



Includes the Glacier Express train journey!

REMARKABLE LANDSCAPES PLUS SCENIC, HISTORIC CASTLES + TOWNS

# THE MAJESTIC ALPS

GERMANY – AUSTRIA – SWITZERLAND – ITALY

MUNICH – OBERAMMERGAU – FUESSEN – INNSBRUCK – SALZBURG – ZERMATT  
LAKES MAGGIORE + COMO – BELLAGIO – VERONA – ABANO TERME – VENICE

May 23 – June 6, 2017 (15 days)



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Day 1 Tue, May 23

## CANADA – MUNICH

Depart Canada for Germany.

Day 2 Wed, May 24

## ARRIVE IN MUNICH

GERMANY

After arrival in Munich, there's a brief introduction to the city and time at leisure before dinner. (D)

Day 3 Thu, May 25

## MUNICH – OBERAMMERGAU – LINDERHOF – FUESSEN

We start with an exploration of Oberammergau, the village famous for its Passion Play which is held here just once each decade! We'll see the theatre and enjoy some time to stroll through the town, which is noted for its woodcarvers. In the afternoon we travel to nearby Linderhof Castle, one of King Ludwig of Bavaria's gems. The day comes to a close in Fuessen, at the foot of the Alps. (B,D)

Day 4 Fri, May 26

## FUESSEN – BAVARIAN ALPS

A spectacular day of exploring this beautiful area awaits us. We visit Castle Neuschwanstein, considered by many to be the ultimate fairytale castle and model for Disney's iconic Sleeping Beauty Castle. Then we're off to Hohenschwanengau and the incredibly lovely Roccoco confection of Wieskirch. In the afternoon you can enjoy the charming town of Fuessen or perhaps spend time at the Royal Thermal Spa at nearby Schwangau. Where else can you enjoy a thermal spa, while looking at a fairy tale castle and the Alps? (B,D)

Day 5 Sat, May 27

## FUESSEN – INNSBRUCK

AUSTRIA

Today we travel into Austria. If weather permits there might be the option to ascend one of the mountains by cable car for some great views of the Alps. then we continue on to Innsbruck, the capital of Tyrol. A traditional Alpine Folklore dinner show awaits us this evening. (B,D)

Day 6 Sun, May 28

## INNSBRUCK

This morning we have a walking tour of the historic centre around Innsbruck's Golden Roof. Then you will have some time for lunch and exploring on your own. In the afternoon we travel to Castle Ambras, a 16<sup>th</sup>-century Renaissance castle featuring paintings and medieval armour. We conclude with a visit to the sparkling, slightly surreal Swarovski Crystal World. (B,D)

Day 7 Mon, May 29

## INNSBRUCK – SALZBURG – INNSBRUCK

Our day trip to beautiful Salzburg will include a walking tour of the historic centre and time to explore the town of Mozart's birth on your own. Later we'll return to Innsbruck, stopping in Kitzbuehel for a coffee break en route. (B,D)

Day 8 Tue, May 30

## INNSBRUCK – CHUR – GLACIER EXPRESS – ZERMATT

SWITZERLAND

An earlier start will bring us across the Arlberg Pass to Switzerland. We will board the famous Glacier Express to Zermatt to delight in a memorable day filled with scenic valleys and breathtaking vistas (the train will take us across 291 bridges and through 91 tunnels)! Lunch will be included on our journey. Upon arrival we will transfer to our hotel in the Zermatt area and enjoy dinner, reflecting on a long but special day. (B,L,D)

Day 9 Wed, May 31

## ZERMATT – GORNERGRAT COGWHEEL TRAIN – LAGO MAGGIORE

ITALY

Another Alpine Highlight is in store as we take the Gornergrat Cogwheel up 3000m, a vertical climb of about 1500m, to a stunning vantage point over 29 mountain peaks over 4000m, first amongst them the Matterhorn. After this fantastic excursion we will travel on to Italy, and make our next home at beautiful Lago Maggiore. (B,D)



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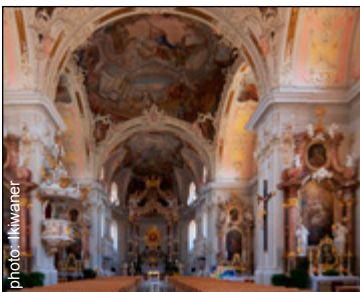


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Day 10

Thu, June 1

**LAGO MAGGIORE**

A wonderful day on Lago Maggiore awaits us as we travel by boat to the Borromean Islands: Isola Bella with its beautiful Baroque Palace and Italian Gardens, verdant Isola Madre, and Isola de Pescatori, a tiny and delightfully picturesque fishing village on the shore of the Lake, still home to some 50 inhabitants. (B,D)

**BORROMEAN ISLANDS**

Only accessible by boat, the beautiful Borromean Islands of Lake Maggiore each offer distinct and alluring treasures to their visitors. The elegant palace and garden terraces of the influential Borromeo family are thought to give Isola Bella the silhouette of a ship; Isola Madre is celebrated for its extravagantly lush gardens; and the idyllic beauty of the working fishing village of Pescatori are sure to enchant you.

