

8 Days/7 Nights  
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THE ALPS, SHORT AND SWEET (BY RAIL)  
MUNICH - GARMISCH PARTENKIRCHEN - INNSBRUCK

Discover all the attractions of southern Germany and Tirol. You'll visit the Bavarian capital of Munich, the home to historic Marienplatz, the annual Oktoberfest and the Hofbrauhaus. Venture from Munich into the famous ski town of Garmisch Partenkirchen, and ascend onto Germany's highest peak; the Zugspitze. Continue your Alpine adventure to Austria and enjoy the charms of Innsbruck. Take a tour of the famous Swarovski World and learn about the history in this fairytale world of shimmering crystals.

ACCOMMODATIONS

3 Nights Munich | 2 Nights Garmisch Partenkirchen | 2 Nights Innsbruck

INCLUSIONS

- Munich Hop on/Hop off City Tour Express Circle Line Gray Line Sightseeing 1 Day
  - Private Tour to Zugspitze Mountain 4 Hours
  - Private Arrival Transfer in Munich
  - Daily Breakfast
- Shared Munich Evening Beer and Food Walking Tour 3.5 Hours 6:00pm
  - Entrance to Swarovski Crystal World
  - Departure Transfer in Innsbruck



Be merry in Munich! At the base of the German Alps, this Bavarian capital is a haven for nature lovers, beer fans and car enthusiasts. Centuries old buildings, scenic gardens, many museums, stunning architecture and the world’s largest fair, Oktoberfest, are a some of features for which this city is famous. Avanti arranges myriad ways to take in all it has to offer: take a tour to experience the world of BMW visiting the museum, the Group Plant and the BMW Welt. Or experience the beauty of Munich illuminated by night with a visit to the legendary Hofbrauhaus for dinner and music and finally, view the city lights from the Olympic Tower towering 956 feet above the city.

Day 1 ARRIVAL IN MUNICH:

Arriving at Munich Airport or Rail Station, meet your driver for a private transfer to your hotel. After checking in, the remainder of the day is at your leisure to rest or explore your surroundings.



Private Transfer - Munich Airport to Munich Hotel  
Duration: 40 mins



**Munich - Hotel Torbrau - Standard**

**3 Nights** ★★★★★

*Style:* Traditional *Location:* City Center

*Nearby Attractions:* Theresienwiese, Karlsplatz, Marienplatz, Frauenkirche, Munich Residenz, English Garden

Torbrau is a historic hotel located in central Munich. The hotel has complimentary WiFi, a daily breakfast buffet, a restaurant serving fine cuisine made from local ingredients, a relaxing bar, and comfortable accommodations. Marienplatz Square is just a 5 minute walk away. The Isartor S Bahn Train Station is only 100 yards from the hotel.

**Day 2 MUNICH:**

After a leisurely breakfast, make your way to the Bahnhofplatz (in front of the Karstadt department store) to begin your Hop On/Hop Off Bus Tour. Operating on open air double decker buses, your flexible pass allows you to jump off and back on to visit attractions, do some shopping, and get a bite to eat. Some of the important stops are Marienplatz, the Olympic grounds, Nymphenburg Palace, and Schwabing (English Garden).  
*(Breakfast)*



**Munich Hop-on/Hop-off City Tour Express Circle Line Gray Line Sightseeing - 1 Day**

*Duration:* 1 Day *Category:* City Tour *Tour Type:* Car/Bus Tour

This bus tour is perfect for travelers with limited time and gives the overall highlights of the city of Munich. A complete tour circuit lasts one hour, but with the ability to hop on and hop off as desired, this allows the flexibility to explore Munich at your own pace.

**Day 3 MUNICH:**

Today is free for independent exploring. Go back and spend more time at some of the museums or churches. Take the short ride to the palace at Nymphenburg, this regal 18th century Baroque gem has been called the "Versailles of Germany". Make sure a stop at Marienplatz is on your agenda. Daily at 11am and noon, and at 5pm from March through October, everyone stops to watch the famous Glockenspiel on the front of the Neues Rathaus (New City Hall), as its mechanical figures dine, joust, and dance. A short distance away are the twin towers of Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady), and provide a good landmark for orientation. Visible from all over the city, you can climb to the top for views across the city to the Bavarian Alps. The English Garden attracts walkers, joggers, and cyclists to its 78 kilometers of pathways and bridle paths. It's also a popular place for locals to sunbathe and picnic. Stop for a snack or drink at the Chinesischen Turm (Chinese Tower), a 25 meter tall pagoda . For automotive fans, next to BMW's soaring headquarters and factories at the Olympic Park is a round contemporary building with a metal shell, housing BMW's museum. Here, car fans will find examples of nearly all the models the company has made, including sports cars, racing models, and motorcycles. Tonight a fun filled evening awaits with a beer and food walking tour. Meet your guide at the Munich Central Train Station at 5:45pm and the tour will commence at 6pm. Our walk will take us into the heart of Munich's beer culture, and you'll see where the locals go. Along the way, you'll learn how beer is brewed, the fascinating story of German brewing, and the revered Reinheitsgebot (Purity Law) of 1516. We'll be given an exclusive private tour through the Beer and Oktoberfest Museum in one of Munich's traditional beer garden. To end the evening, you'll experience several traditional Bavarian dishes at your own table in one of the city's finest old beer halls, and finish at the world famous Hofbrauhaus, Germany's most famous beer hall.  
*(Breakfast, Dinner)*



