# Wood County Committee on Aging presents... Explore Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria

with Optional 3-Night Vienna Post Tour Extension

August 7 – 16, 2024



Upgrade to Elite Airfare! see inside for details

For more information contact the Programs Department (419) 353-5661 Or email: programs@wccoa.net



10 Days • 13 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 3 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Bern, Alphorn Maker, Yodeling Demonstration, Fondue Lunch, Lucerne, Austrian Alps, Choice on Tour: Cultural City Walking Tour or Architectural Walking Tour, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Mirabell Gardens, St. Peter's Restaurant, Bavaria, Linderhof Palace, Tyrolean Folklore Show

#### **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 5	Hotel Bern , Bern
Days 6 – 9	Hotel Innsbruck, Innsbruck
	On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**Day 1: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 Overnight Flight** Discover spectacular Switzerland, Austria and Bavaria on a tour featuring 4-night stays in two cities.

**Day 2: Thursday, August 8, 2024 Bern, Switzerland - Tour Begins** Your journey begins in Bern, the capital of Switzerland. This UNESCO World Heritage site rests in the Swiss countryside. The cobbled Old Town section is so well preserved that residents who lived here 500 years ago would still find it familiar today. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring local cuisine. (*D*)

**Day 3: Friday, August 9, 2024 Bern** Explore delightful Bern on a panoramic sightseeing tour, led by a local guide, featuring the Bundeshaus (the Swiss Parliament), the famous Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens and the gothic cathedral which dominates Old Town's skyline. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore independently. Perhaps you'll take a ride in the red carriages of the Gurtenbahn funicular railway, climbing Gurten Mountain to an altitude of 2,574 feet (858 meters) for impressive views of Bern, the surrounding towns and mountains. (*B*)

**Day 4: Saturday, August 10, 2024 Bern - Habkern - Bern** Today, depart Bern and head to the small mountain village outside of Interlaken – Habkern. Boasting classic postcard imagery of Switzerland, enjoy a tour with a local workshop owner learning how the alphorn is made, and even entertain your musical side by playing one. After, explore the world of yodeling through a professional demonstration. Perhaps you're a natural and never knew. Finish your afternoon with a fondue lunch at a local restaurant before heading back to Bern. Enjoy the rest of your afternoon at leisure. (*B*, *L*)

**Day 5: Sunday, August 11, 2024 Bern - Lucerne - Bern** Set out for Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Enjoy a leisurely paced Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour, exploring the hidden treasures of this 800-year-old city such as the covered Chapel Bridge (1333); the famous Water Tower, which has served as a prison, watchtower and treasury; the Renaissance-style Town Hall; the baroque Jesuit Church; and the Lion Monument, carved from natural rock to commemorate the heroic Swiss Guard. Tonight, dine at one of Bern's great restaurants. (*B*, *D*)

**Day 6: Monday, August 12, 2024 Bern - Liechtenstein -Innsbruck, Austria** En route to Innsbruck, make your way through Liechtenstein, the smallest German-speaking country in the world and the only country to lie entirely within the Alps. Upon arrival in Innsbruck, **it's your choice!** Select one of two leisurely walking tours: join a local guide as you discover the city's history, culture and popular attractions including Maria-Theresien-Strasse, the Hofburg and the "Golden Roof" **-OR-** you may embark on a tour focusing on Innsbruck's unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump. (*B*)

Day 7: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 Innsbruck - Salzburg -Innsbruck Travel through the picturesque Austrian countryside to Salzburg. Enjoy a walking tour featuring Mirabell Gardens (seen in *The Sound of Music*), the quaint Getreidegasse (birthplace of Mozart), and many other highlights of this beautiful city. Complete your afternoon with



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a delightful lunch at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, the oldest in Austria and still owned by the monks. (B, L)

**Day 8: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 Innsbruck** Savor a free day in this beautiful city. You may stroll through Old Town and shop at many of the city's outstanding stores or you may just relax and breathe in the mountain air while enjoying a beverage in one of the many cafés that dot this charming city. Later, experience the rich musical tradition of mountainous Austria during a Tyrolean folklore show hosted by a well-known local musical family. (*B*)

**Day 9: Thursday, August 15, 2024 Innsbruck - Bavaria, Germany - Innsbruck** Tour Linderhof Palace, the only palace - out of three - that King Ludwig II lived to see completed. Walk the extraordinary halls that were modeled after Versailles with an expert guide and bask in the luxury of past royals. After, make your way to the Ettal Abbey\* – a Benedictine monastery founded in 1330 by Louis IV. Here, you'll tour the Basilica followed by a brewery tour complete with tastings. Next, return to Innsbruck. Tonight, you are treated to a farewell dinner at a traditional Tyrolean restaurant. (*B*, *D*)

**Day 10: Friday, August 16, 2024 Innsbruck - Tour Ends** Your tour comes to an end in Innsbruck. (*B*)

#### Experience It! Salzburg

Salzburg is filled with history and culture. As the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, it's surely bursting with music and art. Discover castles and palaces along with cities and towns dominated by churches. A place where the Trapp family from *The Sound of Music* once called home. This picturesque old town doubling as a UNESCO World Heritage Site welcomes you.

