

Austria – Alps to Salzburg



Trip Summary

Whether it's cycling, hiking, kayaking, paragliding from a hilltop, or rafting down a river, this adventure inspires at every turn. The magical regions of Salzburg and Tyrol overflow with majestic waterfalls, fantasy caves, UNESCO world heritage sights and endless vistas of fortress-topped hills. All of Mother Nature's bounty embraces you in this land of Mozart and *The Sound of Music*.

Itinerary

Day 1: Zell am See

We meet in the morning in Munich and are transferred to Niedernsill • After a briefing and setting up the bikes, cycle through wondrous villages surrounded by the towering Alps • Bike through the wide valley and past 14,000-year-old glacier-carved gorges via Kaprun to Zell am See • Decide to take an alpine sled down the mountain, jump into the brisk lake, or freshen up before indulging in a tasty meal at the hotel's dining room • *(L, D) Overnight at the Grand Hotel*

Day 2: Zell am See

For a change of pace, ride a cable to the Schmittenhöhe, with stunning views of the lakes and mountains • Hike over the hilltops and back to the Schmittenhöhe • The option to go paragliding (not included in the trip price and weather dependent) beckons the truly adventurous! • After returning to the hotel, opt to take a short spin along the lake, or choose to walk or enjoy a scenic boat ride on the "Zeller See" • After a delicious meal, retire to your room and rest up for more adventures tomorrow • *(B, L, D) Overnight at the Grand Hotel*

Day 3: Werfen

A short transfer takes us to Taxenbach, where we embark on rafts to experience the thrill of white water rafting (minimum age: 10) on the Salzach River, flowing past scenic villages, magnificent churches, and charming mills • After rafting, we'll have lunch and then set off by bike past Bischofshofen, famous for its Four Hills Ski-Jumping event • Today's destination is Werfen, a quaint village nestled in a gorgeous valley complete with a storybook castle • A night on your own will give you plenty of time to explore the many wonders of this town and potentially try a Michelin star restaurant • *(B, L) Overnight at Hotel Obauer*

Day 4: Werfen

After an unforgettable breakfast, travel to the UNESCO world heritage site of Hallstatt to discover the historical salt mines while sliding down wooded slides miners once did • Kayak through the calm waters of the Hallstätter See, and take in views of the picture-perfect village • Afterward, we'll stop at a traditional Austrian restaurant for Schnitzel and noodles • *(B, L, D) Overnight at Hotel Obauer*

Day 5: Salzburg

After a tour of the Hohenwefen castle and a possible falconry exhibition, ride along the Salzach River, past flower-decked houses and the Gollinger Waterfall • Meander along the tree-lined trails, eventually arriving in Salzburg • A night on your own will allow you to relax and unwind or stroll the magical streets of Salzburg • *(B) Overnight at Hotel Auersperg*



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Day 6: Salzburg

Enjoy a guided walking tour of Salzburg in the morning • You'll have a free afternoon to visit the Hohensalzburg Fortress perched on a rocky peak or opt for an easy bike ride along the Salzach River to the Hellbrunn palace with its "trick" fountains and Gazebo from *The Sound of Music* • Optional bus tours to surrounding areas carry you to the lake district, Bavarian Mountains, Eagle's Nest, or the stunning hills of *The Sound of Music* • End your amazing day with a delightful farewell dinner • (B, D) *Overnight at Hotel Auersperg*

Day 7: Salzburg

Bid "Auf Wiedersehen" to the magical land of Salzburg • We transfer two to three hours for drop-offs at the airport or your hotel in Munich • Alternatively, you may choose to be dropped off at the Salzburg train station, airport, or the hotel of your choice if you would like to spend more time in this fascinating city • (B) *No Overnight*

***Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, weather and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate by Austin Adventures.*

Activities

Cycling:

Day 1 bicycle mileage option: 9 / 14
Day 3 bicycle mileage options: 10 / 18
Day 5 bicycle mileage options: 35 / 29 / 13
Day 6 bicycle mileage option: 10 / 16

Walking/Hiking:

Day 2 walk mileage options: 3 / 7
Day 6 walking tour of Salzburg

Rafting:

Day 3 rafting, no experience necessary

Kayaking:

Day 4, 2 hours

Discovery: The magical regions of Salzburg and Tyrol will leave you inspired from stunning Alpine scenery, complete with valleys and gorges. At Schloss Hellbrunn castle, tour the gardens, which are full of surprises such as a mechanical theater with 113 figures set in motion by water to the music of an organ. In Salzburg, visit Mozart's birth house and discover many of the hidden spots used as settings in *The Sound of Music*.

