



**Luther Memorial Church
2021 Europe Tour**

**Budapest, Zagreb, Plitvice , Bled, Salzburg, Bavarian Alps
June 3, 2021 - June 18, 2021**

Overnights:

3 nights Budapest, Hungary
1 night Plitvice or Zagreb, Croatia
3 nights Bled or Ljubljana, Slovenia
3 nights Salzburg area (stay in the mountains)
3 nights Bavarian Alps (stay in the mountains)

Flights:

Fly into Budapest
Fly out of Innsbruck (Austria) / Munich (Germany)

Dinners:

9 dinners included:
Budapest first night welcome dinner
Plitvice or Zagreb dinner
Bled/ Ljubljana one dinner included
Salzburg mountain stay: all dinners included (3 nights)
Bavarian Alps: all dinners included (3 nights)

Breakfast:

Always included

Entrances included:

Budapest Guided Tour	Werfen Ice Caves
Budapest Memento Park	Werfen Cable Car
Budapest Fishermans Wharf	Salzburg Guided Tour
Budapest St Matthias Church	Salzburg Cathedral
Budapest Parliament	Salzburg Hellbrunn Palace and trick fountain
Budapest Dohány Street Synagogue	Park Berchtesgaden Saltmines
Zagreb Croatian Wine tasting	Berchtesgaden Eagles Nest
Zagreb Guided Tour	Innsbruck Guided Tour
Zagreb Cathedral	Innsbruck Ambras Castle Tour
Plitvice Lakes National Park	Innsbruck Bell Museum
Plitvice Guided Tour	Innsbruck Cathedral
Lake Bled Guided Tour	Oberammergau Castle Linderhof
Lake Bled Boat Tour	Ettal Monastery Brewery & Distillery
Lake Bled Castle Entrance	Neuschwanstein Castle
Lake Bled Coffee & Cake	Organ recitals at different churches TBA
Postojna Caves Tour	
Ljubljana Guided tour	
Ljubljana Funicular & Castle Visit	

Day 1, June 3, 2021

Overnight flight US to Budapest

Day 2, June 4 Budapest afternoon

Touch down in the afternoon in wonderful Budapest. Meet your tour manager for the entire tour. Travel to your hotel. Visit the Hősök tere, a UNESCO listed historic square with statues of the seven tribes men who founded Budapest. Also take trip back into the communist times of Hungary and visit the Memento Park. This park is dedicated to the monumental statues and sculpted plaques from Hungary's Communist period. Then check into your hotel.

Dinner included tonight. Stay 3 nights in Budapest.

Day 3, June 5, Budapest

Budapest sightseeing tour. Visit Fishermans Wharf, beautiful St Matthias Church, Gellert hill view point, learn about Bishops Gellert tragic story. Afternoon is at leisure. You can visit the Great Historic Market Hall.

Dinner on own tonight. Overnight Budapest.



St. Matthias Church, Budapest

Day 4, June 6, Budapest

Budapest sightseeing continues. Today visit the grand Parliament building. Then visit the Dohány Street Synagogue and learn about the Jewish life in Hungary and hear about the Holocaust. See the very moving monument dedicated to the deportation of the Jewish Community in Budapest during WWII.

Afternoon at leisure. I recommend to visit one of the famous and wonderful Budapest Turkish Baths.

Dinner on own tonight. Overnight Budapest.

