will have an alternate inclusion.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Our air passengers will arrive into Zurich, Switzerland airport and depart from Munich, Germany airport. All transfers will depart from/return to these airports. Due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive into Zurich prior to 4:00 p.m. Return flights from Munich should not be booked prior to 11:00 a.m.

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.



Effective for travel in May 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of March 10, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by June 18, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until March 17, 2025.

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**For important reservation information visit
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1280771>.
You can also find this information on your tour documents.**

BOOKING NUMBER: 1280771
DEPARTURE DATE: September 16, 2025

TOUR: Discover Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria
GROUP NAME: Briarwood Presbyterian Church

Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Lucerne



Mount Pilatus

\$95 USD

Enjoy the splendor of pure nature while gliding over a clear landscape in panoramic gondolas and spectacular cable cars. Ascend Pilatus via a unique excursion on the steepest railway of the world with a gradient of 48%. Upon arrival at the top, soak in the magnificent Alpine view from 7,000 feet above sea level. During leisure time at the summit, stroll the walkway for views from a different vantage point, or enjoy Swiss culinary delights on your own in one of the various restaurants (lunch is not included). Return back down the mountain by panoramic gondola for yet another bird's eye view. In the off-season (November to mid-May) the cogwheel train is unavailable and both the ascent and descent will be by panorama gondolas and aerial cableway. The option may be cancelled due to maintenance work or inclement weather. *Duration: Approximately 3 hours.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Innsbruck



Spectacular Seefeld and Country Cottage Visit

\$99 USD

How better to spend a free day than visiting the romantic Alpine village of Seefeld. Beautifully situated at 3,600 feet above sea level, this charming Tyrolean town commands breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and countryside. Known as one of the world's greatest ski resorts, Seefeld offers a relaxed atmosphere in an Alpine setting with miles of trails for walking, lakes, fine shopping, dining possibilities and fresh, Alpine air. After arriving by train, enjoy a glass of schnapps and a traditional horse and buggy ride. While at the small country home, learn how to make your own apple strudel and indulge in the chance to sample one of Austria's famous sweets! *Duration: Approximately 5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Extend your vacation with

Optional 4 Days 3-Night Vienna Post Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$1,299.00 USD double, \$1,599.00 USD single, land only

4 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

Day 10: Innsbruck - Vienna

Travel by train to Vienna, the largest city in Austria. As the country's capital, Vienna is home to age-old traditions and well-known heritage. It was the former center of the Habsburg Empire, as well as the home for historical figures such as Freud, Mozart, Beethoven, and Strauss. Enjoy this evening with dinner at a local restaurant. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 11: Vienna

Start your day alongside a local guide to explore the best of Vienna, making your way through the city by hopping on public transportation like the locals do. Marvel at Vienna's most popular sites like the 12th-century St. Stephen's Cathedral, standing at nearly 450-feet tall and featuring an eye-catching mosaic roof. In the afternoon, take some time to explore on your own. This evening, you may choose an optional excursion to explore the interiors at the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and listen to a classical performance at the palace's Orangerie. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 12: Vienna

This morning, stroll through the unique collections of the Kunsthistorisches Museum. Take in the museum's exceptional atmosphere with its vast and valuable art treasures. At the museum's magnificent Café-Restaurant, savor a taste of Viennese coffee house culture. The rest of the day is yours to soak up the Austrian culture and experience the best of this capital city. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 13: Vienna - Extension Ends

Today your extension comes to an end. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Please Note:

The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3. This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable as is climbing 3 flights of stairs. You can handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. You can expect some longer days balanced with free time. This level is not a fit for travelers that require mobility assistance devices.

Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 4 passengers is not met to operate.

Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

The transfer from Innsbruck to Vienna is done by train. Porterage service is not available at the train stations in Innsbruck and Vienna; therefore, you need to handle your own luggage.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

In Vienna during walking city tours and for inclusions, public transportation will be used.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.



Special Needs Form

Please complete this form, sign and return it to us within 14 days of receipt.

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TRAVELERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made.

*Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities. Internationally, a great deal of walking may be necessary to fully enjoy the destination. Travelers should be in good health and must be able to walk reasonable distances. In some areas, travelers may be required to walk on uneven ground, cobblestone streets or raised thresholds.

****To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom. The cruise company may take appropriate action against someone who has reserved or purchased such a stateroom fraudulently. Action may include but is not limited to removal from the stateroom to a non-accessible accommodation up to denial of boarding.***

Reservation # _____

Name: _____ Male or Female (circle one)

Are you traveling with a wheelchair? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your wheelchair collapse? Yes No
- Can you stand and climb steps to board the coach without it? Yes No

- Are you capable of lifting your own wheelchair? Yes No

If you are not capable of lifting your own wheelchair who will provide assistance?

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your wheelchair:

Height _____ Length _____ Width _____

Are you traveling with a walker? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your walker collapse? Yes No

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your walker:

Height _____ Length _____ Width _____

*Tour Managers and drivers do not provide assistance lifting, pushing or carrying wheelchairs or walkers.
Motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.*

Are you requesting any hotel room accommodations? Yes No

If "YES" Please indicate if one or more of the following is required in the washroom.

- Walk-in shower Yes No
- Grab bars Yes No
- Raised toilet seat Yes No

Please provide any details in reference to the nature of your request.

Most hotel rooms that can accommodate the request will be equipped with only 1 bed.

Do you understand and accept? Yes No

Collette cannot guarantee the availability of such rooms as many hotels have a limited number of rooms that are equipped with the above accommodations.

Are you traveling with an oxygen tank? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- You must contact the airline directly to arrange transportation of the oxygen on the plane. Oxygen requests vary by airline and location and can take up to 2 weeks to request.
- You are responsible for supplying your own electrical cords, and converters as needed.

This form must be remitted within 14 days of receipt for any special needs accommodation request.

Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities and motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

The Americans with Disabilities Act only applies in the United States. Many international destinations cannot accommodate passengers' requests. Collette will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honored on international destinations.

Collette also regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member with special needs for walking, dining, or other special personal needs. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable and totally responsible for the assistance.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

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Reason: _____

Tour: _____ Reservation # _____

TS/Group: _____

Tour Date: _____