

ALPS, LAKES AND SHOPPING

Exclusive tour available only in the periods May/June and August/September

The program includes two overnights in Milan or the area (Italy), one overnight in Zurich or the area (Switzerland), one overnight in Bregenz or the area (Austria), one overnight in Munich or the area (Germany), one overnight in Salzburg or surroundings (Austria), one overnight in Ljubljana (Slovenia), one overnight in Zagreb (Croatia), one overnight in Opatija or surroundings (Croatia), one overnight in Trieste or the area (Italy), one overnight in Padua or surroundings (Italy); bus transportation; accommodation in the chosen hotel category; meals as per chosen option; local tour leader during the whole trip.

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Day 1: Milan

Morning arrival at Milan Malpensa airport. Meet with the tour leader, transfer and sightseeing tour. A renaissance city, capital of the Lombardy region and second largest in the country after Rome, Milan is all about fashion, design and art thanks to its precious heritage sites, famous architecture and esteemed masterpieces safeguarded in the city's many museums. The sightseeing tour will take you to the Duomo, Palazzo Reale, Castello Sforzesco, Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, the world-famous La Scala opera house and many more. **Optional lunch.** About 14h00 – check-in at hotel. In the afternoon – time at leisure or shopping at the fashion outlets of Milan. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Milan or the area.

Day 2 (300km): Milan – Como – Lucerne – Zurich

Breakfast. 08h00 – departure to the city of Como situated on the picturesque shores of a lake with the same name and southern gate to the Alps (50km). Sightseeing tour of Como – Porta Torre, XII century Basilica San Fedele, the Town hall, Piazza Duomo with the Cathedral, the lakeshores with the Temple of Alessandro Volta (born in Como Italian scientist, inventor of the electrical battery) and „Life Electric“ – built in the lake modern monument dedicated to Volta. About 11h30 – departure to the town of Lucerne situated on the shores of Lake Lucerne – a pearl in the Swiss Alps (200km). **Optional lunch box on the way.** Arrival in the afternoon and sightseeing of the old town of Lucerne – Chapel Bridge, the lakeside with river Reuss and the touching monument of the mortally-wounded lion carved in the glacier rocks. Departure to Zurich (50km). Arrival in the evening. Check-in at hotel. Dinner and overnight in Zurich or the area.

Day 3 (150km): Zurich – Mainau Island – Constance – Bregenz

Breakfast. 08h00 – sightseeing tour of Zurich, Switzerland's largest city and its financial and cultural capital. The tour will take you along the banks of river Limmat, the castle-like National Museum, Bahnhofstrasse shopping mile, the historic street Limmatquai and to the three symbolic churches – Grossmuenster, Fraumuenster and St. Peter's Church with Europe's largest clock face. In the free

time you will be able to stroll along the scenic shores of Lake Zurich and delight your senses with the world-famous Swiss chocolate. About 11h00 – departure to the southern shores of Lake Constance (80km) – an alpine lake uniting three countries – Switzerland, Germany and Austria. Visit of one of the lake’s biggest attractions – the Flower Island Mainau – a paradise of lush greenery, seasonal flowers and plants from all over the world. Its Butterfly House gives a hint of the tropics and in the Palm House you can enjoy your afternoon coffee. **Optional lunch is possible upon arrival.** After visiting Mainau – departure to the largest city on the shores of the lake – the city of Constance. Arrival and walking tour of the old town – the port with the 18m high statue of Imperia rising above the lake, the colorful main square, the Imperial fountain, the Old Town Hall and the Münster (the Cathedral). Time at leisure. In the late afternoon – departure to the area of Bregenz (70km). Arrival and check-in at hotel. Dinner. Overnight in Bregenz or surroundings.

Day 4 (240km): Bregenz – Füssen – Bavarian castles – Munich

Breakfast. 08h00 – departure to one of Germany’s most scenic regions – the Bavarian Alps, the place where the fairytale King Ludwig II built his Neuschwanstein castle (110km). Arrival in the romantic town of Füssen – the city of King’s Ludwig II, gateway to the castle and a charming holiday resort amidst lakes and imposing mountain peaks. Short walking tour of the old town and then continue to the royal castles of Neuschwanstein and the neighboring Hohenschwangau. The later was built by Ludwig’s father as a hunting residence and is remarkable display of the royal lifestyle from the mid-nineteenth century. And if anyone talks about a fairy-tale castle, they usually mean Neuschwanstein. With its breathtaking location and fantastic interior decorations it is unique to the world and was used by Walt Disney Company as a prototype for their logo. Visit of the royal castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau (please mind comfortable shoes!). **Optional lunch box.** About 18h00 – departure to Munich (130km). Arrival about 20h00. Check-in at hotel. Dinner* and overnight in Munich or surroundings.

