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The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

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The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

Let the timeless Alpine splendor of Germany, Austria and Switzerland be the backdrop for the next chapter of your story, and experience the legacy of a mountain town through an age-old play.

Above: Sunrise over the Bavarian Alps, Garmisch-Partenkirchen | Cover photo: Salzburg

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Witness the world-famous community production of **Oberammergau's Passion Play**, staged only once every 10 years.
- ▶ Glide across the **pristine Bodensee**, Europe's third-largest lake, from Friedrichshafen to Lindau.
- ▶ Feast your eyes on stunning **Alpine peaks and verdant valleys**.
- ▶ Indulge in **local culinary traditions** during a fondue lunch and a beer garden outing.
- ▶ Walk in the footsteps of **Mozart** in delightful Salzburg and enjoy a performance of his works.
- ▶ Admire the architectural beauty of **Munich**, the capital city of Bavaria.
- ▶ Discover the elegant **Abbey of St Gall**, a focal point for religion and academia.



Dear K-State Alumni and Friends,

Join us as we discover the treasures of the northern Alps in Germany, Austria and Switzerland, where each day unfolds to reveal close-up encounters with enthralling European history, majestic mountain landscapes and medieval towns.

Sail across Lake Constance to a peaceful island, and explore Innsbruck, tucked in the Austrian Alps. In St. Gallen, marvel at a centuries-old monastic library, and delve deep into the life and music of Mozart in Salzburg. Attend the Oberammergau Passion Play 2020, a theatrical performance so remarkable that it's 10 years in the making! Along the way, savor regional favorites, including Appenzeller cheese, fondue and German bratwurst before concluding your journey amid Munich's architectural beauty.

This trip combines the security, ease and value of group travel with opportunities for independent exploration. Space on this exclusive journey is limited, and the trip is sure to sell out quickly, so make your reservations today!

Sincerely,

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Beer garden lunch, Munich





Day 1

In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Munich, Germany.✈

Day 2 D

Munich, Germany | Oberstaufen

Arrive in Munich and transfer✈ to the Lindner Parkhotel & Spa.

Join an orientation tour around the village of Oberstaufen, nestled amid beautiful alpine views.

Later tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 3 B | L

Lindau

Enrichment: The History of Lake Constance.

With a local expert, learn about the history of Lake Constance, known locally as the Bodensee, which is surrounded by Switzerland, Germany and Austria. Discover the lake's role in the economic and cultural development of the region.

Discovery: The Bodensee. Take in majestic mountain vistas during a scenic drive to



Above: Lindau | Inset: Appenzell

Friedrichshafen on the shore of the Bodensee, the glacial lake also known as Lake Constance. Embark on a cruise to the island of Lindau with its picturesque harbor flanked by Mang Tower, a medieval lighthouse and the Bavarian lion statue. See two famous towers: Diebsturm, a turreted 14th-century tower that once was a prison, and Mangturm, a 12th-century tower that once served as the town's lookout post. Lindau's other sights include the baroque Haus zum Cavazzen, which houses the art collections of the Stadtmuseum Lindau, and the painted Renaissance Old Town Hall. Enjoy lunch at a waterfront restaurant.

YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE

Free time means something different to every traveler. You may like to linger in a cozy café or stay on the go. That's why we design itineraries that allow you to craft an individual travel experience.



ELECTIVES | At an additional cost

Further your experience by immersing yourself in specially designed activities and extensions.

Check out our itinerary for more details. We've done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.



Above: Innsbruck | Inset: Neuschwanstein Castle (elective)

Day 4

B | L | D

St. Gallen, Switzerland | Appenzell

Enrichment: *Three Nations, One Language.*

Join a resident expert to discuss the languages and cultures of Switzerland, Austria and Germany.

Discovery: St. Gallen. Uncover 12 centuries of monastic tradition and architecture at the Abbey of St Gall. Gallus, an Irish monk, built a hermitage, which blossomed into a monastic community that became one of Europe's most significant educational institutions. Today, its library has thousands of rare books and manuscripts in its collection.

AHI Connects: Flavors of Switzerland.

Visit a dairy in Appenzell to learn how the city's namesake cheese is made. Savor cheese fondue during lunch at a mountaintop restaurant, a cozy establishment decorated in a traditional style.

After returning to Oberstaufen, enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Day 5

B | D

Garmisch-Partenkirchen | Oberammergau

Revel in the scenery while driving to Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

Upon arrival, check in to the Hotel Zugspitze and have time to enjoy lunch on your own.

