

# Itinerary

## Alpine Splendor July 12-24, 2026

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

### Depart Minneapolis with a stop in Reykjavik, Iceland

We begin our exciting journey to the beautiful Alpine countries as we board our flight to Frankfurt. We will spend the next number of days enjoying the natural beauty, dynamic history and special traditions found in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. IF.

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026

### ROTHENBURG

Upon arrival in Frankfurt, Germany, we meet our driver and depart immediately for Wurzburg, a city along the river Main surrounded by huge parks and vineyards. We will enjoy a short tour of the Residenz which is located in Wurzburg. This castle is the main work of south German Baroque and one of the most important castles in Europe. Since 1982, the Residenz has been included in the UNESCO World Heritage list. We then continue on to Rothenburg, one of Germany's greatest treasures, the city that time passed by. It is probably the best preserved medieval walled city in Germany. No one is allowed to change anything within the city walls which date back hundreds of years. D

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026

### ROTHENBURG

This morning we will have a guided tour of Rothenburg which will acquaint us with this truly charming gem. As we admire the handsome, half-timbered building and walk the narrow, winding cobblestone streets and ramparts, we realize that we truly are stepping back over 500 years in time. Afterwards you will have time to relax if you wish, or simply stroll through the enchanting village, sit down at a sidewalk café, order a brats and a beer, and just enjoy the atmosphere of this old German city. You will find that this will be one of the best places to shop while on tour. B

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026

### SALZBURG

We leave Rothenburg and drive to Salzburg, Austria, which is one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. After arrival we will take a walking tour of the "old" town and see some of the sights of the Sound of Music. The tour will also include the Mirabell Gardens, the mammoth cathedral and the famous Getreidegasse, a pedestrian shopping area. In the evening we will attend the very popular "Sound of Austria"



dinner show located in the old town. B/D

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026

### SALZBURG

This morning we will take a very exciting bus ride to visit Hitler's Eagles Nest (Kehlstein), perched high above the city of Berchtesgaden. From the Eagle's Nest you will be treated to a spectacular view of the countryside below. The afternoon is free for you to explore Salzburg and spend some time shopping in the Getreidgasse. B/D

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026

### OBERAMMERGAU

Today we leave Austria and travel back in to Germany to the beautiful Bavarian village of Oberammergau, where the famous Passion Play is held every ten years. On the way we will stop in Munich and walk through the famous Marienplatz where we can see the Glockenspiel on the new city hall and stop at the renowned Hofbrauhaus to listen to some music and have refreshments if you wish. B/D



SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026

### OBERAMMERGAU

Today we will visit Linderhof, another one of King Ludwig's castles. It is smaller than the famous Neuschwanstein but a much more ornate castle. We will return to Oberammergau where you will have a chance to relax and enjoy the German village and maybe shop for wood carvings, something for which this area and village is quite famous. B



SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

### LUCERNE

We will be leaving Germany once again, this time traveling into the majestic country of Switzerland. On the way we will stop at Vaduz, the capital of Liechtenstein, for lunch and then continue on to Lucerne. Lucerne is the storybook image of a Swiss town, abounding in cobblestone streets, spires and turrets, covered bridges, frescoed houses and fountains. We will also see the famous Lion monument and the Chapel Bridge. B/D

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026

### LUCERNE

After breakfast we begin a full day excursion into the Swiss

Alps. We will drive to Stechelburg, just outside of Interlaken, and take a cable car to the Piz Gloria, a 360 degree solar powered revolving restaurant on the Schilthorn mountain peak, where we will have lunch. Excerpts from the James Bond film, "On Her Majesty's Secret Service" were shot on the Schilthorn. Tonight we will enjoy the Swiss folklore entertainment at the famous Stadtkeller in Lucerne. B/L/D

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026

### BLACK FOREST

We will leave Switzerland and drive to Lake Konstanz on the border between Switzerland and Germany. There we will visit the famous tropical island of Mainau to see the very beautiful tropical gardens. From spring through to autumn, Mainau presents a magnificent view of and ever changing sea of flowers. We then continue for an overnight in Triberg in the Black Forest. B/D

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026

### RUDESHEIM

This morning we first stop at an open-air "living" museum at Gutach in the Black Forest. Discover the world of the Black Forest farmers and see the way they lived and worked in impressive 16th to 19th century Black Forest farmhouses and mills. After the tour we continue on to Rudesheim, the most picturesque of the Rhineland "wine villages". B/D

