

#### **ALPINE SPLENDOR**

SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRIA

August 29-September 11, 2019

**14 days from \$5,692 total price from Boston, New York, Philadelphia** (\$5,195 air & land inclusive plus \$497 airline taxes and fees)

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An Exclusive Small Group Tour for Alumni, Family, and Friends of Tufts University



#### Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Tufts,

Travel with us on an exclusive 14-day small group tour to experience the astonishing natural beauty, charming village life, and rich cultural offerings of Switzerland and Austria. Your exploration begins with alluring Lucerne and its namesake lake. After scenic overload here, board the legendary *Glacier Express* to Zermatt, gateway to the Swiss Alps. Here you ride the *Gornergratbahn*, Europe's highest open-air railway, then continue on to Lugano, where you take a lake cruise. Your tour of Ticino takes in medieval Bellinzona and its three castles, and the artists' colony of Ascona. You're bound next for Austria by way of Liechtenstein, stopping in Maienfeld, setting for the novel *Heidi*, and enjoying a tasting at Europe's oldest winery. A tour of postcard-worthy Innsbruck is followed by a three-night stay in Austria's jewel of Salzburg, where you get acquainted with Mozart's city. Explore Bavaria's cosmopolitan capital of Munich at your own pace with an optional 4-day/3-night post-tour extension.

There's limited availability for this small-group Tufts journey, so seize the moment and make your reservations now. **Call our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., at: 888-370-6765.** 

Warmly,

Mary Con Hawk

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P.S. We are confident that this offering will resonate well with our travelers. As the registration grows, we will confirm a Tufts faculty host to join you to add to the overall learning experience. Please check our website often for additions and updates.

#### **TUFTS TRAVEL-LEARN PROGRAM RESERVATION FORM – ALPINE SPLENDOR**

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$\_\_\_\_\_(\$500 per person) for \_\_\_\_ person(s) on Alpine Splendor, departing August 29, 2019. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. Or you may call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. at (toll-free) 888-370-6765, or fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.

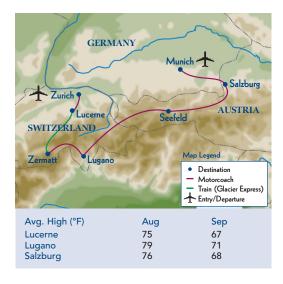
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#### ALPINE SPLENDOR Switzerland and Austria

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**T** he 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, rides the famed Glacier Express, cruises on glassine lakes, and ascends snowcapped summits, borders disappear and the region's history – and beauty – enchant one and all.



#### **Small Group Tour Highlights**

Lovely Lucerne, including *Kapelbrücke* covered bridge • Cogwheel train to Mt. Pilatus • Famed *Glacier Express* Alpine train route • *Gornergratbahn* open-air railway with views of the Matterhorn • Private Lake Lugano cruise • Inside visit to Bellinzona's Castelgrande, a UNESCO site • Alfresco *grotto* lunch • Tour and tasting at Schloss Salenegg, Europe's oldest winery • Baroque Old Town of Salzburg • Eagle's Nest, Nazi clifftop retreat • Medieval Hohensalzburg, one of Europe's finest castles • Intimate Mozart concert

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating		
1	Depart U.S. for Zurich				
2-3	Lucerne	Renaissance Lucerne Hotel	Sup. First Class		
4-5	Zermatt	Schlosshotel Zermatt	First Class		
6-8	Lugano	Hotel International	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 by coach to Lucerne. After checking in at our hotel, we meet for a briefing about the journey ahead, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. *D* 

**Day 3: Lucerne/Mt. Pilatus** This morning 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. There's time to explore Lucerne's open-air morning market and for lunch on our own before we ride the world's steepest cogwheel train to the summit of nearby Mt. Pilatus for stunning views across the surrounding countryside. After descending by cable car and gondola, we return to Lucerne. *B* 

**Day 4: Lake Lucerne/Zermatt** Today's scenic overload begins with a ferry ride on Lake Lucerne, where we pass numerous villages as well as Rütli meadow, legendary "birthplace of Switzerland." Disembarking at Flüelen, we coach to Andermatt to board the celebrated *Glacier Express* train, renowned for its panoramic views as it sweeps through striking valleys, past mountain hamlets, and follows the course of the fabled Rhône. Our adventure on this famed route ends in Zermatt, gateway to the Swiss Alps in the shadow of the Matterhorn. Tonight, we enjoy a Swiss fondue dinner together at a local restaurant. *B*,*D* 

**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*, the highest open-air railway in Europe, 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* 

**Day 6: Zermatt/Stresa, Italy/Lugano** We travel by coach today through more superb Swiss scenery,

Cover photo: One of Europe's tallest peaks, the mighty Matterhorn presides over Zermatt.



Lake Lugano offers a taste of Italy in Switzerland.

