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A PROGRAM OF
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ALPINE SPLendor

SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRIA

June 6-19, 2019

14 days for \$6,292 total price from Houston
(\$5,795 air & land inclusive plus \$497 airline taxes and fees)



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**An Exclusive Small Group Tour for
Aggies & Friends of Texas A&M University**

Howdy, Ags!

Join fellow Aggies on an exclusive 14-day small group tour to experience the astonishing natural beauty, charming village life and rich cultural offerings of Switzerland and Austria.

Our exploration of these Alpine countries begins with alluring Lucerne and its namesake lake. After scenic overload here, we board the legendary *Glacier Express* to Zermatt, gateway to the Swiss Alps. Here we ride the *Gornergratbahn*, Europe's highest open-air railway, then continue on to Lugano, where we take a lake cruise. Our tour of Ticino takes in medieval Bellinzona and its three castles, all UNESCO sites, and the artists' colony of Ascona. We're bound next for Austria by way of Liechtenstein, stopping in Maienfeld, setting for the novel *Heidi*, and enjoying a tasting at Europe's oldest winery. A tour of postcard-worthy Innsbruck is followed by a three-night stay in Austria's jewel of Salzburg, where we get acquainted with Mozart's city, attend an intimate chamber concert and visit one of Europe's finest castles. Explore Bavaria's cosmopolitan capital of Munich at your own pace with an optional 4-day/3-night post-tour extension.

With room for only 24 guests on this exclusive Traveling Aggies departure, we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today to secure your spot!

Gig 'em!

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TRAVELING AGGIES RESERVATION FORM – ALPINE SPLENDOR

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$_____ (\$500 per person) for ____ person(s) on **Alpine Splendor**, departing **June 6, 2019**. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and send, with completed reservation form, to: The Association of Former Students, 505 George Bush Drive, College Station, Texas 77840-2918. Or you may call the Traveling Aggies at 979-845-7514 or toll-free at 800-633-7514, or fax your reservation form to 979-845-9263. You may also call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.**

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Badge Name _____ Class Year _____

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Address _____ E-mail(s) _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request an airline upgrade to _____

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

Post-Tour "Munich – On Your Own" Extension: Please sign me/us up

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Alpine Splendor, June 6-19, 2019**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Method of Payment Check American Express Discover MasterCard VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.

Tour membership limited to 24 Traveling Aggies and friends

ALPINE SPLENDOR

Switzerland and Austria

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The towering peaks of the Alps serve as the stunning backdrop for our Swiss and Austrian exploration. As our small group discovers mountain villages and European cities, rides the famed Glacier Express, cruises on glassine lakes, and ascends snowcapped summits, borders disappear and the region's history – and beauty – enchant one and all.



Day 1: Depart U.S. for Zurich, Switzerland

Day 2: Arrive Zurich/Lucerne We arrive in Zurich and transfer by coach to Lucerne. After checking in at our hotel, we meet for a briefing about the journey ahead, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. *D*

Day 3: Lucerne/Mt. Pilatus This morning we encounter historic and alluring Lucerne, surrounded by mountains and sitting on its namesake lake. We visit the medieval Old Town; and cross treasured *Kapellbrücke* (Chapel Bridge), the oldest covered bridge in Europe. There's time to explore Lucerne's open-air morning market and for lunch on our own before we ride the world's steepest cogwheel train to the summit of nearby Mt. Pilatus for stunning views across the surrounding countryside. After descending by cable car and gondola, we return to Lucerne. *B*

Day 4: Lake Lucerne/Zermatt Today's scenic overload begins with a ferry ride on Lake Lucerne, where we pass numerous villages as well as Rütli meadow, legendary "birthplace of Switzerland." Disembarking at Flüelen, we coach to Andermatt to board the celebrated *Glacier Express* train, renowned for its panoramic views as it sweeps through striking valleys, past mountain hamlets, and follows the course of the fabled Rhône. Our adventure on this famed route ends in Zermatt, gateway to the Swiss Alps in the shadow of the Matterhorn. Tonight, we enjoy a Swiss fondue dinner together at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Day 5: Zermatt/Gornergrat Sitting in a low-slung notch, Zermatt is surrounded on all sides by towering slopes. We get a unique view of this spectacular scenery this morning as we ride the *Gornergratbahn*, the highest open-air railway in Europe, to the summit of the Gornergrat. Atop this rocky ridge, a dramatic tapestry unfolds all around us: 29 Alpine peaks, each over 13,000 feet, including the majestic Matterhorn standing alone at nearly 15,000 feet. After admiring the jaw-dropping scenery, we begin our descent by train to Zermatt, where the remainder of the day is free to explore this very walkable village as we wish. *B*

Day 6: Zermatt/Stresa, Italy/Lugano We travel by coach today through more superb Swiss scenery,

Avg. High (°F)	Jun	Jul
Lucerne	72	77
Lugano	76	80
Salzburg	72	76

Small Group Tour Highlights

- Lovely Lucerne, including *Kapellbrücke* covered bridge
- Cogwheel train to Mt. Pilatus
- Famed *Glacier Express* Alpine train route
- Gornergratbahn* open-air railway with views of the Matterhorn
- Private Lake Lugano cruise
- Inside visit to Bellinzona's Castelgrande, a UNESCO site
- Alfresco *grotto* lunch
- Tour and tasting at Schloss Salenegg, Europe's oldest winery
- Baroque Old Town of Salzburg
- Eagle's Nest, Nazi cliff-top retreat
- Medieval Hohensalzburg, one of Europe's finest castles
- Intimate Mozart concert

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Zurich		
2-3	Lucerne	Renaissance Lucerne Hotel	Sup. First Class
4-5	Zermatt	Schlosshotel Zermatt	First Class
6-8	Lugano	Hotel Lugano Dante	First Class
9-10	Seefeld	Hotel Seelos	First Class
11-13	Salzburg	Imlauer Hotel Pitter Salzburg	Sup. First Class
14	Depart Munich for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: One of Europe's tallest peaks, the mighty Matterhorn presides over Zermatt.



