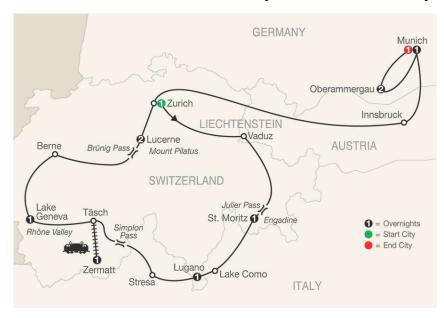
### **Dold World Journeys presents**

# The Swiss Alps & Oberammergau 14 days

Switzerland - Liechtenstein - Italy - Austria - Germany



#### **Dates & Prices**

Leave Fri. Jul. 15 – Return Thu. Jul. 28, 2022 - \$4,500 - Land Only United Airfare - \$2,498 / Single Room Supplement – \$775 (on request) / Travel Insurance - \$379

First 15 to sign up, Save \$100. Second 15, Save \$75.

Globus' Welcome Back Credit is NOT offered on *Oberammergau* programs.

\* Oberammergau will be back in 8 years.

## **Highlights**

- 11 nights in First- or Superior First-Class hotels. **Modified First Class Globus**. 11 (B) Full buffet Breakfasts; 2 (L) Lunches with one at a Swiss Working Farm; 7 (D) Dinners, three-courses with wine, including Welcome Dinner, Traditional "Grotto" Restaurant in Lugano, and a Special Dinner in Lucerne.
- Escorted by **Alex Dold** from Honolulu. Specially chosen tour director, **Dino Koftis**. Twin-bedded rooms with private bath or shower, hotel taxes, service charges, and tips for baggage handling.
- Private deluxe motorcoach with air-conditioning, extra leg room, and emergency washroom. **Horse Carriage** ride through the Alpine Forest, *Lake Lugano* and *Lake Maggiore* **Cruises**, **Mountain Train** ride to Zermatt, and **Railway ride** to Mount Pilatus.
- Guided strolls in Zurich, Berne, Lucerne and Innsbruck. Orientation drive of Munich.
- **Special sights** are the Zurich's Old Town, the impressive Lion Monument, Lucerne's covered Chapel Bridge, Emperor Maximillian's Golden Roof, Munich's Marienplatz with it new and old Town Halls, and more.
- Unique inclusions like tasting traditional Chocolate Pralines at the famous Sprüngli Confectionery, Horse Carriage ride in the Roseg Valley, visiting Berne's Bear Park, spending time a Swiss Working Farm, receive a special souvenir cap at Mount Pilatus, plus the **Oberammergau PASSION PLAY**.
- Scenic highlights abound with scenic Lake Zurich, Lake Walen, the Swiss and Bavarian Alps, Rhine Valley, 7,504-foot Juiler Pass, beautiful Engadine Valley, renown Roseg Valley, Italy's Lake Como, subtropical Lake Lugano, Lake Maggiore, lofty Simplon Pass, Swiss Valais, the spectacular Matterhorn, lower Rhone Valley, majestic Lake Geneva, the amazing Tyrolean Mountains, plus, plus, plus.

# **Itinerary**

- **DAY 1. Honolulu Departure.** Our Oberammergau experience begins today with a departure for the east coast. The preliminary flight schedule can be found online at <u>doldworldjourneys.com</u> under the journey's page.
- **DAY 2. Day use rooms in Newark.** We are schedule to arrive at Newark in the morning and transfer to a nearby hotel where we have our own rooms to freshen up and relax. Then it is a non-stop flight to **Zurich**, Switzerland. *Air schedule is subject to change!*
- **DAY 3. Arrival in Zurich, Switzerland.** Our arrival is in the early morning. After clearing customs formalities, we are met with a smile by Dino Koftis, our amazing European Director, and transfer to the Renaissance Zurich Tower hotel, where we spend the night. Our rooms will be ready for us to freshen up and rejuvenate. In the afternoon, all are welcomed to wander with Alex to help us acclimate. Tonight, celebrate the start of our journey with a welcome dinner at our hotel. (D)
- DAY 4. Via Vaduz, Liechtenstein to St. Moritz, Switzerland. Medieval heritage every step of the way this morning. Discover the charm of Zurich's Old Town on an orientation stroll. Admire the guild houses and taste the traditional Chocolate Pralines at the famous Sprüngli Confectionery. Then a scenic drive following Lake Zurich and Lake Walen through the high Alps to the pocket-sized Principality of Liechtenstein, known for its fancy postage stamps. After a break in its capital, Vaduz, ascend the Rhine Valley into the mountainous Grisons, a canton where three of the country's four languages are spoken.

