

EXPLORE!

Self-Guided Walking Tyrol and Bavaria
7 days

Austria, Germany - Trip code WSTB



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From Ettal in Bavaria to Garmisch in the Tyrol enjoy a walking holiday in one of the most beautiful regions of the Alpine foothills. Pass limestone plateaux, wild flower covered pastures and walk through charming villages with painted houses traditional to this region. Germany's highest peak, Zugspitze (2,962m) will be your backdrop on this beautiful walking trip in Austria and Germany.

Trip highlights

- ★ **Alpine foothills** - Walking in the stunning Alpine region
- ★ **Fantastic scenery** - the Alps with the summit of the Zugspitze and the Wetterstein massif
- ★ **Castles of Louis II of Bavaria** - A chance to immerse yourself in local History
- ★ **Ettal, Linderhoff and Mittenwald** - Charming Alpine villages
- ★ **Bavarian beer** - Enjoy some of Bavaria's finest Wheat beers

ACCOMMODATION GRADE:

Standard

Our standard, mid-range accommodation offers a good level of service, often with other amenities such as a restaurant, bar, garden or swimming pool. Generally rooms will be comfortable with en suite facilities.

WALKING GRADE:

Moderate

For those who are fit and active, these moderate walks are normally on good paths and tracks at low altitude. Days may include some fairly demanding ascents and descents, so previous experience is preferable but not essential.

Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

DAY 1 - Trip starts Ettal

Your accommodation for the first night of this trip is in the German village of Ettal. Set in stunning mountain scenery the Alpine town of Ettal is home to a Benedictine monastery built for Emperor Ludwig the Bavarian who was King of Bavaria from 1864 until his death in 1886. You may wish to visit the church and try the beer made in the monastery's brewery.



Accommodation: Hotel Blaue Gams (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: Dinner

DAY 2 - Walk from Ettal to Linderhoff; bus to Garmisch

Today you follow a valley which was once an important trade route between Venice and Augsburg. Walk on forest tracks, through pastures and on cobbled stones through traditional Bavarian villages. This area is famous for its folk art especially wood carvings. Arriving to Linderhoff you may wish to visit the ornately decorated Castle, built as a hunting lodge for King Ludwig II. Return to Linderhoff where you take the public bus to Garmisch to spend the night.

Today's 15km walk is expected to take approximately 4.5 hours and you will ascend 270m and descend 225m.



Accommodation: Gasthof Fraundorfer (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 3 - Walk from Garmisch to Mittenwald

From Garmisch you head out on foot passing by a dramatic gorge which in parts is up to 80m deep. Continue onto Schloss Elmau, this listed monument is an amazing site under the grey cliffs and the village of Mittenwald, it houses traditional wall paintings. Walk along the shores of two lakes to arrive to the village of Mittenwald amid the Alpine peaks and where you are warmly welcomed for a night in a typical Bavarian guesthouse.

Today's 15km walk is expected to take approximately 4.5 hours and you will ascend 460m and descend 260m



Accommodation: Traditionsgasthof Alpenrose B&B (or similar)



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 4 - Train to Seefeld; walk Leutasch

After saying goodbye to your hosts, a short train ride will take you into the Tyrol region and the charming village of Seefeld. From here easy to follow paths lead you to the lakes of Moserer and Wildmoos to finally to reach the village of Leutasch with its stunning flower adorned houses. Tonight's dinner is included and gives you the opportunity to try some seasonal local produce.

Today's 18km walk is expected to take approximately 5 hours and you will ascend 600m and descend 600m.



Accommodation: Hotel Tirolerhof (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast and Dinner

DAY 5 - Walk from Leutasch to Wildermieming

Today you cross a valley between the impressive mountains of Hochwanner and Hohe Munde. Crossing a pass with panoramic views takes you to the plateau of Wildermieming and on to the village.

Today's 21km walk is expected to take approximately 6.5 hours and you will ascend 950m and descend 1250m.



Accommodation: Aktiv Hotel Traube (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast and Dinner

DAY 6 - Taxi to Obsteig then walk to the Tyrolean village of Ehrwald

After a short taxi transfer to Obsteig your walk for today starts along a stream. Leaving the stream you continue until you reach the pass of Marienbergjoch (1789m). From here descend to the valley nestled in a vast mountain amphitheater-like valley formed by glacial erosion with views of the mighty Zugspitze. Walk to the small Tyrolean village of Ehrwald where you spend the night.

Today's 15km walk is expected to take approximately 6.5 hours and you will ascend 1000m and descend 1150m.



Accommodation: Hotel Garni Rustika (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast and Dinner

DAY 7 - Walk and cog railway back to Garmisch

This final stage takes you under the Zugspitze, the highest Bavarian summit (2962m). Today you walk from Tyrol back to Bavaria using a pass at 1476m before going back down to the beautiful lake of Eibsee. From here it is possible to reach Garmisch by foot or you could take the cog railway that goes down a 4.5km long tunnel carved into the rocks to the station on the valley floor. Once you arrive to Garmisch the organised part of your holiday comes to an end. If you have time, you may like to extend your trip with a night in Munich.

