



# Germany, Switzerland, Austria & Prague!

*September 7-20, 2017*

**Home Pick-up  
Transfers to the  
San Francisco Airport  
Included!**



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SIR Amador #96  
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& Guests!**



*Travel to the land of fairy tale villages, medieval castles, pristine lakes and stunning alpine vistas! This itinerary offers sights that will delight your senses. Enjoy endearing towns, with time for in-depth local experiences. Highlights include;*

- Prague
- Rothenburg
- Munich
- Salsburg
- Hitler's Eagles Nest
- Oberammergau
- Kleine Scheidegg
- Black Forest
- Rudesheim
- Rhine River

**Your Tour Includes:**

- **Roundtrip airfare** from San Francisco to Prague and return from Frankfurt, taxes and fees
- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** in superior tourist and moderate first-class hotels
- **Breakfast and Dinner Daily**
- Services of **Professional tour manager**
- Local step-on guides for city tours and attractions
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- **All taxes** for provided services

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#### Thursday, September 7, 2017 • Depart California for Prague, Czech Republic.

Our adventure starts with a **home pick-up transfer** to the San Francisco Airport for our scheduled flight to Prague, Czech Republic.

#### Friday, September 8, 2017 • Prague

Upon our arrival in Prague, we meet our driver and a local guide who introduces us to the “Golden City.” We eventually arrive at the Old Town Square, an impressive open space surrounded by churches and historic buildings. We walk to the Old Town Hall to view its famous **Astronomical Clock**. Finally, we visit the Jewish Quarter, where we stroll through the oldest synagogue and Jewish cemetery in Europe. **D**



#### Saturday, September 9, 2017 • Prague

We start our day with a locally guided walking tour of Hradčany, the largest castle complex in the world. Besides Prague Castle, the grounds also include **St. Vitus Cathedral** and the Golden Lane, a collection of small cottages from the 16th century. After crossing the famous **Charles Bridge**, we arrive at Wenceslas Square, a wide boulevard that is dominated by the National Museum and a statue of Saint Wenceslas. The afternoon is free to purchase some Czech crystal or garnet jewelry, visit one of the many fine museums or simply sample some Czech delicacies near the city center. This evening, we enjoy a typical Czech meal accompanied by traditional folk entertainment. **B/D**

#### Sunday, September 10, 2017 • Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Departing the Czech Republic, we travel across Bohemia and northern Bavaria to the medieval walled city of **Rothenburg ob der Tauber**. Upon our arrival, we visit the **St. James Church** and see the famous altar created by the renowned woodcarver, Tilman Riemenschneider. The rest of the afternoon is ours to explore the cobblestone streets and ramparts and admire the half-timbered buildings that make us feel as if we have stepped back in time. After dinner, we learn more about life in medieval times as we accompany the night watchman on a guided tour of the town. **B/D**

#### Monday, September 11, 2017 • Munich

This morning we travel southward to Dachau, a town just outside of Munich. Our visit to the **Concentration Camp Memorial** includes a film in English, an informative historical account of the camp's history and plenty of time to walk the grounds on our own. We have lunch in Dachau before continuing on to Munich, Bavaria's friendly capital city. Our leader acquaints us with the pedestrian zone around the Marienplatz, the main square in front of the new town hall. There is time to do some sightseeing before taking the subway to our hotel. **B/D**

#### Tuesday, September 12, 2017 • Munich

Today, we discover other Munich sites by taking a locally guided tour that includes many highlights such as the grounds of **Nymphenburg Palace**, the elegant Maximilian Straße and the 1972 Olympic Grounds. Our tour ends at the Marienplatz where we watch the **Glockenspiel play in the tower of the Neues Rathaus**. The rest of the day is ours to shop along the mile-long pedestrian zone, get a bite to eat at the nearby Viktualien Market or visit one of a number of fine museums. Dinner tonight is at the Schneider (Weißes) Bräuhaus, a traditional Munich restaurant. Afterwards, those who wish may want to spend some time at Munich's Hofbräuhaus for singing and live entertainment. **B/D**

#### Wednesday, September 13, 2017 • Salzburg

Our first stop today is in Berchtesgaden, where we don miners' apparel and descend into a salt mine for an unforgettable tour. Afterwards, we continue on to see **Hitler's Eagle's Nest**, a chalet built at the top of the Kehlstein mountain. On a clear day, the site affords beautiful views of the Alps. Next, we travel to **Salzburg, Austria**, which is famous for being Mozart's birthplace and the backdrop for The **Sound of Music**. We enjoy some free time to explore the narrow winding streets of the old city before dinner. **B/D**



#### **Thursday, September 14, 2017 • Salzburg**

This morning a local guide joins us for a walking tour of Salzburg. Our sightseeing includes the magnificent Cathedral, the Getreidegasse, the city's quaint shopping area, **Mozart's birth house** and a walk through St. Peter's Cemetery. After time for lunch, we enjoy an excursion to the Salzkammergut. With its beautiful mountains and lakes, it is a very popular vacation destination for many Austrians. Tonight, we are treated to dinner and a **concert in the Stiftskeller St. Peter**, the perfect setting to enjoy Austrian food and the music of Mozart. **B/D**