### **EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH**

**Optional 4 Days 3-Night Vienna Post Tour Extension** Per Person Rates: \$999.00 USD double, \$1,299.00 USD single, land only

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1178754

#### PLEASE NOTE:

# Book Now rates valid until Feb 08, 2024, valid on air inclusive packages only. IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in 2024, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://www.etiasvisa.com/

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

\*Ettal Abbey may be closed to tours on some departures. When closed, travelers will take an alternate tour through the Oberammergau woodcarving studio.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Our air passengers will arrive into Zurich, Switzerland airport and depart from Munich, Germany airport. All transfers will depart from/return to these airports. Due to tour



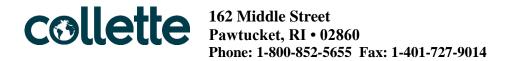
scheduling, flights must arrive into Zurich prior to 4:00 p.m. Return flights from Munich should not be booked prior to 11:00 a.m.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of February 01, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by June 08, 2024. Deposits are refundable up until February 08, 2024.

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For important reservation information visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1178754. You can also find this information on your tour documents.



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#### Wood County Committee on Aging

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#### **Available Options**

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

#### Lucerne

#### BEST SELLER Mount Pilatus

\$90 USD

Enjoy the splendor of pure nature while gliding over a clear landscape in panoramic gondolas and spectacular cable cars. Ascend Pilatus via a unique excursion on the steepest railway of the world with a gradient of 48%. Upon arrival at the top, soak in the magnificent Alpine view from 7,000 feet above sea level. During leisure time at the summit, stroll the walkway for views from a different vantage point, or enjoy Swiss culinary delights on your own in one of the various restaurants (lunch is not included). Return back down the mountain by panoramic gondola for yet another bird's eye view. In the off-season (November to mid-May) the cogwheel train is unavailable and both the ascent and descent will be by panorama gondolas and aerial cableway. The option may be cancelled due to maintenance work or inclement weather. *Duration: Approximately 3 hours*. Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

#### Innsbruck BEST

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٦	Spectacular Seefeld and Country Cottage Visit	<b>\$99</b>	USD

How better to spend a free day than visiting the romantic Alpine village of Seefeld. Beautifully situated at 3,600 feet above sea level, this charming Tyrolean town commands breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and countryside. Known as one of the world's greatest ski resorts, Seefeld offers a relaxed atmosphere in an Alpine setting with miles of trails for walking, lakes, fine shopping, dining possibilities and fresh, Alpine air. After arriving by train, enjoy a glass of schnapps and a traditional horse and buggy ride. While at the small country home, learn how to make your own apple strudel and indulge in the chance to sample one of Austria's famous sweets! *Duration: Approximately 5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

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## Extend your vacation with

### **Optional 4 Days 3-Night Vienna Post Tour Extension**

Per Person Rates: \$999.00 USD double, \$1,299.00 USD single, land only 4 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

#### Day 10: Innsbruck - Vienna

Transfer to Vienna, the largest city in Austria. As the country's capital, Vienna is home to age-old traditions and wellknown heritage. It was the former center of the Habsburg Empire, as well as the home for historical figures such as Freud, Mozart, Beethoven, and Strauss.

#### Day 11: Vienna

Start your morning on a city tour with a local guide. You'll make your way through the city like the locals do – on public transportation – and stop to visit Vienna's most popular sights. Visit the 12th-century St. Stephen's Cathedral, standing at nearly 450-feet tall and featuring an eye-catching mosaic roof. Enjoy time in the afternoon to explore on your own. Gather in the evening for a dinner and classical music concert, highlighting the works of Austrian-born Mozart and Strauss. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.* 

#### Day 12: Vienna

The day is yours. With your free time, consider visiting the legendary Schönbrunn Palace, former residence of the Habsburgs and containing more than 1,000 rooms. Or maybe you'll spend the day exploring the museum at Belvedere Palace, home to Gustav Klimt's famous painting *The Kiss*. Or you could even grab a slice of *Sachertorte* in a Viennese café. No matter how you spend your day, soak in the Austrian culture and experience the best of this capital city. *Today breakfast will be included.* 

#### Day 13: Vienna - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. Today breakfast will be included.

Please Note:

Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

A Hosted Extension is great for travelers who like to spend full days exploring places on their own by foot or public transportation. A dedicated Tour Manager will not be present during this extension.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 4 passengers is not met to operate.

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The overall activity level of this extension is a level 2. This means you can partake in a two-hour walking tour covering up to 2 miles (including breaks), over a variety of terrains. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease and handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.