

The Austrian Tyrol & Bavaria

**4 Star
Hotel**



Only £1269

Single supplement £130

Departs: Monday 23rd September

Returns: Wednesday 2nd October

Look what's included

- Executive coach travel
- Dinner, bed & breakfast
- Porterage at mainstay hotel
- Welcome Schnapps on arrival
- Tea & Coffee after dinner
- Free use of leisure facilities
- Guest Card for use on local buses & trains
- BBQ evening buffet
- Kitzbuhel visit
- Farmhouse tour & tasting
- Berchtesgaden visit
- Lake Königssee cruise
- Almabtrieb - cows down festival
- Krimml waterfall views
- Mayrhofen visit

As summer comes to an end in the picturesque mountains of the Austrian Tyrol, traditional festivals take place in the towns and villages throughout the region as the cattle are walked back down to the valley after a summer of grazing in the high Alpine meadows. Elaborately and colourfully decorated, their return home is accompanied by lively traditional festivities celebrated by locals and tourists alike with music and dance as well as stalls selling local food delicacies, artisan goods and hand-made crafts. We visit the Cows Down, 'Almabtrieb' as it is known, in the beautiful Tyrolean town of Kirchberg.

Itinerary*

Day 1 Departing our local area we travel to Hull and allow free time in this recent city of culture before boarding the P&O overnight ferry to Rotterdam with dinner, bed & breakfast provided. Sit back, relax and enjoy the excellent entertainment on board as we set sail for the continent.

Day 2 After breakfast on board the ferry we travel through Holland and into Germany to arrive at the Rilano Hotel, Stuttgart, where we have one night dinner, bed & breakfast.

Day 3 This morning we cross the Schwabian Alps and pass by Munich as we head for Austria and our mainstay hotel, the 4 star Zentral Hotel in Kirchberg. Arriving in the afternoon, this is our base for the next 5 nights with 4 course dinners, bed & breakfast and all excursions included.

You will receive a complimentary Guest Card on check in that offers free use of the local buses and trains in the Brixen Valley.



Day 4 After a leisurely breakfast today, our local excursion takes in the charms of fashionable Kitzbuhel, one of the oldest and exclusive holiday resorts in the Austrian Alps. Later we visit a traditional farmhouse dating back to 1706 for a tour of the farm with a tasting of the traditional produce such as smoked ham, cheese and of course, Schnapps.

Day 5 Our journey today takes us through the picturesque Lofer Valley and into Bavaria as we visit Berchtesgaden & Lake Königssee. We head first to Berchtesgaden with its historic Rococo town centre, town houses, monastery, church and royal palace. After time spent here we head then to Lake Königssee nestled at the foot of the Watzmann Mountain in the heart of the Berchtesgadener National Park. We have included a boat cruise here to the church of St. Bartholomew with its wine-red onion domes. During the crossing the boatman plays his trumpet to lure out the world-famous Königssee echo from the steep rock face. *(Passports needed on this excursion)*

Day 6 A free day in Kirchberg today as we enjoy the 'Almabtrieb' festival – a colourful event to celebrate bringing the cows back down to the village to shelter from the onset of autumn after spending the summer months in the mountains.

Day 7 Our excursion today is a real treat, a scenic tour as we travel through the Pinzgau, to experience the views of Europe's highest waterfall at Krimml. Water cascades over three stages and falls more than 1200 feet. We then climb the Gerlos Pass and descend into the Zillertal, to spend time in Mayrhofen, a popular year-round resort sitting at the entrance to five glacial valleys. Our tour is completed by travelling along the Ziller, Inn and the Brixen Valleys back to our hotel at Kirchberg.

Day 8 We depart after breakfast travelling to Wiesbaden and our overnight hotel with dinner bed & breakfast provided.

Day 9 This morning we visit one of Germany's oldest and most beautiful cities Koblenz, situated at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle rivers for free time before heading to Rotterdam for the overnight ferry to Hull with dinner, bed and breakfast.

Day 10 After breakfast on board the ship we depart and rejoin our coach for the short journey back home from Hull with a suitable comfort stop provided.

**Itineraries can be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.*