Day 11

Fri, June 2

**LAGO MAGGIORE – LAKE COMO – LAKE MAGGIORE**

We devote the day to Lake Como, with spectacular scenery and the ever-present chance of spotting some of the celebrities who make their homes in this exceptionally beautiful area. We'll see the luxurious retreats of the Villas del Balbianello and Melzi, and spend some time in the gorgeous lakeside town of Bellagio. (B,D)

Day 12

Sat, June 3

**LAGO MAGGIORE – VERONA – ABANO TERME**

Today we travel east and stop in Verona, the town which so captured the imagination of Shakespeare and generations since. We'll enjoy a walking tour and time at leisure in this rosy-hued city with its colourful piazze, working Roman theatre, ancient bridges, beautiful churches, and of course an indelibly passionate connection to Romeo and Juliet. It's a UNESCO World Heritage site for its interesting history and architecture. Following all this we end our day in the spa town of Abano Terme. (B,D)

Day 13

Sun, June 4

**ABANO TERME – VENICE – ABANO TERME**

Today is dedicated to the legendary city of the lagoon. On our walking tour we learn about the centre around Piazza San Marco, visit the Basilica and have a guided tour of the Doge's Palace.

The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the unique atmosphere, exquisite bridges and buildings, narrow lanes, museums and boutiques. (B,D)

Day 14

Mon, June 5

**ABANO TERME**

Today we venture into the Southern Foothills of the Alps, visiting the charming villages of Marostica, Bassano de Grappa and visiting one of the wineries for which this region is known. Why not take advantage of the Terme and enjoy a spa treatment upon our return? (B,D)

Day 15

Tue, June 6

**VENICE – CANADA**

Departure by bus to the airport – and flight back home where you arrive the same day. (B)

**INCLUDED**

- Air fare Canada – Munich; Venice – Canada.
- Private bus and guide throughout.
- Accommodation in superior tourist-class hotels based on double occupancy.
- Breakfast (B) and Dinner (D) every day.
- Lunches (L) per itinerary.
- Entrances and special events per itinerary.
- The famed Glacier Express.
- Porterage & local taxes and service charges.
- City Tours with local experts per itinerary in Innsbruck, Salzburg, Munich, Verona, Lago Maggiore and Venice.

**NOT INCLUDED**

- Travel Insurance.
- Airport departure taxes (approx. \$600; varies per departure city).
- Most airlines now apply Seat Assignment charges. We will advise you if so, and how much, at time of booking.
- Lunches not mentioned in itinerary.
- Tips for driver and guide.
- Drinks and items of a personal nature.

**COST** per person based on double occupancy

15 Day Tour	CDN
from Vancouver	\$4490
from Toronto	\$4390

for rates from other cities, please call our office

Single Supplement	+\$790
Land-Only Rate*	\$3790
*if you want to make your own flight arrangements	



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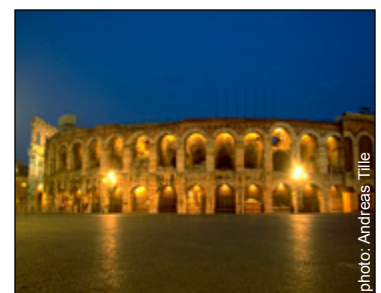


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# RESERVATION FORM

please indicate  your tour selections below

THE MAJESTIC ALPS

May 23 - June 6, 2017 (15 days)

Please fill out this form in full and mail it with your deposit of \$600.<sup>00</sup> and insurance payment for each passenger.  
Insurance is optional but strongly recommended. Please write name **exactly** as listed in passport (e.g.: William, not "Bill")

PASSENGER NO. 1: NAME		PASSENGER NO. 2: NAME	
Mr/Mrs/Ms	First Name	Mr/Mrs/Ms	First Name
	Middle Name		Middle Name
	Last Name		Last Name
Passport #:		Passport #:	
Passport Issuing Country:		Passport Issuing Country:	
Date of Birth:	dd/mm/yy	Date of Birth:	dd/mm/yy
City + Country of Birth:		City + Country of Birth:	

ADDRESS:	Street:	
	City:	Province/State:
	Postal Code:	Country:
	Phone: home	work
	email:	

Next of Kin (to be contacted in case of emergency): \_\_\_\_\_ ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodation:  Single  Double Sharing with: \_\_\_\_\_

Seating Preference on Aircraft:  Window  Aisle

Special Dietary Meal Request: \_\_\_\_\_ (where available for flights/cruises)

