

## Sample Itinerary

### Beautiful Bavarian Alps (8 days)

Munich (München) – Ruhpolding – Berchtesgaden – Prien – Füssen –  
Hohenschwangau – Steingaden – Bad Kohlgrub – Oberammergau –  
Ettal – Garmisch-Partenkirchen – Sachsenkam – Munich



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**DAY 1**     **USA – Munich (München)**

Departure from the USA (overnight flight)

**DAY 2**     **Munich**

Arrival in Munich

Transfer to the hotel and check-in

Guided city tour

**Munich Tourist Office**

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**DAY 2  
Cont'd**

**Munich**

**Places of Interest:**

- Residenz Castle
- Nymphenburg Castle
- Church of our Lady
- "Alter Peter" Church
- Odeon Square with Theatiner Church
- Marien Square and Town Hall
- Bavaria Film Studios
- English Garden
- Gourmet and traditional market "Viktualienmarkt"
- Hofbräuhaus brewery
- BMW World, Museum and Plant

**Munich** – the capital of Bavaria has a lot of attractions to offer for all ages and tastes. Whether you are interested in history, architecture or art; whether you enjoy strolling through the parks, fancy attractions like a trip to the Bavaria Film Studios or long for a visit to one of Munich's famous traditional beer gardens, you'll always find something exciting in this multi-faceted city. Munich is also home to 46 museums, 56 theaters, 2 opera houses, and of course the world famous Oktoberfest which attracts millions of visitors from all over the world each year. Take a romantic stroll through the old parts of the city around Marien Square, Viktualien Market and Odeon Square to see how Munich's past is still lived in the every day life, enjoy a walk along the Isar river and its beautiful embankments, or visit the magnificent Nymphenburg Palace.



Aerial view of Munich



Nymphenburg Palace

Dinner at the Hofbräuhaus brewery

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**DAY 2**  
**Cont'd**      **Munich**

Overnight in Munich

**DAY 3**      **Munich – Ruhpolding**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Ruhpolding – 70 miles (by car or coach)

Guided city tour

**Ruhpolding Tourist Office**

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**Places of Interest:**

- St. Georg Parish Church
- Woodcutter Museum
- Homeland Museum

**Ruhpolding** – Surrounded by mountains, Ruhpolding is nestled in the foothills of the Chiemgau Alps and has a relaxed, holiday atmosphere. The village has a wide range of activities to suit all tastes and walking in the surrounding meadows and mountains is a rewarding experience with endless magnificent views to admire.



The town of Ruhpolding

Cable car ride to the top of Rauschberg Mountain

Lunch at restaurant Rauschberghaus

**Rauschberghaus**

Rauschberg 2

83324 Ruhpolding

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**DAY 3**  
**Cont'd**      **Ruhpolding – Berchtesgaden**

Transfer to Berchtesgaden – 27 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Guided city tour incl. Eagle's Nest

**Berchtesgaden Tourist Office**

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83471 Berchtesgaden

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**Places of Interest:**

- Salt Mines
- Eagle's Nest
- WWII Documentation Center 'Dokumentation Salzberg'
- Royal Castle

**Berchtesgaden** – Located at the southeastern tip of Germany, Berchtesgaden is an area of spectacular natural beauty: majestic mountains, the crystal clear Lake Königssee (King Lake) and the unspoiled nature reserve of Berchtesgaden's Alpine National Park. It is also an area that boasts world-famous sights such as the mysterious salt mine and the Eagle's Nest (Hitler's diplomatic meeting house) on a mountain summit. The fascinating Documentation Center is one of the top highlights in the region and will provide deep insight into the significant role this region played during WWII.



Aerial view of Berchtesgaden



Eagle's Nest

Dinner

**Overnight in Berchtesgaden**

**DAY 4      Berchtesgaden – Prien**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Prien am Chiemsee – 49 miles (by car or coach)

**Prien Tourist Office**

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[www.tourismus.prien.de](http://www.tourismus.prien.de)

**Places of Interest:**

- Parish Church with ceiling fresco
- Urschalling Chapel
- Old Town Hall with art exhibitions
- Fraueninsel Island with Minster an Gate Hall
- Herreninsel Island with Herrenchiemsee Palace incl. King Ludwig II Museum and Monastery Museum

**Prien by the Chiemsee Lake** – Prien is a quaint town situated in a lush green valley between the Chiemgau Alps and the shores of Lake Chiemsee (Bavaria’s largest lake). Lovers of sports, leisure and cultural activities alike will delight in this attractive town with its flowers and fine examples of Rococo and Baroque art. The nearby Herrenchiemsee Palace, King Ludwig's most lavish and expensive castle, is located on Herrenchiemsee island (“men’s island”) in the middle of the Lake. The other island in the lake is called Fraueninsel (“women’s island”). This island is home to a local population of 200 people, such as artists, craftspeople, fishermen, as well as a fully operational Benedictine Abbey which was founded in 782 AD and is famous for the Cloister Liquor spirit and marzipan which are produced here by the nuns.



