



Romantic Villages of Alpine Europe

September 2 - 17, 2028

Lake views in Stresa, alpine magic in Interlaken and Seefeld, and the energy of Munich. Think mountain scenery, cozy villages, and postcard-perfect moments around every corner.

What to Expect On This Incredible Trip

As part of this small group tour, you will experience a scenic, village-centered Alpine immersion rather than a fast-paced city tour. This trip is...

- Multi-country and regionally cohesive
- Focused on mountain towns, lakes, and cultural heritage
- Balanced between structured touring and free time
- Rich in small-group local encounters (farm visit, home-hosted dinner, winery, artisans)
- Moderate walking with some elevation changes

It blends:

- Italian lakeside elegance
- Swiss alpine precision
- Austrian Tyrolean tradition

- Bavarian storybook charm



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📌 Trip Overview

Italy: Stresa Switzerland: Interlaken Austria: Seefeld Germany: Munich

Exact site order and itinerary subject to [final G.C.T. itinerary](#) for the year.

Base Trip Price: \$5,799 per person*

Round-Trip Airfare (from DTW): \$1,550 per person*

Duration: 16 Days

!!Please note: Prices are subject to change*



Expected Itinerary Overview

Day 1: Depart USA

Depart today on your overnight flight to Italy.

Day 2: Arrive Stresa, Italy

Arrive in Milan and transfer to **Stresa**, a lakeside resort town on Lake Maggiore.

- Meet your Program Director
- Welcome Drink at the hotel
- Settle in and meet fellow travelers

Dinner included at the hotel. Evening free.

Meals: Dinner

Day 3: Explore Stresa • Local Produce Tasting

Morning orientation briefing.

Walking tour of Stresa:

- Lake Maggiore waterfront
- Historic fishing village roots (15th century)
- Elegant resort architecture

Exclusive Discovery Series:

- Local produce tasting (wines, olive oils, breads, regional specialties)

Afternoon free.

Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 4: Borromean Islands • Home-Hosted Dinner

Private boat excursion to the **Borromean Islands**:

- **Isola Bella**: Tour Palazzo Borromeo (17th-century palace, Neoclassical ballroom, terraced gardens, grottoes)
- **Isola Pescatori**: Fishing village discovery walk
- **Isola Madre**: English-style botanical gardens

Light lunch in Isola Pescatori.

Evening:

- Home-Hosted Dinner with a local family in Stresa

Meals: *Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Day 5: Stresa • Leisure Day • Optional Lake Orta

Free day in Stresa OR optional Treasures of Lake Orta tour:

Optional highlights:

- Panoramic drive around Lake Orta
- Sacro Monte (UNESCO pilgrimage site)
- Private boat ride to San Giulio Island
- Medieval church visit

Exclusive Discovery discussion:

- Italian workers commuting to Switzerland and cross-border economic tensions

Included apericena (Italian evening drinks & light meal).

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 6: Stresa • Simplon Pass • Zermatt • Interlaken

Depart Italy for Switzerland.

Stops include:

- Simplon Mountain Pass (Alpine views, WWII stone eagle monument)
- Train ride to Zermatt (car-free Alpine village with Matterhorn views)

- Walking tour of Zermatt

Continue to Interlaken.

Dinner on your own.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 7: Explore Interlaken • Switzerland Today • Woodcarving

Exclusive Discovery discussion:

- Modern life in Switzerland

Walking tour of Interlaken:

- Unterseen old quarter
- Kursaal Casino gardens
- Flower Clock
- Jungfrau mountain views

Visit Lake Brienz woodcarving workshop:

- Learn about Swiss chip carving traditions
- Meet local artisans

Evening free.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 8: Interlaken • Swiss Farm Visit

Exclusive Discovery:

- Visit a family farm in the Brienzerland countryside
- Learn about Swiss rural life
- Picnic lunch with local cheeses and farm products

Afternoon and evening at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Day 9: Interlaken • Leisure Day • Optional Bernese Oberland

Free day OR optional Bernese Oberland tour:

Optional highlights:

- Trummelbach Falls (glacial waterfalls)
- Lauterbrunnen Valley (“Land of 72 Waterfalls”)
- Jungfraubahn train to Kleine Scheidegg (7,000 ft views)

Dinner at the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 10: Interlaken • Liechtenstein • Winery • Seefeld, Austria

Travel to Austria via Liechtenstein.

In Vaduz:

- Discovery walk of the capital
- Parliament & cathedral area

Exclusive Discovery:

- Winery visit with tasting and light lunch

Arrive in Seefeld, Austria.

Dinner at the hotel featuring local speck (smoked ham).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 11: Explore Seefeld • Optional Austrian Afternoon

Walking tour of Seefeld:

- Historic Tyrolean village

- Karwendel Nature Reserve setting

Optional Austrian Afternoon:

- Tratzberg Castle (Gothic-Renaissance residence)
- Ferry ride on Achensee Lake
- Optional Tyrolean dinner

Evening free.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 12: Seefeld • Innsbruck • Women of World War II

Motorcoach to Innsbruck.

Walking tour:

- Baroque Cathedral
- Medieval Old Town
- Domplatz

Exclusive Discovery discussion:

- Women of World War II

Return to Seefeld. Evening free.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Day 13: Seefeld • Leisure Day • Optional Bavaria

Free day OR optional Bavaria excursion:

Optional highlights:

- Oberammergau Passion Play Theater
- Discovery walk of Oberammergau
- Linderhof Palace (King Ludwig II's Rococo retreat, inspired by Versailles)

Dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: *Breakfast & Dinner*

Day 14: Seefeld • Mittenwald, Germany

Excursion to Mittenwald:

- Luftmalerei (facade painting tradition)
- Violin Museum (300+ year instrument-making history)

Tyrolean-style lunch with traditional music.

Return to Seefeld. Evening free.

Meals: *Breakfast & Lunch*

Day 15: Seefeld • Munich, Germany

Transfer to Munich.

Discovery walk with Program Director:

- Historic Old Town
- Bavarian architecture and squares

Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: *Breakfast & Dinner*

Day 16: Munich • Departure

Transfer to the airport for the return flight

Meals: *Breakfast*

**A more detailed G.C.T. itinerary can be found by [clicking here](#).



✓ What's Included

- [Accommodations](#) for 14 nights in comfortable rooms with private baths
- 27 meals: 14 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 8 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Dinner)
- 17 included features: 9 guided tours and 8 exclusive Discovery Series events: Local produce tasting • Cross-border workers discussion • Switzerland Today discussion • Woodcarving museum • Swiss farm visit • Home-Hosted Dinner • Liechtenstein winery visit • Women of World War II discussion
- Exclusive services of a local Grand Circle Program Director (assigned to no more than 42 travelers)
- Gratuities on your main trip for local guides and motorcoach drivers
- Personal headset for all included and optional tours on your main trip

- Private motorcoach land travel
- Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips
- Ground transportation, domestic transfers
- Round-trip airfare from DTW (as listed)

Flight Booking Notes

When confirming your deposit, please specify:

- Travel class preference (Coach, Premium Select, Business)
- Aisle or window seating
- Any special requests or meal preferences

Additional Notes

- **Prices are subject to change**, especially airfare and park fees.
- 4 locations in 15 days, including 1 single-night stay
- [Customizations and optional extensions](#) are available.
- Find weather and climate info by [clicking here](#).
- [Physical Requirements](#): Activity level is **Easy (Level 1 out of 5)**
- See [photos and videos](#) from past trips.



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