

# Exploring the Alpine Countries & Oberammergau's Passion Play

## Highlights....

Vienna • Danube Cruise • Salzburg • Mozart Dinner Concert • Munich • Oberammergau Passion Play • Neuschwanstein Castle • Black Forest • Zermatt • Lucerne • Bern

**13 Days • 19 Meals: 11 Breakfasts • 1 Lunch • 7 Dinners**

### COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

- ★ Enjoy a special dinner in the quaint wine-making village of Grinzing.
- ★ Shop for world-famous hand-carved cuckoo clocks when you overnight in Germany's beautiful Black Forest region.
- ★ Explore the Alpine village of Zermatt, Switzerland at the foot of the majestic Matterhorn.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Welcome to Collette's Alpine Countries tour - a visit to three of Europe's most picturesque countries: Austria, Germany (Bavaria), and Switzerland.

#### Day 2: Vienna, Austria - Tour Begins

You arrive in the grand city of Vienna, the former capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. ★**Tonight, in the picturesque wine-making village of Grinzing, you will join your fellow travelers at one of the local restaurants for a delightful welcome dinner, complete with local wines and traditional entertainment.**★ *Today dinner will be included.*

#### Day 3: Vienna

Your Imperial Vienna tour highlights the baroque marvels of Schoenbrunn or Belvedere Palace. Touring Vienna's city center, you view St. Stephan's Cathedral, beautiful baroque architecture, parks and gothic spires of a by-gone age. The remainder of the day is at leisure. This evening you are invited to dinner at a popular local restaurant. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 4: Vienna - Danube River Cruise - Melk - Salzburg

Depart Vienna and travel along the banks of the Danube to the medieval town of Durnstein. ★**Embark on a cruise on the Danube River, gliding through the historic Wachau Valley, one of the most beautiful stretches of river in the world.**★ Later you visit the Benedictine Abbey in Melk, before continuing to the "City of Music", Salzburg. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 5: Salzburg - Mozart Dinner Concert

Enjoy a walking tour of the Altstadt (Old Town) highlighting the Cathedral, Mozart's Birthplace and Mirabell Gardens. You will not be able to miss recognizable locations from the "Sound of Music". Your afternoon is at leisure. ★**The evening includes a memorable Mozart Dinner Concert at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant. In the stylish ambiance of the historic Baroque Hall, you will enjoy a traditional candlelight dinner (featuring recipes from the 17th & 18th centuries) while you listen to some of Mozart's most popular compositions performed by local artists in colorful, historic costumes.**★ *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 6: Salzburg - Munich, Germany - Oberammergau

Travel through the picturesque landscape of Austria to neighboring Germany. Your destination is Munich, the beautiful capital of the state of Bavaria. Upon arrival, enjoy a city tour featuring the Olympic Park, Marienplatz and the Glockenspiel. Next, depart for the quaint village of Oberammergau, nestled in the Bavarian Alps. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 7: Oberammergau - Passion Play

★**Enjoy a performance of the Passion Play which originally took place in 1634.**★ During the Thirty Year War, the village of Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the villagers vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honor the life of Christ. The performers are native Oberammergauers. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast start to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. This is truly an unforgettable event. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 8: Oberammergau - Rhine Falls - Black Forest

Today you visit Wies Church, proclaimed as a World Heritage site. You then view perhaps the most famous castle in Bavaria - Neuschwanstein - with its turrets and pinnacles. Continuing on the scenic route, you traverse southern Germany, skirting the northern shores of Lake Constance to the Rhine Falls, Europe's most powerful waterfall. ★**You then proceed to the mysterious Black Forest - setting of legends and stories of yore! Don't forget to shop for authentic cuckoo clocks, Hummels, and wood carvings!**★ *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 9: Black Forest - Chateau de Chillon, Lake Geneva, Switzerland - Zermatt

Today enjoy a visit to the Chateau de Chillon, beautifully situated on Lake Geneva. Your travels continue through the wine-growing region of the Rhone Valley before beginning the ascent into the fabulous Swiss Alps. Upon arrival in Tasch, board a local train for the short ride to the spectacular Alpine village of Zermatt. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 10: Zermatt

Begin your day with an orientation tour of the village. The balance of the day is at leisure to explore this charming village, savor pastries at a local café or just relax. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 11: Zermatt -Lucerne - Bern

This morning travel to the beautiful medieval city of Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake". Enjoy a leisurely-paced Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour exploring the hidden treasures of the city. In addition to its natural charm and tranquility, Lucerne has more than 800 years of history. ★**Explore such medieval treasures as the covered Chapel Bridge (1833); 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.**★ This afternoon, travel to the Swiss capital of Bern. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 12: Bern

Today, explore delightful Bern on a panoramic sightseeing tour featuring the Bundeshaus (the Swiss Parliament), the famous Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens, and the gothic cathedral which dominates the Old Town skyline. This evening, join your fellow travelers in celebrating the end of a marvelous trip with a farewell dinner. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

### Day 13: Bern - Tour Ends

Your tour ends today in Bern. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Hotel De France, Vienna
Days 4, 5	Renaissance Hotel, Salzburg
Days 6, 7	Oberammergau Regional Hotel, Oberammergau Region or or Garmisch - Partenkirchen Regional Hotel, Garmisch
Day 8	Hofgut Sternen
Days 9, 10	Hotel Schweizerhof, Zermatt
Days 11, 12	Hotel Bristol, Bern

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Oberammergau

#### Please Note:

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

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette 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 prescheduled times.

Please note that single accommodations are extremely limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. If you wish to secure single accommodations it is highly recommended that you book early. Also, triple and child rates are not available.

All tours will be subject to the finalization of play tickets. In the event that Collette cancels the tour, you will be refunded 100%.

Due to flight restrictions, you may require an early morning departure from your hotel.

Collette air passengers will depart from the Zurich, Switzerland airport. All Collette transfers will depart from Bern for the Zurich airport.

For your information, The Salzburg Summer Music Festival takes place during the month of August.

Order of events subject to change on some departure dates.

The dinner in Salzburg may be on another evening due to limited availability.

#### IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

##### PAYMENTS:

A per person deposit of \$1,500 Per Person is due with passenger names. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure.

##### IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements. **IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our clients traveling abroad 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.

**\*Airfare:** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all vacation packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your rates are subject to change until paid in full. Seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

**Checked Baggage Charges:** Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

**Cancellation Charges for this tour:** For Oberammergau: Deposits are non-refundable; A cancellation fee of 75% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If waivers have not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Purchase of Waiver and Insurance guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Waiver and insurance fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Waiver and Insurance does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

**Cancellation Charges for this tour:** After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 30% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan Fee with Air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette. Exception: If you originally purchased non-refundable airline tickets, the Travel Protection Plan does not provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes or fees, in the event of cancellation. This air ticket is covered by Collette's travel protection plan under Part B, if you cancel your trip for covered reasons (see Part B for more details). The Travel Protection Plan Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any

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