

The cultures of Austria, Germany and Switzerland are deeply intertwined, but each retains its own distinct character. Feel the grandeur of Vienna's Schönbrunn Palace and the charm of the Marienplatz in Munich. In the Alpine hills, along the Black Forest roads, and at the turreted Neuschwanstein Castle, the imagery forges a connection to the region's rich literary heritage.

#### **EVERYTHING YOU GET:**



**Full-time Tour Director** 



**Sightseeing:** 2 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides; 2 sightseeing tours led by your Tour Director (4 with extension); 3 walking tours



Entrances: Schönbrunn Palace; Dachau; Neuschwanstein Castle; Heidelberg Castle wine barrel; With extension: Rhine River cruise; Cologne Cathedral; Beethoven House; Museum of German History



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All of the details are covered: Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motorcoach; 8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (10 with extension); European breakfast and dinner daily





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As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your *Tour Director* in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our online learning platform, *weShare*, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. *Expert local guides* will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views of history, art, architecture or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

**@EFtours** I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school **#traveltuesday** 

-MELISSA, TRAVELER





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## What you'll experience on your tour

#### Day 1: Fly overnight to Austria

#### Day 2: Vienna

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Vienna. Residence of the imperial court for six centuries, Vienna is marked with the seal of the powerful Habsburgs, a family who once ruled over half of Europe. While here you'll visit the Ring, a series of wide boulevards commissioned by Emperor Franz Josef in 1857. You'll see the Parliament, the flower-adorned City Hall, and the Hofburg, where the Habsburg dynasty prevailed. You'll also visit Schönbrunn Palace, where Marie Antoinette spent her childhood. When the 6-year-old Mozart performed here he told the future Queen of France, "I'll marry you when I'm grown up!" After viewing the elegant interior, stroll through the palace's beautifully landscaped gardens. Cap off your visit with a traditional chocolate cake at a Viennese café.
- Take a walking tour of Vienna: Opera House;
   Kärntnerstrasse
- Enjoy an authentic wiener schnitzel dinner

#### Day 3: Vienna

- Take an expertly guided tour of Vienna:
   Ringstrasse; Parliament; Rathaus
- Visit Schönbrunn Palace
- Time to see more of Vienna or
- Enjoy Viennese waltz dancing

#### Day 4: Salzburg | Munich

- Travel to Salzburg
- Take a walking tour of Salzburg: Old Town; Mozart's birthplace
- Continue on to Munich, where you'll experience the medieval to the modern. During your stay you'll see the Olympic Stadium, BMW headquarters, the fashionable Schwabing district and the Residenz, former home of the Wittelsbach dukes of Bavaria. Visit Dachau, a WWII Nazi concentration camp built in 1933 and liberated by the Allies in 1945. It now serves as a memorial museum. In Marienplatz, see the neo-Gothic New City Hall with its famous Glockenspiel. Then continue past the famous Hofbräuhaus, once the royal brewery of the Kingdom of Bavaria.

#### Day 5: Munich

- Take an expertly guided tour of Munich:
   Olympic Stadium; Marienplatz; Residenz
- Visit Dachau
- Take a walking tour of Munich

#### Day 6: Neuschwanstein | Tyrol

- Visit Neuschwanstein Castle
- Travel to Tyrol

### Day 7: Liechtenstein | Lucerne

- Make a stop in Liechtenstein
- Continue to the Lucerne region, where the majestic Swiss Alps rise behind the shores of Lake Lucerne and provide the stunning backdrop to one of Switzerland's most picturesque cities. While here you'll see the moving Lion Monument, or Löwendenkmal, a sandstone statue commemorating the Swiss Guards slain in the 1792 Paris storming of the Tuileries. Follow Lucerne's winding cobbled streets past fairy-tale houses to the Chapel Bridge, or Kapellbrücke. Stroll along this covered bridge, which dates back to medieval days, and admire the colorful murals overhead.

#### Day 8: Lucerne

- Take a tour of Lucerne: Löwendenkmal;
   Kapellbrücke
- Time to see more of Lucerne or
- Visit Mount Pilatus
- Enjoy a Swiss Folklore Event

#### Day 9: Heidelberg

- Travel via the Rhine Falls and the Black Forest to Heidelberg
- Take a tour of Heidelberg
- Visit Heidelberg Castle wine barrel

#### Day 10: Depart for home

### • 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

#### Day 10: Rhineland

- Travel to the Rhineland
- Take a Rhine River cruise (April-October)
- Take a tour of Koblenz: Mutter-Beethoven-Haus; Old Town

#### Day 11: Cologne | Bonn | Rhineland

- Visit Cologne Cathedral
- Travel to Bonn
- Visit Beethoven House
- Visit the Museum of German History

#### Day 12: Depart for home



My favorite European city; Lucerne Switzerland. #switzerland #lucerne #eftours

- ALYSSAA, TRAVELER



As my second trip with EF tours I didn't think it could get any better. I easily fell in love with the German and Austrian culture. Whether it was trying hot chocolate made with sryup for the first time or ice skating in Vienna, the only part I didn't enjoy was leaving. I recommend this trip to anyone who wants to fall in love with Europe.

– LEAH, TRAVELER



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My daughter has gained such an amazing view of the world and history from this experience. She has not stopped talking since I picked her up at the airport. Thank you for all the organization, helpful hints, flexible payment plan and knowledgeable tour guides.

-CHARLOTTE, DAUGHTER TRAVELED JUNE 2014



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