



Austrian Alps Adventure ★ 4.97 38 Reviews

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7 Days

15 People Max



Hike, bike, raft and cruise your way through breathtaking 'Sound of Music' landscapes on our Austrian Alps Adventure.

There's no one way to explore the beauty of Austria. Instead, discover the best of these mighty landscapes through hand-picked activities on our 7-day Austria Alps to Salzburg adventure tour. Starting and finishing in Munich, your journey takes you into the glacier-carved gorges of Niedernsill, biking through quaint villages of Werfen, hiking above the elegant Salzach Valley and rafting past roaring waterfalls. Spend time wandering the quintessential Austria town of Salzburg and enjoy traditional Austrian cuisine. Pack only your outdoor gear and your sense of adventure, and let two expert local guides showcase the best of their backyard on our Austrian Alps Adventure.

Trip Highlights

Biking - Niedernsill and Zell am See

Biking - Werfen to Salzburg

Hiking - Above the Salzach Valley

Kayaking - Hallstätter See

Plus ... - Raft the Salzach River

Plus ... - Visit historical salt mines

Plus ... - Ride a cable to the Schmittenhöhe

Plus ... - Explore the Hohenwerfen castle

Plus ... - Visit the Hohensalzburg Fortress

Our Active Adventures Assurance

We value loyalty, and appreciate that it goes both ways. So when you book with us we'll make a few assurances to you so you can book with complete confidence, no matter what's happening in your life (or the world).



COVID-Ready Certified: Safe Travel for our Guests Travelling Overseas

Active Adventures has received the World Travel and Tourism Council's Safe Travels stamp, which guarantees you that we'll follow all ATTA and WTTC health and safety guidelines on all our trips. See how our small group, off-the-beaten-track adventures are perfect to start exploring again.

Austrian Alps Adventure ~ Itinerary

DAY 1

Arrive to Munich, cycle to Zell am See

We meet in the morning in Munich and are transferred to Mittersill. After a briefing and setting up the bikes, cycle through wondrous villages surrounded by the towering Alps. Bike through the wide valley and past 14,000-year-old glacier-carved gorges via Kaprun to Zell am See. Decide to take an alpine sled down the mountain, jump into the brisk lake, or freshen up before indulging in a tasty meal at the hotel's dining room.

Grand Hotel, Zell am See (Lunch, Dinner)

Biking: 22.5-35 kilometers (14-21.75 miles), easy to moderate

DAY 2

Ride a cable to Schmittenhöhe and hike over the hilltops

For a change of pace, ride a cable to the Schmittenhöhe, with stunning views of the lakes and mountains. Hike over the hilltops and back to the Schmittenhöhe. The option to go paragliding (not included in the trip price and weather dependent) beckons the truly adventurous! After returning to the hotel, opt to take a short spin along the lake, or choose to walk or enjoy a scenic boat ride on the "Zeller See". After a delicious meal, retire to your room and rest up for more adventures tomorrow.

Grand Hotel, Zell am See (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Hiking: 4.8-11.2 kilometers (3-7 miles), easy to moderate

DAY 3

Raft the Salzach River, cycle past Bischofshofen

A short transfer takes us to Taxenbach, where we embark on rafts to experience the thrill of white water rafting on the Salzach River, flowing past scenic villages, magnificent churches, and charming mills. After rafting, we'll have lunch and then set off by bike past Bischofshofen, famous for its Four Hills Ski-Jumping event. Today's destination is Werfen, a quaint village nestled in a gorgeous valley complete with a storybook castle. A night on your own will give you plenty of time to explore the many wonders of this stunning Austrian village.

Hotel Obauer, Werfen (Breakfast, Lunch)

Rafting: Class II & III rapids, 2.5 hours, easy

Biking: 12.8 or 24 kilometers (8 or 15 miles), mostly flat

DAY 4

Explore the UNESCO world heritage site of Hallstatt, kayak the Hallstätter See

After an unforgettable breakfast, travel to the UNESCO world heritage site of Hallstatt to discover the historical salt mines while sliding down wooded slides like miners once did. Kayak through the calm waters of the Hallstätter See, and take in views of the picture-perfect village. Afterwards, we'll stop at a traditional Austrian restaurant for Schnitzel and noodles.