Lake Lugano offers a taste of Italy in Switzerland.

and cross into northern Italy via the legendary Simplon Pass through the Alps. Late morning, we arrive in Stresa, Italy, along the shores of lovely Lake Maggiore, where we have time to explore and enjoy lunch on our own. Then a scenic drive through the famed Italian lake district returns us to Switzerland and our hotel in lakeside Lugano. *B,D*

Day 7: Lugano/Bellinzona/Ascona Today's tour of the Ticino, Switzerland's southernmost canton, begins in medieval Bellinzona, with its three feudal castles, all UNESCO sites. Here we visit Castelgrande, the iconic central castle where we explore the ramparts and expansive grounds, then enjoy regional fare as we lunch alfresco at a local *grotto* restaurant built around mountain caves. Then we coach to the artists' colony of Ascona on the shores of Lake Maggiore. *B,L*

Day 8: Lake Lugano After a free morning to explore Lugano independently, we board a motorboat for a private half-day cruise around Lake Lugano. We put ashore at Morcote, a town barely a mile square whose Mediterranean charm led Swiss citizens in 2016 to name it the nation's loveliest village. After lunch together and time to explore, we continue on our cruise with a stop in Gandria, whose stucco façades seem to cling precariously to the side of Monte Brè. *B,L*

Day 9: Lugano/Maienfeld/Vaduz, Liechtenstein/Seefeld, Austria We're bound for Austria today by way of the tiny sovereign nation of Liechtenstein. Late morning we arrive in the border town of Maienfeld, Switzerland, setting for the beloved novel *Heidi*. Here we enjoy a tour and tasting at Schloss Salenegg, Europe's oldest winery (c. 1068 CE). Continuing north, we cross into the Principality of Liechtenstein, the fourth-smallest European country. We stop for lunch on our own in the capital of Vaduz then continue on

to the mountain village of Seefeld, Austria, and our hotel, where we dine tonight. *B,D*

Day 10: Seefeld/Innsbruck This morning we coach to nearby Innsbruck, host of the 1964 and 1976 Winter Olympics. A walking tour highlights the postcard-worthy sights, including the many pedestrian squares surrounded by pastel-colored façades. Then we take a cable car to a lookout in the Nordkette, the "mountain at the heart of Innsbruck," where we enjoy panoramic views of the city and the surrounding Alps. We have time on our own in Innsbruck before returning to Seefeld. *B,D*

Day 11: Seefeld/Tyrol/Salzburg Today we travel through Tyrol, a crossroads of Western Europe, en

Post-Tour Extension

June 19-22, 2019

MUNICH – ON YOUR OWN

4 days/3 nights
for \$595 total price

Single Supplement: \$355

*Explore Bavaria's cosmopolitan
capital at your own pace.*

Your Tour Price Includes

- Private motorcoach transportation Salzburg/Munich
- 3 nights' accommodations at Eurostars Book Hotel (Superior First Class)
- 3 meals: 3 breakfasts
- Transfer to airport

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THE LIGHT-FOOTED GOATS.”

– JOHANNA SPYRI

route to Salzburg. We stop to visit the Museum of Tyrolean Farms, an interactive outdoor exhibit. Then we continue on to Salzburg, Austria’s riverside jewel and city of Mozart and *The Sound of Music*. Our walking tour this afternoon features the 17th-century Mirabell Gardens; the Baroque Old Town, now a UNESCO site; and visits to Salzburg Cathedral and medieval Hohensalzburg Fortress, one of Europe’s largest and best-preserved castles. *B,D*

Day 12: Salzburg/Eagle’s Nest/Berchtesgaden

We travel today to the Bavarian resort town of Berchtesgaden, site of the cliff-top *Kehlsteinhaus* (Eagle’s Nest), the Nazi Party’s alpine retreat, which we tour. After lunch together, we enjoy a walking tour of the town, once a residence of the Bavarian royal family. We then return to Salzburg, where the remainder of the afternoon and evening is at leisure. *B,L*

Day 13: Salzburg Today is free to explore Salzburg as we wish. Late this afternoon, we attend an intimate chamber concert performed by the Salzburg Mozart Players then celebrate our splendid journey at a farewell dinner. *B,D*

Day 14: Depart for U.S. We transfer today to the Munich airport for our return flight to the U.S. *B*



We ride the legendary Glacier Express.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 12 nights’ accommodations in Superior First Class and First Class hotels
- 22 meals: 12 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 7 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



Ascona on the shores of Lake Maggiore

Tour Departs: June 6, 2019

Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York, Philadelphia	\$5,892
Atlanta, Charlotte, Washington, DC	\$6,092
Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Tampa	\$6,192
Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$6,292
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$5,095

Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$497, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$895. All prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,795 per person; Premium Economy – \$995 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade costs are in addition to the costs above.

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven terrain in a natural environment. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy this tour to the fullest. Elevations at hotel locations are not severe, ranging from 1,400 ft. to 5,200 ft. The relatively high altitude reached on some excursions – Gornergrat (10,300 ft.) and other Alpine venues (6,000–7,500 ft.) – could pose problems for guests with certain health conditions. You should consult your personal physician if you have concerns.

For more information and reservations, please call the Traveling Aggies at 979-845-7514, or toll-free at 800-633-7514.

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Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

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Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a significant amount of walking and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and The Association of Former Students assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes, if you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

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