Spartan Pathways Travel

Alpine Splendor

Switzerland and Austria

July 12-25, 2027

14 days for $8,792 total price from Detroit

($7,995 air & land inclusive plus $797 airline taxes and fees)



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A Special Small Group Tour for Alumni and Friends of MSU

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Dear Spartans,

Take part on this special 14-day tour to Switzerland and Austria. Your small group will experience the astonishing natural beauty, charming village life, and rich cultural offerings of these Alpine nations.

This captivating Swiss and Austrian exploration begins with alluring Lucerne. Admire the mighty Matterhorn from the *Gornergratbahn*, Europe's highest open-air railway. Touring of Ticino begins in the charming town of Ascona on the shores of Lake Maggiore, followed by a visit to a winery in the Ascona Delta. Enjoy an *alfresco* lunch at a *grotto* restaurant and take a private cruise around Lake Lugano. You're bound next for Austria, stopping en route in medieval Bellinzona, with its three feudal castles, before continuing on to Liechtenstein. A tour of postcard-worthy Innsbruck is followed by a three night stay in Austria's jewel of Salzburg. Visit medieval Hohensalzburg, one of Europe's finest castles, and attend a classical music concert in Mirabell Palace. Explore Vienna, city of arts and culture, with an optional 4-day/3-night post-tour extension.

We are pleased to share this departure with alumni and friends from The University of Colorado Boulder. Space is limited to 24 guests and we expect this tour to fill quickly. Reserve today!

Sincerely,

Regina Cross

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Director, Spartan Pathways Travel Program
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MSU ALUMNI RESERVATION FORM: ALPINE SPLENDOR

To reserve your place on tour, **please call Odysseys Unlimited at toll-free 888-370-6765.** Please have the information outlined below available to share with an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited's office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to review the tour information and provide you with a secure link to enter your credit card information. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 125 days prior to departure.

Send to: **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.**
Attn: Special Interest Groups
One Newton Place
275 Washington Street, Suite 300
Newton, MA 02458

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I/We would like to request _____ place(s). (Deposit amount is $650 per person.)

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (_____)_____ Cell Phone (_____)_____

E-mail(s) _____ Badge Name(s) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request an air upgrade to _____

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability) ❑

Post-Tour "Vienna – On Your Own" Extension: Please sign me/us up ❑

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The towering peaks of the Alps serve as the stunning backdrop for our Swiss and Austrian exploration. As our small group discovers mountain villages and European cities, cruises on glassine lakes, and ascends snowcapped Alpine summits for breathtaking panoramic views, borders disappear and the region's history - and beauty - enchant one and all.



Avg. High (°F)	Jul	Aug
Lucerne	72	72
Lugano	81	80
Salzburg	73	73

Physical Activity Level

3 Moderate

Walk 2-4 miles per day, often on uneven terrain in natural settings; high elevations on excursions to Mt. Pilatus (7,000 ft), Gornergrat (10,285 ft), Nordkette (7,401 ft), and Eagle's Nest (6,017 ft); several long days of travel using multiple modes of transportation

Your Tour at a Glance

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Zurich		
2-3	Lake Lucerne	Swiss-Chalet Merlischachen	First Class
4-5	Zermatt	Resort Hotel Alex	First Class
6-8	Lugano	Luganodante	First Class
9-10	Seefeld	Hotel Seelos	First Class
11-13	Salzburg	Imlauer Hotel Pitter Salzburg	Sup. First Class
14	Depart Munich for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Zurich, Switzerland

Day 2: Arrive Zurich/Lucerne We arrive in Zurich and transfer to our hotel on the shores of Lake Lucerne. After checking in, we meet for a briefing about the journey ahead, followed by dinner at our hotel. *D*

Day 3: Lucerne/Mt. Pilatus On this morning's walking tour, we encounter historic and alluring Lucerne, surrounded by mountains and sitting on its namesake lake. We visit the medieval Old Town and cross treasured *Kapellbrücke* (Chapel Bridge), the oldest covered bridge in Europe. Then we ride the world's steepest cogwheel train to the summit of nearby Mt. Pilatus for stunning views across the surrounding countryside. Next, we enjoy a ferry ride on scenic Lake Lucerne, arriving back in Lucerne late this afternoon. We cap the day with dinner at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Day 4: Lake Lucerne/Zermatt We transfer today to car-free Zermatt in the shadow of the Matterhorn. We travel via the winding roads of the Furka Pass, known for its stunning vistas and featured in the James Bond film Goldfinger. We arrive in Täsch late this afternoon, then take a short train ride to Zermatt. Dinner tonight is on our own. *B*

Day 5: Zermatt/Gornergrat Sitting in a low-slung notch, Zermatt is surrounded on all sides by towering slopes. We get a unique view of this spectacular scenery this morning as we ride the *Gornergratbahn* to the summit of the Gornergrat. Atop this rocky ridge, a dramatic tapestry unfolds all around us: 29 Alpine peaks, each over 13,000 feet, including the majestic Matterhorn standing alone at nearly 15,000 feet. After admiring the jaw-dropping scenery, we begin our descent by train to Zermatt, where the remainder of the day is free to explore this very walkable village as we wish. *B,D*

Day 6: Zermatt/Stresa, Italy/Lugano We travel by coach today through more superb Swiss scenery, and cross into northern Italy via the legendary Simplon Pass through the Alps. Late morning, we arrive in Stresa, Italy, along the shores of lovely Lake Maggiore, where we have time to explore and enjoy lunch on our own. Then we drive back into Switzerland and arrive at our hotel in lakeside Lugano. *B,D*

Cover photo: During our walking tour on Day 3 we cross Lucerne's beloved Kapellbrücke (Chapel Bridge).



