

*A Custom Designed Itinerary to
Germany and Austria*

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DAY 1: MUNICH. Upon arrival at the Munich airport, you are met and privately transferred to your hotel, the **Mandarin Oriental**. We include three nights in a deluxe king bedded room. www.mandarinoriental.com/munich/

DAY 2: MUNICH. This morning you are met at the hotel by an English-speaking guide and luxury car and taken on a full day of sightseeing focusing on historical Munich, before, during and after WWII. We also include a visit to Dachau. Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure.

DAY 3: MUNICH. You are again met at the hotel for another full day of sightseeing with your English-speaking guide and luxury car, this time highlighting Munich's cultural sights, including a visit of the Deutsche Museum. The Residenz Palace Museum houses many treasures including porcelain masterpieces from Meissen and Sevres. The Old Pinakothek contains one of the finest art collections in Europe. Maybe drop by the Marienplatz with the famous glockenspiel, the largest in Germany and certainly (later) drop at one of the famous Bavarian beer halls to enjoy German "gemutlichkeit", the untranslatable tongue-twister that refers to a supremely cozy state of well-being. Evening at leisure.



DAY 4: MUNICH/GARMISH PARTENKIRCHEN. An English-speaking driver/guide picks you up at your hotel in the late morning and heads south to Garmish Partenkirchen. He will remain with you until arrival in Salzburg. Upon arrival in Garmish, check into **the Atlas Posthotel**, a charming four star hotel in the center of Garmish. www.atlas-posthotel.com/. Three nights are included in a double room.

DAY 5: LOCAL TOURING. A full day with your driver/guide touring Linderhof, Neuschwanstein ("Mad" King Ludwig's famous castles – entrance fees included) and Oberammergau, the small town where the Passion Play takes place every 10 years. Return to Garmish for an evening at leisure.

DAY 6: LOCAL TOURING. Today we include a full day excursion to the Zugspitze, the highest mountain in Germany, with round trip tickets for the ride up. Your driver/guide will accompany you.



DAY 7: GARMISH PARTENKIRCHEN/SALZBURG. After breakfast, travel east into Austria.



You will stop in Innsbruck, where you will meet with an English-speaking guide for a two-hour walking tour in the Old Town. The “Little Golden Roof”, literally a roof covered by golden coins that makes a rather ornate addition to the Ducal Palace, dominates the main square. Friedrich the Penniless, Duke of the Tyrol, built it in an attempt to end jokes about his poverty. End your journey in Salzburg, where you check in for two nights at the **Hotel Sacher**,

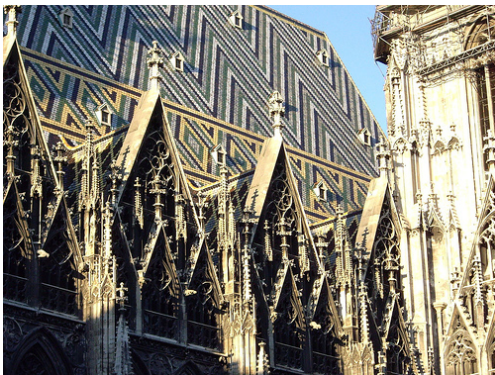
Salzburg’s only grand five-star hotel, built in the architectural style of the turn of the century. http://www.sacher.com/sacher/HotelSacherSalzburg/index_en.jsp. Bid farewell to your driver/guide on arrival.

DAY 8: SALZBURG. Meet an English-speaking local guide at your hotel for a half day walking tour. Most of the points of interest are within walking distance of each other: Mozart's Birthplace (Geburtshaus); the Residenz; and the shops along the Getreidegasse, the main street of the old town. Visit the Cathedral (Dom) and look at the adjacent cemetery with its beautiful iron grave markers. Afternoon at leisure. You may want to take a funicular up to the castle (Hohensalzburg) from which you can get a beautiful view of Salzburg, or arrange with the hotel to join “The Sound of Music” tour.

DAY 9: SALZBURG/VIENNA. Today you are met by a local English-speaking driver and transferred to Vienna, with a stop en-route in Durnstein. We’ll include a visit of Melk Abbey with an English-speaking guide, and you may want to enjoy lunch at Durnstein Castle on the beautiful terrace overlooking the Danube. Upon arrival in Vienna, check into **Hotel Imperial** for two nights in a classic double room. www.LuxuryCollection.com/Imperial



DAY 10: VIENNA. Meet with your English-speaking guide for a three-hour “orientation” walking tour of the inner city (entrance fees not included). Most of the places of interest are within the Ring: the Hofburg Palace with the Imperial Apartments where the Emperors of Austria lived; the Imperial



Treasury (Schatzkammer) with the crown jewels of the House of Hapsburg; The Spanish Riding School with the famed Lippizaner horses; the Capuchins' Crypt (Kaisergruft) where 12 emperors and 16 empresses are buried; St. Stephen's Cathedral; the Opera; and the house where Mozart lived. Free time for lunch and then depart with a driver and your English-speaking guide to the beautiful Schönbrunn Palace, the summer residence of the Hapsburgs including Maria Theresa, her daughter Marie Antoinette, and Napoleon's short-lived son, the Duke of Reichstadt. It was here that Mozart made his debut at the age of six.

DAY 11: DEPART. A private transfer takes you to the airport in time for your flight home.

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