

## AUSTRIA & BAVARIA

Journey through the Alps as you experience history and culture in Vienna, Salzburg, and Munich. Watch fantasy come to life as you explore the luxurious castles and mountain settings of Bavaria.

### *Why Brightspark?*

#### **Safety And Security**

We regularly conduct strict audits of our vendors, ensuring they act in accordance with safety, security, and quality standards.

#### **Our Tour Directors**

You deserve the best, so we only use experienced and enthusiastic Tour Directors who are experts on their destinations.

#### **Quality, Custom Tours**

Our programs are designed for you, by you. From STEM-based DC tours to performance trips to some of our country's top music cities, we have a destination for every budget and every passion.

#### **Industry Experience**

With over 50 years of experience providing custom tours, Brightspark is a leader in student travel.

#### **Travel Protection & Incident Coverage**

With our 24/7 emergency hotline and comprehensive travel insurance options, we've got you covered at home and abroad.



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### Day 1: Board your flight to Austria.

### Day 2: Vienna

- Meet with your Tour Director at **Vienna International Airport**.
- Board your private motor coach and take a guided panoramic tour of this music and culture capital. Journey along the **Ringstraße** (Ring Road) circling the historic **Old Town**. View the **Vienna State Opera**, the **Art History Museum**, **Parliament**, and the **National Theatre**.
- Enjoy an afternoon in the **Prater** and explore its **Wurstel Park**, a permanent amusement park and fair. Take a ride on the park's iconic Ferris wheel, the **Riesenrad**!

### Day 3: Vienna

- Head out on a guided walking tour of the Austrian capital. Experience the historic heart of the city with visits to **St. Michael's Square**, the **Graben**, **Trinity Column**, and **St. Stephen's Cathedral**.
- Follow in the footsteps of the Habsburg dynasty with a tour of the **Hofburg**, formerly the imperial palace and currently the residence and offices of the President of Austria.
- Explore **Schönbrunn Palace**, the "Viennese Versailles" and summer home of the Habsburg monarchs. The castle is a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Enjoy dinner in a **Heuriger**, a traditional Viennese Inn.

### Day 4: Melk & Hallstatt

- Board your private motor coach and depart for **Hallstatt**.
- On the way, stop and visit the **Melk Abbey**, a Benedictine abbey atop a crag overlooking the Danube River. The Baroque building dates back to the 1700s and is known for its frescoes and its library, which houses an extensive manuscript collection.
- Continue to Hallstatt. Upon arrival, follow your local guide on a tour through the charming lakefront village. You will discover the town's 7,000 years of history as you walk through its picturesque streets.

### Day 5: Hallstatt

- Hop aboard a cable car headed to the **Hallstatt salt mines**. Begin your tour in the heart of the mountain and follow in the footsteps of almost 5,000 years worth of miners.
- In the afternoon, arrive at **Stoderzinken Park**. Take a thrilling ride along the mountain on the longest zip line in the Alps!

### Day 6: Salzburg

- Board your private motor coach and travel to **Salzburg**, the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and the setting for the classic musical, *The Sound of Music*.
- Stroll through the baroque **Mirabell garden**.
- Admire the Renaissance façades and the **Salzburg Cathedral**. Visit **St. Peter's Cemetery** and its famous catacombs.
- Experience the **Getreidegasse**, a busy, narrow street in historic Old Town known for wrought iron signs hanging over shops.
- Tour **Mozart's home** and discover details from his life during this 3-floor experience.

### Day 7: Alps

- Journey through the Alps on your private motor coach. Admire the breathtaking scenery, especially as you cross the **Hohe Tauern National Park**.
- Continue to **Innsbruck**. Upon arrival, put on your hiking shoes and head to the **Arzler Alm Trail** with a local guide.
- Enjoy a ride on the **Nordkette cable car** to the **Seegrube**, offering spectacular panoramic views.

### Day 8: Bavarian Castles

- Board your private motor coach and travel to the **Pilgrimage Church of Wies**, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Fantasy comes to life at **Neuschwanstein Castle**. The 19<sup>th</sup>-century Romanesque Revival castle sits atop a rugged mountain.
- Continue to nearby **Linderhof Palace**, built by King Ludwig II of Bavaria in 1886. It was the smallest of his three palaces, but the only one he saw finished before his death.

### Day 9: Munich

- Embark on a guided tour of the capital city of **Bavaria** including stops at the cathedral and **Marienplatz Square**, **Nymphenburg Palace**, and the **Olympic Park**. You may even catch a carillon performance by the belltower.
- Continue to the **Viktualienmarkt** food market. End at **St. Peter's Church**, the oldest in Munich.
- Experience 90 years of automotive history at the **BMW museum**.

### Day 10: Depart to the airport for your flight home.

