



VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

Alpine Splendor

Switzerland and Austria

July 7-20, 2022

14 days for \$6,292 total price from Washington, DC

(\$5,795 air & land inclusive plus \$497 airline taxes and fees)



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**An Exclusive Small Group Tour for
Members of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts**



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Dear VMFA Members,

We invite you to join us on an exclusive 14-day tour to Switzerland and Austria. Your small group will experience the astonishing natural beauty, charming village life, and rich cultural offerings of these Alpine nations.

This captivating Swiss and Austrian exploration begins with alluring Lucerne. Board the legendary Glacier Express and admire the mighty Matterhorn from the Gornergratbahn, Europe's highest open-air railway. Touring of Ticino takes in medieval Bellinzona's three castles and the former artists' colony of Ascona. Enjoy an alfresco lunch at a grotto restaurant and take a private cruise around Lake Lugano. You're bound next for Austria, stopping for 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. Visit medieval Hohensalzburg, one of Europe's finest castles, and attend a chamber music concert in Mirabell Palace. Explore Vienna, city of arts and culture, with an optional 4-day/3-night post-tour extension.

Space on this exciting program is limited and will fill quickly. Your deposit is fully refundable up until 95 days prior to departure. Reserve risk-free today!

Sincerely,

Adele "Hutch" Livingston
Coordinator of Member Travel

VMFA RESERVATION FORM – ALPINE SPLENDOR

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$____(\$500 per person) for ____ person(s) on **Alpine Splendor**, departing **July 7, 2022**. 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: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. You may also call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765.**

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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

E-mail(s) _____ Badge Name(s) _____

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

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

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

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Alpine Splendor, July 7-20, 2022**, 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 at least 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.

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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 snow-capped 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, stroll through the stalls at the Saturday market, and cross treasured *Kapellbrücke* (Chapel Bridge), the oldest covered bridge in Europe. Later we ride the world's steepest cogwheel train to the summit of nearby Mt. Pilatus for stunning views across the surrounding countryside. *B*

Day 4: Lake Lucerne/Zermatt Today's scenic overload begins with a ferry ride on Lake Lucerne, where we pass 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

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 • 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 clifftop 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	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.



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

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 Ticino, Switzerland's southernmost canton, begins in medieval Bellinzona, with its three 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 al fresco at a local *grotto* restaurant built around mountain caves. Then we coach to the former artists' colony of Ascona on the shores of Lake Maggiore before we return to Lugano. *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 Swiss border town of Maienfeld, 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 where 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 where we stop to visit the Museum

Post-Tour Extension

July 20-23, 2022

Vienna – On Your Own

4 days/3 nights for \$795 total price

Single Supplement: \$355

Savor an unstructured stay in this city of arts and culture. Music, opera, and museums abound.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Rail transportation Salzburg/Vienna
- 3 nights' accommodations at Hotel Kaiserhof (First Class)
- 3 meals: 3 breakfasts
- Vienna city orientation tour with local guide
- Transfer from rail station and to airport



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AND ALPS ON ALPS ARISE.”

– ALEXANDER POPE

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*. Following dinner at our hotel, we attend a Baroque chamber music concert in the Marble Room of famed Mirabell Palace. *B,D*

Day 12: Salzburg Our walking tour this morning features the 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. This afternoon and evening are free for further exploration and lunch and dinner on our own. *B*

Day 13: 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. In the event Eagle’s Nest is closed because of unseasonal weather, we’ll visit the nearby Berchtesgaden Salt Mine, which has operated continuously for more than 500 years. After lunch together, we take a walking tour of the town before returning to Salzburg. This afternoon is at leisure before we celebrate our splendid journey at a farewell dinner. *B,L,D*

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



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



Lucerne’s beloved Kapellbrücke (Chapel Bridge)

Tour Departs: July 7, 2022

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

Boston, New York, Philadelphia	\$6,092
Atlanta, Charlotte, Washington, DC	\$6,292
Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Tampa	\$6,392
Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$6,492
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$5,295

Please call if your city is not listed. 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 \$995. Your \$500 deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days from departure. All prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,895 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,595 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 altitude 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 reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at

888-370-6765

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

For further information, contact VMFA Member Travel at

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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 notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: full refund; 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 VMFA, 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 not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. 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 **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, VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. 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.**

COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols: *The well-being of our guests and staff members on tour will continue to be our highest priorities. To maintain a healthy environment for travel, we will be establishing and adhering to a detailed set of health and safety protocols for all facets of your tour. We are committed to following the guidelines of the State Department, CDC, WHO, and authorities of respective countries regarding travel to a particular destination. Detailed protocols for this tour, based on conditions at the time, will be provided approximately 90 days prior to departure.*

JOIN US FOR AN EXCLUSIVE VMFA TOUR TO SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRIA!

Reserve risk-free: Your deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days before departure

