



Romantic Castles, Peaks and Alpine Dreams: The Very Best of the Bavarian, Austrian and Swiss Alps!

World-Famous Glacier Express through Majestic Alpine Scenery to an Overnight Stay in St. Moritz!

**Munich — “Sound of Music” in Salzburg — Rothenburg’s Romantic Road — Franconian Wines
Meersburg on Lake Constance — Lucerne, Switzerland — Cable Cars to Jungfrau Region — Zurich**

April 7 - 19, 2026

13 Days / 11 Nights

Join TRIPS on this once-in-a-lifetime, in-depth Alpine adventure in Bavaria, Austria and Switzerland you won't want to miss!

Immerse yourself in the stunning magic of the Alps as you explore all of the amazing sights, sounds and tastes — the lively Black Forest beer gardens of Munich, “Sound of Music” filming locations in Salzburg, King Ludwig II’s fanciful Neuschwanstein Castle, quaint Medieval towns along

Bavaria’s Romantic Road, the celebrated wine cellars of Franconia, idyllic Lake Lucerne and the Rhine Falls, ultra-scenic cable cars up to charming Swiss villages nestled in high Alpine meadows, a delightfully spectacular Glacier Express train ride and gourmet Swiss lunch to ritzy St. Moritz for an overnight visit, a delectable Lindt Chocolate tasting — and so much more!!

Itinerary

April 7, 2026 - Your Journey Begins!

Board your overnight flight to Munich, beginning the trip of a lifetime!

April 8, 2026 - Welcome to Bavaria – and a Taste of Tradition!

On arrival, you'll be met by your TRIPS escort to enjoy a scenic tour outside the city center. **BMW Welt** (meaning “World”) showcases Germany’s iconic engineering prowess and innovative automotive design. **Nymphenburg Palace**, the surprisingly enormous summer residence of many Bavarian rulers, offers you a peek at the grandeur of royal life. You'll also explore the **Carriage Museum**, featuring “mad” King Ludwig II’s ornate royal coaches, and the **Porcelain Museum**, home to a fine collection of fragile masterpieces. You'll stop at lovely and historic **Hirschgarten** restaurant, the **world's largest beer garden**, where you can enjoy lunch on your own. Afterward, you'll check into your hotel to rest a bit, and later on it's time for your **festive Bavarian welcome dinner**, indulging in hearty regional specialties in a lively setting!

Overnight: Eurostars Grand Central Munich Hotel (or similar) (D)

April 9, 2026 - Munich and the Bavarian Countryside

You'll start with a guided walking tour through **Munich's historic Old Town**, exploring the city's most important landmarks. This in-depth stroll centers on the heart of the city, where you'll witness in action at **Marienplatz** the famous **Glockenspiel Carillon**, with its 43 bells and 32 life-sized figurines, and wander past iconic sites such as **Odeonsplatz**, the **Munich Opera House**, and **St. Peter's Church**. You'll also stop at the **Viktualienmarkt**, **Munich's bustling open-air market**, to enjoy lunch on your own. In the afternoon, you'll head into the Bavarian countryside to visit the **world-famous Andechs Monastery**. Perched on a hilltop with sweeping views, this historic abbey is beloved for its centuries-old monastic brewing tradition and exceptional beer! Enjoy the peaceful atmosphere and sweeping views before returning to Munich, with the evening free to explore the city's dining scene on your own.

Overnight: Eurostars Grand Central Munich Hotel (or similar) (B)

April 10, 2026 - Salzburg Sound of Music Locations & Old Town

Today, you'll cross into **Austria** for a day trip to the enchanting city of **Salzburg**, a UNESCO-listed gem renowned as the **birthplace of Mozart** and the setting for “The Sound of Music.” Your exploration begins with visits to the most iconic **Sound of Music filming locations** outside the city center, bringing to life memorable scenes from the beloved film! Inside the city center, you'll go on a guided walking tour through the **historic Old Town**. As you stroll through charming squares and past baroque landmarks, you'll be immersed in the city's rich cultural

heritage and picturesque mountainous backdrop. Your lunch today is at **Europe's oldest restaurant** that's been serving guests since the year 803 – a unique culinary experience! This afternoon, you'll have free time to explore Salzburg at your own pace, either shopping, visiting Mozart-themed sites, or soaking in the ambiance at a cozy café. Be sure to taste the **Original Salzburg Mozartkugeln**, as it makes a tasty gift for those back home! This evening is yours to enjoy at your leisure with dinner on your own back in Munich.