**Shared Munich Evening Beer and Food Walking Tour - 3.5 Hours - 6:00pm**

*Duration:* 3 Hours 30 Minutes *Category:* City Tour, Food And Drink *Tour Type:* Walking Tour

Enjoy delicious beer and Bavarian food combined with interesting information about the history and culture of beer in Germany and why Munich is the center of German beer culture. Learn about the 3000 year old history of beer in Bavaria and sample some along the way as well!

**Day 4 MUNICH TO GARMISCH PARTENKIRCHEN:**

After breakfast, make your way to the Munich rail Station (Hauptbahnhof) and take your 90 minute ride to Garmisch Partenkirchen. (There are 23 trains a day) These were two towns independent of one another until Adolph Hitler forced them to come together for the 1936 Olympic Games. Both towns are pedestrian friendly with Garmisch tending to be livelier and trendy, while Partenkirchen remains more staid and traditional. In any event, both towns are worthy of exploring.  
*(Breakfast)*





Located in Bavaria, Garmisch Partenkirchen is home to Partnach platform, Werdenfels Museum, Wankbahn Talstation and St Martin Church. It is an ideal base for hiking, paragliding, swimming, canoeing, skiing and sledding in the area.

## Day 4 GARMISCH PARTENKIRCHEN:



### Garmisch Partenkirchen - Reindls Partenkirchner - Standard 2 Nights ★★★★★

*Style:* Traditional *Location:* Garmisch Partenkirchen

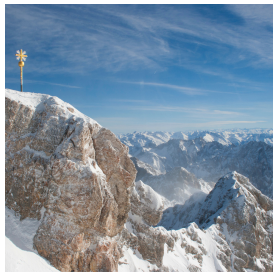
*Nearby Attractions:* Historical Ludwigstrasse, Wank Mountain Hiking, Cable Car to Zugspitze Mountain, Olympic Hill

Welcome to our small but exclusive family owned hotel. Here, in the heart of Garmisch Partenkirchen, you will discover upscale Bavarian tradition with charming hospitality, lovingly decorated rooms, and the inspired cuisine of our chef Marianne Holzinger. Eating and drinking has always been an important topic at Reindls Partenkirchner Hof. In Reindls Restaurant you will find many "classics" such as freshly prepared lobster in different variations, a tartare beef steak prepared at your table, as well as Crepes Suzette finely celebrated and flambéed right in front of you. You can experience this and much more during a visit to the Reindls.

## Day 5 GARMISCH PARTENKIRCHEN:

After breakfast, meet your guide at 10am at the Bahnhof of the Zugspitzbahn, just next to the main rail station. While the Zugspitze is a popular ski resort, it's also an attractive destination for non skiers. You'll begin by taking the cog railway to the Zugspitzplatt (a little more than an hour). Take a break to enjoy the views, maybe have a hot drink or snack before switching to the Glacier funicular. Your ride will take about 15 minutes. The Zugspitze is the highest peak of the Wetterstein Mountains as well as the highest mountain in Germany. Right at the top, an impressive 360 panorama opens up to reveal extensive views over 400 mountain peaks in four countries. While at the peak, enjoy some of the additional attractions including the Zugspitze Exhibition, highlighting the historical developments of Germany's most famous mountain, plus two toboggan runs, Germany's highest church, an igloo village, and an excellent mountain restaurant. You'll descend via the new Zugspitz Funicular down to the Eibsee and take the cog railway again back to Garmisch Partenkirchen. The remainder of the day is at your leisure.

(Breakfast)



### Private Tour to Zugspitze Mountain - 4 Hours

*Duration:* 4 Hours *Category:* Adventure/Active, Eco/Nature *Tour Type:* Walking Tour (with cog railway and funiculars)

Spend an exciting day exploring Zugspitze Mountain, Germany's tallest peak. Take the cog railway to the Zugspitzplatt and then the Glacier funicular to the top. Enjoy free time taking in the scenic view before descending via the new Zugspitz Funicular to the Eibsee from where you can then take the cog railway again back to Garmisch Partenkirchen.