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026

### RUDESHEIM

This morning we cruise the Rheine, the granddaddy of the German waterways. A cruise on the most scenic segment of the Rheine River takes us past majestic medieval castles and fortifications perched high on the banks overlooking the river, picturesque villages with pointed church spires and countless immaculately kept vineyards. This afternoon we will visit the Marksburg castle, a castle virtually unchanged since medieval times. It is the only hill castle on the Rheine that has never been destroyed. In the afternoon we will be back in Rudesheim so you can do some last minute shopping, pack for your trip home and then in the evening, kick back and enjoy the world famous "Drosselgasse" with its many wine bars that offer live music and dancing. This is a perfect place for us to end our tour of the Alpine countries. B/D

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2026

### FRANKFURT/USA

Sadly, it is time for us to return to the good ol' USA. Our tour has been relaxing and filled with many wonderful memories. We have enjoyed the Gemutlichkeit of Bavaria, the beautiful Rheine River, the castle of a king, the spectacular Alps and of course, the music of Austria. We take home memories of friends on the tour and experiences to be recounted again and again.

B-breakfast D-dinner L-lunch

# Registration Form

## Austria • Germany • Switzerland

#1 Legal Name (as it appears on your passport)

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Any special event or anniversary that you might be celebrating during the tour? \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Needs? \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

(please attach copy of passport)

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(please attach copy of passport)

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Photographs of passengers may be used for the promotional purposes of Alex Travel. All tours are subject to itinerary and price modification. I am aware that travel insurance is available and it is highly recommended. I have read and agree to the terms and conditions. Please include me on the trip. Attached is my/our check for \$500 deposit per person made payable to Alex Travel Agency.

Signature #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_





## Terms & Conditions

### Alpine Splendor 2026

We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made. Tour prices are based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and are subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible that due to unforeseen events or conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened, or changed. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however, any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client.

**Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip.**

### Responsibility

Alex Travel, Inc. and their officers and employees, tour hosts, or any other person or vendor connected with the tour shall not under any circumstances be liable to the client or by reason of this agreement direct or indirectly for any accidents, injury, delay, damage, or inconvenience caused to the client by the negligence of others, by malfunctions of transportation systems or equipment, by acts of war or rebellion, terrorism, strikes, theft, or itinerary changes or cancellations, and by the client hereby releases the above mentioned companies and persons from any or all such liability. The airlines concerned are not held responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not on their planes. The passenger's contract in use by the airline concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and purchaser of the tour and/or passenger. Any and/or all transportation companies herein mentioned shall not have nor incur any responsibility to any traveler aside from their liability as a common carrier. Air and land costs are subject to change without notice. Air transportation is via special, non refundable airfare. This fare has a maximum stay of twenty-one days. Other rules may also apply.

**Tour Price: \$5,950** per person  
Price based on 35 participants, double occupancy

**Single supplement \$750.00**

Triples available but not advised

**Your Tour Includes:**

- **Air Transportation** by scheduled flight
- **Land Transportation** via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in superior tourist and moderate first class hotels
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- **Local step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities listed on itinerary
- **Luggage handling:** one piece per person at hotels
- All **taxes and tips** for services provided except as indicated below

**Your Tour Does Not Include:**

- **Beverages** except with breakfast.
- **Meals** not indicated on itinerary.
- **End of tour gratuity** for coach driver and tour guide.
- **Items of a personal nature** such as passport fees.

*(Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date.)*

- **Optional insurance** for health, cancellations and baggage.  
(This insurance is available and highly recommended.)

**Payment Policy:**

Early registration is recommended. An initial deposit of \$500 per person will be due with a completed application for each traveler wishing to reserve a space on the trip. That should be done as soon as possible as space on the tour is limited.

**Payment Schedule:**

Deposit due with application: \$500 per person

Final payment due April 10, 2026.

**Currency:**

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, Alex Travel, Inc. reserves the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

**Cancellation Policy:**

All cancellations must be in writing and the date of postmark will determine the amount of cancellation fee.

Prior to March 10                      \$100

March 10 to May 26                    \$300

*plus any unrecoverable deposits*

May 27 to departure   No Refund

***If you use a credit card for payment, we must charge a 3.5% surcharge to cover the credit card fee.***

***This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.***

# TRAVEL

## "to travel is to live"



*Ken Koob, a certified travel specialist, will be hosting this Alpine tour. Ken has received on-location training by the National Tourism Boards of Switzerland, Austria, Germany and Norway. He has directed European tours many times over the last 25 years.*

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# SWITZERLAND

## Germany & Austria

**JULY 12-24, 2026**

**\$5950**

**14 day tour**  
**escorted by Ken Koob**

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travel for over 25 years*