Overnight: Eurostars Grand Central Munich Hotel (or similar) (B/L)

April 11, 2026 - Medieval Rothenburg and the Romantic Road

This morning you'll embark on a scenic journey along the **Romantic Road**, Germany's famed route winding through charming villages and rolling countryside. Your first stop is **Dinkelsbühl**, a beautifully preserved medieval town with colorful half-timbered houses and quiet cobblestone streets. Here you'll enjoy a little free time to soak in the town's old-world charm before continuing on. Upon arrival in **Rothenburg ob der Tauber**, one of Germany's best-preserved medieval towns, you'll go on a guided walking tour through its storybook streets. Afterward, you can enjoy lunch on your own in a cozy tavern or historic Gasthaus. You'll have plenty of free time then to explore Rothenburg at your own pace – wandering medieval ramparts, browsing in specialty shops, or just soaking in the quaint cobblestoned atmosphere. You'll check into your hotel in the late afternoon, with your evening free to experience Rothenburg's **magical nighttime ambiance** and to dine here on your own. And don't miss the famous **Nightwatchman's Tour**!

Overnight: Hotel Rappen Rothenburg ob der Tauber (or similar) (B)

April 12, 2026 - Würzburg and the Franconian Wine Region

Your journey along the **Romantic Road** continues to its northernmost point – the historic city of **Würzburg**, at the heart of the **Franconian Wine Region**! You begin with a guided tour of the **Würzburg Residenz**, an 18th-century Baroque masterpiece and UNESCO World Heritage Site. This **stunning palace** offers a fascinating look into both past opulence and a meticulous post-WWII reconstruction that restored it to its former glory. Following your traditional **Franconian lunch**, you'll explore one of Germany's largest and most storied **wine cellars**, where centuries-old barrels hold the **secrets of fine winemaking**! You'll uncover the rich history of Franconian viticulture, and the delicate craft of transforming the **Silvaner grape** into a refined and elegant wine. Finally, a scenic ride takes you through rolling Franconian vineyards and charming villages on your way back to **Rothenburg**.

Overnight: Hotel Rappen Rothenburg ob der Tauber (or similar) (B/L)

April 13, 2026 - Neuschwanstein - Bavaria's Fairy Tale Castle

Today you'll venture into the heart of the Bavarian Alps to visit **Neuschwanstein Castle**, the world-famous masterpiece of **King Ludwig II**. Before your castle tour, you'll ride up the mountain to Mary's Bridge, the best vantage point for breathtaking views of Neuschwanstein and its surrounding alpine landscape. Perched high above the countryside, this **enchanted castle** is straight out of a fairy tale, inspiring artists, filmmakers, and even Disney's Sleeping Beauty Castle! Your local guide takes you inside its grand halls to see how Ludwig's dreamlike visions came to life, while learning about the eccentric life of this 'mad' king whose cliffside castle began construction in 1869. You'll enjoy lunch at a **charming Alpine inn** with a stunning mountain setting. This afternoon, you'll enjoy free time in the nearby town of **Füssen**, a picturesque Bavarian village with cobblestone streets and cozy inns. The evening is yours to explore with dinner on your own in Füssen, surrounded by Alpine beauty! Overnight: Best Western Hotel Plus Füssen (or similar) (B/L)

April 14, 2026 - Bavaria into Switzerland via Lake Constance

Bidding farewell to Bavaria soon, your journey to **Switzerland** takes you through the picturesque town of **Meersburg**, nestled along the shores of **Lake Constance**. This charming spot boasts a **beautifully preserved old town** and you'll have free time to explore at your own pace - perhaps wandering the cobbled streets, visiting the historic castle, or enjoying lunch along the **lake promenade with stunning waterfront views**! Your scenic ride then continues along **Lake Constance**, crossing into **Switzerland** for a visit to **Rhine Falls**, the **most powerful waterfall in Western Europe**! Viewing platforms bring you thrillingly close to the **thundering cascades** as you feel the fine mists. Later you'll arrive in the celebrated city of **Lucerne**, nestled on the shores of its **glacial lake** with a **stunning alpine backdrop**, historic wooden bridges, and charming old town. Here you'll visit the city's beloved **Lion Monument** honoring the Swiss Guards, then settle into your Lucerne hotel for the next three nights. Overnight: Radisson Blu Hotel Lucerne (or similar) (B)

April 15, 2026 - Lucerne by the Lake and Mt Pilatus by Cable Car

In true Swiss fashion, today is all about the mountains. Your adventure takes you first to **Mt. Pilatus**, one of the region's most accessible peaks and home to some of the **most breathtaking vistas** in all of Switzerland! You'll ascend via a pair of **spectacular cable cars**, for an especially thrilling ride to the summit in the final stretch! From the top, you'll gaze far across the **Swiss Alps**, rolling valleys, and the shimmering waters of **Lake Lucerne** - a truly unforgettable sight! You'll have time to enjoy lunch at your leisure atop the mountain, soaking in the stunning surroundings. Then you'll make your descent with plenty of time to explore Lucerne's **charming Old Town**, where you can stroll along historic wooden bridges, browse quaint boutiques, or simply relax by the lake.

