

Scenic Alps 2026

Hosted by Special Travel International Founder Gery Valtiner

September 19- October 2*, 2026

*Add on Vienna ends on October 5, 2026

Stunning Alpine Landscapes

Journey through the majestic Alps, from Germany's Zugspitze and Austria's Grossglockner High Alpine Road to the serene beauty of Lake Millstatt.

Iconic Towns & Castles

Discover Oberammergau, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Bolzano, and Hallstatt, with visits to Neuschwanstein Castle, Linderhof Palace, and Hochosterwitz Fortress.

Immersive Cultural Experiences

Enjoy a classical concert in Salzburg, folk entertainment in Tyrol, local tastings, lake cruises, and a walk through the charming streets of centuries-old towns.



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WELCOME NOTES FROM YOUR HOST

Dear Travelers,

When I started Special Travel International at the end of the '80s, it was with the idea of providing special group tours to wonderful places around the world.

Having been a tour guide before, I knew what traveling with a group meant and for almost four decades I enjoyed setting up and guiding tours with a special focus. Then came the time to pass on the baton to the next generation, and on a personal level, to move back to Europe.

As I still love traveling and working together with my "old company", I now take the opportunity to show travelers special places in Europe in the course of some tours, which are set up to be a little different than the standard "fare".



THE SCENIC ALPS tour is a wonderful adventure through my "back yard" and while visiting some historic cities, we will also have some special behind the scenes experiences and program points which cannot be found on just any tour.

The countryside, the food, the small villages life away from the big cities and some cultural events will all be part of this journey.

We will have some nice walking tours through historic towns, but you will also have a chance to sit back and enjoy the atmosphere of scenic villages, and lakes with the Alps as the backdrop scenery.

If you enjoy spending time with like-minded travelers, while traveling through the Alpine regions of Austria as well as parts of Bavaria and Northern Italy, then come along.

I am looking forward to seeing you in the Alps !

Gerry Valtiner
Founder, Special Travel International



Linderhoff



Hallstatt

ITINERARY

Day 1 – Sat, Sep 19: Depart Canada

Board your overnight flight to Munich, Germany.

Day 2 – Sun, Sep 20: Arrive Munich – Transfer to Oberammergau

Upon arrival in Munich, we journey into the foothills of the Alps and settle in the charming Bavarian village of Oberammergau. Enjoy a welcome dinner and time to relax.

(D)

Day 3 – Mon, Sep 21: Oberammergau: Passion Play & Castles

Discover the famed Passion Play Theatre and stroll through Oberammergau, known for its woodcarvers and storybook beauty. Visit the nearby Ettal Monastery and Linderhof Palace, a Baroque gem of King Ludwig II.

(B,D)

Day 4 – Tue, Sep 22: Neuschwanstein & Zugspitze Adventure

Explore Hohenschwangau Castle and enjoy a photo stop at iconic Neuschwanstein Castle. Weather permitting, take the cable car and cogwheel train up the Zugspitze, Germany's highest peak, for spectacular alpine views.

(B,D)

Day 5 – Wed, Sep 23: To Tyrol: Innsbruck & Swarovski

Travel into the Austrian Tyrol. In Wattens, visit the glittering Swarovski Crystal Worlds before heading to Innsbruck. This evening, enjoy a lively Alpine folklore dinner show.

(B,D)

Day 6 – Thu, Sep 24: Tyrolean Traditions

Tour the open-air Farmhouse Museum in Kramsach and visit Schloss Ambras, home to the eclectic collections of Archduke Ferdinand II.

(B,D)

Day 7 – Fri, Sep 25: Italy Day: Bolzano & the Iceman

Cross into Italy for a guided tour of Bolzano, followed by a visit to the South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology, where the 4,500-year-old "Ötzi the Iceman" awaits. Return to Austria via the scenic Puster Valley and arrive in Lienz.

(B,D)

Day 8 – Sat, Sep 26: Eastern Tyrol & Alpine Flavors

Visit Schloss Bruck in Lienz and journey to the base of the Grossglockner. Enjoy scenic views, local Schnaps tasting, and a traditional Alpine lunch.

(B,L,D)

Day 9 – Sun, Sep 27: To Carinthia: Gmünd & Lake Millstatt

Travel to Carinthia and explore the medieval town of Gmünd. After lunch, cruise across the tranquil waters of Lake Millstatt and take a walking tour of the village, including its historic monastery and villas.

(B,L,D)

Day 10 – Mon, Sep 28: Klagenfurt & Castle Hochosterwitz

Visit the provincial capital, Klagenfurt, then tour a local brewery near Friesach. Enjoy lunch and marvel at the dramatic hilltop fortress of Hochosterwitz.

(B,L,D)

Day 11 – Tue, Sep 29: Grossglockner High Alpine Road to Salzburg

Travel across one of Europe's most scenic routes—the Grossglockner High Alpine Road—passing Zell am See en route to the Salzburg area.

(B,D)

Day 12 – Wed, Sep 30: Salzburg & Sound of Music Sites

Enjoy a guided tour of Salzburg, Mozart's hometown. In the afternoon, visit the lakeside village of Mondsee and picturesque



Fortress Hohensalzburg and the Old Town of Salzburg © Salzburg Tourism

ITINERARY continued

St. Wolfgang. End the day with a classical concert in a historic setting.