Today's 18km walk is expected to take approximately 4 or 6 hours depending on the route you choose. You will ascend 500m and descend 770m.



Meals Provided: Breakfast

Walking and Trekking information

 *WSTB Distance Chart*

Walking grade

Moderate

Trek details

On this journey you walk 102km over 6 days (an average of 17km a day). You follow well-marked hiking trails. The route involves some steep ascents and descents of up to 900m and walks of up to 6.5hours. We have graded this route as moderate.



What's included?



Included meals

Breakfast: 6
Dinner: 4



Transport

Taxi
Train



Accommodation

5 nights standard hotel
1 nights hotel

Trip information

Country information

Austria

Climate

Austria has a variable climate with frequent changes of weather from day to day. Expect a contrast of warm summer days with the possibility of showers at any time.

Time difference to GMT

+1

Plugs

2 Pin Round

Religion

Roman Catholic

Language

German

Germany

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Religion

Christian

Language

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Budgeting and packing

Clothing

Take light and comfortable clothing that can be layered according to the temperature. July and August are the hottest months whilst early and late in the season go prepared with clothing to suit drops in temperature and possible showers. Light rainwear may be needed at any time of year, and a warm fleece/jacket is recommended for cooler evenings and nights.

Footwear

Walking boots or shoes and comfortable trainers and/or sandals for sightseeing and relaxing.

Luggage

18Kg

Luggage: On tour

Bring one main piece of baggage as per your airline luggage allowance, maximum 20 kg per person. Remember you are expected to carry your own luggage if using public transport so don't overload yourself. Luggage transfers between hotels are normally arranged by the hoteliers. Please note luggage transfers are restricted to 15 kg per person, any additional weight will need to be packed in your day bag. Mark your bags clearly and leave them at the place and time arranged with them. When travelling on public transport you should always take your luggage with you.

Luggage transfer

Included between each hotel.

Equipment

Insect repellent, sunglasses, walking poles, sunscreen and a water bottle are all recommended.

Maps - Along with the destination manual and route notes you will be sent a map which has the route marked on it.

Country Information

Austria

Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Dinner price

£27

Beer price

£2.85

Water price

£1.8

Foreign Exchange

Local currency

Euro

Recommended Currency For Exchange

GBP, USD and Euros cash are accepted at exchange offices and banks.

Where To Exchange

We recommend that you change any currency into Euros prior to arrival. Bureau de Change are generally only found in major cities and large airports.

ATM Availability

All main towns and cities have ATM's for cash withdrawal.

Credit Card Acceptance

Credit cards are widely accepted.

Travellers Cheques

Travellers Cheques can be changed in main banks.

Germany

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Dinner price

£18

Beer price

£3

Water price

£1.3

Foreign Exchange

Local currency

Euro

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GBP and USD are readily exchanged.

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ATM Availability

ATMs are readily available throughout Germany.

Credit Card Acceptance

Most major credit cards are accepted, but ask first.

Travellers Cheques

Can be exchanged at banks and exchange shops.

Transport, Accommodation & Meals

Transport Information

Taxi, Train

Accommodation notes

Booking a Single Room

All of our group tours are planned and operated on a twin-share basis, meaning that the standard cost is based either on individual travellers sharing accommodation with another group member of the same sex, or people who book together sharing accommodation. Please refer to the tour notes where the single room option availability is detailed on a night by night basis for this tour, and the price for the available nights is detailed on the dates & prices tab by departure date. For Self-Guided trips the Single Room supplement offers the option of a single room each and is charged per person. The Single Room supplement also applies to the third person in a party of three that will be accommodated in a single room.

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Essential Information

FCO Advice

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office advice [click here](#).

For more information from Explore about travel advice, [click here](#)

Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

Price Guarantee

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. [Booking Conditions](#)

Visa and Passport Information

Germany: Visas are not required by UK, EU nationals, Australian, New Zealand, US and Canadian citizens. Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office.

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All visa information is subject to change. You should confirm all visa related questions with the relevant Embassy prior to departure.

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may consider applying through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK, Travcours. See www.travcours.com to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcours. The Team at Travcours will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on 0208 5431846.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of a full passport, with the correct validity for your chosen destination.

Booking conditions

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our Essential Information and Booking Conditions.

Transfers

Find out more about [Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions](#) before you book.

Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The transfers will be from the Explore designated airport or train station to the joining point of your tour, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Polar, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer [click here](#)

Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

Flight information

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. [Read more about them here.](#)

Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

Austria

Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory, but we recommend protection against tetanus, polio and hepatitis A. Tickborne encephalitis is recommended by some medical sources if travelling in certain areas of Europe, at specific times of the year. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at [Explore Travel Health](#) and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.

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