Tonight you'll enjoy a **special Swiss dinner with local entertainment**! Overnight: Radisson Blu Hotel Lucerne (or similar) (B/D)

April 16, 2026 - Idyllic Swiss Villages Up High in the Alps

Today you'll get to experience a perfectly **quintessential Alpine day in Switzerland's majestic Jungfrau region**, home to towering mountains, thunderous waterfalls, and charming little chalet towns! You'll ascend by scenic cable cars all the way up to **picturesque Swiss villages** that appear to pop straight out of a storybook, nestled way up high within Alpine peaks! Gazing upward, you'll see jagged, soaring snow-capped ridges that cradle these quaint pedestrian-only hamlets perched on shelves of lush green Alpine pasture that overlook the **steep cliffs and waterfalls of the spectacular Lauterbrunnen Valley**! This will be a very special adventure-filled day indeed, immersing you within a vast scenic array of **stunning and unforgettable natural wonders** as you venture deep into the very heart of the majestic Swiss Alps! Overnight: Radisson Blu Hotel Lucerne (or similar) (B)

April 17, 2026 - All Aboard the Glacier Express to St. Moritz

It's another day filled with **spectacular Swiss Alpine scenery**, and this time you'll be seated in pure comfort once you've journeyed from Lucerne to **Andermatt** to board the amazing **Glacier Express train** - offering stunning vistas from its **panoramic windows** of towering mountains, lush valleys, bridges, tunnels and waterfalls as you thread your way through the rugged, snowy Alps! Authentic freshly-prepared Swiss lunchtime cuisine will be served to you on the train as well. You'll later arrive at the renowned ski resort that first established Alpine winter tourism, **St. Moritz**, widely known for its **luxurious shops** and restaurants, cosmopolitan atmosphere, and stunning lakeside setting. After spending some time here to shop and explore, you'll check in to your hotel and enjoy tonight's included dinner. Overnight: Hotel Reine Victoria St. Moritz (or similar) (B/L/D)

April 18, 2026 - Lindt Chocolates on the way to Glittering Zurich

This morning you'll set off on your scenic Swiss journey north to **Zurich**, the **upscale Alpine city set on a bright blue lake** that's become Switzerland's top economic center as the nation's banking capital and also home to Rolex and other luxury Swiss watch makers. Along the way to Zurich, you'll be treated to a fun-filled stop at the **Lindt Chocolate Factory** to shop a bit and of course to taste their sweet delicacies! After checking in to your Zurich airport hotel, you'll have some free time to relax or explore on your own before you enjoy a very special **Swiss-themed farewell dinner** at a local favorite! Overnight: Hilton Zurich Airport Hotel (or similar) (B/D)

April 19, 2026 - Return to US

After breakfast, you'll transfer to the Zurich airport for your flight home. **Your memories of Bavaria and Switzerland will last a lifetime!** (B)

Bavarian, Austrian and Swiss Alps

\$8,898.00

per person / double occupancy

Single supplement is an additional \$1,698.00

A valid passport is required for this tour!

Trip cancellation/interruption Travel Protection is available and recommended.

Check with your club representative for details.

Inclusions

- Roundtrip airport transfers including gratuities
- Roundtrip airfare to Munich and from Zurich (checked baggage fees not included)
- 11 nights lodging in Bavaria and Switzerland, with breakfast daily at your hotel
- 4 lunches and 4 dinners - including Bavarian welcome and Swiss farewell dinners
- Full day in Salzburg with **classic Austrian lunch and Sound of Music Tour!**
- Admissions as described in the itinerary including **Neuschwanstein Castle**, **Andechs Monastery**, **Franconian Wine Cellars**, Swiss Alpine cable cars, **Lindt Chocolates**, guided walking tours and more
- **Glacier Express train to St. Moritz with authentic Swiss lunch!**
- TRIPS document wallet and luggage tags
- Portage of 1 full sized suitcase per person
- All airline and hotel taxes

Call today to reserve your space!!!

Reservations for **"Very Best of the Bavarian, Austrian and Swiss Alps"** are accepted on a first come/first served basis.

An initial **\$650.00** deposit is required to hold space on this tour. This deposit is fully refundable up December 8, 2025.

Final payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before December 8, 2025.

Therefore, please make sure that payment is submitted to your club director at least 10 days prior to this date.

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