The 7,504-foot **Julier Pass**, an important Alpine Road since Roman times, leads us to the **Engadine**. This valley is considered by many as the most beautiful mountain area in the world, with deep-blue lakes, airy larch forests that turn golden in the fall, mountain peaks exceeding 12,000 feet, and quaint villages with massive white stone houses in the characteristic Grisons style. Afternoon arrival in ritzy **St. Moritz** and our Laudinella hotel. For a special treat, travel to the mountain village of **Pontresina** where our horse-drawn carriage awaits. We ride into the untouched Alpine Forest through the fragrant Swiss pines and larch wood with an amazing view of the glacier. (B), (D)

**DAY 5. Via Lake Como, Italy to Lugano, Switzerland.** A gradual change of scenery as we descend towards the enchanted shores of **Italy's Lake Como** and continue to the southern tip of Switzerland. The vegetation south of the Alps is Mediterranean: chestnut groves, vineyards, and olive and fig trees make us forget that earlier today we were within walking distance of glaciers.

Afternoon arrival in the popular subtropical resort town of **Lugano** in the Italian-speaking part of Switzerland. Time for shopping under the arcades of *Via Nassa* or an espresso on flower-festooned Piazza Riforma. This evening we cruise breathtaking **Lake Lugano**, followed by dinner at a traditional "grotto" restaurant. Novotel Lugano Paradiso hotel. (B), (D)

DAY 6. Via Stresa, Italy and Täsch, Switzerland to Zermatt. Our coach takes us from Lake Lugano to the Italian shore of Lake Maggiore for a break in the elegant town of Stresa. Here we take a boat ride to the last privately-owned island, Isola Bella. Enjoy a guided visit of the Borromeo Palace and stroll into a traditional Italian Market. It's a taste of Italian elegance with its romance, art architecture and history in a Mediterranean setting.

Later we continue over lofty **Simplon Pass**, connecting the *Pennine Alps* to the *Lepontine Alps*, and head into the **Swiss Valais**, an area renowned for its excellent wines and majestic mountain resorts. To reach the most famous of them, we leave the coach behind in **Täsch** and board a **Mountain Train** to climb the last few miles up to car-free **Zermatt**, a picturesque cluster of rustic chalets beneath the shadow of magnificent **Matterhorn**, one of the highest summits in the Alps and Europe. Pollux hotel. (B)

**Please note:** due to the limited space on the Train to Zermatt we will need prepare an overnight bag.

**DAY 7. To Lake Geneva.** This morning for a spectacular view of the surrounding Alps, take the exciting *optional excursion* by cable car to 12,739-foot-high **Klein Matterhorn** or savor some free time to wander the town and window shop for beautiful Swissmade watches, cuckoo clocks, and cow bells.

Later we travel by coach through the vineyards and apricot groves of the lower **Rhône Valley**, the German speaking part of Switzerland. We arrive at beautiful **Lake Geneva**, one of the largest lakes in Europe, and our Eurotel Montreux hotel in the late afternoon. (B), (D)

**DAY 8. Via Berne to Lucerne.** Begin our day in the stately capital of **Berne** with our guided visit of the **Bear Park**. Here we see the native brown bear living in a landscape where they can climb, fish and play. Then savor a panoramic view of the city from the **Rose Garden** and enjoy a guided stroll through the beautifully preserved medieval **Old Town** where we witness the hourly parade of painted figures at the *Clock Tower* and take pictures of ornate, flower-adorned fountains.

