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ZELL AM SEE, AUSTRIA

26 JUNE - 06 JULY 2018 - 11 Days – 10 Nights



Zell am See

Sheltering in a deep valley, on the edge of the Zeller Lake, Zell am See is the ideal destination for almost every holidaymaker. Spacious beaches and lake-side terraces give access to swimming and watersports on the lake. The town's indoor pool and sauna also offer great relaxation possibilities. Copious cafes, bars and restaurants invite you to join them for a coffee, a beer or a gorgeous ice-cream. Three times weekly the lake-side is transformed into a magnificent theatre of sound and light with superb water fountain shows. Surrounding the town are the high Austrian Alps, stretching to and above 3000m. Cable-cars whisk you up to the top, where panoramic restaurants wait to serve you an array of refreshments and tasty menus. Well marked walks through the mountains cater for most abilities, from the leisure stroller to the avid mountaineer.

Romantik Hotel Metzgerwirt

This will be the sixth year in a row that we have featured the beautiful "Romantikhof, Zell am See". It is a quirky, 4* hotel built and extended over four generations in typical Tyrolean style. A hearty breakfast each morning is followed by a superb dinner each evening, with a choice of main courses and an extensive salad buffet. The hotel boasts an indoor-outdoor pool, with plenty of sun-loungers. An extensive spa and solarium offer relaxation and a friendly, comfortable bar invites you for congenial fun. The Romantik Hotel offers FREE bicycle use for those energetic enough to want to go anywhere on them. Is it any wonder we are returning for the sixth time!

Hotel Rooms

The hotel has been extended and modernised over generations, with the result that there are many different types of rooms. All (except two smaller single rooms) are very generously proportioned and most have balconies, but not all. We allocate rooms with balconies in strict order of receiving your booking. It is very important you advise us of any walking difficulties or other health conditions, such as heart problems, etc. Not all rooms are serviced by lifts and you may need to negotiate stairs. So, it is important we know about any ailments or conditions, which might impinge on your enjoyment, if we do not allocate a suitable room. If you have not advised us of such conditions, we are unlikely to be able to move you to another, more suitable room, as the hotel is ALWAYS fully booked.

£1295 per person sharing

Single supp. £170

Supplement for small single room – ZERO

Activity Barometer – Level 2-5

This holiday is suitable for almost everyone, although access for those in wheelchairs is limited...but not impossible. Some of the walks involve a degree of fitness but there are easier alternatives for those who would not be able for these. Most activities would be a Level 2 or 3. Only some optional walks would be Level 4 or 5. If you are unsure, call Alan on 07808366930 or check the website for further information.

What's included:

- Return by Aircoach, Belfast to Dublin (See note)
- Return flight from Dublin to Munich
- Lunch at Munich Airport at "Airbrau"
- Return transfers from Munich to Zell am See
- 10 Nights hotel accommodation at 4* Romantik Hotel
- Bed, breakfast and 9 superb evening meals
- Full excursion programme
- Services of tour escort throughout
- Zell-Kaprun-Card worth €500
- Full Financial Protection under ATOL 11029

Flight details: (Subject to change)

26 June Aer Lingus EI 352
Dep. Dublin 07.20am Arr. Munich 10.35am
06 July Aer Lingus EI 357
Dep. Munich 8.20pm Arr. Dublin 9.55pm
Baggage Allowance: 15Kgs checked plus 10Kgs hand luggage plus handbag, camera or laptop

Transport to/from Dublin

Transport by Aircoach non-stop, direct to Dublin Airport is included in this holiday. You can select your own preferred time – either travel during the night to Dublin or avail of our offer at the Premier Inn for the night of 25th June....just £60 per room, so long as availability still exists.

Transport to/from Zell am See

The journey time is approx 3 hours, depending on traffic. The return journey on 06th July departs the hotel at approx. 1.30pm, aiming to reach Munich Airport by around 4.30pm, allowing time for a meal before our departure, if so desired.

PROPOSED EXCURSIONS

Please note these are subject to change and other excursions may be added.

“Zell-Kaprun Cards”- worth approx. €500 per person.

The card entitles you to travel on numerous lifts and cable cars, on the Schmittenhöhe ship for a cruise around the lake, for unlimited ferry crossings and for entrance to a multitude of places. There is currently a €1 per person charge for each time you use a bus.

Schmittenhöhe Cable Car (and Panorama Walk).

(€2 for bus) (Activity Level 2 -Level 3)

Today, we travel by bus from Zell to the Schmittenhöhe cable-car station, from where we ride to the top. Simply stop for a coffee to admire the view before returning or you may wish to join Alan on a walk across the mountain and down to the valley on another cable-car. Learn all about the local flora and fauna. The walk is not particularly strenuous and is mostly downhill. It is over a distance, though, of approximately 2 kms and sturdy shoes are advisable.