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 a scenic drive through the famed Italian lake district returns us to Switzerland and our hotel in lakeside Lugano. *B*,*D* 

**Day 7: Lugano/Bellinzona/Ascona** Today's tour of the Ticino, Switzerland's southernmost canton, begins in 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 enjoy regional fare as we lunch alfresco at a local *grotto* restaurant built around mountain caves. Then we coach to the artists' colony of Ascona on the shores of Lake Maggiore. *B*,*L* 

**Day 8: Lake Lugano** After a free morning to explore Lugano independently, 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 Mediterranean charm led Swiss citizens in 2016 to name it the nation's loveliest village. After lunch together and time to explore, we continue on our cruise with a stop in Gandria, whose stucco façades seem to cling precariously to the side of Monte Brè. *B*,*L* 

Day 9: Lugano/Maienfeld/Vaduz, Liechtenstein/ Seefeld, Austria We're bound for Austria today by way of the tiny sovereign nation of Liechtenstein. Late morning we arrive in the border town of Maienfeld, Switzerland, setting for the beloved novel *Heidi*. Here

we enjoy a tour and tasting at Schloss Salenegg, Europe's oldest winery (c. 1068 CE). Continuing north, we cross into the Principality of Liechtenstein, the fourth-smallest European country. We stop for lunch on our own in the capital of Vaduz then continue on

to the mountain village of Seefeld, Austria, and our hotel, where we dine to night. 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 returning to Seefeld. *B*,*D* 

**Day 11: Seefeld/Tyrol/Salzburg** Today we travel through Tyrol, a crossroads of Western Europe, en

#### — Post-Tour Extension —

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4 days/3 nights for \$595 total price Single Supplement: \$355

Explore Bavaria's cosmopolitan capital at your own pace.

#### **Your Tour Price Includes**

- Private motorcoach transportation Salzburg/Munich
- 3 nights' accommodations at Eurostars Book Hotel (Superior First Class)
- 3 meals: 3 breakfasts
- Transfer to airport

#### "I want to go about like the light-footed goats."

#### – Johanna Spyri

route to Salzburg. We stop to visit the Museum of Tyrolean Farms, an interactive outdoor exhibit. Then we continue on to Salzburg, Austria's riverside jewel and city of Mozart and *The Sound of Music*. Upon arrival, we have the afternoon at leisure to explore as we wish or to relax. Tonight we dine at our hotel. *B*,*D* 

**Day 12: Salzburg** Our walking tour this morning features the  $17^{\text{th}}$ -century Mirabell Gardens; 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. We have this afternoon and evening free for further exploration and lunch and dinner on our own. *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, which we tour. After lunch together, we enjoy a walking tour of the town, once a residence of the Bavarian royal family. Late this afternoon, we attend an intimate chamber concert performed by the Salzburg Mozart Players then celebrate our splendid journey at a farewell dinner. *B,L,D* 

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



Ascona on the shores of Lake Maggiore

#### 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, 3 lunches, 7 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Tufts faculty host
- 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
- \$100 frequent traveler credit towards your next Tufts/Odysseys tour (\$200 after 3 completed tours)

#### **Tufts Faculty Host**

On this program, we expect a Tufts faculty host to join you to present lectures and lead discussions. However, if due to low enrollment it is not possible to send a Tufts lecturer along, please be assured that our partners at Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. share our belief that travel should provide an opportunity to learn about the world around us in a deep and meaningful way. We are confident that they will provide you the learning opportunities we know our travelers cherish.



We ride the legendary Glacier Express.

#### Tour Departs: August 29, 2019

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

Boston, New York, Philadelphia	\$5,692
Atlanta, Charlotte, Washington, DC	\$5,892
Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Tampa	\$5,992
Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$6,092
Land Only (transfers not included	d) \$4,895

Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$497, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,095. All prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,795 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,495 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade costs are in addition to the costs above.

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven terrain in a natural environment. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy this tour to the fullest. Elevations at hotel locations are not severe, ranging from 1,400 ft. to 5,200 ft. The relatively high altitude reached on some excursions – Gornergrat (10,300 ft.) and other Alpine venues (6,000–7,500 ft.) – could pose problems for guests with certain health conditions. You should consult your personal physician if you have concerns.

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at **888-370-6765** 

Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time Visit Tufts' website: www.tuftstravellearn.org

# **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

### **Vot Included in Tour Price**

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package: costs of passports and visas, if required; personal expenses such as beverages, laundy, noom service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package: communication reages, gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities; \$10,415 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing and travel protectorion 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 Odysesys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: cancel **55** days or more before departure: **50%** of tour price: **charge: cancel 34-65** days before departure: **25%** of tour price; cancel **64-45** days before departure: **50%** of tour price: cancel **44-30** days before departure: **75%** of tour price; cancel **62-90** days before departure: **60%** of tour price: cancel **44-30** days before departure: **75%** of tour price; cancel **62-90** days before departure: **10%** of tour price: cancel **44-30** days before departure: **75%** of tour price; cancel **62-90** days before departure: to return. If you make any charges to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person adminstrative fee, in addition to any fees or penatites imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be geranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy to any reason, you will be darged the singel 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 wall 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 is reissue.

#### Responsibility

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## Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a signifeant amount of weiking and you **must be able** to get on and off motoreaches and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Hease note that many of our tour timeranes, 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 ophinon, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited, inc. and the Tuffs University Alumini Association association association essone billing 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 are company feels provide the level of service, roundings, and value necessary for you 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 2<sup>5</sup> montits prior to departure. **Please note that sesat assignment on** your **inteenational flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Bue to the nature of tou poetaror tichets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent fiver mileage acrual. Stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arangements. Land Only is available on most tours. <b>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 non-refundable tickets or those with high penalifies for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or change in this tour.



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