## Day 6 GARMISCH PARTENKIRCHEN TO INNSBRUCK:

Today we'll cross into Austria by rail, arriving in the Tyrolean capital of Innsbruck in less than 2 hours. From the rail station, your hotel will be a short walk or taxi drive. After checking in, the remainder of the day is free for exploring. Walk through the Old Quarter to the famous Goldenes Dachl (Golden Roof). Made up of 2,657 gilded copper tiles, the Golden Roof was built in 1496 to commemorate Maximilian I's marriage. Whether you're looking for things to do in Innsbruck, you'll find riding the new Nordkettenbahnen both a thrilling and scenic experience whatever the weather. The funicular begins in the heart of the city and carries you across the river Inn and up to Hungerburg, where cable cars take you farther up to Seegrube and on to 2,300 meter high Hafelekar for 360 degree views. Restaurants and viewing platforms are at each stopping point, and several hiking trails take off across the mountains. After this exhilarating ride, enjoy dinner in one of the Old Quarter restaurants.

(Breakfast)



An idyllic town resting in an alpine valley, Innsbruck is the perfect destination to unwind, breath in the fresh air and live life at its fullest. Narrow streets echo with the footsteps of pedestrians and the gothic style architecture reminds you that this was the residence of royalty. The scenery that surrounds Innsbruck is one of the most beloved in Austria, regardless of the season. Green pastures, white peaks and clear blue skies in the summer depict an image out of a fairy tale but true beauty reaches its peak when the holiday lights shine on the white winter blanket that covers the town. With a wide range of accommodations, from rustic to luxurious, we`ll make sure your stay is exactly as you envisioned it.

Day 6 INNSBRUCK:



**Innsbruck - Hotel Schwarzer Adler Innsbruck - Standard**  
**2 Nights** ★★★★★

*Style:* Boutique *Location:* Old town  
*Nearby Attractions:* State Museum of Tyrol Ferdinandum, Innsbruck State Theater, Tyrolean Folk Art Museum, Court Church with Silver Chapel, Hungerburgbahn  
The timelessly modern and exceptionally stylish Hotel Schwarzer Adler Innsbruck is located within walking distance of the Golden Roof. All rooms include box spring, air conditioning, complimentary Wi Fi, flat screen TV, tea and coffee making facilities, vegan bath products, and blackout curtains for maximum comfort. Guests can also enjoy a traditional meal with a view on the hotel's rooftop terrace.

Day 7 INNSBRUCK:

Today you'll have the opportunity to visit Swarovski Crystal Worlds, just a short 12 miles outside the city in Wattens. This excellent museum and art gallery was designed to showcase the world famous company founded by Daniel Swarovski in 1895. Its 14 chambers display impressive artworks in crystal, and highlights include the superb Crystal Dome, the Crystal Theatre, and the enchanting Crystal Forest installations, all displaying unique pieces made by contemporary artists from around the world. The start time for the tour is 9am at the rail station. To tour the entire exhibit will last approximately 4 hours, however you can determine the duration. The shuttle operates 4 times daily with the last bus returning at 3pm.  
(Breakfast)



**Entrance to Swarovski Crystal World**

*Category:* Authentic/Local *Tour Type:* Entrance Tickets  
Tour is on your own Founded by Daniel Swarovski in the Austrian village of Wattens in 1895, Swarovski has become the world's leading manufacturer of precision cut crystal. And today, more than 120 years later, Swarovski remains a family run enterprise under the management of Daniel Swarovski's fourth and fifth generation descendants. This attraction world was opened in 1995 to mark the centennial anniversary of the company's founding. Multimedia artist Andre Heller designed a unique and magical place, a universe of discoveries and a simply unique experience with every visit. The sparkling shopping landscape `Crystal Stage` unites all the Swarovski product worlds in a single room. In CAFE terra, visitors can treat themselves to the culinary delights of both international and seasonal dishes. There is plenty to enjoy above the ground too, where around the head of the Giant a spacious park landscape full of surprises unfolds. Visitors are surprised, touched and perhaps even transformed by crystal in all its facets.

Day 8 DEPARTURE:

After breakfast, travel to the airport or rail station by taxi for your return home or on to your next Avanti Destination!



**Private Transfer - Innsbruck Hotel to Innsbruck Airport**  
*Duration:* 15 min

\*\*\* Itinerary and inclusions are subject to change