



## AUSTRIAN ADVENTURES

DESIGNED FOR JUDY PIKE AND FRIENDS  
OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> - 17<sup>TH</sup> 2017

Magnificent alpine settings, medieval castles and pristine lakes dot the romantic, winding roads from Vienna around the country of Austria. This autumn we'll journey through old-world charm and jewel-like splendor as we explore the remarkable realm of the Hapsburgs, one of the greatest dynasties the world has ever known.

The mighty Danube River runs through the northern part of the country, crossing both Upper and Lower Austria. Our optional, pre-trip extension will stay in the stunning Castle Durnstein overlooking the river in the Wachau valley. It was in the original castle here that Richard I (King Richard the Lionheart) was held for ransom on his way back to England from the Crusades. The whole of the Wachau Valley has now been named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in recognition of its architectural and agricultural history – as well as its overwhelming natural beauty.

Our circular tour of the country will leave from here and visit Salzburg, another World Heritage Site and the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Lienz, from where we'll take a journey through the breathtaking Dolomites to Cortina d'Ampezzo across the border in Italy, and Graz, Austria's second-largest city.

We'll end our travels in sparkling Vienna, the elegant Austrian capital. The city will beguile and enchant with its beautiful architecture, which comes to full expression at Schönbrunn Palace, the exquisite summer residence of the Hapsburgs. This fall join Judy Pike and friends on another small-group adventure, staying in fabulous hotels and with the irrepressible David Phillips as your guide.



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THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED): **\$4290**  
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: **\$1480**

*Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.*

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

**HOTELS:** 12 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels.  
All hotel taxes and service charges included.  
**COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary.  
**MEALS:** Breakfast daily.  
**GUIDES:** Discover Europe tour guide, David Phillips, throughout.  
Local guides in Salzburg, Graz & Vienna.  
**PORTERAGE:** Hotel baggage handling of one large suitcase per person.  
**ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary.

**OPTIONAL DURNSTEIN EXTENSION:**

The cost of this extension is \$1560 per person, double occupancy (single supplement: \$480). This includes 3 nights' accommodation at a first class hotel, breakfast daily, Discover Europe tour guide David Phillips throughout, all entrance fees and ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary, and baggage handling of one large suitcase per person.

*Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registrant on receipt of deposit.*

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>** - Evening departure from your chosen US gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>** - Plan your arrival at Vienna airport to get there by 11.00 am at the latest. You will be met and taken to the Castle Durnstein, just an hour from the airport, where you will meet up with the rest of the group. This afternoon we journey west, along the mighty Danube River, toward Salzburg, the home of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Here you can unpack, relax, and begin to explore the elegant, old-world Austrian capital and its beautiful architecture. **(B)**

**OVERNIGHT: SALZBURG**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>** - With its magnificent alpine setting, ornate Baroque churches, and Mozart legacy, Salzburg epitomizes all that is Austrian. A morning walking tour with a local guide introduces this “Rome of the North” and its medieval architectural treasures. We’ll visit the house where Mozart lived for the first 17 years of his life and explore the surrounding neighborhoods. The afternoon is free—you might do a little shopping in the Altstadt (Old Town), designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, or visit the Fortress Hohensalzburg. The evening is also free to sample a local restaurant. **(B)**

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>** - Today we’ll have a full day excursion into the Salzkammergut, the Austrian lake district. We’ll see the Basilica of Mondsee, the church from the wedding scenes in the Sound of Music, stop in the ancient spa town of Bad Ischl, made popular as a resort by the Emperor Franz Josef I, and take a private boat trip from St. Gilgen to St. Wolfgang on the Wolfgangsee. We return to our hotel in Salzburg for a free evening. **(B)**

**OVERNIGHT: SALZBURG**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>** - A free day in Salzburg. **(B)**

**OVERNIGHT: SALZBURG**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>** - Heading south today, we follow the Grossglockner Hochalpenstrasse (literally high alpine road) south through the Tyrol to the town of Lienz. Don’t be alarmed by the name – although, this is one of the most spectacular drives in the world, this is a modern highway and not a narrow winding mountain “goat path.” Lienz is a beautiful, unspoiled, medieval town that has always been a major trading hub on the passes between Austria and Italy. We’ll arrive in time this afternoon for a tour of the old town center. **(B)**

