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# Alpine Splendor

Switzerland and Austria

September 5-18, 2024

**14 days from \$6,792 total price from Boston, New York, Philadelphia**  
(\$5,995 air & land inclusive plus \$797 airline taxes and fees)



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Alumni and Friends of Vanderbilt University



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Dear Vanderbilt Travelers and Friends,

Join other Vanderbilt alumni and friends on an exclusive 14-day tour to Switzerland and Austria. Your small group will experience the astonishing natural beauty, charming village life, and rich cultural offerings of these Alpine nations.

This captivating Swiss and Austrian exploration begins with alluring Lucerne. Board the legendary *Glacier Express* and admire the mighty Matterhorn from the *Gornergratbahn*, Europe's highest open-air railway. Touring of Ticino begins in the charming town of Ascona on the shores of Lake Maggiore, followed by a visit to a winery in the Ascona Delta. Enjoy an alfresco lunch at a *grotto* restaurant and take a private cruise around Lake Lugano. You're bound next for Austria, stopping en route in medieval Bellinzona, with its three feudal castles, before continuing on to Liechtenstein. A tour of postcard-worthy Innsbruck is followed by a three-night stay in Austria's jewel of Salzburg. Visit medieval Hohensalzburg, one of Europe's finest castles, and attend a classic music concert in Mirabell Palace. Explore Vienna, city of arts and culture, with an optional 4-day/3-night post-tour extension.

With room for only 24 guests in total, and this superb itinerary, we expect that our limited space will fill up quickly. Call today to reserve your place!

Sincerely,

Cary DeWitt Allyn  
Director, Vanderbilt Travel Program  
1-615-322-3673

The Vanderbilt Travel Program strives to engage Vanderbilt alumni, parents, and friends of all ages, keeping them connected with each other and Vanderbilt. Each carefully designed trip offers unparalleled educational opportunities, many with Vanderbilt professors, for an exclusive "beyond the classroom" experience.

**VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY RESERVATION FORM: ALPINE SPLENDOR**

To reserve your place on tour, please call the Vanderbilt Travel Program at 1-615-322-3673. You may also call **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 1-888-370-6765**. Please have the information outlined below available to share with a Vanderbilt Travel Program representative or an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor. **If you prefer**, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit.

Please note that your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

If paying your deposit by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the Reservation Form. Send to:

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**One Newton Place**  
**275 Washington Street, Suite 300**  
**Newton, MA 02458**

**ALPINE SPLENDOR • SEPTEMBER 5-18, 2024**

I/We would like to request \_\_\_\_\_ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

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Please book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_ I/We request an air upgrade to \_\_\_\_\_

I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_ I request a single room (limited availability)

**Post-Tour "Vienna – On Your Own" Extension:** Please sign me/us up

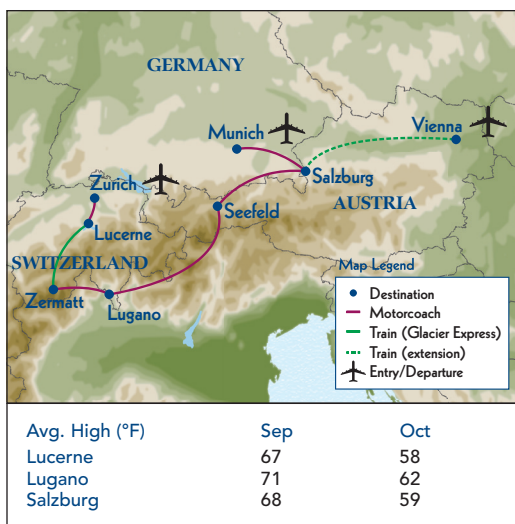


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*The towering peaks of the Alps serve as the stunning backdrop for our Swiss and Austrian exploration. As our small group discovers mountain villages and European cities, rides the famed Glacier Express, cruises on glassine lakes, and ascends snow-capped summits, borders disappear and the region's history – and beauty – enchant one and all.*



### Day 1: Depart U.S. for Zurich, Switzerland

**Day 2: Arrive Zurich/Lucerne** We arrive in Zurich and transfer to our hotel in Lucerne. After checking in at our hotel, we meet for a briefing about the journey ahead, followed by dinner at our hotel. *D*