Our highlight of the day is a *special lunch* at a traditional **Swiss working farm** with a chance to see how people live in rural Switzerland. Then continue over **Brünig Pass** to picture-book **Lucerne** where we spend two nights at the Romantik Hotel Wilden Mann. How about joining a Swiss folklore party with yodeling and alphorn blowing? (B), (L)

- **DAY 9. Discovering Lucerne.** Medieval heritage every step of the way this morning. Discover the charm of this city as we stroll with Dino through cobbled lanes to the city walls and listen as he explains its history. Admire Thorwaldsen's impressive **Lion Monument**, dedicated to the Swiss Guards who protected the Royal House of France during the French Revolution, and the ornate patrician houses of the walled **Old Town**. Cross the famous covered **Chapel Bridge** to the Jesuit Church. Some free time to shop for Swiss watches before another true Swiss experience: a trip to the top of **Mount Pilatus**, the "*Guard of Lucerne*," where we receive a special *Souvenir Cap!* A special dinner awaits us at our hotel for a proper *auf Wiedersehen* to Switzerland. (B), (D)
- **DAY 10. Via Innsbruck, Australia to Munich, Germany.** A comfortable drive brings us via **Zurich** to **Innsbruck** in the **Austrian Tyrol mountains**. Enjoy a walk through the **Old Town** to quaint medieval lanes to Emperor Maximilian's **Golden Roof**. Sumptuously decorated with 2,657 fire-gilded copper tiles, all still original. Then, continue to **Munich**, capital of Bavaria and home of the annual Oktoberfest celebration. Our Sheraton Munich Westpark hotel located near multiple eateries and a 40-minute walk to Marienplatz. (B)
- **DAY 11. To Oberammergau.** Germany's "Secret Capital" comes alive during our orientation drive featuring the **Olympic Stadium**, 1,000-foot-high **Olympic Tower**, and **Marienplatz**, in the historic heart of the city. Then it is off to the lush Bavarian Alps and picturesque **Oberammergau**. A fantastic Globus highlight is our Romantik Hotel Boeld is in this quaint little village. This gives us the opportunity to wander at our leisure. The place will be crowded with tourists during the day, but at night we'll have this charming Bavarian village all to ourselves. (B), (D)
- **DAY 12. Oberammergau and The Passion Play.** The Passion Play presents Christ's Passion, beginning with His entry into Jerusalem and ending with His resurrection and transfiguration. All participants in the Passion Play must be native to Oberammergau, no small feat since there can be up to 600 elaborately costumed actors and a chorus and orchestra of 100 strong on the open-air state at one time. There is so much involved the locals start getting ready and rehearsing over a year before the event. Usually held every 10 years.

The afternoon and evening are dedicated to the world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play. (See descriptive flyers). (B), (L), (D)

- **DAY 13. Back To Munich.** After breakfast we have a little time to browse **Oberammergau** one more time. Be sure to savor the beautiful and colorful frescoes painted on the outside of many buildings, catch a glimpse of the woodcarvers at work, and/or pick up a few Christmas ornaments. A short drive back through the *Bavarian Alps* brings us back to **Munich** for the night. Perhaps hoist a few steins at the famous Hofbrauhaus. The evening is free to do as we please. Alex and Dino will be available with suggestions. Sheraton Munich Westpark hotel. (B)
- **Day 14. To Honolulu.** Vivid memories of an Alpine extravaganza and spectacular Oberammergau experience are with us as we return home. Our flight arrives in Honolulu in the late evening. (B)

## **General Conditions - Oberammergau**

**DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT:** A \$600 per person *CHECK* **DEPOSIT** (please make check out to Dold World Journeys) is required to secure your space and your **RESERVATION FORM** to set your possible discount spot. The deposit is part of your final payment, which is due no later than **65 days** prior to departure. You will receive a final payment request approximately two weeks before its due date. Group **AIR** payment is by **CHECK ONLY**.

Sign-up discounts are combinable with other discounts but are not transferable to other programs. Land price does NOT include airport transfers, dayrooms, or pre- or post- night hotel accommodations. The AIR price **includes** airport transfers and/or dayrooms.

GLOBUS HEALTH & SAFETY WAIVER: Globus requires each member to accept their Health & Safety Waiver to join one of their programs. A copy will be provided. You MUST accept the Globus Health & Safety Waiver to take this journey. A copy of your Covid Vaccination card is due prior to final payment.