**Traditional dinner is possible at one of Munich’s famous breweries. Prices upon request.*

Day 5 (150km): Munich – Salzburg

Breakfast. 08h00 – sightseeing tour of Munich – the Bavarian capital and one of the most cosmopolitan cities in Germany – Karlsplatz, Frauenkirche (the Cathedral), St. Michael’s church, the New Residence, the House of the Bavarian State Opera, the most famous brewery – Hofbrauhaus, the Old and New Town Halls and Marienplatz. Free time for shopping or visiting some of Munich’s attractive museums. **Optional lunch*.** About 14h00 – departure to Salzburg, the birthplace of the world famous composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (150km). Arrival about 17h00. Walking tour of the „City of Salt“ – the Mirabell gardens, the old town with its narrow streets and arcades, the famous shopping street „Getreidegasse“, St. Peter’s abbey, the Salzburg Cathedral. Free time for souvenir shopping and to taste the *Original Salzburger Mozartkugeln* – hand-made sweets manufactured for over 100 years only here in Salzburg. Check-in at hotel. Dinner and overnight in Salzburg or surroundings.

**We offer you the opportunity to try the "Bavarian breakfast" – a traditional brunch with the famous Bavarian wheat beer and snacks*

Day 6 (310km): Salzburg – Bled – Ljubljana

Breakfast. 08h00 – departure to Slovenia and its picturesque alpine Lake Bled (250km). Arrival about noon. **Optional lunch.** Visit of the symbols of the region and the country – The Bled Castle and Bled Island. Perched atop a steep cliff, the castle's terraces offer the most spectacular views of the island, the town of Bled and of the lush green countryside of the Gorenjska region. The castle attracts also with its museum collection, representing the historical development of Bled, its culture and its population. Heading down to the shores, we will take the typical „pletna“ boats and reach the Island of Bled with its most recognizable symbol – the Church of the Assumption. A climb of 99 stone-step staircase awaits you...as well as a wishing bell which you can ring. About 16h00 – departure to Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia (60km). Walking tour of the city – the Preshernov square with the Franciscan Church and the very famous Triple Bridge, the Town Hall, the Cathedral, the Central Market and the Dragon Bridge. Free time for souvenir shopping or visit of Ljubljana castle watching over the city for centuries. In the evening – check-in at hotel. Dinner and overnight in Ljubljana.

Day 7 (250km): Ljubljana – Postojna Cave – Zagreb

Breakfast. 08h00 – departure to another landmark of Slovenia and one of the most visited caves in Europe – Postojnska Jama (50km). It is the only cave with a double track railway in the world, taking visitors on a fascinating train ride into the underworld. With its 24km of passages, galleries and magnificent halls the cave is the second-largest in the country as well as one of its top tourist attractions. The River Pivka has winded its way under the surface of the earth creating a unique subterranean world abundant with karst formations. Visit of the cave. **Optional lunch.** About 12h30 – departure to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia (200km). Arrival and sightseeing tour of the city – Ban Jelacic Square, St. Mary's Cathedral, the Market place, Tkalciceva Street, Stone Gate and Upper Town. Time at leisure. Check-in at hotel. Dinner and overnight in Zagreb.

Day 8 (340km): Zagreb – Plitvice Lakes – Opatija

Breakfast. 08h00 – departure to Croatia's most popular and largest National Park – Plitvice Lakes (140km). The park was granted UNESCO World Heritage status in 1979 and is a definite must-see for the beauty of its lakes naturally arranged in cascades. Sixteen lakes are interconnected by a series of waterfalls and are renowned for their distinctive colors ranging from azure to green, grey or blue. The duration of the visit is about four hours and includes boat and train ride (please mind comfortable shoes!). **Optional lunch box.** About 15h00 – departure to Opatija, one of Croatia's most famous coastal destinations, often called the pearl of the Adriatic (200km). With its local climate, beautiful architecture, quality hotels and well-tended parks and promenades, it boasts a tradition of welcoming visitors dating back more than 170 years. Arrival about 20h00. Check-in and dinner at hotel. Overnight in Opatija or surroundings.

Day 9 (190km): Opatija – Rovinj – Trieste

Breakfast. 08h30 – walking tour along Opatija's „Lungomare“ promenade with its landmarks – St. Jacob's Church, Villa Angiolina and the park, Hotel Imperial with the Fountain of Helios and Selena, and the symbol of the resort – the statue of the Maiden with the Seagull. Free time for souvenir

shopping and to stroll along the promenade. About 11h00 – departure to Rovinj, the star attraction of the Istrian peninsula (90km). Arrival about noon. **Optional lunch.** Sightseeing tour of the old town with its colorful houses rising from the sea and steep cobbled streets full of art galleries and lively bars and restaurants. And above all is the tower of St. Euphemia Church – the largest monument and the town's highest point. Time at leisure to delight yourself with afternoon coffee along the picturesque harbor. About 16h00 – departure to Trieste (100km). Arrival in the evening. Check-in and dinner at hotel. Overnight in Trieste or the area.

