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Draft horsts in the Oktoberfest parade. Photo credit: Sean O'Neil

*Experience opening weekend of Oktoberfest in the city of Munich where it all began—including a grand parade with traditional dress, and bands from all over the world. Visit other sights in this world-class city. Explore the city of Mozart—Salzburg. See stunning castles and cathedrals. Also, enjoy incredible scenery in the Alps. Tour leader Rod Zook is a personal and business coach who is fluent in German and English. He spent more than 25 years living and working in Munich and travelling throughout Germany, France, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, and parts of Scandinavia. Rod's many local contacts throughout Germany and Austria will enhance your connection to the rich, living culture of this region. This tour can be paired with once-in-ten years Oberammergau Passion Play tickets & a 2-night hotel stay, September 14-16, 2020. **PLAY TICKET PACKAGE MUST BE BOOKED ASAP.***

Itinerary

Wednesday, September 16 Salzburg

Arrive in Salzburg, Austria from home or from Oberammergau, Germany after seeing the Passion Play. Salzburg's well-preserved historic city centre is renowned for its Baroque style architecture. Meet with a local couple for an introduction to the city. After enjoying dinner with a view of Salzburg, you can participate in an optional evening walking tour or return to your hotel to rest.

Thursday, September 17 Salzburg

One of Salzburg's claims to fame is that it was the birthplace of Mozart. Explore locations important to Mozart and gain insight into how Salzburg inspired his music. This evening, attend an optional concert.

Friday, September 18 Salzburg / Munich

This morning, explore the city on your own. Or if you are a fan of The Sound of Music, which was set in Salzburg, take an optional Sound of Music focused city tour. Continue on to the city of Munich, where you'll arrive just in time to take part in the first day of Oktoberfest, the world's largest folk

festival, and an important part of Bavarian culture. Oktoberfest has been celebrated in Munich for more than 200 years.

Saturday, September 19 Munich

Join in the celebrations as you watch the Oktoberfest opening ceremonies and a parade. During the parade you'll see lots of traditional dress, plus horses and carriages, including magnificent draft horses. Enjoy traditional Bavarian food for lunch—such as sausages and pretzels. In the afternoon, a local will introduce you to sights “off the beaten trail” in Munich, or if you prefer you can spend the rest of the day at Oktoberfest.

Sunday, September 20 Munich / Regensburg

This morning, we hope to join a local congregation for a morning worship service and have lunch with church members afterward. You have several options this afternoon. You could visit the Burghausen Castle, an enormous medieval Bavarian castle complex with its earliest construction beginning 1,000 years ago. Or you

could travel to Hallertu, where the best hops in the world are grown. Or you can relax, visit a local café, go shopping, or stroll the streets of Munich on your own. Continue to Regensburg for the night.

Monday, September 21 Regensburg / Nuremberg

Explore the many medieval landmarks of Regensburg, including the 12th century bridge crossing the river into the Old Town, the Regensburg Cathedral, and Walhalla—a Parthenon replica and UNESCO World Heritage site. Then move on to Nuremberg, where you'll have the opportunity to meet with a local in the evening.

Tuesday, September 22 Rothenburg ob der Tauber / Nuremberg

Take a day trip to Rothenburg ob der Tauber, a charming small medieval village. Explore the

Fare per person:

CAD: Double Occupancy \$3,977; Single Supplement \$605

USD: Double Occupancy \$3,060; Single Supplement \$466

Fare includes

- Hotel accommodations
- Regional train tickets between main cities: Salzburg, Munich, Regensburg, Nuremberg, Freising
- All breakfasts, all dinners, 1 lunch
- Expert tour leader and site guides
- All entrance fees included in itinerary
- Gratuities for guides and group meals

Fare excludes

- International airfare & airport transfers
- City transit
- 7 lunches, drinks with meals
- Optional excursions
- Travel medical (out-of-country emergency) and cancellation/interruption insurance

village, including the famous medieval wall. Then return to Nuremberg to learn more about 3rd Reich history.

Wednesday, September 23 Augsburg / Munich

Augsburg is one of Germany's oldest cities, founded in the year 15 BC! Visit with some residents of Augsburg to learn more about local life and culture. Then take a tour of the city, focusing on its role in the Anabaptist Reformation beginning in 16th century. Return to Munich as our tour draws near its end.

Thursday, September 24

Say farewell to your fellow travellers and to all you've experienced in Germany and Austria, as you depart for home from the Munich airport.

Insurance

Travel medical (out-of-country emergency) and cancellation/interruption insurance are not mandatory but are highly recommended.

Payments

Rates shown are in effect 06/19. Though every effort is made to maintain established prices, TM reserves the right to adjust prices should it become necessary. The price is guaranteed when paid in full. We accept cheque and credit card payments. Credit card payments are charged a 3% fee.

Important note: Costs could increase if you sign up less than 90 days before a tour begins

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