Aerial view of Fraueninsel Island



Herrenchiemsee Palace

Boat trip to Herrenchiemsee Island and visit to Herrenchiemsee Palace

**DAY 4**  
**Cont'd**      **Prien – Füssen**

Continue boat trip to Fraueninsel Island and visit to Minster

Lunch at Island Hotel 'Zur Linde'

**Inselhotel Zur Linde**

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E-Mail: [hotel.linde.fraueninsel@t-online.de](mailto:hotel.linde.fraueninsel@t-online.de)

[www.linde-frauenchiemsee.de](http://www.linde-frauenchiemsee.de)

Boat trip back to Prien

Transfer to Füssen – 102 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Dinner

Overnight in Füssen

**DAY 5**      **Füssen**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Guided city tour

**Füssen Tourist Office**

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**Places of interest:**

- Medieval Old Town
- Hohes Schloss Castle with Art Collection
- Benedictine Monastery of St Mang
- Füssen Heritage Museum with Anna Chapel

**DAY 5**  
**Cont'd**      **Füssen – Hohenschwangau – Steingaden**

**Füssen** – On the banks of the turquoise river Lech, the old town center is a maze of narrow medieval streets and magnificent baroque churches. Grouped around it are the villages of Bad Faulenbach, Hopfen am See and Weissensee, all set in idyllic Lakeland scenery amid the foothills of the Alps. Füssen is Bavaria's town at the highest elevation, and the ideal starting point for visiting the royal castles of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau.



Church St. Coloman

Transfer to Hohenschwangau – 2 miles (by car or coach)

Visit to King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein Castle (tickets must be bought in Hohenschwangau before visiting the castle)

**Ticketcenter Neuschwanstein**

Alpseestrasse 12

87645 Hohenschwangau

Tel: +49 (8362) 930 830

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[www.neuschwanstein.de](http://www.neuschwanstein.de)

**Neuschwanstein** – Seven weeks after the death of King Ludwig II in 1886, Neuschwanstein was opened to the public. The shy king had built the castle in order to withdraw from public life - now vast numbers of people came to view his private refuge. This celebrated fairy tale castle has the most beautiful surroundings and the view is breathtaking. It was used as a background for the movie Sound of Music in its entire glorious splendor.



Neuschwanstein Castle

Lunch

Transfer to Steingaden – 12 miles (by car or coach)

**DAY 5  
Cont'd**

**Steingaden – Bad Kohlgrub**

Guided city tour incl. Wieskirche Church (UNESCO site)

**Steingaden Tourist Office**

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[www.steingaden.de](http://www.steingaden.de)

**Places of Interest:**

- Wieskirche Church
- Parish Church Welfenmünster
- Monastery Museum
- Monastery Garden St. Johannes
- Holy Cross Church on Kreuzberg hill

**Steingaden** – A beautiful little town in the Bavarian Pfaffenwinkel region. Its Wieskirche Pilgrimage Church, a UNESCO world heritage site, is an unparalleled example of how light can be used as a building element alongside brick and stone. True pilgrims leave their cars in Steingaden and climb the shady path on foot, a walk that takes around an hour. The Church is sumptuously decorated and dedicated to the "Scourged Saviour". It is regarded as one of the most beautiful rococo churches in southern Germany. Between 1745 and 1754, Dominikus Zimmermann enlisted the help of a number of leading artists of the time to create this undisputed highlight of Bavarian rococo architecture. With its opulent stucco ornamentation and the ceiling fresco it is a masterpiece of human creativity.



Inside the Wieskirche Church

Transfer to Bad Kohlgrub – 11 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in at Spa Hotel Lauter

**Kurhotel Lauter im Park**

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**DAY 5**  
**Cont'd**      **Bad Kohlgrub**

Dinner at restaurant Guggenberg Alm

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Overnight in Bad Kohlgrub

**DAY 6**      **Bad Kohlgrub – Oberammergau**

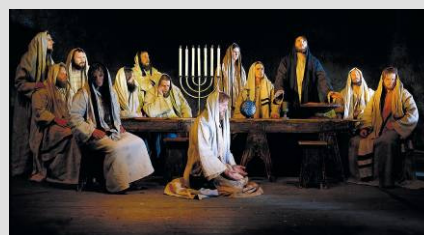
Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Oberammergau – 8 miles (by car or coach)

Guided city tour incl. Passion Play Theater

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**Oberammergau** – This Bavarian village is famous for its Passion Play which takes place every ten years. The town is physically dominated by a rock pinnacle known as the Ettaler Mandl. The town is surrounded by the dramatic mountain scenery of the Ammergau Alps. Spectacular hiking trails along the River Ammer offer a panoramic view of forests and blossoming fields of wild flowers. In winter and in summer cable cars and chair lifts carry visitors up into the mountains. Excursions to the royal castles, churches and cloisters nearby as well as a visit to the Passion Play Theater make for unforgettable experiences. Oberammergau is also known for its wood sculptures, and the art of facades painting called "Lüftlmalerei".



