

Peaks of Europe: The Alps to The Dolomites featuring France, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, and Italy

13 Days • 19 Meals: 11 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 5 Dinners • Avg Group Size 19

Embark on an invigorating journey through Europe's towering Alps and idyllic towns. Across France, Switzerland, Austria, and Italy, discover breathtaking beauty and inviting local charm.

Highlights: Chamonix • Annecy • Mont Blanc • GoldenPass Train • Gstaad • Jungfrau • Lucerne • Innsbruck • Dolomites • Cortina • Prosecco Region • Venetian Countryside Villa Stay

 TRAVEL STYLE	Explorations - Small groups, local connections, unexpected angles. You'll step into communities, not just visit them — and come home with more than just photos.
 ACTIVITY LEVEL	Level 3: Active  See page 5 for more information
 ENHANCE YOUR TOUR	1 optional excursion available, see itinerary on page 2
 EXTEND YOUR TOUR	Pre Tour: arrive early with an extra night in Chamonix Post Tour: add a 2-Night Venice extension

Itinerary: Peaks of Europe: The Alps to The Dolomites



AT A GLANCE

On some dates similar accommodations will be used

Day 1	Overnight Flight	
Days 2-4	La Folie Douce Hotel	Chamonix
Day 5	Golf Hotel Le Hauts de Gstaad	Gstaad
Days 6, 7	Sunstar Alpine Hotel	Grindelwald
Days 8, 9	Seelos Hotel NIKO	Seefeld
Days 10, 11	Hotel Ander	Brunico
Day 12	Hotel Villa Condulmer, Mogliano Veneto	Venice

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS	MUST-SEE HIGHLIGHTS	CULINARY INCLUSIONS
Inhale fresh alpine air with 3 unique mountaintop experiences. Visit Barryland, a foundation that protects the heritage of Switzerland's national dog - the St. Bernard. Discover the local flora and fauna during a nature walk with a local alpinist.	Stay 3 nights in the French town of Chamonix, nestled at the foot of Mont Blanc. Step into the 3 storybook towns of Lucerne, Innsbruck, and Cortina. Gaze upon the vibrant Swiss countryside on the panoramic GoldenPass train. Stand at the "Top of Europe," the perennial winter wonderland of Jungfrauoch.	Toast to the end of your scenic journey during a farewell dinner in a Venetian countryside villa. Savor the flavors of Switzerland during a <i>raclette</i> brunch at a dairy farm. Taste the fruits of Italy's Prosecco region with a vineyard visit and tasting.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Postcard-perfect vistas and storybook villages. Rolling hills and the crisp scent of fresh mountain air. There is nothing in this world quite like the Alps. You're on your way to explore Europe's iconic peaks and valleys on an invigorating journey through France, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, and Italy.

Day 2: Chamonix, France

Say *bonjour* to Chamonix – the perennial ski-hub nestled at the foot of Mont Blanc. As arrival times will vary, there are no scheduled activities until later today. Take the afternoon to wander the pedestrian-friendly streets of this quaint town steeped in hundreds of years

of history. Tonight, join new friends and toast to the beginning of your alpine adventure.

 **Accommodation:** *La Folie Douce Hotel or similar*

Day 3: Chamonix - Annecy - Chamonix

Journey to one of France's most picturesque cities, Annecy - often called the "Venice of the Alps" due to its storybook charm. Join a local guide on a walking tour through this old medieval town featuring canals, crisscrossing bridges, and pastel-colored houses. Take advantage of some free time to explore the town's vibrant outdoor market. Later this afternoon, we return to Chamonix for free time at leisure. This evening, join

your fellow travelers for dinner at a local restaurant. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

 **Accommodation:** *La Folie Douce Hotel or similar*

Day 4: Chamonix

Today, decide how to explore the legendary Mont Blanc – the birthplace of mountaineering – because **it's your choice!** Ascend the Aiguille du Midi by cable car to an elevation of over 12,600 feet (3842 meters).* This is the closest you can get to the summit of Europe's tallest peak **-OR-** relax aboard the Tramway du Mont Blanc** rack-railway, taking in its vintage charm and the impressive views from the Eagle's Nest, located 7782 feet above sea level (2372 meters). This afternoon, enjoy a stroll through the woods in the bottom of the valley. *Today breakfast will be included.*