First Name (as you would like it to appear on your name tag): \_\_\_\_\_

INSURANCE: Please see insurance page then indicate your choice below

All-Inclusive or Trip Cancellation insurance should be purchased at time of deposit  Accepted  Declined

specify All Inclusive or Trip Cancellation \_\_\_\_\_

specify amount of premium (see next page) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheques payable to:

SPECIAL TRAVEL INTERNATIONAL



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VISA/MASTERCARD PAYMENTS:

\*A 2% service fee applies to payments made by credit card

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

Amount to be charged \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the terms and conditions outlined in the brochure.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

## FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

### RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT:

A deposit of \$600 per person is required at the time of reservation on this Special Travel International (hereafter called STI) tour. A second payment of \$600 per person is due by October 31, 2016. The final payment is due by March 31, 2017. Travel documents will be sent to you approximately 14 days prior to your trip departure, provided full payment has been received.

### TOUR PRICES:

All tour prices for land arrangements are based on rates effective at the time of printing and are expected to be in effect at the time of departure. Should these rates change, it may be necessary to surcharge the price of your vacation. Should the tour price increase by more than 10%, the passenger shall have the right to cancel within seven days of notification without penalty.

### CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS:

Notice of cancellation must be made in writing. The effective cancellation date is the date when written notification is received by STI. **The deposit of \$600 is non-refundable.** The following scale of charges will apply when cancellation is received prior to departure:

until October 31, 2016	deposit of \$600
November 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017	\$1200
After March 31, 2017	100%

P.S.: Different payment/cancellation policies apply to airline tickets; you will be advised at time of booking

### RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:

STI acts only as an agent in securing all services related to the tours described in this brochure, including transportation, sightseeing and accommodation. STI shall not be

responsible or liable for any loss, cost, damage, injury, delay or expense arising from the use of any conveyance, accommodation or service or from acts of God, strikes, weather, quarantine, accidents, sickness, government regulations, insufficient documents and any loss/expense resulting from the above contingencies shall be borne by the tour member. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable for the comfort of the passenger, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made without penalty to the operators. Additional expense, if any, shall be borne by the passenger. The right is reserved to withdraw any or all tours should conditions warrant, and also to decline to accept or retain any passenger as a member of the tour. In such instances, full or equitable amounts will be refunded.

### INSURANCE:

STI recommends that each tour participant has health, cancellation, interruption, accident and baggage insurance for the duration of his/her travel (in situations where insurance is not included in the tour price).

### TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:

It is entirely the passenger's responsibility to possess whatever documents and visas required by the law of the countries visited on the tour.

### AIRLINE RESPONSIBILITY:

Any airliner carrier providing transportation in connection with these tours is not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passenger is not on board its planes or conveyances. The passenger contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchase of these tours and/or passenger. Similar responsibility as noted applies to all types of carriers, including car rental companies.



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## INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Following are the main areas of coverage and the two packages we offer for this particular trip. Please carefully read the brochure you will receive after booking for full details.

For insurance purposes the key point is that you are in GOOD health.

Please note that PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS are not covered.

Please contact us if you have any questions or would like further information.

**Please Note:** Travellers need to have current Provincial Health Plan coverage in order to qualify for the ALL-INCLUSIVE insurance package.

THE ALL-INCLUSIVE PACKAGE consists of:

- Cancellation & Interruption
- Emergency Medical (\$5 Million limit)
- Flight Accident
- Travel Accident
- Baggage & Personal Effects

### THE ALL INCLUSIVE PACKAGE (rate per person)

#### MAJESTIC ALPS 15 DAY TOUR:

AGES ↓	0-60	61-65	66-70	71-76	77 +
tour	\$230	\$289	\$355	\$413	\$831
single	\$250	\$315	\$386	\$448	\$901

If you wish you may also choose the Cancellation & Interruption insurance alone; this plan is suitable if you have sufficient medical coverage already and these rates apply to any trip length.

**Please Note:** To cover Land cost and Air fare, add the flights purchased through STI to total insurable amount (in case of Package not including Air).

### CANCELLATION & INTERRUPTION INSURANCE

#### MAJESTIC ALPS 15 DAY TOUR:

AGES ↓	0-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80+
tour	\$214	\$244.50	\$272	\$309.50	\$423	\$511.50
single	\$232	\$267	\$299	\$341	\$459	\$552

Note: Insurance rates are valid at time of printing and are subject to change.

Insurance premiums are subject to Provincial Sales Tax: 8% Ontario, 9% Quebec, 7% Manitoba

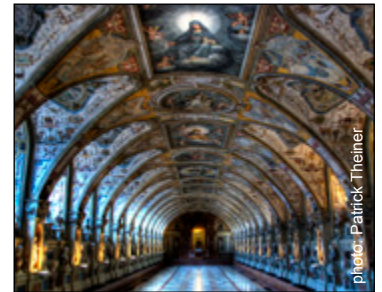
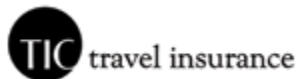


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