Scene from the Passion Play



House with Lüftlmalerei paintings

**DAY 6**  
**Cont'd**      **Oberammergau – Ettal**

**Places of Interest:**

- “Lüftlmalerei” decorated houses, e.g. Pilatus House
- Oberammergau Museum
- Passion theater

Transfer to Ettal – 3 miles (by car or coach)

**Ettal Tourist Office**

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**Ettal** – Situated in the Ammergau Alps between the Zugspitze mountain and Neuschwanstein Castle travelers will find the charming town of Ettal. With its world-renowned Benedictine Abbey, the attributes of spirituality and spirits lie uniquely close together. The private Abbey brewery is still managed by the experienced monks. No more than 7.5 miles from Ettal, visit the fantastic gardens of Linderhof Castle, one of King Ludwig II's famous fairytale castles.



Ettal Abbey



Royal Villa at Castle Linderhof

Lunch at restaurant Fischerwirt

**Gasthaus zum Fischerwirt**

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E-Mail: [info@zum-fischerwirt.de](mailto:info@zum-fischerwirt.de)  
[www.zum-fischerwirt.de](http://www.zum-fischerwirt.de)

**DAY 6**  
**Cont'd**      **Ettal – Garmisch-Partenkirchen**

Visit to Linderhof Palace

**Schloss Linderhof**

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82488 Ettal  
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Visit to the Ettal Abbey

**Benediktinerabtei Ettal**

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Visit to Schaukäserei Cheese Factory

**Schaukäserei Ammergauer Alpen**

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82488 Ettal  
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Fax: +49 (8822) 935 312  
Email: [info@milch-und-kas.de](mailto:info@milch-und-kas.de)  
[www.milch-und-kas.de](http://www.milch-und-kas.de)

Transfer to Garmisch-Partenkirchen – 9 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Dinner at restaurant Wirtshaus am Mohrenplatz

**Mohrenplatz Wirtshaus & Schmankerlmarkt**

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82467 Garmisch-Partenkirchen  
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Fax: +49 (8821) 732 2779  
E-Mail: [info@mohrenplatz-garmisch.de](mailto:info@mohrenplatz-garmisch.de)  
[www.mohrenplatz-garmisch.de](http://www.mohrenplatz-garmisch.de)

**Overnight in Garmisch-Partenkirchen**

**DAY 7**      **Garmisch-Partenkirchen**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Guided city tour

**Garmisch-Partenkirchen Tourist Office**

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[www.garmisch-partenkirchen.de](http://www.garmisch-partenkirchen.de)

**Places of interest:**

- Ski Stadium
- Zugspitze mountain
- Historic Old Towns of Garmisch and Partenkirchen
- Partnachklamm gorge with waterfalls
- Michal Ende Spa Park
- Royal House am Schachen
- Werdenfels Castle ruins

**Garmisch-Partenkirchen** – Germany's largest alpine resort offers double the experience, and not just because it consists of two towns that were merged for the 1936 Olympic Winter Games. Rather, it's because Garmisch-Partenkirchen is both a world-class ski resort and a summer vacation playground. It is also one of the most notable climatic health resorts in the Bavarian Alps. It is at an altitude of 2,362 feet high and is the festival site and former home town of Richard Strauss. The Zugspitze, Germany's highest peak, is located here and culminates at an impressive 9,842 feet high.



The mountains Waxenstein, Zugspitze and Alpspitze

Visit to Zugspitze Mountain with the Bavarian Zugspitze Cable Car Company

**Bayerische Zugspitzebahn Bergbahn**

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[www.zugspitze.de](http://www.zugspitze.de)

**DAY 7**  
**Cont'd**      **Garmisch-Partenkirchen – Sachsenkam – Munich**

Transfer to Sachsenkam – 40 miles (by car or coach)

Visit to cloistral brewery Reutberg and Lunch at the brewery restaurant

**Klosterbrauerei & Klosterbräustüberl Reutberg**

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83679 Sachsenkam

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Transfer to Munich – 29 miles (by car or coach)

Hotel check-in

Free time at leisure

Dinner

Overnight in Munich

**DAY 8**      **Munich – USA**

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

Transfer to Munich Airport

Departure to the USA