Austin Adventures guides are experienced facilitators and regional experts. They take the time to explain the local history and daily sightseeing and route options. Each route has been carefully planned to include options to please each traveler's interests. Austin Adventures guides are available to help you select the distance that's right for you and to offer advice and assistance as you desire.

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Distinctive Accommodation

Nights 1 & 2: Grand Hotel Zell am See

Built in the 1890's, the Grand Hotel Zell am See is nestled into the mountain landscape at the edge of Lake Zell and provides comfortable modern rooms, a restaurant featuring hearty Austrian cuisine, and a spa. Take full advantage of Grand Hotel's location on its private lake access, relax in the beautiful indoor pool which features a panoramic view of the lake, or indulge in all the spa has to offer: saunaworld with steam bath and softsauna, modern fitness studio, solarium, and massages.

Nights 3 & 4: Hotel Obauer

Located in an authentic, postcard-perfect Austrian village, Hotel Obauer is set in a 13th-century building that has been renovated to offer contemporary accommodations. Its surrounding meadow and fortress have been featured in films including *The Sound of Music* and *Where Eagles Dare*. Enjoy superb food at the hotel's world-class restaurant, visit the nearby ice caves, or just relax and take in the breathtaking views. Your stay at the Hotel Obauer is sure to be an unforgettable experience.

Nights 5 & 6: Hotel Auersperg

A green oasis in the heart of the town, Hotel Auersperg with the adjacent Villa Auersperg has been under the same ownership for three generations. This elegant hotel has a tasteful design, quiet romantic gardens, and a rooftop sun terrace with a marvelous view over the city.

Meals

The hallmark of an Austin Adventures vacation is our exceptional dining. All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions are included as indicated by itinerary. (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner). Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities are not included in the trip price.



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Arrival & Departures

Prior to the trip, arrive at your own convenience in Munich. On Day 1, we will meet you in the lobby of Hotel Excelsior in Munich at 8:30 a.m. After a transfer to Niedernsill, lunch, a briefing and bike fitting, the activities begin. After breakfast on Day 7, we take you to the airport, train station, or the hotel of your choice in Munich (two to three-hour transfer). Alternatively, depending on your travel plans, you can also be dropped off at the Salzburg train station.

Trip Price

\$3,698 (\$780 single supplement)

Trip Length

7 days/6 nights

2020 Dates

June 21 - 27

July 26 – August 1

August 23 - 29

Host City

Munich, Germany

Airport code: MUC

Reservations & Availability

1-800-575-1540

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Trip Reservations

Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due

To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A \$500 per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. **Some Custom and International programs may require additional deposits.** Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

Toll free: 800-575-1540

Phone: 406-655-4591

Online: austinadventures.com

Email: reservations@austinadventures.com

Mail: Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108

* You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional.

** We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

Included in the Trip Price

- Double occupancy rooms with private baths.
- Meals as listed in detailed daily itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner).
- Fully trained, first-aid certified professional guides and knowledgeable local partners.
- Any necessary equipment – all safe and well maintained.
- Vehicle support and land transportation during the trip.
- Austin Adventures T-shirt, water bottle, luggage tags and luggage service.
- Pre-departure and packing information.
- Incidental expenses such as taxes, dining and housekeeping gratuities, local partner and expert gratuities and national park entrance and permit fees.

Not Included in the Trip Price

- Gratuities to Austin Adventures guides.
- Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities.
- Pre-and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.
- Air and land transportation to/from host cities.
- All types of personal insurance.
- Personal expenses.

Pre-departure Information

After receiving your reservation and deposit, we'll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you'll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.



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Private Custom Trips

Maybe your vacation schedule doesn't fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you'd prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your "must haves" and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that's just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

Room Occupancy, Single Supplements, and Shared Room Assignments

All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional charge, referred to as a "single supplement." If you're traveling alone and wish to share a room, make the request at the time of booking. Austin Adventures will attempt to find a suitable roommate for you. If you book 90 days before the trip and we cannot find you a suitable roommate, we will take care of the single supplement. **some restrictions may apply*

Minimum Age

The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is sixteen years old.

Cancellations and Refunds

The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:

***As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.

Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure – Full trip payment refunded less a \$300 per person administration fee

Cancellation 61-90 days before trip departure – Full trip payment less 25% per person is refunded

Cancellation 31-60 days before trip departure – 50% of the trip payment is refunded

Cancellation 0-30 days before trip departure – No refund is given

Our Guarantee

Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.