# SERA (State Employees Recreation Association) presents...

# Discover Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria

with Optional 3-Night Vienna Post Tour Extension

October 7 – 16, 2026



Upgrade to Elite Airfare! See inside for details.



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10 Days • 13 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 3 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Bern, Alphorn Maker, Yodeling Demonstration, Fondue Lunch, Lucerne, Austrian Alps, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Mirabell Gardens, Bavaria, Linderhof Palace, Tyrolean Folklore Show

#### **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day 1 Overnight Flight Days 2 – 5 Hotel Bern, Bern

Days 6 – 9 Hotel Innsbruck, Innsbruck

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

**Day 1: Wednesday, October 7, 2026 Overnight Flight** Discover spectacular Switzerland, Austria and Bavaria on a tour featuring 4-night stays in two cities.

Day 2: Thursday, October 8, 2026 Bern, Switzerland Arrive today in Bern, the capital of Switzerland. This UNESCO World Heritage site rests in the Swiss countryside. The cobbled Old Town section is so well preserved that residents who lived here 500 years ago would still find it familiar today. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring local cuisine. (D)

**Day 3: Friday, October 9, 2026 Bern** Explore delightful Bern on a panoramic sightseeing tour, led by a local guide, passing by the Bundeshaus (the Swiss Parliament), the famous Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens and the gothic cathedral which dominates Old Town's skyline. The remainder of the day is yours to explore independently. Perhaps you'll take a ride in the red carriages of the Gurtenbahn funicular railway, climbing Gurten Mountain to an altitude of 2,574 feet (858 meters) for impressive views of Bern, the surrounding towns and mountains. (B)

Day 4: Saturday, October 10, 2026 Bern - Habkern - Bern Today, visit Habkern, the small mountain village outside of Interlaken boasting classic postcard imagery of Switzerland. Enjoy a tour with a local workshop owner to learn how the alphorn is made and even entertain your musical side by playing one, and explore the world of yodeling through a professional demonstration — perhaps you're a natural and never knew! Finish your afternoon with a fondue lunch at a local restaurant before heading back to Bern. Enjoy the rest of your afternoon at leisure. (B, L)

**Day 5: Sunday, October 11, 2026 Bern - Lucerne - Bern** Set out for Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Enjoy a leisurely paced Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour, exploring the hidden treasures of this 800-year-old city such as the covered Chapel Bridge (1333); the famous Water Tower, which has served as a prison, watchtower and treasury; the Renaissance-style Town Hall; the baroque Jesuit Church; and the Lion Monument, carved from natural rock to commemorate the heroic Swiss Guard. Spend the free afternoon in this magnificent city or perhaps join an optional tour to the legendary Mount Pilatus. Tonight, upon return to Bern, dine at one of Bern's great restaurants. (*B, D*)

Day 6: Monday, October 12, 2026 Bern - Vaduz, Liechtenstein - Innsbruck, Austria En route to Innsbruck, make your way through Liechtenstein, the smallest German-speaking country in the world and the only country to lie entirely within the Alps. Spend some time in this tiny capital and wander the winding cobbled streets of Mitteldorf, Vaduz's little old quarter and walk down Stadtle, the center of Vaduz, referred as "small town" by the locals. Continue towards Austria, and savor a free afternoon to settle into the beautiful city of Innsbruck. (B)

Day 7: Tuesday, October 13, 2026 Innsbruck This morning, it's your choice! Select one of two leisurely walking tours: join a local guide as you discover the city's history and culture while passing popular attractions including Maria-Theresien-Strasse, the Hofburg, and the "Golden Roof" -OR- you may embark on a tour focusing on Innsbruck's unique architectural structures including its famous ski jump. Spend the afternoon at leisure in this charming town or perhaps you'll choose to join an optional tour to the charming village of Seefeld. Tonight, experience the rich musical tradition of mountainous Austria during a Tyrolean folklore show hosted by a well-known local musical family. (B)

Day 8: Wednesday, October 14, 2026 Innsbruck - Salzburg - Innsbruck Travel through the picturesque Austrian countryside to Salzburg. Enjoy a walking tour featuring Mirabell Gardens (seen in *The Sound of Music*), the quaint Getreidegasse (birthplace of Mozart), and many other highlights of this beautiful city. Complete your afternoon with a delightful lunch at the 1,200-year-old St. Peter's Restaurant, the oldest in Austria and still owned by the monks. (*B, L*)







# **Book Now & Save \$100 Per Person:**

Double \$5,299; **Double \$5,199**\* Single \$5,999; **Single \$5,899**; Triple \$5,249 **Triple \$5,149** 

For bookings made after Apr 08, 2026 call for rates.