 **Accommodation:** *La Folie Douce Hotel or similar*

Day 5: Chamonix - Gstaad, Switzerland

Bid Chamonix and France *adieu* and set out for Switzerland. During today's **Impact Moment**, learn all about the pups of Barryland, a local foundation that promotes and protects the heritage of the St. Bernard, the official dog of Switzerland. An afternoon train ride on the GoldenPass whisks you through the pastoral Swiss landscape en route to Gstaad. Check in to your hotel before relaxing over dinner. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

 **Accommodation:** *Golf Hotel Le Hauts de Gstaad or similar*

Day 6: Gstaad - Grindelwald

Travel through the alpine meadows of the Bernese Oberland, an area renowned for its cheese production. Visit an artisanal creamery producing *raclette* cheese and taste the local produce during brunch on the farm. This afternoon, head on to Grindelwald, nestled at the base of legendary Mount Eiger. Settle in for a two-night stay in this charming alpine village. This evening is at leisure. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

 **Accommodation:** *Sunstar Alpine Hotel or similar*

Day 7: Grindelwald - Jungfrauoch - Grindelwald

A short cogwheel train ride brings you to Jungfrauoch (UNESCO), known as the "Top of Europe." Take your time to explore this eternal winter wonderland with impressive views of the imposing triple peaks of Eiger, Mönch, and Jungfrau. Wander the frosty halls of the Ice Palace to see works of icy art carved by local artists or stand next to the Swiss flag to capture your time above it all. Tonight is yours to do as you please. *Today breakfast will be included.*

 **Accommodation:** *Sunstar Alpine Hotel or similar*

Day 8: Grindelwald - Lucerne - Seefeld, Austria

Before departing Switzerland, spend some time to learn for yourself why the lakeside city of Lucerne is considered one of the most beautiful cities in Switzerland. Make your way through Liechtenstein, the only country to lie entirely within the Alps, on your way to Austria. This evening is yours to relax and to get to know your home in Seefeld for the next two nights. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

 **Accommodation:** *Seelos Hotel NIKO or similar*

Day 9: Seefeld

This morning, explore the idyllic town of Seefeld in a horse-drawn carriage, pausing to take in the unspoiled beauty of the Tyrolean mountains and forests. Enjoy a free afternoon or elect to cross into Germany on an optional tour of Oberammergau, the world-renowned home of the Passion Play. This Bavarian village of traditionally painted houses comes together every 10 years to perform a marathon 10-hour folk theatre rendition of the Passion to give thanks for escaping the plague of 1633 (next event will be in 2030). After visiting the theatre site and town, indulge in homemade Tyrolean cuisine at a local restaurant before returning to Seefeld. *Today breakfast will be included.*

 **Accommodation:** *Seelos Hotel NIKO or similar*

 **Optional Excursion:** *An Afternoon in Bavaria - see details on [web](#)*

Day 10: Seefeld - Innsbruck - Brunico, Italy

Take in the scenery of the spectacular Bavarian Alps en route to enchanting Innsbruck. Walk the charming streets, discover the historic old town, and take in landmarks such as the Golden Roof. Depart Austria for Italy to witness the unique jagged limestone peaks of the Dolomites. Arrive in Brunico, a historic town dating back to the 1200s, and your home for the next two nights. Perhaps after dinner you'll join an evening stroll in this charming town. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

 **Accommodation:** *Hotel Ander or similar*

Day 11: Brunico - Dolomites - Brunico

Journey into the Dolomites (UNESCO) mountain range and discover natural beauty and local traditions. During a walk in the Val Badia valley, learn about the centuries old Ladin culture. Stop at a nearby *maso* – an alpine farm – for a taste of local Ladin fare. After lunch, a cable car ride brings you to Rifugio Lagazuoi**** for a feast of stunning views of the Dolomites. The evening is yours to explore Brunico as you wish. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

 **Accommodation:** Hotel Ander or similar

Day 12: Brunico - Cortina - Mogliano Veneto

Discover the charm of Cortina, a ski town encircled by the scenic backdrop of sky-skimming Dolomite peaks. The rolling hills of Italy's Prosecco region bring you to a local vineyard where you'll taste the region's sparkling specialty. This evening, explore the frescoed halls and grounds of your historic countryside villa before you gather for dinner and toast to new friends, fond

memories, and unforgettable scenery. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

 **Accommodation:** Hotel Villa Condulmer, Mogliano Veneto or similar

Day 13: Mogliano Veneto - Tour Ends

Your alpine adventure comes to a close today. *Today breakfast will be included.*

See page 5 for essential tour information

Pre-Tour Extensions

- **Pre-Night Stay in Chamonix:** Arrive early and enjoy an extra night in Chamonix. This is an independent hotel stay before your guided tour begins.