**OVERNIGHT: LIENZ**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>** - From Lienz, our excursion today will take us through the Dolomite Mountains and across the border into Italy and the town of Cortina d’Ampezzo, a center for Italian skiing and host to the winter Olympics in 1956. We’ll walk then historical town center and visit the 18th-century parish church of St. Philip



and St. James, notable for its bell tower and have free time for lunch and the wonderful shopping opportunities that the town offers. We return to our hotel in Lienz for the evening. **(B)**

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**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>** -

Leaving Lienz, we head east through the region of Carinthia to Austria’s second-largest city, Graz. On the way we’ll stop in Velden on the shores of the Worthersee, one of the largest lakes in the country. Time permitting we’ll also stop in Klagenfurt at the other end of the Worthersee. We’ll take a walking tour of the old town center, stopping to visit the Baroque Cathedral, and the Landhaus, the Palace of the Estates, now the State Assembly and visit the model town, the “minimundus,” complete with its miniature replica of St Peter’s in Rome! After time for lunch here, we’ll continue to our hotel in Graz. **(B)**

**OVERNIGHT: GRAZ**



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>** - Our morning city tour of Graz will include visits to the Cathedral and to the Eggenburg Palace. Commissioned by Prince Hans Ulrich von Eggenberg in 1650, the palace was designed to rival Versailles in its size and splendor. Today it is a state run museum and houses many eclectic collections, from baroque art to Roman stones. The afternoon is free to enjoy the city. **(B)**

**OVERNIGHT: GRAZ**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>** - An excursion north out of Graz today will take us up the valley of the River Mur. Resisting the temptation to stop in the town of Thal to visit the Arnold Schwarzenegger Museum, we’ll stop in the riverside village of

Frohnleiten. We’ll have time to wander the streets of this village, known as one of the most beautiful in Austria and have lunch before we return south. On the way back to Graz we may (weather permitting) visit the Austrian Open Air Museum at Stubing. In an idyllic setting over 100 original farm and other buildings have been gathered and preserved. We’ll return to Graz for a free evening. **(B)**

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>** -

Our journey today takes us northeast towards the city of Vienna and through the Vienna Woods. Afternoon sightseeing with a local guide introduces this sparkling jewel



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of the Hapsburg Empire and gives you an overview of all that the city has to offer. Our tour ends at the Schonbrunn Palace, the exquisite summer residence of the Hapsburgs, where we'll enjoy a guided tour of the interior and have time to stroll the gardens before heading back into the city for a free evening. **(B)**

**OVERNIGHT: VIENNA**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> - MONDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>** - Two free days in Vienna to explore the gorgeous old capital. You may decide to visit the Hofburg Imperial Palace, built in 1279, which today houses the offices of the Austrian president. Or discover the Sigmund Freud Museum, housed in the building where Freud lived and worked

for 50 years, and then take in St. Stephens Cathedral, originally a Romanesque sanctuary and one of the greatest Gothic structures in Europe. Rich in culture (not to mention one of the world's largest wine-growing cities), Vienna oozes romance and invites long, leisurely walks. Be sure to stop at one of its famous coffeehouses for a curb-side view of the city passing by – kaffee mit schlag anyone? **(B)**

