

Lifetime Learning Institute presents ...

Romantic Villages of Alpine Europe LAND TOUR

ITALY • SWITZERLAND • AUSTRIA • GERMANY

15 days—Land Tour only—**\$3195**

16 days—including international airfare from Washington Dulles—**\$4995**

Additional departure cities are available

Improve your value with these optional extensions:

Lake Como & Milan, Italy: 4 nights pre-trip **\$895**

Munich, Germany & Salzburg, Austria: 5 nights post-trip **\$1495**



IT'S INCLUDED

- Choose to **purchase Grand Circle's airfare**, and your airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges are included. Or, make your own air arrangements
- **Accommodations** for 14 nights in comfortable rooms with private baths
- **25 meals:** 14 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 7 dinners
- **8 included tours**
- **Exclusive Discovery Series events:** *Taste of Italy* discussion • *Switzerland Today* discussion • Woodcarving museum • Home-Hosted Dinner • *Women of World War II* discussion
- Exclusive services of a resident Grand Circle Program Director (assigned to no more than 42 travelers)
- **Gratuities** on your main trip for local guides and motorcoach drivers
- **Personal headset** for all included and optional tours on your main trip
- Private motorcoach land travel
- Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips
- **5% Frequent Traveler Credit** toward your next Grand Circle trip—an average of **\$212**

ITINERARY

June 11, 2016

PRE-TRIP OPTION: 4 NIGHTS IN LAKE COMO & MILAN, ITALY

DAY	DESTINATION/HOTEL
1	Depart U.S.
2-5	Stresa, Italy <i>La Palma Hotel or similar</i>

INCLUDED TOURS: Stresa, Borromean Islands

OPTIONAL TOUR: *Treasures of Lake Orta*

6-9	Interlaken, Switzerland <i>Hotel Krebs or similar</i>
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INCLUDED TOURS: Zermatt, Interlaken

OPTIONAL TOUR: Bernese Oberland

10-14	Seefeld, Austria <i>Hotel Alte Schmiede or similar</i>
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INCLUDED TOURS: Liechtenstein, Seefeld, Innsbruck, Mittenwald

OPTIONAL TOURS: *Austrian Afternoon, Bavaria*

15	Munich, Germany <i>Westin Grand Munich or similar</i>
16	Munich • Return to U.S.

POST-TRIP OPTION: 5 NIGHTS IN MUNICH, GERMANY & SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

Please mention this code when booking:

GG6-2386

Reservations & Information: Call Toll-Free: 1-800-597-2452 • Press 2

Tucked in the valleys of the Alps lie some of Europe's most charming villages, which you can discover on our comprehensive Land Tour. Each has a unique style, from graceful Stresa, Italy, to Interlaken, a Swiss town surrounded by stunning Alpine peaks, and Seefeld, in Austrian Tyrol. As you journey across international and cultural borders, enjoy exclusive Discovery Series events featuring food, heritage, and history.

YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 Depart U.S.

Day 2 Stresa, Italy. Arrival times vary throughout the day, depending on your city of departure. You'll be met at the Milan airport and driven to your hotel in Stresa to begin your Alpine vacation. Take an orientation walk of your neighborhood, and this evening, join your Program Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Drink and introduction before dinner at your hotel. D—La Palma Hotel or similar

Day 3 Stresa. After breakfast at your hotel this morning, you'll have an orientation briefing. Then, your Program Director will take you on a walk of Stresa and Lake Maggiore, your home base for the next four nights and a beloved resort town for the region's well-to-do.

EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENT

During your walk this morning, you'll learn about the *Taste of Italy* during an informative discussion.

The day is yours after that, before you gather for a Welcome Dinner in a local restaurant.

B,D—La Palma Hotel or similar

Day 4 Stresa • Borromean Islands. After breakfast at the hotel, depart for a private boat cruise to explore the Borromean Islands. Experience Isola Bella's renowned Palazzo Borromeo and its gardens, then cruise to Isola Pescatori, a charming fishing village, for lunch at a local restaurant and a discovery walk. During your time on the islands, you'll also visit Isola Madre to stroll its stunning English-style gardens. Return to Stresa in the late afternoon, and dinner tonight is on your own. B,L—La Palma Hotel or similar

Day 5 Stresa • Optional Treasures of Lake Orta tour. Enjoy today at leisure, or join an optional tour to discover the *Treasures of Lake Orta*, including a panoramic coach ride, visit to one of the nine Sacri Monti churches (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), and a boat ride to San Giulio Island. You'll return to Stresa in the late afternoon, and have the balance of the day to spend as you choose. Dinner is on your own tonight. B—La Palma Hotel or similar

Day 6 Stresa • Zermatt, Switzerland • Interlaken. This morning, you'll head to Interlaken, Switzerland, stopping at the Simplon Mountain Pass for a chance to take photographs. Then, board a train for a short ride to Zermatt, a high-altitude (about 5,300 feet) town perched on the Alpine mountainside with clear views of the Matterhorn. Explore Zermatt on a walk with your Program Director before enjoying lunch on your own. You will arrive at your hotel in the early evening. Enjoy dinner at the hotel. B,D—Hotel Krebs or similar

WHAT TO EXPECT

Pacing

- 4 locations in 15 days, including 1 single-night stay

Physical Requirements

- Not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters
- Travelers using walkers, crutches, or other mobility aids must travel with a companion who can assist them throughout the trip
- You must be able to walk 3 miles unassisted and participate in 3-5 hours of physical activities each day, including stairs

Altitude

- Several days between 3,000-6,000 feet

Climate

- Daytime temperatures range from 43-82°F during touring season with high humidity in Lake Maggiore during July-August
- June-August are the warmest months
- April and October weather can be unpredictable and change quickly within a short period of time
- Temperatures in the Alps can drop suddenly with cold wind, rain, or snow throughout the year

Terrain

- Travel over uneven walking surfaces, including unpaved paths, hills, stairs, and cobblestones

Transportation

- Travel by 45-seat motorcoach, public trains, and 50- to 200-seat boats

Cuisine

- Meals will be based on the local cuisine



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Day 7 Interlaken • Home-Hosted Dinner.

EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENT

This morning, learn about modern life during an in-depth *Switzerland Today* discussion.

Your Program Director will then take you on a walking tour of Interlaken, an idyllic Swiss Alpine town.

EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENTS

Then, enjoy a demonstration at a local woodcarving workshop in Brienz to learn about one of Switzerland's heritage crafts. Dinner tonight will be a Home-Hosted meal with a local family. This is a unique opportunity for travelers to visit a typical Brienz home and sample home-cooked food of the region.

B,D—Hotel Krebs or similar

Day 8 Interlaken • Optional Bernese

Oberland tour. Take today at your leisure to explore more of Interlaken, or join our optional Bernese Oberland tour to see glacial waterfalls and ride the *Jungfrau* train, getting to know this picturesque region. Tonight, dinner is on your own.

B—Hotel Krebs or similar

Day 9 Interlaken. The day is yours to discover more of Interlaken. Located on the Bodeli, a strip of land on the Aar River connecting Lake Thun and Lake Brienz, Interlaken has an abundance of green mountain views and, at an altitude of approximately 1,800 feet, a crisp Alpine climate.

B—Hotel Krebs or similar

Day 10 Interlaken • Liechtenstein •

Seefeld, Austria. Today you will transfer

to Seefeld, Austria, stopping on the way in the tiny landlocked nation of Liechtenstein. Visit a local distillery in Triesen, just south of the capital Vaduz, where you'll enjoy a guided tour, light lunch, and spirits tasting. Complete your journey with an overland crossing into Austria, arriving at your hotel in Seefeld in the early evening. Tonight, enjoy an included dinner at your hotel.

B,L,D—Hotel Alte Schmiede or similar

Day 11 Seefeld • Optional Austrian

Afternoon tour. Enjoy a walking tour of Seefeld after breakfast at your hotel. A Tyrolean town founded as a farming settlement in 1022, Seefeld offers Old-World Germanic charm. If you are looking to learn more about the landscape you've just entered, consider joining our *Austrian Afternoon* tour for a cruise of Achensee Lake and a Tyrolean-style supper in Scholastica. Otherwise, dinner is on your own tonight.

B—Hotel Alte Schmiede or similar

Day 12 Seefeld • Innsbruck. This morning, take a train to Innsbruck, the capital of Tyrol. The massive, white Renaissance Ambras Castle overlooks the city from its hillside perch, and the Baroque Innsbruck Cathedral looms imposingly over the central *Domplatz* (Cathedral Square). Explore these sites and more on a walking tour with your local guide before lunch at a local restaurant.

EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENT

Learn about the many important roles those not in battle play during a *Women of World War II* discussion.

You'll then enjoy time for independent exploration in this fascinating city before returning to Seefeld. Dinner is on your own tonight.

B,L—Hotel Alte Schmiede or similar

Day 13 Seefeld • Optional Bavaria tour.

Today is yours to enjoy as you wish. Or join an optional tour to discover Bavaria, a German state in the southeast of the country. Dinner is on your own tonight in Seefeld.

B—Hotel Alte Schmiede or similar

Day 14 Seefeld • Mittenwald, Germany.

Enjoy a leisurely morning with breakfast at the hotel. Lunch will be on your own, before a late afternoon departure for Mittenwald, a Bavarian town known for its local instrument-making heritage, where you will enjoy an included tour. This evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner, complete with traditional Tyrolean-style music.

B,D—Hotel Alte Schmiede or similar

Day 15 Seefeld • Munich, Germany.

After breakfast, you'll depart for Munich, Germany, stopping en route for an included lunch in a local restaurant. Arrive in the mid-afternoon, and reminisce about your Alpine memories with your fellow travelers during dinner at your hotel.

B,L,D—Westin Grand Munich or similar

Day 16 Munich • Return to U.S. This morning, transfer to the airport for your flight home. Or, extend your European vacation with our optional post-trip extension to *Munich, Germany & Salzburg, Austria.*

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Please note: We reserve the right for our Program Directors to modify participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home if their limitations are impacting the group's experience.

Tailor your vacation with our optional tours

Treasures of Lake Orta

(Day 5, \$125 per person)

Bernese Oberland

(Day 8, \$170 per person)

Austrian Afternoon

(Day 11, \$145 per person)

Bavaria (Day 13, \$125 per person)

Optional tour prices listed are U.S. dollar estimates determined at the time of publication and are subject to change. Optional tours may vary.

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2016 Land Tour Only

JUNE 11, 2016

Land Tour only	\$3195
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Air Add-On

Washington Dulles	\$1800
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Additional departure cities are available. Call for details.

Deposit: \$350 per person.

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Please be ready to give the reservations agent the following information



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