Hotel Obauer, Werfen (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Kayaking: 1.5 hours, easy

DAY 5

Tour the Hohenwerfen castle, cycle along the Salzach River

After a tour of the Hohenwerfen castle and a possible falconry exhibition, ride along the Salzach River, past flower-decked houses, and the Gollinger Waterfall. Meander along the tree-lined trails, eventually arriving in Salzburg. A night on your own will allow you to relax and unwind or stroll the magical streets of Salzburg.

Imlauer Hotel Pitter Salzburg (Breakfast)

Biking: Up to 46.4 kilometers (Up to 28 miles), mostly flat along river

DAY 6

Walk the streets of Salzburg, visit the Hohensalzburg Fortress or ride to the Hellbrunn palace

Enjoy a guided walking tour of Salzburg in the morning. You'll have a free afternoon to visit the Hohensalzburg Fortress perched on a rocky peak or opt for an easy bike ride along the Salzach River to the Hellbrunn palace with its "trick" fountains and Gazebo from The Sound of Music. Optional bus tours to surrounding areas carry you to the lake district, Bavarian Mountains, Eagle's Nest, or the stunning hills of The Sound of Music. End your amazing day with a delightful farewell dinner.

Imlauer Hotel Pitter Salzburg (Breakfast, Dinner)

Biking: Up to 67 kilometers (Up to 39 miles)

DAY 7

Bid "Auf Wiedersehen" to Salzburg, depart home

Bid "Auf Wiedersehen" to the magical land of Salzburg. We transfer two to three hours for drop-offs at the airport or your hotel in Munich. Alternatively, you may choose to be dropped off at the Salzburg train station, airport, or the hotel of your choice if you would like to spend more time in this fascinating city.

No Accommodation (Breakfast)

Notes: *Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, weather and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate.

Useful Info

How much luggage can I bring on this trip?

You are allowed one piece of luggage on your trip, plus a daypack. Your main piece of luggage should not exceed 50 pounds (23 kilograms) and can be anything from a duffle bag to a sports bag with wheels or a suitcase. You'll also want a good quality backpack sized 25-30 liters (2000 cubic inches) to use throughout the days.

You may also like to bring along a small camelbak to carry your water in and a layer of clothing for when you're on the bike trail.

Can you tell me more about the bike and gear included?

We most commonly use the Cannondale Adventure 800 Rigid, with straight or racing handlebars, 27 speeds and seat suspension. If you want to bring your own cycling gear such as cycling shoes, pedals, helmet or seat (no seat stems please!) we'd be happy to help fit them for you - note; if you're bringing your own shoes please also bring your own pedals, to be sure they match! All bikes come supplied with the following equipment: safety flag, rear rack and pannier, front bag with map holder, a water bottle cage, flat or toe cage pedals, helmets (small/ medium/large/XL) and water bottles, though we don't provide electrolytes.

Is tipping expected in Europe?

Tipping is not expected in Europe however you might want to tip a little extra if you feel someone gave really fantastic service, but it's not really necessary. Many of our people also choose to tip their Active Adventures Europe trip leaders and local guides and we recommend USD\$20 per day, per guest, per Trip Leader/guide. You are welcome to tip an equivalent amount in the local currency. There are plenty of ATM's and banks in the larger towns of Europe.

Where does the trip start?

On the first morning of the trip we'll pick you up at the [Hotel Excelsior](#) at 8:30am. You are welcome to book your pre-trip stay at this hotel directly or any other hotel in Munich, though you must make your own way to this pick-up point at the pre-designated time.

Where does the trip end?

Your trip ends with a drop-off at one of the following locations: Downtown Salzburg after breakfast, Munich International Airport for flights listed below, or a hotel of your choice in Downtown Munich around 1pm. Alternatively, depending on your travel plans, we can also drop you at the Salzburg train station.

What flights would you recommend?

