



Oberammergau 2022: Munich, the Swiss Alps & Paris

11 days | 13 days with Paris extension

Explore the vibrant cultures of Germany, Switzerland, and France on this one-of-a-kind journey. Start in Munich before making your way through the snowcapped Alps to visit Lucerne, a charming lakeside city. Head through the Alsace Region before ending your trip in dreamy Paris. In Oberammergau, watch history come to life during the Passion Play, a local performance that only happens once every ten years.



Your tour package includes

- 9 nights in handpicked hotels
- 9 breakfasts
- 1 lunch
- 4 dinners with beer or wine
- 6 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach
- 1 train ride

Included highlights

- Nymphenburg Palace
- Passion Play in Oberammergau
- Hohenschwangau Castle
- Kapellbrücke
- Petite France
- Eiffel Tower photo stop

Tour pace

You will walk for at least 2 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with few hills or stairs.

Group size

15-35

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Munich today.

Munich → 2 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Munich

Included meals: dinner

Welcome to Germany! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Munich

Included meals: breakfast

Get to know the Bavarian capital on a guided tour.

- Travel past the Englischer Garten and fashionable Schwabing district
- Enter the Nymphenburg Palace, the Baroque home to past Bavarian royalty
- Walk from Odeonsplatz through the Hofgarten to view the Residenz, once home to the Wittelsbach dukes of Bavaria
- Explore Marienplatz, Munich's medieval heart, and see the famed Glockenspiel

Spend a free afternoon in Munich or add an excursion.

+ Dachau

Oberammergau → 1 night

Day 4: Passion Play

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Head to Oberammergau and attend the 42nd performance of the world-famous Passion Play.

- Experience the storytelling and portrayal of the Old and New Testament that has taken place once a decade since 1634
- Enjoy the unforgettable open-air performance put on by the residents of the Bavarian town

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Swiss Alps → 2 nights

Day 5: Swiss Alps via Hohenschwangau

Castle & Liechtenstein

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

On your way to the Swiss Alps, pass through the Bavarian Alps making several stops along the way.

- Make a photo stop at Neuschwanstein Castle, the fairy-tale retreat of "Mad" King Ludwig II
- Revel in scenic views of the Alps as you relax during free time for lunch in the town below Neuschwanstein
- Enter Hohenschwangau Castle, the former summer and hunting residence of the Bavarian royal family

After, travel into Liechtenstein, a tiny Alpine principality dating back to the Holy Roman Empire.

- Visit the capital, Vaduz, and pass the royal family's hilltop castle, still in use as a royal residence
- Enjoy free time in the town and be sure to get your passport stamped

Then, continue on to the Swiss Alps and sit down for an included dinner.

Day 6: Sightseeing tour of Lucerne

Included meals: breakfast

Get an up-close look at the lakeside city of Lucerne, Switzerland's idyllic Alpine town, on a guided sightseeing tour.

- View the Lion Monument, a tribute to the Swiss Guards who sacrificed their lives in Paris during the French Revolution
- Pass hand-painted facades that line the cobbled streets of the Old Town
- Cross the medieval Kapellbrücke, a covered wooden footbridge spanning the Reuss River, and view the Water Tower
- See the Jesuit Church, the first large Baroque building of its kind to be built north of the Alps in Switzerland

Spend a free afternoon in Lucerne or add an excursion.

+ Mount Pilatus

Strasbourg → 2 nights

Day 7: Strasbourg via Bern

Included meals: breakfast

Before crossing the border into France, make a stop in the Swiss capital of Bern for a sightseeing tour.

- Cross the Aare River and head to the iconic Bern Bear Park, home to a community of brown bears
- Stroll through the UNESCO-recognized Old Town, making your way past the Cathedral of Bern

Then continue on to Strasbourg, the capital of France's Alsace region.

Day 8: Sightseeing tour of Strasbourg

Included meals: breakfast

Explore Strasbourg on a guided sightseeing tour with a local guide. Then, take to the river for a short cruise.

- Make your way through the Grande Île neighborhood, passing by Place Gutenberg, Cathédrale Notre-Dame, and Palais Rohan, known as a miniature Versailles
- Continue your tour by boat, taking in the Petite France neighborhood from the water with views of Barrage Vauban and Ponts Couvert

Spend a free afternoon in Strasbourg or add an excursion.

+ Alsace Wine Tasting & Dinner

Paris → 2 nights

Day 9: Train to Paris

Included meals: breakfast

Take the high-speed TGV train through the French countryside to Paris. Spend a free evening in the French capital or add an excursion.

+ Dinner in Paris & Seine River Cruise

Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Paris

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

A guided tour introduces you to the architecture, scenery, and history of the City of Light's many neighborhoods, called *arrondissements*.