Majestic Alpine scenery surrounds us throughout our tour.

Day 7: Lugano/Bellinzona/Ascona This morning we travel to medieval Bellinzona with its three feudal castles, all UNESCO sites. Here we visit Castelgrande, the iconic central castle where we explore the ramparts and expansive grounds. Then we enjoy regional fare as we lunch alfresco at a local grotto restaurant built around mountain caves. This afternoon we explore Ascona on the shores of Lake Maggiore. We take a walking tour of this charming town known for its pastel lakefront façades and an early 20th-century artists' colony. *B,L*

Day 8: Lake Lugano This morning we board a motorboat for a private half-day cruise around Lake Lugano. We put ashore at Morcote, a town barely a mile square whose cobbled streets, terraced gardens, and Mediterranean charm led Swiss citizens in 2016 to name it the nation's loveliest village. After lunch together and time to explore, we return to Lugano and in the late afternoon enjoy a winery tour and tasting. *B,L*

Day 9: Lugano/Vaduz, Liechtenstein/ Seefeld, Austria Leaving the Lake District today, we're bound for Austria by way of the tiny sovereign nation of Liechtenstein. We travel north to Liechtenstein, reaching the country's capital of Vaduz, where we have free time to explore and have lunch on our own. We continue on to Austria, reaching our hotel in the mountain village of Seefeld early this evening. We dine together at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Day 10: Seefeld/Innsbruck This morning we coach to nearby Innsbruck, host of the 1964 and 1976 Winter Olympics. A walking tour highlights the postcard-worthy sights, including the many pedestrian squares surrounded by pastel-colored façades. Then we take a cable car to a lookout in the Nordkette, the "mountain at the heart of Innsbruck," where we enjoy panoramic views of the city and the surrounding Alps. We have time on our own in Innsbruck before we return to Seefeld. *B,D*

Day 11: Seefeld/Tyrol/Salzburg Today we travel through Tyrol, a crossroads of Western Europe, en route to Salzburg. We stop to visit the Museum of Tyrolean Farms, an interactive outdoor exhibit featuring dozens of preserved farmhouses dating from the 15th century onwards. Then we continue on to Salzburg, Austria's riverside jewel and city of Mozart and *The Sound of Music*. Following dinner together, we attend a classical music concert in the Marble Room of famed Mirabell Palace. *B,D*

Day 12: Salzburg Our walking tour this morning features the geometrically-styled Mirabell Gardens,

Post-Tour Extension

July 25-28, 2027

Vienna – On Your Own

4 days/3 nights for $845 total price

Single Supplement: $395

Savor an unstructured stay in this city of arts and culture. Music, opera, and museums abound.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Rail transportation Salzburg/Vienna
- 3 nights' accommodations at Hotel Kaiserhof (First Class)
- 3 meals: 3 breakfasts
- Vienna city orientation tour with local guide
- Transfer from rail station and to airport

> "The peaks challenge the very limits of man."
>
> – Walter Bonatti

dating to the 17th century; the Baroque Old Town, now a UNESCO Site; and visits to Salzburg Cathedral and medieval Hohensalzburg Fortress, one of Europe's largest and best-preserved castles. Then the remainder of the day is free for independent exploration. *B*

Day 13: Salzburg/Eagle's Nest/Berchtesgaden We travel today to the Bavarian resort town of Berchtesgaden, site of the clifftop *Kehlsteinhaus* (Eagle's Nest), the Nazi Party's alpine retreat. Arriving by the original 1930s brass elevator, we tour the chalet where Hitler paid multiple visits before it was captured by the Allies in the closing days of WWII. In the event Eagle's Nest is closed beacause of unseasonal weather, we'll visit the nearby Berchtesgaden Salt Mine, which has operated continuously for more than 500 years. Then we return to Salzburg for an afternoon at leisure before tonight's farewell dinner. *B,D*

Day 14: Depart for U.S. We transfer today to the Munich airport for our return flight to the U.S. *B*



We visit Salzburg's Mirabell Gardens on Day 12.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 12 nights' accommodations in Superior First Class and First Class hotels
- 22 meals: 12 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 8 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



The Gornergratbahn *railway*

Tour Departs: July 12, 2027

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York	$8,392
Chicago, Washington, DC	$8,692
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Philadelphia	$8,792
Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa	$8,892
Land Only (transfers not included)	$7,195

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $797, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add $1,295. All prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – $5,395 per person; Premium Economy – $1,995 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade costs are in addition to the costs above.

Salzburg Festival: Guests will have the opportunity to be in Salzburg during this classical music and performing arts festival (no formal activities planned).

Please contact Odysseys Unlimited for information on our new Flexible Travel program, which allows you to arrive on tour up to three days before your tour begins and/or extend your stay after touring ends.

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888-370-6765

Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following is intended to provide you with a description of what to expect when you reserve this tour. Upon booking, you will be asked to acknowledge your acceptance of the full Terms and Conditions on the secure online portal, My Odyssey.

Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; immunizations and inoculations, personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 125 days or more before departure: $200 charge; cancel 124-95 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 64-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

Insurance: We strongly suggest purchasing travel insurance. Travel insurance information will be included with your email confirmation letter from the MSU Alumni Office.

Responsibility: The liability of the MSU Alumni Office, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The MSU Alumni Office and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues: We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own as well as keep pace with the tour group. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the MSU Alumni Office and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase nonrefundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

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