Discovery: Passion Play. Witness the immense production of Oberammergau's world-renowned Passion Play. The entire cast of participants, whether on stage or behind the scenes, are from Oberammergau, including men,



Mozartplatz, Salzburg



PASSION PLAY | Oberammergau

A.D. 2020

The Thirty Years War, 1618–1648, brought central Europe more than the ravages of political and religious enmity. In 1632, the Black Plague ruthlessly swept through towns and villages, felling one out of three people. In 1633, as a desperate plea, Oberammergau elders pledge that the townspeople would reenact the Passion of Christ every 10 years if the hamlet was spared. Afterward, miraculously, not another person died. The first Passion Play took place in a meadow in 1634. It was shifted to decennial years in 1700. Over the centuries, music and lyrics were added. The town's woodcarving and unique *Lüftlmalerei* painting traditions are showcased in the creation of stage props and scenery. Over 2,000 citizens of Oberammergau participate in the play, which is performed in German. There are approximately 1,000 onstage roles; however, other Oberammergau residents participate as musicians, backstage staff, and set and costume designers. There are also many sheep, goats and donkeys on the stage! This 2020 event will be the 42nd production of the play.

Photo courtesy of Passion Play 2020, Oberammergau

women and children. All who participate in the play must have been born in Oberammergau or lived in the village for at least 20 years. The musical drama will immerse you in the life of Jesus as you follow the later part of Jesus' life, including the Crucifixion and Resurrection. View powerful moments such as The Last Supper, Jesus at the Mount of Olives and Jesus before Pilate and Herod. During intermission, join your group for dinner.

Day 6 B

Innsbruck, Austria | Salzburg

En route to Salzburg, delight in the majestic Alps.

Discovery: Innsbruck. Explore Innsbruck in the western Austrian state. Discover Innsbruck's Old Town on a walking tour that takes you down Maria-Theresien-Strasse, the city's main boulevard, and by the Golden Roof, the Imperial Palace and Gardens and the Court Church.

Free Time: Craft your own path during leisure time in Innsbruck. Perhaps take a quick journey on the Nordkette cable car, which takes you from the city center to the peaks of the rugged Nordkette mountain range.

Arrive in Salzburg late this afternoon and check in to the Imlauer Hotel Pitter Salzburg.

Day 7 B | D

Salzburg

Discovery: Salzburg. While exploring Mozart's hometown, learn about his early years in the city, see the home on Getreidegasse where the great composer was born and witness other significant places in his life. Visit the mighty Hohensalzburg Fortress, perched on a hill overlooking the city. This imposing building and its curtain of massive walls is one of Salzburg's most iconic sights.

Free Time: Lunch and the remainder of the afternoon are available to spend as you wish. For a sweet treat, look for the local chocolate candy called *Mozartkugel* in confection shops. This delicacy, named after Mozart, is a delicious medley of marzipan, pistachio and nougat enrobed in chocolate.

Discovery: Dinner with Mozart. Savor delicious Austrian cuisine while listening to live performances of Mozart's arias from his operas "Figaro," "The Magic Flute" and "Don Giovanni."

Day 8 B

Salzburg

Free Time: Spend a full day at leisure. There are myriad options to entertain you, including a "Sound of Music" tour if you wish.

Below: Marienplatz, Munich



Day 9

B | L

Munich, Germany

This morning, embark on a train ride through the picturesque countryside to Munich, Germany.

Discovery: Munich. The jovial German spirit of *gemütlichkeit* abounds in Munich! During a walking tour, see the city's landmarks, including the bustling Marienplatz square and the National Theatre Munich, home to the Bavarian State Opera. Step inside the 17th-century baroque Theatiner Church, which influenced the design of other baroque churches in Germany.

Discovery: Beer Garden Lunch. Enjoy a hearty lunch of regional flavors at a public beer garden. This tradition has been a favorite of Munich residents since the early 19th century when Bavarian King Maximilian Joseph I enacted a law to establish the *Biergarten*, or beer garden in all districts. Today, the law no longer exists, but the convivial tradition of gathering at long communal tables in the gardens to eat, drink and celebrate remains strong. There are over 180 beer gardens around Munich!

This afternoon, check in to the Hotel Bayerischer Hof.

Enrichment: Germany Today. Discuss the current events and issues of modern Germany.

Day 10

B | D

Munich

Free Time: Join today's Elective Activity to Neuschwanstein Castle, or spend your final day crafting your own adventures. If you decide to spend the day exploring on your own, you may wish to visit the Residenz, the 17th-century palace-turned-museum.

ELECTIVE | Neuschwanstein Castle.

Journey to the white-towered wonder of Neuschwanstein Castle, set amid forested hills in a high cradle of the Bavarian, Lechtal and Allgäu Alps. This architectural masterpiece, built by Ludwig II, is the pinnacle of a magnificent panorama above the verdant meadows surrounding Schwangau. It was the inspiration for Disney's Sleeping Beauty Castle!

Gather this evening to celebrate your journey with a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 11

B

In Transit

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city. ✈

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions.*

Walking is required on all excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.

✈ *Transfers and flights included for AHI FlexAir participants.*

B|L|D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

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*Above and right: Abbey of St Gall
Below: Salzburg at night*



UNESCO World Heritage

1. Abbey of St Gall
2. Historic City of Salzburg



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Left: Salzburger Nockerl | Below: Passion Play scene



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Passion Play Theater, Oberammergau | Photo courtesy of Passion Play 2020, Oberammergau



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