

European Escapes

JULY RETIREE PACKAGE



VACATION PLANNING CENTER

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Herzlich Willkommen!

Edelweiss Lodge and Resort offers military retirees and their spouses the vacation of a lifetime in one of the most spectacular settings in Europe. Our full-service European Escapes package includes a personal meet and greet at Munich International Airport, private bus transportation to all destinations with a professional guide and a ten night stay at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort. Our goal is to provide our guests with a safe, exciting and memorable experience in and around the charming town of Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. The combination of superb facilities, eager-to-please staff and spectacular location allows retirees to focus on having a great time while we take care of the rest.



Sunday, 8 July

WELCOME TO GERMANY

Schedule:

1200 Private coach departs Munich International Airport

1330 Arrive in Garmisch-Partenkirchen

1515 - 1700 Welcome Reception

You will arrive at the Munich International Airport and be greeted by an Edelweiss Lodge and Resort representative. Enjoy some time to mingle with your fellow retirees and stretch your legs after the long flight before boarding a private coach bus en route to Garmisch.

During the drive, watch as the majestic mountains begin to form around you before arriving in the stunning Werdenfelser valley with the highest mountain in all of Germany right at your feet: the Zugspitze. The rest of the afternoon is yours to get checked-in, unpack and relax before attending the Welcome Reception and dinner at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort.



Monday, 9 July

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN

Schedule:

0630 - 1000 Breakfast at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort

0930 - 1400 Garmisch-Partenkirchen City Tour

1700 - 2200 Dinner at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort*

**Not included in the package price*

The quaint town of Garmisch-Partenkirchen quietly rests in the Werdenfelser Valley at the foot of the majestic Bavarian Alps. Spend the day getting acquainted with your home for the next ten days. Your guide will take you along the cobblestone streets of each town pointing out historic buildings, monuments, architecture, shopping spots and more throughout this charming city.

You'll start off with a walk down the historic Ludwigstrasse in Partenkirchen - a part of what was once the Roman Road from Venice to Augsburg. Enjoy the fascinating murals & art of this cobblestone street before heading west toward Garmisch. You will learn the history of Garmisch, peruse the Marienplatz pedestrian zone and enjoy free time to explore or dine in a sidewalk bistro or café.



Tuesday, 10 July
HERRENCHIEMSEE PALACE

Schedule:

0630 - 1000 Breakfast at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort

0730 - 2000 Herrenchiemsee Palace Tour

1700 - 2200 Dinner at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort*

**Not included in the package price*

Travel to one of King Ludwig's secluded getaways: Herrenchiemsee Palace. Unlike the medieval design of Neuschwanstein Castle begun in 1869, Herrenchiemsee Palace is, in a sense, a Neo-Baroque monument to Ludwig's admiration of King Louis XIV of France. In the great hall of mirrors of the palace the ceiling is painted with 25 tableaux showing Louis XIV at his best. It was to have been an equivalent to the Palace of Versailles, but only the central portion was built before the king died in 1886.

The palace is located on an island, so by ferry is the only means of transportation for reaching the getaway. Spend the day touring this grand palace and walking through the formal gardens filled with flowers and fountains.



Wednesday, 11 July
ITALIAN WINE TASTING

Schedule:

0630 - 1000 Breakfast at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort

0730 - 2000 Italian Wine Tasting Tour

1700 - 2200 Dinner at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort*

**Not included in the package price*

The Brenner Pass into Southern Tirol is a beautiful drive through the Italian Dolomites. Your guide will share the unique history of this multi-cultural region of Austrian and Italian influences.

Your first stop will be in the artistic city of Brixen, Italy for sight-seeing, exploration and shopping. One of the spots to stop for is the famous 10th Century Cathedral with a large fresco by artist Paul Troger in the center of town.

Afterward, head to the Kalterersee for a quiet lakeside lunch before touring a local winery and tasting a selection of authentic Italian wines.



Thursday, 12 July
BERCHTESGADEN, GERMANY

Schedule:

0630 - 1000 Breakfast at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort

0730 - 2000 Berchtesgaden Eagle's Nest Tour

1700 - 2200 Dinner at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort*

**Not included in the package price*

One of the most interesting and historic buildings from the WWII era rests high above the town of Berchtesgaden with breathtaking views of the Obersalzberg area. Given as a present to Adolf Hitler from the political party, Eagle's Nest remains in its original state to this day and offers visitors an opportunity to remember and learn about the inhuman dictatorship it served. You will ascend by coach bus to an elevator shaft built deep within the mountain. After a short ride enjoy the magnificent view, the history of the building and perhaps a snack.

After visiting "the summit of power" you will return to the town of Berchtesgaden for shopping and exploration.



Friday, 13 July
FREE DAY

Schedule:

0630 - 1000 Breakfast at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort

1130 - 1300 Lunch at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort*

1700 - 2200 Dinner at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort*

**Not included in the package price*

The day is yours! Some activities you may enjoy include:

- *The beautiful Partnach Gorge*
- *Olympic Ski Jump Stadium*
- *Kurpark gardens*
- *A stroll through the Marienplatz*
- *Shopping in downtown Garmisch*
- *A dip in our outdoor hot tub*
- *A bite in a Bavarian café*
- *Taking a train to a nearby town*
- *Riding a cable car to the top of Germany - the Zugspitze*
- *Receiving a relaxing massage/facial from our Wellness club*



Saturday, 14 July
MUNICH CITY TOUR

Schedule:

0630 - 1000 Breakfast at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort

0830 - 1730 Munich City Tour & BMW World

1700 - 2200 Dinner at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort*

**Not included in the package price*

Bavaria's heart and soul is arguably its capital city: Munich. Your tour will begin by driving by the grounds of the world-famous Oktoberfest held every year in the "Beer Capital of the World." You'll then visit the Marienplatz, site of the Rathaus town hall and the Glockenspiel play clock with dancers, jousters and knights. Afterward, continue on to visit the world-famous Hofbräuhaus beer hall as you learn the history of Munich's past. You'll then go into the Residenz and view the crown jewels of Munich's royalty.

