

## Alpine Explorer & the Glacier Express Train with Oberammergau Passion Play

### Highlights...

Lago Maggiore • Island Dinner • Zermatt • Glacier Express Train • St. Moritz • Innsbruck • Salzburg • St. Peter's Restaurant • Mozart Dinner Concert • Neuschwanstein Castle • Oberammergau Passion Play • Munich



12 Days • 18 Meals: 10 Breakfasts • 2 Lunches • 6 Dinners

#### Collette experiences

- Spend two nights in lovely Stresa, located on the banks of picturesque Lago Maggiore.
- Experience the most legendary of Alpine railway journeys: the Glacier Express.
- Explore Salzburg's historic and charming Old Town – the Altstadt.

#### Must-see inclusions

- Witness a performance of the Oberammergau Passion Play.
- Soak up the mountain air with two nights in the village of Zermatt.
- Visit Neuschwanstein Castle, one of the most iconic castles in Europe.

#### Culinary inclusions

- Relish Italian cuisine on Isola del Pescatori in Italy's Lago Maggiore.
- Enjoy a wine and cheese pairing at an Italian family farm.
- Delight in dinner and a Mozart concert at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, central Europe's oldest.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Breathtaking Alpine vistas await as you travel through Italy, Switzerland, Austria and Germany. From amazing railways to the thrilling Passion Play, experience the wonders only found in the heart of Europe.

#### Day 2: Stresa, Italy (Lago Maggiore\*) - Tour Begins

Arrive in Stresa (Lago Maggiore) and take some free time to explore this beautiful lakeside town on your own. Your evening begins with a cocktail party in a wine shop before we cruise to our welcome dinner on Isola dei Pescatori, the most beautiful of the Borromean Islands. *Today dinner will be included.*

#### Day 3: Stresa

Today we make our way to an ancient village nestled in the mountains. Stop at a family farm to learn about the artisan cheeses they produce. Sample delicious creations and discover how to pair them with local wines. Return to Stresa for an afternoon at leisure. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 4: Stresa - Zermatt, Switzerland

Depart Lago Maggiore for a scenic drive into the heart of the mountains. The incredible views of the Italian and Swiss Alps are sure to leave a lasting impression. Upon arrival in Tasch, board a local train for a ride to the spectacular pedestrian village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 5: Zermatt

Today, Zermatt is at your fingertips. **It's your choice!** Tour Zermatt's best-known landmarks by foot with a local expert **-OR-** enjoy a visit to the Matterhorn Museum where you'll learn more about the triumph and tragedy behind the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 6: Zermatt - Glacier Express Train - St. Moritz

Traverse bridges and tunnels while aboard the world-renowned narrow gauge Glacier Express, the most charming express train in the world. Enjoy the natural beauty of this route through the heart of the Swiss Alps. Filled with forests, fragrant meadows, streams and deep valleys, it's a mountain dream come to life. Relax and enjoy a three-course lunch while onboard. Arrive in St. Moritz, playground of the rich and famous. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

#### Day 7: St. Moritz - Innsbruck, Austria

Drive through the picturesque Engadine Valley to Innsbruck, Austria, capital of the Austrian Tyrol. Join a local expert and explore the city's medieval pedestrian streets including Maria Theresian Strasse, the Hofburg and the Golden Roof. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 8: Innsbruck - Salzburg - Innsbruck

Travel the Austrian countryside to historic Salzburg, one of Europe's most beautiful and romantic spots. Enjoy a leisurely walking tour of Salzburg's historic Old Town - the Altstadt. See highlights such as the Cathedral, Mozart's birthplace and Mirabell Gardens. Film buffs will be able to pick out locations from *The Sound of Music*. This evening, enjoy a delightful Mozart dinner concert at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant, central Europe's oldest restaurant. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 9: Innsbruck - Neuschwanstein Castle - Oberammergau

Today we head to the frontier of Germany, crossing the border into Bavaria. Make a special stop to visit Neuschwanstein Castle, Germany's most famous castle and the inspiration for the castle in *Sleeping Beauty*. Continue on to the quaint village of Oberammergau, nestled in the Bavarian Alps, and your home for the next two nights. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 10: Oberammergau - Passion Play

This afternoon, witness a performance of the epic Passion Play. The original performance dates back to 1634. During the Thirty Years' War, Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the citizens vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honor the last days of the life of Christ. The performers of this once-in-a-decade event are all native to the village. To lend authenticity to the performance, the cast start to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made

locally by the villagers. During a break in the performance, join your fellow travelers for dinner before returning for the remainder of your Passion Play performance. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 11: Oberammergau - Munich

Enjoy a leisurely morning before departing for the Bavarian capital of Munich. Join a local expert for a tour featuring the Marienplatz, the Glockenspiel and Olympic Park. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant celebrating the end of an unforgettable journey. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 12: Munich - Tour Ends

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

### Experience It! Glacier Express Train

Travel through the glorious scenery of the Swiss Alps on the legendary Glacier Express, the most charming express train in the world. As you journey between Zermatt and St. Moritz you will see spectacular views of snowcapped peaks, glittering lakes, and historic castles that could have been pulled from the pages of a storybook. What makes the Glacier Express special isn't its speed. On the contrary, it's actually known as the slowest train in the world. This is a blessing; you'll want as much time as possible to sit back, relax and gaze out the windows at this once-in-a-lifetime panoramic view.

#### Your itinerary at a glance

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Zacchera Hotels (Lago Maggiore), Stresa
Days 4, 5	Hotel Alex, Zermatt or Hotel National, Zermatt
Day 6	Hotel Steffani, St. Moritz
Days 7, 8	Hotel Innsbruck, Innsbruck or AC Hotel by Marriott, Innsbruck
Days 9, 10	Oberammergau region hotel, Oberammergau Region
Day 11	Sheraton Munich Arabellapark Hotel, Munich
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	

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to recharge or set out on your own adventure. Please note, if you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate tour.

## Important reservation information:

#### 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](http://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.

**\*Airfare:** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all vacation packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your rates are subject to change until paid in full. Preassigned seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

**Checked Baggage Charges:** Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

**Cancellation Charges for this tour:** For Oberammergau: Deposits are non-refundable; For cancellations between 120-91 days prior to departure: 75% of total price. 90 days or less prior to departure: 100% of total price. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If waivers have not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Purchase of Waiver and Insurance guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Waiver and insurance fee itself, made to Collette Vacations for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Waiver and Insurance does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's Traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

**Cancellation Charges for this tour:** After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 60-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 30% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 35% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of

## Please Note:

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

\*Zacchera Hotels is a hotel chain in Lago Maggiore. The exact hotel to be used will be available 2 weeks prior to tour departure date.

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

Single accommodations are extremely limited. Triple and child accommodations are not available.

The included lunch in Oberammergau will be a light lunch.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

Air passengers will arrive into Milan, Italy airport and transfer to Stresa. All transfers will depart from this airport. Travel time from Milan airport to Stresa is approximately 1 hour.

Due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive prior to 4:00 p.m.

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**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 (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time

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