- Drive down the sycamore-lined Champs-Élysées to view the Arc de Triomphe
- Pass Pont Neuf and the legendary Notre-Dame Cathedral, located on an island in the Seine River

- See the Eiffel Tower, the Palais Garnier opera house, and Place de la Concorde, the city's grandest square
- Marvel at the iconic architecture of the Louvre and Hôtel des Invalides

Spend a free afternoon in Paris or add an excursion. Then, celebrate your trip during a farewell dinner.

+ Versailles Palace & Gardens

Flight Home

Day 11: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay in Paris.

+ Paris extension

Paris is always a good idea, so extend your trip to keep exploring. Take a couple of days to museum-hop, stroll along the boulevards, brush up on your français, and let your expert Tour Director point you toward the crème de la crème.

Paris → 2 nights

Day 11: Free day in Paris

Included meals: breakfast

Spend a free day in Paris or add an excursion.

+ Paris Home-Hosted Dinner

Day 12: Free day in Paris

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a free day in Paris or add an excursion.

+ Monet & the Landscapes of Giverny

Flight Home

Day 13: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: goaheadtours.ca/MPO | 1-800-754-5066

Day 3: Dachau

\$85CAD/\$95CAD* (4 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Once a typical German town, Dachau served as the first Nazi concentration camp during World War II. Visit this somber site, which has since been transformed into a Holocaust memorial museum that serves as a testament to the strength of the human spirit. You'll take a self-guided audio tour through Dachau's poignant exhibits, which are echoed by the memorials to the victims that adorn the grounds.

Day 6: Mount Pilatus

\$185CAD/\$195CAD* (4.5 hours, departs in the afternoon)

This scenic excursion begins with a cruise on Lake Lucerne. After docking, ascend 7,000-foot Mount Pilatus on the world's steepest cogwheel railway. Legend holds that the mountain was named for Pontius Pilate, blown here by the devil after the Crucifixion. From the peak, the views of the Alps are stunning; on a clear day, you can see for 200 miles. Toward the end of your trip, you'll return to the base of the mountain via gondola. Please note: The cruise and cogwheel railway only run from mid-May through October. During the winter months, this excursion includes the cable car ride only. If the cogwheel railway is unavailable, you'll enjoy lunch on the mountain.

Day 8: Alsace Wine Tasting & Dinner

\$159CAD/\$169CAD* (5 hours, departs in the afternoon, dinner included)

Drive through the picturesque vineyards that dot the Alsace countryside to the Ribeauvillé and Riquewihr regions, known for their medieval villages. Here, you'll take a tour of a traditional wine cellar before enjoying a tasting of four Alsatian varietals, including flowery Riesling and aromatic Gewürztraminer. Then, sit down to dinner in a local village restaurant for a taste of Alsatian cuisine, famous for its signature blend of German and French influences.

Day 9: Dinner in Paris & Seine River Cruise

\$175CAD/\$185CAD* (5 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Take in the nighttime allure of the City of Light on a special evening excursion. The event begins with dinner at a local restaurant. After you dine, board a boat cruise along the Seine. As you coast along the river and under Paris' bridges, you'll behold the illuminated monuments of the city glittering alongside the riverbanks. Please note: The dress code may vary depending on the restaurant for your dinner. Your Tour Director will advise you on what to wear, but shorts and sneakers are likely to be considered inappropriate attire.

Day 10: Versailles Palace & Gardens

\$199CAD (5 hours, departure time varies)

The reign of Louis XIV, known as the "Sun King," set new standards for decadence among the crowned heads of Europe. It took 50 years and 35,000 workers to turn Versailles, once a small hunting lodge, into the most magnificent château in all of France and the envy of royalty worldwide. On this excursion, you'll see the palace in all its glory as you tour the State Apartments and the glittering Hall of Mirrors. Then, stroll through the lavish gardens to admire their fine statuary, splendid fountains, and colorful flowerbeds. Please note: Versailles Palace is closed on Mondays. The optional excursion may be moved to a different day on tour to accommodate schedules. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 45 days prior to departure.

Extension excursion options

Day 11: Paris Home-Hosted Dinner

\$129CAD (3 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Join a local at their home in Paris to enjoy traditional dishes and dine like a true Parisian. During this dinner, you'll receive an authentic understanding of your host's day-to-day life while learning about French culture and traditions from a new perspective. Please note: Your Tour Director will not attend this excursion. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Day 12: Monet & the Landscapes of Giverny

\$149CAD/\$159CAD* (6 hours, departs in the morning)

The village of Giverny was home to Claude Monet from 1883 until his death in 1926. On a visit to Monet's home and gardens, discover the subtle palette of colors that inspired his Water Lilies series and gave rise to a new way of seeing. Please note: This excursion is seasonal and runs from April through October.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.ca/terms