**CANCELLATION AND REFUND**: Deposits are **NON-REFUNDABLE**. After final payment, only the monies which will be recovered from the hotels, tour operators, airlines, etc., will be refunded. No refund will be made for services not used once the tour commences. All refunds or penalties are subject to the rules and tariffs of the vendors concerned. (Note: Once your airline ticket is issued it is **non-refundable** *yet have a value*.) There is a \$30 fee for any changes made after 90 days.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE**: **NEW** – Travel Insurance is **NON-REFUNDABLE**. When purchasing Travel Insurance with your DEPOSIT you are covered from a *pre-existing condition*. You can find a copy of the coverage at <u>doldworldjourneys.com</u>. **NOTE** - "Cancel for Any Reason" does **NOT** cover the deposit.

**LAND PRICE**: Land price is per person based on two people sharing a room/cabin and accurate as of December 13, 2021. Our Land Price is guaranteed (unless taxes increase). We need a minimum of 20 people flying with the group to operate this journey.

AIR PRICE: Must be paid by CHECK. It includes airport transfer and/or dayrooms. Airfare/schedules are SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

**PRICE INCLUDES**: The journey price includes accommodations in First- or Superior First-class hotels/ships based on two people sharing a room/cabin with private facilities (bath or shower); meals as indicated in the itinerary: (B) breakfast, (L) lunch, and (D) dinner; and entrance fees where applicable.

**NOT INCLUDED**: The trip price does not include AIRFARE, passport expenses; meals not listed above; all beverages; baggage fees; baggage and health insurance; laundry expenses; and all items of a personal nature. Tips to tour directors, tour drivers, local guides, and hotel personnel; excursions; city sightseeing; and entrance fees are excluded unless specifically noted in the itinerary.

**PASSPORT AND DOCUMENTS**: A passport, valid 6 months past the date of your return with at least 3 blank pages, is required. Tourist Visas are not required for U.S. citizens on this journey. A **copy** of your passport is due with final payment.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: Single rooms are limited and on REQUEST.

**SIGHTSEEING AND TRANSFERS**: All sightseeing and transfers are by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach with extra leg room. No Smoking on Globus coaches.

**BAGGAGE**: Due to limited motorcoach capacity, only one suitcase (50 lbs. maximum) and one carry-on per person will be allowed. Porterage for this suitcase is included in the journey's price. No responsibility is accepted for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the passengers' belongings. We recommend buying travel insurance.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Dold World Journeys, LLC. and Group Voyagers Inc., dba Globus, 5301 S. Federal Circle, Littleton, CO 80123 (hereinafter referred to as "the Companies") are responsible to you in making arrangements for the tour services offered in the itinerary or on its Web site, including transportation, sightseeing, and hotel accommodations through independent contracts.

The carriers, hotels and other suppliers providing tour services are independent contractors and are not agents, employees, or servants of, or joint ventures with, the Companies or its affiliates. All certificates and other travel documents for tour services issued by the Companies are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the supplier and to the laws of the countries in which the services are supplied. If, after tour departure, the services included in the tour cannot be supplied or there are changes in an itinerary for reasons beyond the control of the Companies, the Companies will arrange for the provision of comparable services. Any resulting additional expense will be payable by tour participants and any resulting savings will be refunded by the Companies to tour participants.

The Companies reserves the right to accept or reject any person as a tour participant, to expel any tour participant from the tour, to make changes in the itinerary whenever the Companies deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour participants, and to cancel a tour at any time.

Any disability requiring special attention should be reported to Globus at the time the reservation is made. Globus will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled tour participants, but the Companies are not responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, and other independent suppliers. The motorcoach company and other carrier employees may not physically lift participants or assist them on or off transportation vehicles. Persons requiring such assistance must be accompanied by a qualified companion.

The tour participant agrees that neither the Companies nor its affiliates shall be liable for any damages, loss (including personal injury, death, and property loss), or expense occasioned by any act or omission of any supplier providing tour services or of any other person. Legal proceedings against the Companies may be instituted only in a state or federal court located within the State of Colorado, and any claim involved in such proceedings shall be decided in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado. Any legal proceedings against the Companies must be commenced within one year following the date of tour completion.

No person other than an authorized representative of the Companies, by a document in writing, is authorized to vary, add, or waive any term or condition regarding this program, including any term or condition set forth in the preceding provisions. (Travel Agents Registration #7051)