

VIP Alpine Tours presents

# 2025 Grand Alpine Adventure - Austrian & Bavarian

Traditions featuring Germany's Oktoberfest

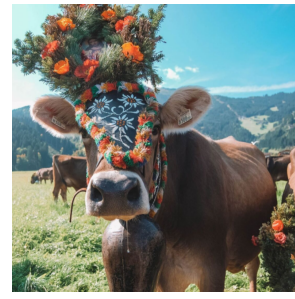
September 24 - October 2

9 Days / 8 Nights



VIP Alpine Tours, LLC

Full Service Travel Company



**Join VIP Alpine Tours President, Christina Ernst, for a once-in-a-lifetime journey through the breathtaking Austrian Alps. With over 30 years of experience, Christina has mastered the art of crafting unforgettable alpine adventures and this tour is no exception! If you love traditional music, authentic cuisine, and discovering hidden gems off the beaten path, this is the tour for you! From majestic mountain landscapes to charming fairy tale villages, you'll be immersed in the rich culture and natural beauty of the Alps. Celebrate like a local at the original Oktoberfest and other vibrant alpine festivals—complete with music, dancing, and age-old traditions that can only be found deep in the heart of the mountains. Whether you're traveling solo, with friends, or as a family, this authentic alpine adventure promises a unique and unforgettable way to experience the true spirit of Europe.**

## Day 1 Wednesday September 24

Depart mid morning from the Munich Airport. We will enjoy a leisurely drive into the Austrian Alps. After checking into our hotel in Westendorf, Austria we will visit a nearby village to view a famous balloon launch before our welcome dinner. Our team is happy to assist with pre or post travel arrangements. (D)

**Day 2 Thursday September 25** Today's adventure takes us along the Swarovski exhibit for a private experience. Swarovski is known for its crystals, in everything from jewelry to ornaments to binoculars. Then we will visit one of Christina's favorite medieval villages, Rattenberg, which is known for its medieval charm, architecture, world class art and delicious cakes. Later we will enjoy a leisurely boat ride across a glacial mountain lake. Evening return to Westendorf (B)

## Day 3 - Friday September 26

Morning at leisure. Enjoy the local area with hiking or shopping or simply relax at the hotel's wellness area and spa. We will head over to visit the village of Ellmau in the early afternoon for more sightseeing and exploring, including a famous movie location. This evening holds a special surprise. (B, D)

## Day 4 - Saturday September 27

After breakfast we will visit Kirchberg's Alpine Festival, a traditional event celebrating the return of cows from the mountain pastures to the valley for the winter. This colorful and lively event takes place every autumn, when farmers lead their decorated cattle down from the high pastures to their winter quarters in the village. The festive Almabtrieb is not just a cultural highlight, but also a wonderful opportunity to immerse yourself in the beauty of the Austrian Alps, enjoy the festive spirit, and witness the timeless traditions that have been part of the region for centuries. Late afternoon return to Westendorf. (B)

## Day 5- Sunday September 28

Today promises unforgettable sights as we explore Germany's picturesque countryside and mountains. We'll stop at the charming wayside church of Ramsau, then visit Germany's oldest Gentian distillery, over 300 years old! Sample traditional schnapps and learn how it's made from wild gentian root. Next, we head to Berchtesgaden, where you can stroll winding streets lined with pastel buildings and Luftmalerei (air paintings), browse local shops for wood carvings and souvenirs or relax at a café with Bavarian specialties, beer, or classic Kaffee and Kuchen before returning to Westendorf. (B)

## Day 6 Monday September 29

After breakfast we will continue our way back into Germany, deep into Bavarian Alps and stop to explore a beautiful open air museum where farmers' lives and traditions come back to life! We will continue on towards Freising and pass by lush alpine meadows filled with autumn flowers and harvests with the beautiful mountains as our backdrop. Late afternoon arrival in Freising, Germany. (B)

## Day 7 Tuesday September 30

After breakfast we will head to Munich, the capital of Bavaria. The city is a complete treasure trove of historical and cultural attractions. Afterwards, we will attend Germany's 190th annual Oktoberfest and enjoy a grand time at this world-renowned festival of music, beer and Bavarian culture before returning to our hotel in Freising. Optional: Stay and relax in Freising or spend time in Munich. Free evening (B)

## Day 8 Wednesday October 1

The day is yours! You can decide to explore more of Munich or one of the many attractions in the area, or simply relax. Freising has lots of wonderful last minute shopping and museums. This afternoon we will visit a wonderful local brewery and enjoy our farewell dinner. (B,D)

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## Day 9 Thursday October 2

Sadly our wonderful Alpine Adventure ends. Early departure to the Munich airport. We hope to see you on another VIP ALPINE TOURS soon!

OPTIONAL PRE AND POST TOURS AVAILABLE. Start or end your stay with additional time in Munich or combine with another city or even a river cruise! Our travel team can assist with making this an unforgettable vacation. The options are endless!

**\$2995** per person for double occupancy  
and **\$450** single supplement

- Completed online application required for each participant.
- **\$500** Nonrefundable deposit required for each participant.
- Final payment due by August 1, 2025.
- Limited to 32 passengers.
- Daily breakfast and 3 dinners included. B= Breakfast D= Dinner
- 9 days / 8 nights with 5 nights in Kirchberg, Austria and 3 nights in Freising, Germany
- Included sightseeing and excursions planned as per itinerary, weather and road conditions permitting.
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation, taxes and admission fees as mentioned are included. Motorcoach is not equipped to cater to physically challenged persons. Participants must be able to walk without assistance.
- NOT INCLUDED: Roundtrip airfare from the USA (contact us for booking airfare and pre or post stays) as well as gratuities to our guides and drivers. Travel insurance is highly recommended. Contact us for rates and more information. Please note: Itinerary is subject to change. Price is subject to change due to global economic fluctuations. Price is guaranteed when paid in full.

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