



Culinary Program of Austria & Bavaria!

Hosted by Chef Hans

Innsbruck, Austria and the Bavaria Region!

9 Days and 8 nights



This itinerary blends the best of the beautiful and historical Bavarian Region with the charming Alpine town of Innsbruck, Austria. We will also experience some of the best cuisine of Europe! We will visit the highlights of Innsbruck, Munich and Salzburg, as well as see the castle that inspired the *Disney Castle*! We will also take advantage of some cooking lessons, hosted by Hans and a local Bavarian Chef, as well as experience a superb culinary tradition in some of Bavaria's most famous restaurants! Pack your bags and join Chef Hans on this unforgettable excursion to Austria and Bavaria, Germany!



Your personalized itinerary:

10 September: **Overnight Flight to Austria!**

We depart Atlanta for our overnight flight to Innsbruck, Austria.

11 September: **Welcome to Innsbruck, Austria!**

Upon arrival, we will be met by our local Program Director who will assist us in transferring to our centrally located hotel. After an introductory briefing, a welcoming drink, and some time to rest and relax, we will enjoy an afternoon excursion of Innsbruck! Innsbruck's rise to prominence started in the 12th



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century as a resting place between Germany to the North and Italy in the South. Innsbruck itself is nestled between towering mountains and fast running waters. By the XV century, Innsbruck became the capital of the Tyrol Region and was a prominent residence for the Emperor Maximilian I. The region remained a key part of Austrian power and prestige for centuries.

To see will include the Dom zu St. Jakob (16th century church), the Goldenenes Dachl (a Golden Palace), the Hofburg (The Emperor's palace), and the Imperial Hof Church. There is so much to see of interest in the town center, not to mention to eat! All entries included.

Evening at your disposal and overnight in Innsbruck



12 September: **Castle Neuschwanstein / Oberammergau / Bavarian Alps**



After a hearty Austrian Breakfast, we embark on a fantastic tour of the Castle Neuschwanstein in Bavaria! This is the castle that inspired Disney's own castle. We will also make a visit of the Medieval Monastery of Ettal, the Linderhof Palace, Oberammergau, and the Wies-Church. Today's program mixes the amazing beauty of the Bavarian Mountain region with several notable architectural jewels. All entries included.

13 September: **Walking Tour of Munich / Culinary Lesson**

After breakfast, we will transfer to Munich, Germany!

We will enjoy a walking tour of Munich. This will include a visit of the Open Air Market (Viktualienmarkt) just next to the Marienplatz. Here we will stop for the famous "Glockenspiel." After this, we continue on Gourmet Delicatessen Shop "Dallmayr" where we will have a visit followed by a tasting of Prosecco and local Champagne. Our walking excursion will end in the very traditional Bavarian restaurant of "Augustiner!" Here we will taste the famous Muencher Weisswurst, Brezl, and Weissbier!



Afternoon: Cooking Course in *Tulfes with a well known farming family!* Chef Hans and the local Chef will show how one makes traditional dishes. Dumplings and other local dishes using simple and time tested culinary traditions! Dishes and Drinks included!



Evening: At your leisure to rest and relax and overnight in Innsbruck

14 September: **Salzburg**



Today after breakfast, we will take a day trip to the famous city of Salzburg! We will pass through some amazing Alpine scenery on the way so have your cameras ready!

Salzburg is the fourth-largest city in Austria and the capital of the federal state of Salzburg. Salzburg's "Old Town" (Altstadt) is world famous for its baroque architecture which is one of the best-preserved city centers north of the Alps. Salzburg was voted as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1997. The city is noted not only for its Alpine setting but also as being the birthplace of 18th-century

composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. In the mid-20th century, the city was also utilized as the setting for many parts of the musical and film "The Sound of Music."

In Salzburg itself, besides an amazing tour of this charming city and its impregnable fortress high above everything else, we will have lunch in the oldest restaurant in the world (Peterskeller).



Evening: Back in Innsbruck with free-time at your disposal.

15 September: **Free Day / Evening at the famous Theresienbräu**

Today is your day to rest, relax, and explore more of the city!

Evening: We gather together to enjoy an evening of Austrian music, entertainment, and cuisine at the Theresienbräu! This will be a truly memorable experience! Three Course traditional meal and drinking package included.

16 September: **Chiemsee**



After breakfast, we head south for a visit of the beautiful Bavarian lake town of Chiemsee. Here we will see the Royal Palace modeled on Versailles built by King Ludwig II. Our lunch will be a delicious affair on "Ladies Island" at

the restaurant "Zur Linde." The island of Frauenchiemsee (often called Fraueninsel) is the second largest of the three islands in Chiemsee,

Germany. The local town boasts only 300 permanent residents as well as a Benedictine Convent, founded in 782. The convent is most famous however for its "*Kloster Liquor Spirit*" produced directly by the nuns themselves.

Late afternoon and Evening in Innsbruck at your full disposal.

17 September: **Free Time / Culinary Lesson 2**

After breakfast, the morning will be at your leisure to enjoy more of the city or even visit more of the famous sites of Innsbruck.



Afternoon (after lunch): We gather together for a cooking lesson at the local Austrian restaurant "*Stiftskeller*" hosted by Chef Hans and a local *celebrity team* of Chefs! We will learn to cook several of the traditional dishes before *trying our handiwork*

with an early supper!

18 September: **Free Day in Innsbruck or Optional Program to Bolzano**



Today you are free to enjoy more of Innsbruck or to enjoy an optional excursion to Bolzano, Italy located a short distance from Innsbruck. Bolzano, Italy was part of Austria until the beginning of the XX century when it became part of Italy.

The town is known for having a fusion of Germanic and Italian cultures where both languages and cuisines can be readily found and enjoyed! Besides the beauty and charm of Bolzano, this is where you can find Otzi, the Iceman, a perfectly preserved man from thousands of years ago!

19 September: **Return Home to USA...**

After our last hearty breakfast, Austrian style, we transfer over to the International Airport of Munich for our flight home to the USA....

Your Travel Program Details

Price: \$ 2,074.00 (Land only)

Payment Protocols:

- A 20% deposit is due at the time of sign-up to reserve your seat.
- 50% of the total is due on or before 15 May 2010.
- Full Balance is due on or before 15 July 2010.

Refund information: Deposit may be refunded up to 75% until 15 May. 70% of total can be refunded until 15 June, 50% until 15 July, 25% until 15 August, sorry, no refunds possible after 15 August.

Price Includes:

- 8 nights at a 4 Stars Hotel in Innsbruck with breakfast
- Transfers to and from airport
- All meals and cooking courses as per itinerary
- All tours, with guide specialists as itinerary
- Two cooking courses with Chef Hans and a local Chef
- Entry fees, local mini-transfers, boat ride, etc. as per itinerary
- 24/7 assistance from Walker Travel Group LLC Staff

Price does not include:

- Items of a personal nature such as passports
- Airfare (Can be purchased on own or through the Walker Travel Group LLC)
- Travel Insurance (Can be purchased individually through the Walker Travel Group LLC)
- Portorage and Gratuities
- Optional Tours (May be acquired locally or booked beforehand as desired)

Miscellaneous:

All passports to enter the European Union must have at least 6 months validity at the time of arrival. **Those wishing to sign up for this trip may do so by calling 404-437-6337 or via e-mail at reservations@walkertravels.com. Let us know if you wish with air or without.** As spaces are limited for this trip, one must sign up as early as possible!

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