Berchtesgaden (£30 extra) – (Activity Level 2)

Our tour today takes us through the Alps into Germany, to the beautiful town of Berchtesgaden. From here you will have the opportunity to visit the famous “Eagle’s Nest” (extra cost, approx. £16) built as a 50th birthday present for Adolf Hitler or take a local bus to the stunning Königssee, where you can take a boat trip or travel by cable car almost to the top of the Jenner Mountain. Back in time for dinner.

Gipfelwelt 3000 FREE (€2 for the bus) (Activity Level 2)

Early local bus to Kaprun, from where we travel on the cable-car system, high up into the mountains. The first two cable cars bring us to the foot of the snow-line, above which snow and ice remain for the entire summer (usually). We transfer then to the brand new “Gipfel 3000”, which whisks us up to 3029 metres, just over 10,000 ft. You have the opportunity here to enjoy stunning views over the glaciers below and to experience the facilities offered at [“Gipfelwelt 3000”](#), such as the Cinema 3000, the Ice Arena and the National Park Gallery. This tour is accessible to almost everyone. Return home or join the afternoon hike.

Coach Tour of Grossglockner. (Extra cost £30 per person) (or €36 per person – payable locally) (Activity Level 2-3)

The world’s most famous alpine road: the highest mountain and the largest glacier in Austria, the Grossglockner (3,798m) and the Pasterze. On the ascent from 1,500m to the Kaiser-Franz-Josefs-Höhe you pass through all of the vegetation zones from cornfields to the eternal ice. Marvel at the breathtaking scenery and the engineering spectacle, which created the road which twists up through the mountain passes. **If you are interested in this tour, can you please let us know at time of booking, as we need to book the space. No minimum numbers required.**

Journey to Krimml Waterfalls. Extra cost £25 (or €30 per person – payable locally) (Activity Level 2-4)

We will depart the hotel at 9.15am for the short walk to the bus station, from where we commence our journey to Krimml Waterfalls. The return journey departs for Zell am See every hour, getting you back in time for a swim!

Lake Zell cruise. FREE

A one-hour trip on the lake is included with your Zell-Kaprun-Card, as is limitless travel on the ferries.

The High Dams (and Mountain Herbal Walk) FREE.

(€2 for the bus) (Activity Level 2)

An excursion for everyone. Walk as little or as much as you wish. We take the bus from Zell to the Kettle Waterfalls. From here, we travel by special bus, through tunnels and around hairpin bends, until we reach the High Dams at Mooserboden. You now have the opportunity to explore the dams or have a snack at one of the restaurants, before returning to the valley below and your awaiting bus back to Zell am See. **(Activity Level 2)**

High Dams Hike – (Activity Level 5)

For those keen to stretch their legs, we offer a 2-hour hike down to the next reservoir. Sturdy footwear is imperative. Proper walking shoes or walking boots, with good thick socks. This is a spectacular walk and involves clambering up a waterfall, through a cave and along some pretty steep and uneven paths. One for the record books, though! **(Activity Level 5)**

Alpine Centre – Maiskogel Hike (Activity Level 5)

From Gipfelwelt 3000, we offer a breath-taking excursion, only for the quite adventurous and reasonably fit. We start at the Alpine Centre at 2450 metres, from where we set off down the mountain. Most of the walk is over uneven trails, sometimes quite narrow and steep....but nearly all downhill. There are streams to cross and some snow to traverse. We will walk along the arret, separating two valleys, offering unforgettable views. We have time to stop and enjoy the flora and maybe the fauna, as we make our way down to the Glocknerblick chalet, where we stop for a well-deserved beer or soft drink. We have another 20-30 minutes’ walk before reaching the Maiskogel cable-car station, from where we descend into the valley below at Kaprun, to catch the bus back to our hotel. The total walking time is around four hours and you will descend approximately 850 metres (almost 3000 ft). There is some uphill walking, too, so be prepared. There is no rock-climbing and no specialist equipment or experience is required. **Walking boots are absolutely essential** and you will not be permitted to join the hike without them. A small rucksack for water, some food, a jumper and a rain-proof is also recommended. This walk is **NOT** for anyone who is not reasonably fit.

Salzburg

(Extra cost £25 per person) (Activity Level 1-3)

Salzburg....no matter how often we return to Austria, we always have a huge request for Salzburg. Our journey is by train, approx 1.5 hours each way. The tour commences with a 1/2 mile walk to the beautiful Mirabel Gardens, followed by a short guided tour through the old city. You are then free to relax, have lunch or a light snack, shop, visit museums or cathedrals, galleries or castles. A trip by funicular to the Hohen Salzburg Fortress is always worth a try, for the spectacular views and its exciting history.

Other excursions to be added.