Arrival: We recommend arriving in Munich at least the day before your trip starts. Many guests like to arrive a day or two early to accommodate potential flight delays and/or explore the host city prior to your trip start.

Departure: Flying out on the last day of the trip, we recommend departing from Munich after 2pm. Earlier flight times will require a separate transfer booked at your own expense.

How do rooming arrangements work?

Trip prices are based on shared arrangements (typically two guests per room), unless otherwise stated. For solo travelers, we'll pair you with another person of the same gender to share rooms and if there's no one suitable to share with, there's no forced single supplement. However, if you specifically request your own rooms, you can opt to pay the single supplement. Solo travelers who book within 90 days of departure, where there are no other solo travelers willing to share, will be required to pay the single supplement.

For Family Vacation bookings, families consisting of four guests traveling with children aged 17 and under will be automatically assigned one shared room. However, the following alternative rooming allocations are available:

Families consisting of four guests with all children aged 13 and above are welcome to opt for additional rooms as per advertised double occupancy adult rates.

Families consisting of four guests with at least one child aged 12 and under are automatically assigned a shared room. However, families can opt to pay the adult rates for all guests in their family to have an additional room.

The same principles apply for families consisting of more than four guests.

Rooming preferences are subject to availability and must be communicated in writing at time of booking. Automatic assignments as per this policy will be applied in the absence of any specification provided by guests. Any request for additional rooms during trips will be at guests' own expense and subject to rates made available by the accommodation provider at the time. All minors (guests aged 17 and under) must be accompanied by at least one adult.

What is not included?

Flights to and from trip start/end points

Pre/Post accommodation

Optional extra activities

Travel insurance

Gratuities for your guides

Rental gear

General Trip Information

You can find details on recommended flights and fitness, as well as trip start and end in the 'Useful Information' section above.

Accommodation

Our trips focus on getting you outside for the best adventure activities in the most stunning parts of Europe. We choose our accommodation very carefully, but it's by no means a tour of the fanciest hotels on the continent. Some of the places we stay are quite luxurious and other places – like the mountain lodges in the Dolomite Mountains – are relatively basic, but in truly spectacular locations!

Included

- Our own highly experienced guides and leader, with you from start to finish
- Industry-leading Guest-to-Guide ratio (averaging 6:1)
- Your own 'Travel Wallet', an online space with everything required for your adventure
- Our knowledgeable Customer Service Team to answer your queries - just a phone call, email or chat away
- Customer Service pre-trip phone calls to ensure you're 'trip ready'
- All accommodations for the duration of your trip
- All meals except where indicated in the itinerary
- Unlimited snacks to keep you fueled
- Flights as outlined in the itinerary
- All activities outlined in the itinerary
- All necessary equipment (well-maintained and safe) for activities, including bikes (where bike rides are applicable)
- All gratuities for hotels, restaurants, and activities
- All park and other entry fees
- Transportation in our air-conditioned vans - safe, clean, modern, and comfortable!

Itinerary Updates

We update our itineraries regularly, so please check our website for the most up-to-date itineraries and pricing. We make every effort to ensure itineraries are updated as necessary, though changes may occur without prior notice due to unforeseen circumstances.

Outdoor Experience

Our trips allow you to make the most of the back country, whether you're relatively new to hiking or a seasoned trekker. Our highly trained and experienced trip leaders will be at your side, safely guiding you to magnificent places that you wouldn't get to on your own. The challenges are there, if you're looking for them, all we ask is that you be energetic and in reasonable shape and we guarantee you'll have an incredible time. You don't need kayaking experience to enjoy paddling on the water and you don't need to be a serious cyclist to enjoy most of the rides we do. In fact, we have so many options available that you don't need to ride or paddle at all if you'd rather hike or just laze around!

We hold all relevant licenses and permits, and have an impeccable safety record. So with all the research, logistics, safety and hospitality taken care of, you can focus on the most important thing – making the most of your vacation!

Excluded

- International/Domestic Flights and transfers to start/end point
- Optional additional activities
- Travel insurance
- Alcoholic beverages
- Additional equipment available to rent as per your itinerary
- Gratuities for your guides at the end of your fabulous trip