After some free time to explore on your own, you'll make one final stop at the BMW World showroom. This modern day landmark presents visitors with a comprehensive survey of cars, motorcycles and engines, as well as special services and technical and design solutions by the BMW brand.



Sunday, 15 July

NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE

Schedule:

0630 - 1000 Breakfast at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort

0830 - 1700 Neuschwanstein Castle Tour

1700 - 2200 Dinner at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort*

**Not included in the package price*

Towering over rocky crags at the foot of the Bavarian Alps rests the famous Neuschwanstein Castle constructed for King Ludwig II. This fairytale castle has been inspiring awe and wonder for years with its ornate and lavish interior along with a majestic design that even Walt Disney couldn't resist when dreaming up his Cinderella Castle.

Your tour will pass through the stunning countryside of Germany and Austria before reaching the castle and taking the grand tour. Learn the life and passions of King Ludwig, "the Swan King," and his perplexing, unsolved death. Afterward you'll make one more stop at the Wieskirche, a beautiful pilgrimage church of the Baroque/Rococo style near the town of Steingaden.



Monday, 16 July
SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

Schedule:

0630 - 1000 Breakfast at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort

0730 - 2000 Discover sensational Salzburg

1700 - 2200 Dinner at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort*

**Not included in the package price*

Nestled deep in the Austrian Alps, the beautiful city of Salzburg has much more to offer than what you have probably seen in "The Sound of Music." Your guide will take you by St. Peter's Abbey & the Catacombs, Cathedral Square, Mozart's house and the famous street of shops, Getreidegasse. You'll learn the history and folklore of Salzburg and find out what makes this town so unique.

In your free time, you can explore the old city, taste the local beer that has been produced for over 500 years and grab a bite of the world famous Sacher Torte chocolate cake. Spend some time listening to the talented street musicians and dine at a charming courtyard restaurant before heading back to Garmisch.



Tuesday, 17 July
FREE DAY

Schedule:

0630 - 1000 Breakfast at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort

1130 - 1300 Lunch at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort*

1730 - 2200 Farewell Dinner at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort

The day is yours! Some activities you may enjoy include:

- Partnach Gorge
- Olympic Ski Jump Stadium
- Kurpark gardens
- A stroll through the Marienplatz
- Shopping in downtown Garmisch
- A dip in our outdoor hot tub
- A bite in a Bavarian café
- Taking a train to a nearby town
- Riding a cable car to the top of Germany
- Receiving a relaxing massage/facial from our Wellness club

In the evening, join us for a final farewell dinner to share memories, photographs and enjoy the company of your fellow retirees one last time before heading home.



Wednesday, 18 July
AUF WIEDERSEHEN

Schedule:

0515 - 0600 Check out

0530 - 0600 Breakfast at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort

0600 Load bus, depart for Munich International Airport

Thank you for choosing to visit Edelweiss Lodge and Resort for your special Retiree vacation. The private coach bus will depart Edelweiss Lodge and Resort at 0600 hrs - this will get you to the airport in time to catch the 0950 hrs flights.

Auf Wiedersehen!





The Retiree Package Includes:

- *Transportation from Munich International Airport to Garmisch via private coach bus*
- *Welcome Reception on the day of your arrival*
- *Ten nights in a standard room at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort*
- *Breakfast each morning*
- *Special European Escapes tours given by professional guides*
- *Farewell Dinner the day before your departure*
- *“Auf Wiedersehen” gift upon departure*
- *Transportation from Garmisch to Munich International Airport via private coach bus*

Getting Around During Your Visit:

Transportation via private coach from Munich International Airport to Garmisch on 8 July and from Garmisch to Munich International Airport on 18 July is included within the package. The bus option is available on 18 July if you arrive by 1130 hours - the bus leaves promptly at noon. Only available for arrivals and departures out of Munich International Airport.

If you arrive before 8 July or depart after 18 July you will be responsible for transportation arrangements and cost to or from Edelweiss Lodge and Resort.

During your stay, all transportation to and from tours is provided via private coach.



*\$2,100 for singles (one person in a room)
\$2,600 for couples (two persons in a room)*

Only 24 spots are available on this special European Escapes package! To reserve your spot, please contact our Vacation Planning Specialists:

Open Daily CET 8:00 - 18:00

(011-49) 8821-9440 from USA

If you would like to receive additional information prior to booking, please contact:

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- *The European Escapes package does not include dinner or airfare in the total price.*
- *The itinerary is subject to small changes (due to inclement weather). A finalized schedule will be provided to you upon arrival.*
- *All retirees and their guests are eligible to participate in the European Escapes packages.*
- *Package prices are based upon two adults in a Standard Room. Retiree ID Card holders may sponsor a maximum of three rooms.*
- *You will receive an e-mail confirmation from our Vacation Planning Center once you make your reservation. Once we sell 15 packages you will be charged a \$500 non-refundable deposit and you will receive a confirmation letter for the package tour. At that time we suggest purchasing your plane tickets. If we do not sell the 15 packages you will receive a notification 60 days out that the tour package has been cancelled.*
- *We have a 30-day cancellation policy if you still choose to vacation with us.*