(B,D)

Day 13 – Thu, Oct 1: Bad Ischl & Hallstatt

Visit the former imperial spa town of Bad Ischl and its royal villa, followed by a scenic journey to Hallstatt, a UNESCO World Heritage village nestled by a mountain lake. Farewell dinner this evening.

(B,D)

Day 14 – Fri, Oct 2: Departure or Optional Vienna Extension

Transfer to Munich Airport or continue on our Vienna Extension.

(B)

Optional Add On Tour to Vienna continues below

Day 14 – Fri, Oct 2: Salzburg – Vienna via Wachau Valley

Travel through the picturesque Wachau Valley with stops at the Melk Abbey and the medieval village of Dürnstein. Arrive in Vienna for dinner.

(B,D)

Day 15 – Sat, Oct 3: Vienna at Leisure

Enjoy a morning city tour, followed by free time to explore museums or attend an optional classical concert.

(B,D)

Day 16 – Sun, Oct 4: Imperial Vienna

Spend a full day exploring Vienna at your pace. Highlights include Schönbrunn Palace, the Hofburg, and music-filled landmarks.

(B,D)

Day 17 – Mon, Oct 5: Vienna – Return to Canada

Transfer on own to airport for flight home (B)

Minor adjustments may need to be made to our programme due to the scheduling of local events

TOUR PACE and FITNESS TO PARTICIPATE

This tour involves **moderate physical activity**.

Guests should be comfortable walking unaided for short distances, including on cobblestone streets, gentle inclines, and uneven terrain. Some excursions include stairs and extended periods of standing and walking during guided tours.

FLIGHTS & TRAVEL INSURANCE

- Please contact our office for a quote.
- Flights booked with Special Travel include airport transfers
- Our licensed insurance agents can help you with the coverage that will suit your needs



Houses, Oberammergau © Thomas Klinger

TOUR COSTS in Canadian Dollars*

Per person, twin-share \$6790*
Single supplement \$995*

*based on a minimum of 25 travelers

Vienna Add On

\$TBA**

**Please let us know on the registration form if you are interested in the Vienna add on and we will let you know the price once we know how many people are interested

INCLUDED

- Accommodation in comfortable superior tourist-class hotels based on double occupancy
- Meals as per itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Private air-conditioned coach transportation throughout
- English-speaking guide throughout
- Comprehensive sightseeing including guides and admission fees as per itinerary
- Gratuities for drivers and guides

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Travel insurance (please contact our office for a quote)
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Drinks with meals
- Visas (if required)
- Items of a personal nature

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY

2 Ways to Register

1. Scan the QR Code

OR

2. Visit our website www.sticanada.com/scenicalps26



Salzburg's Mozarteum © Wikimedia



The Giant, Swarovski © Josef Mallaun

FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT:

- » \$2000 per person deposit due at time of booking
- » 2nd installment of \$2000 pp due by February 26, 2026
- » Balance due by June 19, 2026

Tour documents will be sent to you approximately 14 days prior to your trip departure, provided full payment has been received.

TOUR PRICES:

All tour prices for land arrangements are based on rates effective at the time of printing and are expected to be in effect at the time of departure. Should these rates change, it may be necessary to surcharge the price of your vacation. Should the tour price increase by more than 10%, the passenger shall have the right to cancel within seven days of notification without penalty.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS:

Notice of cancellation must be made in writing. The effective cancellation date is the date when written notification is received by Special Travel International (hereafter called STI). **Deposits are non-refundable.** The following scale of charges will apply per person when cancellation is received prior to departure:

Until Feb 25, 2026	\$2,000
Feb 26 – Jun 18, 2026	\$4,000
From Jun 19, 2026	100% non refundable

NB: different payment/cancellation policies apply to airline tickets; you will be advised at time of booking.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

STI strongly recommends that each tour participant has health, cancellation, interruption, accident and baggage insurance for the duration of his/her travels.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:

STI acts only as an agent in securing all services related to the tours described in this brochure, including transportation, sightseeing and accommodation. STI shall not be responsible or liable for any loss, cost, damage, injury, delay or expense arising from the use of any conveyance, accommodation or service or from acts of God, war, acts of terrorism, strikes, weather, quarantine, accidents, sickness, government regulations, insufficient documents and any loss expense resulting from the above contingencies shall be borne by the tour member. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable for the comfort of the passenger, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made without penalty to the operators. Additional expense, if any, shall be borne by the passenger. The right is reserved to withdraw any or all tours should conditions warrant, and also to decline to accept or retain any passenger as a member of the tour. In such instances, full or equitable amounts will be refunded.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, VISAS AND VACCINES:

It is entirely the passenger's responsibility to possess whatever documents, visas and vaccines are required by the law of the countries visited on the tour.

AIRLINE RESPONSIBILITY:

Any air carrier providing transportation in connection with these tours is not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passenger is not on board its planes. The passenger contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchase of these tours and/or passenger. Similar responsibility as noted applies to all types of carriers, including car rental companies.



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