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Washington, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

\*\*Please call for rates from other gateways

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$549 per person

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from WAS

## Upgrade your in-flight experience with Elite Airfare

Additional rate of: Premium Economy \$1,790; Business Class \$4,490

- \* Elite Air pricing (Premium Economy, Business Class or First class) is valid until 8 months prior to departure, after which rates are subject to change and will be quoted based upon availability.
- † Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 9: Thursday, October 15, 2026 Innsbruck - Bavaria, Germany - Innsbruck Tour Linderhof Palace, the only palace - out of three - that King Ludwig II lived to see completed. Walk the extraordinary halls that were modeled after Versailles with an expert guide and bask in the luxury of past royals. After, make your way to the Ettal Abbey\* - a Benedictine monastery founded in 1330 by Louis IV. Here, you'll tour the Basilica followed by a brewery tour complete with tastings. Next, return to Innsbruck. Tonight, you are treated to a farewell dinner at a traditional Tyrolean restaurant. (B, D)

Day 10: Friday, October 16, 2026 Innsbruck - Tour Ends Your tour comes to an end in Innsbruck. (B)

#### **Experience It! Salzburg**

Discover the rich history and culture of Salzburg, the picturesque city nestled between the Alps and the Salzach River. As the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, the city is alive with music and art, home to numerous concerts, festivals, and museums dedicated to the legendary composer. The city's skyline is dominated by stunning castles and palaces, such as the Hohensalzburg Fortress and Mirabell Palace, which provide a glimpse into its regal past. The charming old town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a maze of narrow streets and baroque architecture. Fans of The Sound of Music will delight in visiting the locations where the Trapp family once lived, and the iconic film was shot.

# **EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH**

# **Optional 4 Days 3-Night Vienna Post Tour Extension**

Per Person Rates: \$1,399.00 USD double, \$1,799.00 USD single, land only

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1342322

### **Important Tour Information:**

Book Now rates valid until Apr 08, 2026, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an onthe-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

#### Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).

Salzburg's Old Town does not allow coaches to access the center. You should anticipate walking at least 0.5 miles to reach the Old Town for the start of your day's touring and lunch.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

The day you visit Salzburg will be one of the longest days of this tour as it takes about 3 hours each way to get there from Innsbruck.

\*Ettal Abbey may be closed to tours on some departures. When closed, travelers will have an alternate inclusion.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Our transfers will depart from Zurich, Switzerland airport and return to Munich, Germany airport.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Our air travelers will arrive into Zurich, Switzerland airport and depart from Munich, Germany airport.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Return flights from Munich should not be booked prior to 11:00 a.m.

Due to tour scheduling, flights must arrive into Zurich prior to 4:00 p.m.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.



## **Travel Requirements:**

#### **IDENTIFICATION**

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

ETIAS visa waiver requirements are anticipated to begin during the last quarter of 2026, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias\_en

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of April 01, 2026 are based upon availability. Final payment due by July 09, 2026. Deposits are refundable up until April 08, 2026.

CST#2006766-20 UBN#601220855 Nevada Sellers of Travel Registration No. 2003-0279

For important reservation information visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1342322.
You can also find this information on your tour documents.



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BOOKING NUMBER: 1342322 DEPARTURE DATE: October 7, 2026

TOUR: Discover Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria GROUP NAME: SERA (State Employees Recreation Association)

## **Available Options**

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

### Lucerne



Mount Pilatus

**\$99** USD

Enjoy the splendor of pure nature while gliding over a clear landscape in panoramic gondolas and spectacular cable cars. Ascend Pilatus via a unique excursion on the steepest railway of the world with a gradient of 48%. Upon arrival at the top, soak in the magnificent Alpine view from 7,000 feet above sea level. During leisure time at the summit, stroll the walkway for views from a different vantage point, or enjoy Swiss culinary delights on your own in one of the various restaurants (lunch is not included). Return back down the mountain by panoramic gondola for yet another bird's eye view. In the off-season (November to mid-May), the cogwheel train is unavailable, and both the ascent and descent will be by panorama gondolas and aerial cableway. The option may be cancelled due to maintenance work or inclement weather. *Duration: Approximately 3 hours*. Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

### **Innsbruck**



Spectacular Seefeld and Country Cottage Visit

**\$99** USD

How better to spend a free day than visiting the romantic Alpine village of Seefeld. Beautifully situated at 3,600 feet above sea level, this charming Tyrolean town commands breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and countryside. Known as one of the world's greatest ski resorts, Seefeld offers a relaxed atmosphere in an Alpine setting with miles of trails for walking, lakes, fine shopping, dining possibilities, and fresh, Alpine air. After arriving by train, enjoy a glass of schnapps and a traditional horse and buggy ride. While at the small country home, learn how to make your own apple strudel and indulge in the chance to sample one of Austria's famous sweets! *Duration: Approximately 5 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.