**Day 3: Lucerne/Mt. Pilatus** This morning we encounter historic and alluring Lucerne, surrounded by mountains and sitting on its namesake lake. We visit the medieval Old Town, stroll through the stalls at the Saturday market, and cross treasured *Kapellbrücke* (Chapel Bridge), the oldest covered bridge in Europe. Later we ride the world's steepest cogwheel train to the summit of nearby Mt. Pilatus for stunning views across the surrounding countryside. *B*

**Day 4: Lake Lucerne/Zermatt** Today's scenic overload begins with a ferry ride on Lake Lucerne, where we pass Rütli meadow, legendary "birthplace of Switzerland." Disembarking at Flüelen, we coach to Andermatt to board the celebrated *Glacier Express* train, renowned for its panoramic views as it sweeps through striking valleys, past mountain hamlets, and follows the course of the fabled Rhône. Our adventure on this famed route ends in Zermatt, gateway to the Swiss Alps in the shadow of the Matterhorn. Tonight, we enjoy dinner together at a local restaurant. *B,D*

**Day 5: Zermatt/Gornergrat** Sitting in a low-slung notch, Zermatt is surrounded on all sides by towering slopes. We get a unique view of this spectacular scenery this morning as we ride the *Gornergratbahn* to the summit of the Gornergrat. Atop this rocky ridge, a dramatic tapestry unfolds all around us: 29 Alpine peaks, each over 13,000 feet, including the majestic Matterhorn standing alone at nearly 15,000 feet. After admiring the jaw-dropping scenery, we begin our descent by train to Zermatt, where the remainder of the day is free to explore this very walkable village as we wish. *B*

**Day 6: Zermatt/Stresa, Italy/Lugano** We travel by coach today through more superb Swiss scenery, and cross into northern Italy via the legendary Simplon

### Small Group Tour Highlights

Lovely Lucerne, including *Kapellbrücke* covered bridge • Cogwheel train to Mt. Pilatus • Famed *Glacier Express* Alpine train route • *Gornergratbahn* railway with views of the Matterhorn • Private Lake Lugano cruise • Visit to Bellinzona's Castelgrande, a UNESCO site • Alfresco grotto lunch • Tour and tasting at a Swiss winery • Baroque Old Town of Salzburg • Eagle's Nest, Nazi cliff-top retreat • Medieval Hohensalzburg, one of Europe's finest castles • Classical music concert

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Zurich		
2-3	Lucerne	Renaissance Lucerne Hotel	Sup. First Class
4-5	Zermatt	Resort Hotel Alex	First Class
6-8	Lugano	Hotel Lugano Dante	First Class
9-10	Seefeld	Hotel Seelos	First Class
11-13	Salzburg	Imlauer Hotel Pitter Salzburg	Sup. First Class
14	Depart Munich for U.S.		

*Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.*



*Majestic Alpine scenery surrounds us throughout our tour.*

Pass through the Alps. Late morning, we arrive in Stresa, Italy, along the shores of lovely Lake Maggiore, where we have time to explore and enjoy lunch on our own. Then a scenic drive through the famed Italian lake district returns us to Switzerland and our hotel in lakeside Lugano. *B,D*

**Day 7: Lugano/Ascona** Today's tour of Ticino, Switzerland's southernmost canton, begins in Ascona on the shores of Lake Maggiore. We take a walking tour of this charming town known for its pastel lake-front façades and an early 20<sup>th</sup>-century artists' colony. Next, we visit a winery in the Ascona Delta, where we stroll through the vineyard, tour the wine cellars, and sample the wines on offer here. Then we enjoy regional fare as we lunch alfresco at a local grotto restaurant built around mountain caves. *B,L*

**Day 8: Lake Lugano** After a free morning to explore Lugano independently, we board a motorboat for a private half-day cruise around Lake Lugano. We put ashore at Morcote, a town barely a mile square whose Mediterranean charm led Swiss citizens in 2016 to name it the nation's loveliest village. After lunch together and time to explore, we continue on our cruise with a stop in Gandria, whose stucco façades seem to cling precariously to the side of Monte Brè. *B,L*

**Day 9: Lugano/Bellinzona/Vaduz, Liechtenstein/Seefeld, Austria** Leaving the Lake District today, we're bound for Austria by way of the tiny sovereign nation of Liechtenstein. We stop first in medieval Bellinzona, with its three feudal castles, all UNESCO sites. Here we visit Castelgrande, the iconic central castle where we explore the ramparts and expansive grounds. We then continue north to Liechtenstein, reaching the country's capital of Vaduz, where we have free time to explore and have lunch on our own.

