

THE BEST OF BAVARIA TOUR

September 14 - 25, 2013



11-Day Guided Tour to Germany including the Rhine River, Rothenburg, Neuschwanstein Castle, Salzburg (Austria), Berchtesgaden and Oktoberfest!

Join Alpventures The Best of Bavaria Tour on an amazing cultural, historical, and scenic adventure to central and southern Germany. This fun Sightseeing Tour includes the Rhine River, medieval Rothenburg ob der Tauber, the Bavarian Alps, Neuschwanstein Castle, and finishes at the famous Munich Oktoberfest. Don't miss out on this exciting journey to the most beautiful part of Europe - Reserve your spot today on The Best of Bavaria Tour with a refundable \$400 Tour deposit. We accept credit cards, check and paypal for the deposit – balance by check only.

In celebration of our 15 Years in Business, Alpventures is taking you back to its roots. Our Best of Bavaria Tour includes among many other great sites, the top 3 attractions in Germany for American Tourists. Namely, the medieval town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, the famous King Ludwig II's Schloss (castle) Neuschwanstein, and the Munich Oktoberfest. And there's so much more... We start on the beautiful Middle Rhine River, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and overnight in an 800-year-old castle. Then, we head down the Romantic Road to Rothenburg – the best preserved medieval village in Germany. Experience Old World Bavaria at its best choose the optional evening Night Watchman Tour in Rothenburg. We will continue south along the Romantic Road to Füssen and the fairy-tale Neuschwanstein Castle.

The scenery gets better and better as we head east along the German Alpine Road to the majestic mountain resort of Berchtesgaden. From being once a home to Monks, then a holiday retreat for Bavarian Kings; to developing into an alpine fortress for Adolf Hitler and the Third Reich, the area has more to offer than breathtaking views. Our journey through the Bavarian countryside will be accompanied by plenty of engaging historical commentary along the way. So, when we arrive in Munich for the last 3 days of the trip, you will be well versed in the rich culture and history of amazing Bavaria.

Day-by-Day Tour Itinerary

September 14: In Flight to Frankfurt, Germany (FRA)

September 15: RÜDESHEIM / RHINE RIVER

Arrive at Frankfurt International Airport this morning and transfer to the beautiful Rhine River for lunch and some free time in the picturesque wine-village of Rüdesheim. Afternoon Rhine River Cruise past the famous Loreley to St. Goar. Check in at our hotel, an 800-year-old castle. Welcome Dinner. Overnight St. Goar. (D)

September 16: RHEINFELS / ROTHENBURG

Breakfast and check out of our hotel this morning. We continue our journey into Bavaria with a scenic drive along the Romantic Road. Lunch. Afternoon arrival in Rothenburg ob der Tauber. Orientation of Rothenburg and free time for shopping, or visiting the medieval Museum of Crime and Punishment. Dinner. Overnight Rothenburg ob der Tauber. (B, D)

September 17: THE ROMANTIC ROAD

Breakfast and hotel check-out. Morning transfer south along the Romantic Road. Lunch en route. Afternoon arrival in the alpine town of Füssen, and check in at our hotel. Late afternoon at leisure in the town center of Füssen, or relax at our hotel before dinner. Dinner. Overnight Füssen. (B, D)

September 18: NEUSCHWANSTEIN / OBERAMMERGAU

Breakfast and check out of our hotel. Morning Tour of Neuschwanstein Castle. Transfer to nearby Oberammergau for lunch, with free time in the village to see the famous Festspielhaus (site of the Passion Play). Enjoy a photo stop this afternoon at the beautiful Ettal Monastery. Continue to Garmisch-Partenkirchen for hotel check-in and free time. Dinner on your own tonight. Overnight Garmisch. (B)

September 19: THE GERMAN ALPINE ROAD

Breakfast. Hotel check-out this morning, and today we head east through the magnificent Alps to the resort village of Berchtesgaden. Our route will take us along portions of the panoramic Alpenstrasse (Alpine Road), which will offer us many great views of the surrounding countryside. Lunch en route. Afternoon arrival in Berchtesgaden and check-in at our hotel. Dinner. Overnight Berchtesgaden. (B, D)

September 20: BERCHTESGADEN

Breakfast. This morning you have a choice of either visiting Hitler's Eagles Nest (historical mountaintop restaurant with great views) or a ride up the Jenner Mountain Cable-Car. Lunch. Afternoon Town and Country Tour through the Berchtesgaden Valley, Dinner on your own tonight. Overnight Berchtesgaden. (B)

September 21: SALZBURG

Breakfast. Morning visit to the Enzian Schnapps Distillery for some free tasting. Continue to nearby Salzburg, Austria for a City Orientation and free time. See many filming locations from "The Sound of Music" movie. Lunch. Afternoon transfer back to Berchtesgaden and time at leisure for personal interests, optional sightseeing, shopping or just taking it easy in town. Dinner. Overnight Berchtesgaden. (B, D)

September 22: MUNICH

Breakfast and check-out of our hotel this morning. Transfer north to Munich, and enjoy a City Sightseeing Tour of the Capital of Bavaria. Lunch. Visit the beautiful Marienplatz Square and see the famous Glockenspiel (Bell Tower). Afternoon check-in at our hotel and relax before dinner at the Oktoberfest. Overnight Munich. (B, D)