TRAVEL DATE: 10/07/2026 TERRITORY: EB

RES#: 1342322

## Discover Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria

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YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Lowee's Group Tours

**IMPORTANT**: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the <u>legal</u> name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

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TOUR: Discover Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria

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DEPARTURE DATE: Oct 07, 2026 BOOKING NUMBER: 1342322

# **AVAILABLE PREPAID OPTIONS**

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# **Extend your vacation with**

# **Optional 4 Days 3-Night Vienna Post Tour Extension**

Per Person Rates: \$1,399.00 USD double, \$1,799.00 USD single, land only 4 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

#### Day 10: Innsbruck - Vienna

Travel by train to Vienna, the largest city in Austria. As the country's capital, Vienna is home to age-old traditions and well-known heritage. It was the former center of the Habsburg Empire, as well as the home for historical figures such as Freud, Mozart, Beethoven, and Strauss. Enjoy this evening with dinner at a local restaurant. *Today dinner will be included*.

#### Day 11: Vienna

Start your day alongside a local guide to explore the best of Vienna, making your way through the city by hopping on public transportation like the locals do. Marvel at Vienna's most popular sites like the 12th-century St. Stephen's Cathedral, standing at nearly 450-feet tall and featuring an eye-catching mosaic roof. In the afternoon, take some time to explore on your own. This evening, you may choose an optional excursion to explore the interiors at the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and listen to a classical performance at the palace's Orangerie. *Today breakfast will be included*.

#### Day 12: Vienna

This morning, stroll through the unique collections of the Kunsthistorisches Museum. Take in the museum's exceptional atmosphere with its vast and valuable art treasures. At the museum's magnificent Café-Restaurant, savor a taste of Viennese coffee house culture. The rest of the day is yours to soak up the Austrian culture and experience the best of this capital city. *Today breakfast will be included*.

#### Day 13: Vienna - Extension Ends

Today your extension comes to an end. Today breakfast will be included.

#### **Important Tour Extension Information:**

The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3. This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable as is climbing 3 flights of stairs. You can handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. You can expect some longer days balanced with free time. This level is not a fit for travelers that require mobility assistance devices.

Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 4 travelers is not met to operate.

Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

The transfer from Innsbruck to Vienna is done by train. Porterage service is not available at the train stations in Innsbruck and Vienna; therefore, you need to handle your own luggage.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

In Vienna, during the walking city tours and for inclusions, public transportation will be used.

Air inclusive rate is valid for travelers who have purchased our air package for the full tour, depending on the air schedule selected. Rate may vary for those who have purchased their own air.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.



# Special Needs Form

Please complete this form, sign and return it to us within 14 days of receipt.

Email: <u>TravelOperations@collette.com</u>

Fax: 401.727.4745

Mail: Collette: Travel Operations

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## TRAVELERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made. \*Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities. Internationally, a great deal of walking may be necessary to fully enjoy the destination. Travelers should be in good health and must be able to walk reasonable distances. In some areas, travelers may be required to walk on uneven ground, cobblestone streets or raised thresholds.

\*To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom. The cruise company may take appropriate action against someone who has reserved or purchased such a stateroom fraudulently. Action may include but is not limited to removal from the stateroom to a non-accessible accommodation up to denial of boarding.

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Most hotel rooms that can accommodate the request will be equipped with only 1 bed.

# Do you understand and accept? Yes No

Collette cannot guarantee the availability of such rooms as many hotels have a limited number of rooms that are equipped with the above accommodations.

## Are you traveling with an oxygen tank? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

I have read and understand the above:

- You must contact the airline directly to arrange transportation of the oxygen on the plane. Oxygen requests vary by airline and location and can take up to 2 weeks to request.
- You are responsible for supplying your own electrical cords, and converters as needed.

This form must be remitted within 14 days of receipt for any special needs accommodation request.

Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities and motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

The Americans with Disabilities Act only applies in the United States. Many international destinations cannot accommodate passengers' requests. Collette will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honored on international destinations. Collette also regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member with special needs for walking, dining, or other special personal needs. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable and totally responsible for the assistance.