We travel on to Austria, reaching our hotel in the mountain village of Seefeld early this evening. We dine together at our hotel tonight. *B,D*

**Day 10: Seefeld/Innsbruck** This morning we coach to nearby Innsbruck, host of the 1964 and 1976 Winter Olympics. A walking tour highlights the postcard-worthy sights, including the many pedestrian squares surrounded by pastel-colored façades. Then we take a cable car to a lookout in the Nordkette, the "mountain at the heart of Innsbruck," where we enjoy panoramic views of the city and the surrounding Alps. We have time on our own in Innsbruck before returning to Seefeld. *B,D*

## Post-Tour Extension

September 18-21, 2024

### Vienna – On Your Own

4 days/3 nights for \$795 total price

Single Supplement: \$355

*Savor an unstructured stay in this city of arts and culture. Music, opera, and museums abound.*

### Your Tour Price Includes

- Rail transportation Salzburg/Vienna
- 3 nights' accommodations at Hotel Kaiserhof (First Class)
- 3 meals: 3 breakfasts
- Vienna city orientation tour with local guide
- Transfer from rail station and to airport





SEE HOW SMALL YOU ARE  
NEXT TO THE MOUNTAINS.”

– ALAIN DE BOTTON

**Day 11: Seefeld/Tyrol/Salzburg** Today we travel through Tyrol where we stop to visit the Museum of Tyrolean Farms, an interactive outdoor exhibit. Then we continue on to Salzburg, Austria’s riverside jewel and city of Mozart and *The Sound of Music*. Following dinner together, we attend a classical music concert in the Marble Room of famed Mirabell Palace. *B,D*

**Day 12: Salzburg** Our walking tour this morning features the the 17<sup>th</sup>-century Mirabell Gardens; the Baroque Old Town, now a UNESCO site; and visits to Salzburg Cathedral and medieval Hohensalzburg Fortress, one of Europe’s largest and best-preserved castles. Then the remainder of the day is at leisure for independent exploration and dinner on our own. *B*



*The Gornergratbahn railway*

**Day 13: Salzburg/ Eagle’s Nest/ Berchtesgaden** We travel today to the Bavarian resort town of Berchtesgaden, site of the cliff-top *Kehlsteinhaus* (Eagle’s Nest), the Nazi Party’s alpine retreat. Arriving by the original 1930s brass elevator, we tour the chalet where Hitler paid multiple visits before it was captured by the Allies in the closing

days of WWII. In the event Eagle’s Nest is closed because of unseasonal weather, we’ll visit the nearby Berchtesgaden Salt Mine, which has operated continuously for more than 500 years. After lunch together, we return to Salzburg, where the rest of the afternoon is at leisure before we celebrate our splendid journey at a farewell dinner. *B,L,D*

**Day 14: Depart for U.S.** We transfer today to the Munich airport for our return flight to the U.S. *B*

## Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 12 nights’ accommodations in Superior First Class and First Class hotels
- 22 meals: 12 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 7 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



*Lucerne’s beloved Kapellbrücke (Chapel Bridge)*

## Tour Departs: September 5, 2024

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York, Philadelphia	\$6,792
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Atlanta, Charlotte, Washington, DC	\$6,992
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Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Tampa	\$7,092
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Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Nashville, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$7,192
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Land Only (transfers not included)	\$5,695
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Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$797, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,095. All prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,895 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,795 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade costs are in addition to the costs above.

**Please note:** This trip involves considerable walking on uneven terrain in a natural environment. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy this tour to the fullest. Elevations at hotel locations are not severe, ranging from 1,400 ft. to 5,200 ft. The altitude on some excursions – Gornergrat (10,300 ft.) and other Alpine venues (6,000–7,500 ft.) – could pose problems for guests with certain health conditions. You should consult your personal physician if you have concerns.

**For reservations and information, please call the Vanderbilt Travel Program Office at 1-615-322-3673**

**Or call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 1-888-370-6765**

**Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time**

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

**Not Included in Tour Price:** Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; immunizations and inoculations; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

**Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes:** If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.**

**Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

**Responsibility:** The liability of the Vanderbilt University Alumni Association, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The Vanderbilt University Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

**Health and Medical Issues:** We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a significant amount of walking and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the Vanderbilt University Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

**Air Transportation – Important Information:** Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, route, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

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