Day 10 (260km): Trieste – Venice – Padua

Breakfast. 08h00 – departure to Venice, the world-famous city on the water (160km). It spreads across a group of over 100 islands and once was called „La serenissima“ (the most serene). For its environmental, architectural and historical assets the Venice lagoon and the city are listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and attract millions of people every year. About 11h00 – arrival at Punta Sabbioni port where a boat will take you to the archipelago and its historical landmarks – Basilica di San Marko, Piazza San Marko with the Clock Tower and the Campanile, Palazzo Ducale, the Bridge of Sighs, Rialto – the financial and commercial heart of Venice with its famous Rialto Bridge stretching across the Grand Canal. **Optional lunch.** Free time to explore the charming medieval streets and bridges of Venice or to please yourself with a romantic gondola ride. About 17h00 – return boat trip to Punta Sabbioni and departure to Padua (100km). Evening arrival. Check-in and dinner at hotel. Overnight in Padua or the area.

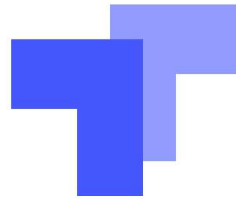
Day 11 (290km): Padua – Verona – Sirmione – Milan

Breakfast. 08h00 – departure to Verona, the romantic capital of Italy (100km). A city that dates back to the Romans, Verona is also listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Today it is a delightful mixture of art, culture, medieval palaces, winding streets, ancient ruins and elegant churches. Arrival and sightseeing tour of the city of Romeo and Juliet – Piazza Bra with Portoni della Bra, Arena di Verona, Via Mazzini, Piazza delle Erbe, Torre dei Lamberti, Juliet's courtyard and balcony. **Optional lunch.** Time at leisure. About 14h00 – departure to Sirmione – the pearl of the southern shores of Lago di Garda (50km). Sirmione is situated on a picturesque peninsula and offers a rich historical and artistic heritage. The walking tour includes the ruins of an ancient Roman Villa known as the Catullo Grottoes, the Scaligera Fortress and the Church of San Pietro in Mavino dating back to at least VIII-th century. Free time to explore the city center with its narrow alleys, medieval stone walls and charming souvenirs shops. About 17h00 – departure to Milan (140km). Arrival and check-in at the hotel. Dinner. Overnight in Milan or surroundings.

Day 12*: Milan – Departure

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport. Departure to home.

**In case of a late flight from Milan, additional activities can be provided*



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PLEASE SEND US YOUR DETAILED TRAVEL INFORMATION, e.g.:

- APPROXIMATE DATES OF TRAVELLING;
 - NUMBER OF PAX;
 - NUMBER OF ROOMS;
- PREFERRED HOTEL CATEGORY;
- ANY OTHER SPECIFIC REQUESTS.

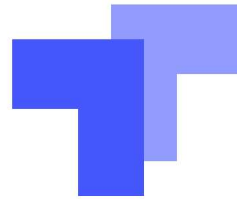
WE WILL REVERT TO YOU WITH OUR OFFER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Our package includes:

- Eleven overnights on the preferred basis and hotel category (BB/HB/FB; 3 or 4 star hotels);
 - Bus transportation during the whole trip, including road taxes and parking fees;
 - Bus transfer from and to airport;
 - Local tour leader during the whole tour;
 - Local tour guides in the cities;
 - Entrance to the Flower Island Mainau;
 - Entrance to Neuschwanstein and Hochenschwangau castles;
 - Entrance to Bled Castle and boat trip to the Island of Bled;
 - Entrance to Postojna Cave;
 - Entrance to Plitvice Lakes National Park;
 - Return boat trip to Venice.
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The package doesn't include:

- Airplane ticket incl. taxes from/to your home town;
 - Accommodation and other costs for the representative of the arriving company;
 - Supplement for a traditional dinner in Munich (around EUR 30);
 - Tips for the driver and tour leader (obligatory – EUR 4 per person/per day);
 - Medical insurance;
 - Visa fees and assistance (if required);
 - Entrance fees for museums or other sights (excluding the above specified);
 - Personal expenses of all kind, pocket money, etc.
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Important remarks (NB!!):

- Check-in is available after 14:00h, Check-out is until 12:00h;
- Hotel names will be advised latest about one month before arrival;
- In some hotels only DBL or only TWIN rooms are available. The tour operator can't guarantee the type of the rooms but will do the best to provide the requested ones;
- If TPL room is required, pls mind that the third bed usually is an extra bed or sofa bed;
- As per local regulations, city tax is applicable at some places during the tour. The city tax is payable on spot, prices vary between 2-5 euro pp/night, depending on the hotel category;
- It is obligatory that the tour operator is **informed in advance** about any special food requirements – e.g. vegetarians, vegans, allergies, etc.;
- All given times of arrival and departure are approximate. The tour operator can't foresee any road or boarder obstacles and cannot be held responsible for any delays;
- All objects (excluding the above specified visits) are seen from outside. Any other historical sites, museums, mountain lifts and etc. can be visited at additional cost;
- Due to local or religious festivals, changes in the museums' policy (e.g. changes in the prices or the working time tables), other unforeseen circumstances or bad weather conditions, **the tour operator reserves the right to amend the sequence of the above given itinerary or to offer an alternative sites at a short notice.**

The itinerary is subject to change upon request.
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