



A Week in Switzerland, Germany & Austria

9 days | 11 days with Prague extension

Spend a week seeing the best of one of Europe's most fascinating regions. Set off from scenic Lucerne, Switzerland to explore Hohenschwangau and Munich, two of Germany's can't-miss destinations. Your adventure continues in Austria, where you'll take in the sights and sounds of Salzburg before being entranced by Vienna's beauty.



Your tour package includes

- 7 nights in handpicked hotels
- 7 breakfasts
- 3 dinners with beer or wine
- 6 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- Kapellbrücke
- Neuschwanstein
- Nymphenburg Palace
- Salzburg Cathedral
- Melk Abbey
- Belvedere Palace

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 2.5 hours daily across mostly flat terrain with some cobblestone streets, hills, and stairs.

Group size

15-38

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Zurich today.

Swiss Alps → 2 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Zurich & transfer to the Swiss Alps

Included meals: welcome dinner

Welcome to Switzerland! Transfer to the Swiss Alps. Then, meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: 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

Enjoy a free afternoon in the Swiss Alps or add an excursion.

+ Mount Pilatus

Munich → 2 nights

Day 4: Munich via Liechtenstein & Neuschwanstein

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

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

- Visit the capital of Vaduz
- Pass the royal family's hilltop castle, still in use as a royal residence

Then, travel through the mountains of Bavaria en route to Munich, Germany.

- 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

Continue on to Munich and sit down for an included dinner.

Day 5: 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

Salzburg → 1 night

Day 6: Transfer to Salzburg & sightseeing tour

Included meals: breakfast

Head to Salzburg, Austria, a city famed for its churches and musical history. There, a local guide leads you on a walking tour of the Old Town.

- View the University of Salzburg and the churchyard of St. Peter
- See the Kapitelplatz, Residenzplatz, and Alter Markt in the city's Old Town
- Pass through scenery from the beloved film *The Sound of Music*
- Enter the 17th-century Salzburg Cathedral, built in the Baroque style

Enjoy a free evening in Salzburg or add an excursion.

+ Mozart Concert & Dinner

Vienna → 2 nights

Day 7: Vienna via Melk Abbey

Included meals: breakfast

Travel east through the Danube basin en route to Vienna.

- Stop in Melk for a guided tour of the town's Baroque abbey, which is situated on rock overlooking the Danube River
- Explore its Baroque pavilion, library, and chapel
- Continue on to Vienna and make a photo stop at Schönbrunn Palace, the Rococo Hapsburg home

Spend a free evening in Vienna or add an excursion.

Please note: On some departures the photo stop at Schönbrunn Palace will be replaced with entrance to Schönbrunn Palace on day 8 depending on the day of the week.

+ Traditional Viennese Heurigen Evening

Day 8: Sightseeing tour of Vienna

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

Get transported back to the Age of Empires on a guided tour of Vienna.

- Step inside Belvedere Palace, home to the world's largest collection of paintings by artist Gustav Klimt, and admire the palace's impressive gardens
- Travel down the Ringstrasse, passing the Parliament building, Vienna State Opera, and Kunsthistorisches Museum
- See the grand Hofburg Palace, the Hapsburg's preferred winter residence

Celebrate your trip with your group at a farewell dinner this evening.

Please note: Belvedere Palace will be replaced with Schönbrunn Palace if the guided sightseeing falls on a Monday.

Flight Home

Day 9: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or continue on to Prague, Czech Republic.

+ Prague extension

Continue your trip to learn why Prague is the City of One Hundred Spires. (Hint: There are a lot of spires, and it's a really beautiful place.) You'll also uncover some amazing history as you explore the Czech capital with a local guide.

Prague → 2 nights

Day 9: Transfer to Prague

Included meals: breakfast

Drive through the pastoral landscapes of Bohemia on your way to one of Europe's most beautiful cities: Prague, Czech Republic. Spend a free evening in the city or add an excursion.

+ Evening in Prague: River Cruise & Dinner

Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Prague

Included meals: breakfast

Discover why Prague is known as the City of One Hundred Spires on a guided tour.

- Visit Prague Castle, from which Charles IV governed the Holy Roman Empire
- Admire the soaring Gothic vaults of St. Vitus Cathedral
- Walk down to the Malá Strana district to sip a coffee at a local cafe
- Cross the elegant Charles Bridge for breathtaking views of the city
- Stroll through Old Town Square to view the 15th-century Astronomical Clock

Tonight, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members. Then, spend a free evening in Prague or add an excursion.

+ Château Sychrov

Flight Home

Day 11: 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/SGA | 1-800-754-5066

Day 3: 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 5: 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: Mozart Concert & Dinner

\$215CAD/\$225CAD* (4.5 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Step inside the 1,200-year-old St. Peter Stiftskeller, located within St. Peter's Abbey, to enjoy an evening of fine dining and music. Mozart composed over 600 works in his short life, and tonight, you'll hear his masterpieces accompanied by opera singing as you sample local delicacies during a three-course dinner. Please note: The temperature in the room can be hot in the summer, therefore we recommend dressing accordingly based on the season.

Day 7: Traditional Viennese Heurigen Evening

\$165CAD/\$175CAD* (4 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

After a brief drive, your first stop is Vienna's Prater Ferris Wheel. Take a breezy ride to the top, which offers a one-of-a-kind view of the city. Next, continue on to a picturesque village and sit down at local restaurant where you'll indulge in a festive night of music, food, and entertainment. Dinner will feature dishes typical of traditional Austrian Heurigens, or wine taverns. During your meal, you'll have the chance to try some of the tavern's own locally made wine—the perfect addition to your cozy, Old-World setting.

Extension excursion options

Day 9: Evening in Prague: River Cruise & Dinner

\$135CAD/\$145CAD* (4 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

As the longest river in the Czech Republic, the Vltava traces a line from the Bohemian Forest up through Prague to the great River Elbe. Tonight, take to its serene waters aboard a cruise ship and marvel at The City of a Hundred Spires from its decks. You'll sail past Castle Hill and Prague's famous bridges, dining on authentic Czech dishes as you go. After having your fill of food and live music, dock once more and draw your evening to a close.

Day 10: Château Sychrov

\$205CAD/\$215CAD* (6 hours, departs in the afternoon, dinner included)

Head into the Czech countryside for an experience exclusively available to Go Ahead travelers. Built in the classic Neo-Gothic style, the 17th-century Château Sychrov is an aristocratic residence owned by the Rohan family for over 200 years. You'll step inside the opulent château after it closes to the general public. Soak in the beauty of the castle on a private tour, admiring the colorful walls, intricate wood carvings on the ceilings, and built-in furniture as you make your way through the rooms. From the beds to the bureaus, each area of the castle has perfectly preserved pieces of 19th-century decor on display. See famous paintings of French royalty and the Rohan family while learning about their daring escape from persecution in France. After you finish touring the manicured grounds, head to the on-site restaurant. Here, you'll attend a private recital of classic Czech music performed by some of Prague's most talented musicians and enjoy a private dinner featuring regional specialties and local beer or wine. Please note: This excursion runs from January through mid October. The château does not have heat or air conditioning, therefore we recommend dressing accordingly based on the season. When the Orangerie is closed, dinner will served in a different wing of the Château.

*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