Day 5, June 7, Budapest to Zagreb

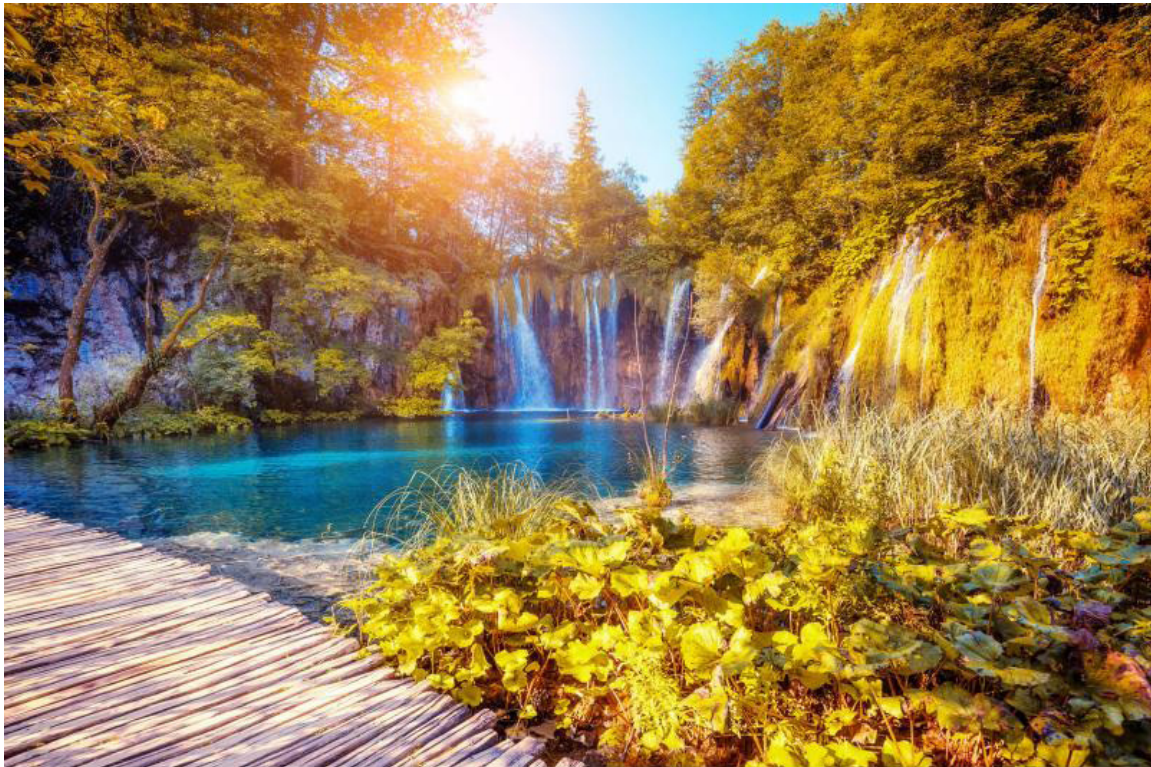
Leave Budapest and travel to Zagreb, Croatia. Upon arrival enjoy a wine tasting at a local bar. Included are wonderful Croatian cheeses and cold cuts for a light lunch. Then enjoy a 3-hour city tour of Zagreb. Explore the 900 years history of this beautiful town with a local guide on a walking tour. Then either stay one night in Zagreb or at a hotel nearby Plitvice National Park. Organ recital possible in Zagreb TBA.

Dinner is included tonight. Stay one night Zagreb or Plitvice area.

Day 6, June 8, Plitvice Lakes National Park visit

Today visit the Plitvice Lakes National Park in the morning. See the highlights of this amazing park on a guided walking tour. The lakes are a result of the confluence of several small rivers and subterranean karst rivers. The lakes are all interconnected and follow the water flow. They are separated by natural dams of travertine, which is deposited by the action of moss, algae, and bacteria. The particularly sensitive travertine barriers are the result of an interplay between water, air and plants. The encrusted plants and bacteria accumulate on top of each other, forming travertine barriers which grow at the rate of about 1 cm (0.4 in) per year. The lakes are renowned for their distinctive colors, ranging from azure to green, grey or blue. The colors change constantly depending on the quantity of minerals or organisms in the water and the angle of sunlight. In the afternoon travel to Slovenia to the wonderful lake town of Bled.

Dinner included tonight. Stay 3 nights in Bled or Ljubljana.



Plitvice Lakes National Park, Croatia

Day 7, June 9, Lake Bled

Today enjoy Lake Bled with a local guide. First visit Bled Castle up on the hill overlooking the Julian Alps and the lake. Then take a tour of the lake. Take a traditional shallow wooden boat (pletna) to the island in this wonderful glacial lake and visit the island. Once back by boat walk up to the villa formerly owned by Tito and enjoy a typical cake and coffee on the terrace. The Cremeschnitte, a lactose free and sugar free cake made with cream, sugar and more cream and more sugar is indeed a wonderful and not as sweet as it looks like. Enjoy! Rest of the day at leisure. Dinner on own tonight. Overnight Bled or Ljubljana.

Day 8, June 10, Postojna Caves and Ljubljana

Today take an excursion to the wonderful Postojna Karst Caves. Take an unforgettable ride on Postojna Cave's underground train and experience a fascinating subterranean paradise shaped by tiny droplets over millions of years. The train takes you 3.5 km into the cave system. Then you go on a mesmerizing 1.5 km walk through a very unique world. Then visit beautiful Ljubljana. Ljubljana is Slovenia's capital and largest city. It's known for its university population and green spaces, including expansive Tivoli Park. The curving Ljubljanica River, lined in outdoor cafes, divides the city's old town from its commercial hub. Ljubljana has many museums, including the National Museum of Slovenia, displaying historic exhibitions, and the Museum of Modern Art, home to 20th century Slovene paintings and sculptures. Visit the castle and the tour the old city. Enjoy an early dinner on own in Ljubljana. Overnight Bled or Ljubljana.