**OVERNIGHT: VIENNA**

*Key to included meals: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner*



**OPTIONAL PRE-TRIP EXTENSION**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>** -Departure from your chosen US gateway city.  
**OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>** - Your morning arrival in Vienna (please make sure your flight arrives by 12 noon) will be met for the transfer to our castle hotel in the beautiful Wachau region of the Danube Valley. After checking in there will be time to unpack and rest up from the overnight flight. David will gather everyone together early this evening to go over the itinerary for the coming days and perhaps have a cocktail or two before dinner.  
**OVERNIGHT: DURNSTEIN**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup>** - Our first stop on today's excursion will be the nearby town of Krems. Situated at the confluence of the Danube and the Krems River, we'll have a short walking tour of the historic center of this ancient town (records go back to 995 CE). Continuing north this afternoon, through beautiful countryside, following the valley of the River Kamp, we drive to the magnificent renaissance Schloss Rosenberg. The original medieval castle was built around 1150, high atop a cliff overlooking the Kamp Valley. It was extensively remodeled in the 17<sup>th</sup> century giving the present renaissance castle. We'll arrive back at the hotel in time to freshen up before deciding which if the castles restaurants to dine in tonight. **(B)** **OVERNIGHT: DURNSTEIN**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning we'll take a short boat ride down the Danube (really the best way to see the natural beauty of the Wachau Valley) to the town of Melk. Here we'll stop for a guided tour of the fabulous Baroque Benedictine Abbey for which the town is famous. We'll meet our coach in Melk, cross over the river and return along the north bank of the Danube. We'll drive through the vineyards of the Kremstal and Kamptal wine regions and stop at a local winery for a tasting before we return to our hotel for a free evening. **(B)** **OVERNIGHT: DURNSTEIN**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning we will be joined by the other members of our group arriving from the US and transfer to our hotel in Salzburg. **(B)** **OVERNIGHT: SALZBURG**

**PASSENGER DETAILS FOR AUSTRIAN ADVENTURES (1004/PIK)**

Name(s): 1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Birth: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Passport #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

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Health Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Comments or Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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**TRIP DETAILS**

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Return Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Airport or City: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be part of the Pre-Trip Extension:  yes  no

Please return this form to:  
**DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.**  
95 Adams Street, Keene, NH 03431  
1.866.563.7077





# REGISTRATION, TERMS & CONDITIONS

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Make checks payable to DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.
2. Detach the bottom section and mail it to Discover Europe with your registration payment of \$500 per person. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 60 days prior to trip departure.
3. Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport.

### TERMS & CONDITIONS:

Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.

### TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS:

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change - in fact we have not had to invoke this clause in the contract in 10 years of operation. However we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the year prior to trip departure.
2. Group size. Your tour has been based on a group size of 14 participants. Should we end up with less than this number, Discover Europe will work with the group organizer to determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.

### REFUND POLICY:

1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure

- will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$200 cancellation penalty.
2. Participants who withdraw less than 90 but more than 60 days prior to the day of their trip departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$2000 cancellation penalty (\$3000 if the airfare is included).
  3. Participants who withdraw less than 60 days prior to trip departure will not receive a refund.
  4. Comprehensive travel insurance, including cancellation coverage, is NOT included in your tour package. Discover Europe strongly advises you to purchase comprehensive coverage and we will provide information on a recommended insurance company with your registration confirmation.
  5. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
  6. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.

### FLIGHT INFORMATION:

1. Discover Europe will be very happy to book your flights for you. The fee for this service is \$40 per ticket.
2. If you are arranging your own flights to join the tour, it is essential that Discover Europe has your complete flight information. Please make sure you give us the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. **Note: please take notice of the advised arrival times at the beginning of this tour. Participants who arrive outside of the times will be charged a supplement to cover additional airport transfers.**

### INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS:

1. All inclusions on AUSTRIAN ADVENTURES are listed on this itinerary.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): transportation to and from the participant's home to their departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, gratuities to tour guides and coach drivers, and items of a personal nature.



### EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name(s): 1. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### FLIGHT INFORMATION

*(Please check one)*

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights :  Yes  No

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Flight details (if self-arranged): \_\_\_\_\_

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### ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

*(Please check one)*

I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)

I will be sharing with: \_\_\_\_\_

We would like a  double  twin-bedded room

### PERMISSIONS

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list.  Yes  No

### SIGNATURES

The undersigned has read the tour itinerary and recognizes and accepts any risk inherent therein. The undersigned also understands and hereby agrees for and on behalf of his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth in the terms and conditions listed in this brochure and to release and hold harmless Discover Europe Ltd. and any of their officers, trustees, agents, licensees, or representatives, from any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death or for the loss of or damage to his/her property however occurring during any portion of, or in relation to, the tour.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_