#### **Friday, September 15, 2017 • Oberammergau**

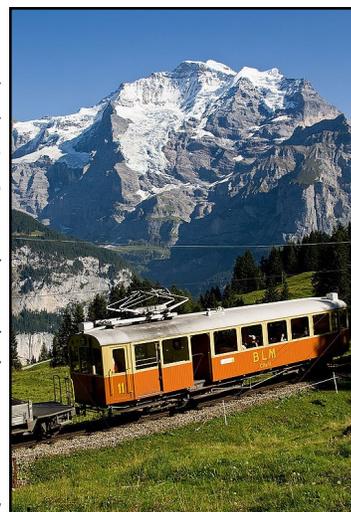
Departing Austria, we return to Germany as we drive through the Bavarian countryside to visit **Palace Neuschwanstein**. One of three palaces built by Bavaria's King Ludwig II, Walt Disney used it as the model for his Fantasyland Castle. Next, we take a short drive to the nearby Wieskirche. This "Church in the Meadow" is a fine example of Rococo architecture. Finally, we continue on to Oberammergau, home of woodcarvers and famous for the Passion Play that is performed here every ten years. Tonight, we are treated to a "magical" dinner at the Zauberstub'n Restaurant, where Vlado performs some amazing tricks as we dine. **B/D**

#### **Saturday, September 16, 2017 • Sarnen area**

Today's drive is filled with breathtaking mountain scenery as we travel over mountain passes to the Bernese Oberland area of Switzerland. Our first stop is in Vaduz, the capital of the small principality of Liechtenstein. We also spend time in Lucerne to see the poignant Lion Monument that pays tribute to the Swiss mercenaries who lost their lives defending the kings of France. There is time to explore this beautiful city, including taking a walk across the famous wooden Chapel Bridge before continuing on to our hotel in Sarnen. **B/D**

#### **Sunday, September 17, 2017 • Sarnen area**

This morning we drive to view the Trümmelbachfälle, several waterfalls within a mountain that drain nearby glaciers. The raw power and beauty of the falls have attracted tourists for decades. Afterwards, we take a hiking excursion in the heart of the Swiss Alps. We start by riding a cogwheel train to the small car-free town of Wengen, where we have some time to explore before taking a gondola up to the ridge of the nearby mountain. From there it's an easy and leisurely hike to Kleine Scheidegg. Our hike affords breathtaking vistas of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau peaks, as well as views of the tiny villages in the valley. At Kleine Scheidegg, we have time for lunch before taking a train down to Grindelwald where there's an opportunity to shop or simply relax at one of the many outdoor cafés. This evening's entertainment features a Swiss folklore show at our hotel. **B/D**



#### **Monday, September 18, 2017 • Black Forest**

As we leave Switzerland, our first stop this morning is in Schaffhausen to see the mighty Rhinefalls. Then, returning to Germany, we enter the Black Forest, the land of "elves and cuckoo clocks". In Triberg, we visit the House of 1,000 Clocks followed by some time for lunch. Afterwards, we travel to Gutach for a tour of the Vogtsbauernhof, an interesting open-air museum where we learn about the architecture, traditions and customs of the way people lived and farmed over the past 400 years. After a busy day, we are ready to check into our hotel and relax before dinner. **B/D**

#### **Tuesday, September 19, 2017 • Rudesheim**

Our final day in Europe features a cruise on the mighty Rhine River. We leave the Black Forest and travel to Rudesheim where we board a boat and enjoy time on one of Europe's most important waterways. Along the way, we hear about the history of the many castle ruins and vineyards that dot the hillside along the river. After our cruise, we transfer to our hotel for our final overnight and have some time for last minute shopping before dinner. Tonight we celebrate our last evening in Europe with a farewell dinner and a tasting of the region's fine Rhine wines. **B/D**

#### **Wednesday, September 20, 2017 • Return Frankfurt to California**

Sadly, we say "Auf Wiedersehen" to Europe as we transfer to the Frankfurt Airport for our flight to San Francisco and home transfer. We'll take with us memories of exciting cities, peaceful villages, great entertainment and beautiful scenery! **B**

**TOUR CONDITIONS** <> This tour is based upon current tariffs and is therefore subject to change prior to departure. Items not included on this tour are those of a personal nature. Price is subject to a certain minimum number of participants. Should minimum not be met price is subject to increase. Space is limited and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. There will be no refunds for any unused portions of tour. Talbot Tours, Inc., reserves the right to make any necessary changes or modifications to comply with current conditions at time of departure. Any deviations to departure or return flights/itinerary must be requested at time of sign up.

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**CANCELLATION POLICY** <> All Cancellations after deposit will be assessed a \$100 administrative fee.. Cancellations made between 99 to 14 days prior to departure will be assessed a \$300 fee plus loss of airfare. Cancellations less than 14 days or for nonappearance will receive no refund. Additional cancellation fees may apply subject to final booking. **All cancellations must be received in writing.**

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**Mail Payments To: Talbot Tours, 1952 Camden Ave, San Jose, CA 95124**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Full Name as it appears on passport

Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit is enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ (# of passengers)

<b>Price Per Person</b>	<b><u>Double</u> <u>Occupancy</u></b>	<b><u>Single</u> <u>Occupancy</u></b>
Land Package	<b>\$3845.</b>	<b>\$4420.</b>
Estimated Airfare (subject to change at ticketing)	<b>\$1650.</b>	<b>\$1650.</b>
<b>Total Package Price including Airfare</b>	<b>\$5495.</b>	<b>\$6070.</b>
Deposit <b><i>Including</i></b> Insurance <i>(Premiums are non-refundable)</i>	<b>\$1040.</b> <b><i>(\$540.)</i></b>	<b>\$1100.</b> <b><i>(\$600.)</i></b>
Deposit <b><i>Without</i></b> Insurance*	<b>\$500.</b>	<b>\$500.</b>

\*I do not wish to purchase travel insurance, and I assume full responsibility for all penalties should I cancel for any reason.

**Final Payment due: June 1, 2017**

Signature (**Required on all applications**): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date : \_\_\_\_\_ Validation #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Requests \_\_\_\_\_

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