Day 9, June 11, Ice Caves Werfen, Austria

Today leave Bled and travel through the Austrian Alps to the wider Salzburg area. Visit the wonderful and largest ice caves in the world in Werfen. Take a cable car up into the mountains and then walk into the ice caves during a guided tour. The so-called Eisriesenwelt was formed by the Salzach river, which eroded passageways into the mountain. The ice formations in the cave were formed by thawing snow which drained into the cave and froze during winter. Since the entrance to the caves is open year-round, chilly winter winds blow into the cave and freeze the snow inside. In summer, a cold wind from inside the cave blows toward the entrance and prevents the formations from melting. In the afternoon travel to our hotel in the Salzburg area. Dinner is include tonight. Stay 3 nights in the Salzburg area.

Day 10, June 12, Salzburg and Hellbrunn water park

Today visit beautiful Salzburg. Learn about about the rich history of this town. Learn about the importance of salt in medieval times, once considered as the “white gold.” Be intrigued by stories and the history about Arch Bishop Wolf Dietrich, one of the most important rulers of Salzburg. Learn about Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Visit the Dome In Salzburg. Then, of course, experience some of the sights of the movie “Sound of Music,” like the famous fountain in the Mirabel gardens and the Gazebo at Castle Hellbrunn. Visit and experience also the famous Waterpark of Hellbrunn, built in 1750. You will be entertained. Organ Recital possible in Salzburg TBA. Dinner is included tonight. Overnight in the Salzburg area



Hellbrunn Palace, Salzburg

Day 11, June 13, Salt mines Berchtesgaden and Eagles Nest visit

Today visit the Berchtesgaden area. Full day excursion with a lot to see. We will start the day with visiting the Eagles Nest, the Kehlsteinhaus. A house built on top of the Kehlstein mountain and given to Adolf Hitler for his 50th birthday. Enjoy lunch on own in the beautiful mountain town of Berchtesgaden. After lunch we go into the mountain and visit the Salt mines of Berchtesgaden and learn about the white gold of the medieval times. In the afternoon travel back to the hotel in the Salzburg area.

Dinner is included tonight.

Day 12, June 14, Innsbruck & Ambras Castle

In the morning travel to Innsbruck. Outside Innsbruck town we will visit Ambras Castle and learn about the Renaissance times north of the Alps. Visit the castle with its amazing Spanish Hall and the chamber of arts and wonders with great art pieces from the Renaissance times. Travel on to Innsbruck. Upon arrival in Innsbruck, enjoy lunch on own. Then visit the town with a local guide. See the Innsbruck Cathedral, visit the Court Church of the Hapsburgs, see the famous golden roof and if possible, visit also the Grassmayr church bell Museum and see how a bell is made. Then travel on to your hotel in the Alpine area. Organ recital possible in Innsbruck TBA

Dinner is included tonight. Stay 3 nights in the Austrian / Bavarian Alps.

Day 13, June 15 Oberammergau & Castle Linderhof & Monastery Ettal Brewery and Distillery

Travel to Castle Linderhof and enjoy a tour of the castle built by the Bavarian King Ludwig II. Learn about his troubled life and his fairy tale like architectural visions. Visit also the Venus grotto in the castle park. Be intrigued. Upon arrival in Oberammergau enjoy lunch on own. See the beauty of the town and its famous frescoes on the house walls. Learn about the famous passion play. Then visit the monastery of Ettal. No, this is not another church visit. We will discover higher spirits today and enjoy a special tour through the other part of the monastery—the brewery and the distillery. I make sure we include a tasting. Then travel on to our hotel.

Dinner is included tonight. Stay 3 nights in the Austrian / Bavarian Alps.

Day 14, June 16, Neuschwanstein castle and the town of Füssen

Today visit the fairytale castle which was never finished, as King Ludwig the second died under mysterious circumstances before he could finish the castle. Enjoy a tour through the castle.

Lunch will be on own in the medieval town of Füssen. In the afternoon return to your hotel for your farewell dinner at the hotel.

Day 15, June 17 Flight home

Fly home today either from Innsbruck or early morning departure to Munich airport.