



Germany, Italy and Switzerland | 2011 sample tour schedule

Day 1: Overnight Flight to Europe

Depart North America today on an overnight flight to Europe.

Day 2: Arrive in Munich; Walking tour of Munich

Upon arrival at the airport the group should be prepared to wait up to 2 hrs for consolidated groups. Transfer from airport to hotel and store bags. The Tour Director will lead a walking tour of central Munich including Marienplatz and Frauenkirche (1hr) before included dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing of Munich; Visit Dachau

9am: Guided bus tour (2hrs) including photo stop at Nymphenberg Palace. Final part of tour (20min) is a walking tour. Tour ends in Marienplatz for Glockenspiel. After tour, group has free time for lunch.

1pm: Transfer to Dachau (45min).
2pm: Self guided visit to memorial site including film (20min), museum, memorials and barracks.

4pm: Transfer back to Munich.

Day 4: Optional Neuschwanstein Castle; Free time in Munich

Depart Munich for Neuschwanstein castle (2hrs), to arrive 1hr prior to booked entrance time. Visit to castle means long walk uphill. Guided tour of interior (30min). [Those not taking the optional tour will have a free day in Munich].

Day 5: Stop in Innsbruck on the way to Venice

8am: Depart for Innsbruck (2hrs30min). 10.30am: Arrive Innsbruck; Tour Director orientates group and gives them free time for early lunch. 12.30pm: Depart Innsbruck; transfer to Venice (5hrs).

Group will not see Venice today as hotels are in Lido Di Jesolo, a seaside resort.

Day 6: Sightseeing of Venice

7.30am: Transfer to water taxi (30-45min). Water taxi to Venice (30min). 9am: Meet guide in central Venice for walking tour (1hr30min) including photo stops by Doges Palace, Rialto bridge and St. Mark's cathedral. Tour ends in St. Mark's square for visit to local glassblowing showroom (10min demonstration).

Day 7: Stop in Verona on way to Lucerne

Transfer to Verona (2-3hrs). Tour Director orientates group and takes them to Juliette's balcony before free time (1hr). Continue on to Lucerne (4hrs). Group will have lunch at a motorway service station.

Day 8: Walking tour of Lucerne; Optional Mount Pilatus; Optional Swiss Folklore Event

Transfer to central Lucerne (30min-1hr).

9am: Tour Director takes group to see Lion monument (20min) followed by walking tour of central Lucerne (1hr). 10.30am: Group has free time to shop and have early lunch.

12.45pm: Optional excursion to Mount Pilatus. Boat ride from Lucerne to Alpnachstad (1hr20min) followed by cogwheel railway to summit (30min). Group has free time at summit (45min-1hr) before returning by cable car to Kriens (45min). 4.45pm: Bus meets group in Kriens and transfers to Lucerne (20min) to collect anyone not taking optional tour to Pilatus. (Boat ride only runs from June 1st to September 30th. On other dates group will take cable car up and down from Kriens) Those not taking

optional tour have a free afternoon in Lucerne.

5.30pm: Those not going to optional Swiss folklore night return to hotel (30min-1hr) for dinner.

7.30pm: Swiss folklore show (including dinner) (2hrs30min). Optional is in Stadtkeller from end of March to end of summer, rest of year at Fondue House.

Day 9: Stops at Rhine Falls and Black Forest on way to Heidelberg; walking tour of Heidelberg

7.30am: Depart Lucerne, transfer to Rhine Falls (2hrs) for photo stop (30min). 10am: Transfer to Black Forest (1hr30min) for lunch and shopping, usually at Hofgut Sternen, family run enterprise with cuckoo-clock demonstration in Black Forest. 1pm: Transfer to Heidelberg (3hrs). Bus drops group at castle for visit (45min). Tour Director then walks group into old town (20min) for a little free time (45min). 6pm: Transfer to hotel (15min-45min) and check in before dinner.

Day 10: [Flight home for those not going on the extension]; Transfer to Strasbourg; sightseeing of Strasbourg; train to Paris

***Groups not going on the tour's extension will transfer to the airport today for their flight home.

***Groups continuing on the extension will do as follows:

8am: Depart hotel, transfer to Strasbourg (2hrs). 10am: Meet local guide in Strasbourg for sightseeing (2hrs). Guide will offer a short tour on bus and then a walking tour in the old town, including entry to cathedral. After tour, free time for lunch and then drive to train station. Train journey to Paris is



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4hrs. Upon arrival in Paris,
transport by bus to hotel.

Day 11: Sightseeing of Paris; Sightseeing of Versailles

9am: Meet bus and guide for city
tour (2hrs30min) including photo
stop at Eiffel tower. Tour ends at
Opera or Arc de Triomphe. 12pm:
Bus and guide continue to Versailles
for visit (4-5hrs). Tour includes
interior visit of chateau (1hr) and
time to visit gardens and have lunch
(2hrs). 4pm/5pm: Bus drops group
in central Paris, normally close to
area where dinner is booked.
Possibility of a little free time before
dinner.

After dinner, return to hotel by
public transport. In the evening, the
Tour Director will offer the chance to
go up the Eiffel Tower and take a
boat ride along the river Seine
(1hr).

Day 12: Walking tour of Paris; Visit Notre Dame; Visit the Louvre

9am: Transfer to central Paris by
public transport. Tour Director leads
walking tour including self-guided
visit to Notre Dame (30min). The
tour will end with a self-guided visit
to the Louvre. The rest of the day is
free time, the Tour Director will help
with directions to major sites and
attractions.

Day 13: Transfer to Paris airport

It is 45min-1hr from central Paris to
Charles de Gaulle Airport.

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DISCLAIMER: Timings are subject to change; the above schedule is an indication of how this tour runs; components may be switched; check booking conditions for more detail.