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

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)

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, six-time honoree Travel & Leisure’s World’s Best Tour Operators award.

Traveling Aggies
A PROGRAM OF
The Association of Former Students

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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 Maifelden, 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!

Jennifer Bohac ’87, Ph.D.
Director of Travel – Outreach and Engagement
The Association of Former Students

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.

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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.
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,
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

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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.  

**Day 12: Salzburg/Eagle’s Nest/Berchtesgaden**  
We travel today to the Bavarian resort town of Berchtesgaden, site of the clifftop 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.  

**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.  

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

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**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  

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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. Or call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765 Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time

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Ascona on the shores of Lake Maggiore

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"I WANT TO GO ABOUT LIKE THE LIGHT-FOOTED GOATS."

– JOHANNA SPYRI

We ride the legendary Glacier Express.
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, sightseeing, and tip/purchase money (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
- 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.

Responsibility

The liability of The Association of Former Students, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers. We act as agents for these suppliers and do not assume responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The Association of Former Students and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, or death that may be caused by any reason related to the services or facilities provided by third parties. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

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 climbing, so you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot provide assistance in such cases as these. Please let us know if you have any medical conditions that may limit your ability to fully participate in this tour. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and The Association of Former Students assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

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Guaranteed Small Group: Limited to 24 Guests

Please be advised that due to the nature of the tour, the itinerary described in this brochure is subject to change at any time. If your physician has advised you not to travel, due to health reasons, please consult your physician before reserving your space on this tour. Should you choose to participate in this tour, you do so at your own risk. It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in good health and physically capable of traveling. We recommend that you consult your physician before travel. If you are pregnant or have any medical condition, please contact us to discuss your suitability for this tour. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. reserves the right to cancel any tour due to insufficient enrollment. In the event of cancellation, we will make every effort to rebook you on another tour, or to refund your deposit. If a trip is canceled, we will issue you a full refund of your deposit. We make every effort to provide you with a substitute tour or refund, but we cannot be held liable for any additional costs incurred due to changes in visa requirements, airline schedules, or other unforeseen circumstances.

Please note that international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time. We recommend that you check the airline’s website for the latest information on your flight itinerary. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, you should be aware that your flight tickets may be non-refundable and that any changes will incur additional fees.

Accommodations

All accommodations are drawn from our preferred list of hotels and lodges. We strive to provide you with comfortable and well-maintained accommodations, but please note that conditions may vary from one country to another. You are entitled to a full refund of your deposit if you are not satisfied with the accommodations. If you are unhappy with the accommodations, please contact your tour director immediately. We will make every effort to address your concerns and ensure your satisfaction.

Travel Arrangements

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price, as applicable, transport to and from designated gateway cities, all internal travel within the tour, all meals specified in the itinerary, and all activities included in the tour price. You are responsible for personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, sightseeing, and tip/purchase money (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per traveler, per day). You are instructed to purchase any insurance you may require, as well as any personal items you may need during the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information

We reserve the right to change air transportation and costs at any time without notice. We make every effort to ensure that your flight schedule is comfortable and convenient for you. Please note that baggage allowances may vary depending on the airline you fly with. We recommend that you check the airline’s website for the latest information on baggage allowances. If you have any questions regarding your flight, please contact us for assistance. We are not responsible for any changes in airline schedules or any additional costs incurred due to changes in air schedules.