Post-Tour Extensions

Continue your exploration of Italy with a two-night stay in Venice, the “Queen of the Adriatic”. From your centrally located hotel, the city is yours to uncover. Join a local guide for a walking tour of this incredible city, and enjoy ample free time to meander amongst the historic streets, taking in the city's unique architecture and gondola-laden canals.

- **2-Night Venice Post-Tour Extension**
 - **ACTIVITY LEVEL** - Level 3 Active
 - **EXTENSION STYLE - Hosted:** Enjoy a mix of time on your own and some planned tour activities. A local expert is available during part of your stay to guide you during scheduled activities and provide recommendations. In addition, your accommodations, daily breakfast, and any transfers to connect with your main tour are included.

- **ITINERARY**

Day 1: Mogliano Veneto - Venice - Continue your exploration of Italy with a 2-night stay in Venice, the “Queen of the Adriatic.” After a motorboat transfer, meet your local guide for a walking tour of this incredible city, including the Bridge of Sighs, the Clock Tower, and St. Mark's Square. You'll also learn about the Venetian art of glassblowing during an interactive demonstration.

Day 2: Venice - Enjoy a day to explore Venice at your leisure. From your centrally located hotel, the city is yours to uncover. Meander amongst the historic streets, taking in the city's unique architecture and gondola-laden canals. You may choose to experience the local cuisine at a typical *bacaro*, a small wine bar where locals stop for a glass of wine – traditionally called *ombra* – and a quick bite of local tapas – that Venetians call *cicchetti*. Or take a local public

waterbus ride to the nearby island of San Giorgio which offers spectacular views of St. Mark's Square and the Doge's Palace. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 3: Venice - Say *arrivederci* to Italy as your extension comes to a close. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Essential Tour Information

What to Expect: Peaks of Europe: The Alps to The Dolomites

GROUP SIZE & AGE POLICY

Group Size: *Travel with an average of 19 people (maximum of 24).*

PHYSICAL EFFORT & ACCESSIBILITY

Activity Level: **The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3.** This means you're an on-the-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.

Physical Requirements: This tour features three ascents above 9500 feet (2896 meters) which are not suitable in case of certain heart conditions. We recommend you consult your physician before booking.

This tour makes use of trains and cable cars on certain days and travelers must be able to climb on/off and maneuver through crowded stations and platforms.

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

Elevation: *In addition to the high altitude, the Aiguille du Midi choice requires the ability to negotiate 200 steps up/down at an altitude of over 12,600 feet (3842 meters) above sea level where oxygen levels are scarce.

Tour Pacing: On this tour there are three days which include long travel with 5+ hours of actual drive time.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodations: Many hotels in Switzerland do not offer air conditioning and availability of fans may be limited or not available.

Accommodation Restrictions: Triple accommodations are not available.

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

Travel Requirements: Peaks of Europe: The Alps to The Dolomites

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS & ENTRY RULES

Passport/ Identification Requirements: 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's 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.

Destination Entry/ Exit Requirements: Collette will provide all necessary information, updates, and supporting documents for your travel requirements, including visa and Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETAs), if required, approximately 60-90 days prior to your departure.

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

Customs and Immigrations: At the end of your tour, and upon returning to the U.S., please be prepared to fill out a Declaration Form for U.S. Customs. You are allowed to bring back up to \$800 USD per person of purchases duty free. (Dollar amount is subject to change without notice). There may be restrictions as to quantities and types of items that may be brought back to the United States. For purchases being shipped home, check with the store for the proper VAT forms and any shipping or duty fees that may apply.

What to Expect: 2-Night Venice Post-Tour Extension

PRE/POST TOUR EXTENSIONS

Pre/ Post Extension Type: During this extension, you can expect to have a **hosted** experience with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences.

Pre/Post Extension Minimum: Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

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

PHYSICAL EFFORT & ACCESSIBILITY

Activity Level: 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.

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

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Terms and Conditions

IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

***Airfare:** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all tour packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Preassigned seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date. **Checked Baggage Charges:** Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

Cancellation Charges for this tour: After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 90-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 75% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan Fee with Air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). The Travel Protection Plan Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. However, the Part B travel insurance includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons as detailed in Part B. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement. Cancellation waiver protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. Cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you chose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you chose to partially cancel your vacation, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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