September 23: MUNICH

Breakfast. Custom Sightseeing Tour of Munich (based on the collective interests of the group, we will have a few different options available for the group today – tour participants are welcome to take the full day for personal interests, visiting Oktoberfest, shopping, etc.) Dinner on your own tonight. Overnight Munich. (B)

September 24: MUNICH

Breakfast. Last day in Munich at leisure for personal sightseeing, shopping or visiting Oktoberfest. Special Farewell Dinner tonight at the famous Hofbräuhaus Beer Hall (Bavarian Dinner). Overnight Munich. (B, D)

September 25: In Flight to US from Munich Airport (MUC)

<u>Tour Price per Person</u>: USD \$3,395.00 in Double / Twin Room USD \$3,995.00 in Single Room

Reservation Policy:

A completed and signed Tour Reservation Form and a refundable \$400 deposit (per person) are required to book Tours. You can book this Tour online, by phone or by mail. (To book online: scroll to the top of this page and choose the quantity of people, then click the Book this Tour button). Payment in full is due 90 days prior to Tour departure, and must be paid in US Dollars by check. Credit cards are accepted for the deposit only; and cannot be accepted for final payment.

Cancellation Policy:

Although Tour cancellations are not anticipated, Alpventures® reserves the right to cancel Tours for any reason, prior to Tour departure date, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on Alpventures® part. A full refund will be granted up to 30 days prior to Tour departure. A cancellation fee of 20% of the Tour price will be charged for cancellations between 30 and 20 days prior to departure date and 40% between 20 and 10 days prior to departure. No refunds will be honored within 10 days of Tour departure date. **To Book a Tour by Mail or Phone**; please read the following information carefully, sign at the bottom, complete the following page and send it along with your refundable \$400 tour deposit (per person). You can also fax it to us at +1 (425) 460-8465. Please make all payments to: ALPVENTURES.

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Reservation and Cancellation Policy:

A refundable \$400 Tour Deposit per Person and completed Tour Reservation Form is required for all tours (unless otherwise indicated). Payment in full is due 90 days prior to tour departure date. All tour participants' cancellations must be in writing. A full refund will be granted up to 60 days prior to tour departure. A cancellation fee of 20% of the Tour price will be charged for cancellations between 30 and 20 days prior to departure date; 40% between20 and 10 days prior to departure. No refunds will be honored within 10 days of Tour departure date.

Alpventures Responsibility:

Rates are based on group participation and a minimum of 10 people is required per Tour (unless otherwise indicated, such as a mini-bus Tour). There will be no refund for services or portions of the tour not taken. It is also understood and agreed that refunds will not be made to participants who do not complete the Tour, for any reason whatsoever. Alpventures has no responsibility in whole or in part for any delays, delayed departure or arrival, missed carrier connections, loss, death or injury to person or property or accident, deliberate criminal attack, mechanical defect, failure or negligence of any nature however caused, including, without limitation, any negligent act or omission or breach of contract by third party in connection with any transportation, accommodations, or other services, or for any substitution of hotels or of common carrier equipment with or without notice, or for any additional expenses occasioned thereby.

Rates quoted are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect at the time of printing and are subject to changes therein at or before time of departure. No revisions of the itinerary or its included features are anticipated; however, Alpventures reserves the right to make any changes, with or without notice, that might become necessary with the mutual understanding that any additional expenses will be paid by the individual participant. Alpventures reserves the right to cancel Tours for any reason, prior to Tour departure date, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on Alpventures part.

Baggage service is included during the land portion of the Tour; but it is at the owner's risk throughout. Alpventures retains the right to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of the Tour at any time, subject only to the requirement that the portion of the total amount paid which corresponds to the refundable unused services and accommodations be refunded. The other transportation or airlines companies concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time participants are not on board their conveyance. The passage contract in use, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the company(ies) and the participant and/or purchaser of the Alpventures Tour. Any litigation arising between the participant and Alpventures shall be brought in the State of Oregon.

By signing this contract, the participant certifies that he/she has no physical, mental, or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms of this contract. Any litigation arising from the relationship created by this agreement shall be brought in the State of Oregon. I have read the above terms and conditions, and hereby agree in full to the terms of this contract:

Sign Full Legal Name as it appears on your Passport:

NAME: _____

Name (as it appears on Passport):

Address:

Day Phone: Email Address:	Evening Phone: Date of Birth (optional):
Double Room (Name of Roommate): Single Room (A Single Room Supplement is required on all tours):	
Single Room Amount:	
I am:Vegetarian Diabetic Pacemaker	Other:
I will be bringing medication:	
YUK! Please do not serve me: Fish Beef	Chicken Pork Other:
I am allergic to the following foods:	
Special Requests or Needs:	
Please put my deposit on my Credit Card:Visa	MCAmerican ExpressDiscover
Card Number	Expiration:
Cardholder (Name as it appears on card):	
Billing Address (<i>if different from address above</i>):	

Security Code:_____ Signature (as on card):_____