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EDELWEISS TOURS

ALPS AND LAKES

” Through the Alpine wonderland of Austria and Southern Germany – the Alps and Lakes motorcycle tour! “

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RIDING DAY 1 : ERDING - SALZBURG

Standard Route (186 km / 116 miles)

Our route today is a perfect mix of leisurely motorcycle riding and great sightseeing. The route is very varied and anything but a straight line, but the difficulty level is kept within limits. This also gives us more time to take in the sights: King Ludwig's Herrenchiemsee Castle is on the way and the Mozart city of Salzburg is, after all, our destination for the day.

The fantastically beautiful city of Salzburg is located just across the Austrian border and is one of the most popular tourist destinations not only in Austria. This is where Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born and where the famous movie "The Sound of Music" was filmed. Take a walk along the Salzach River and let yourself be enchanted by the magnificent panorama!

Highlights:

#1: Palace Herrenchiemsee



On an island in Lake Chiemsee, Ludwig II had a castle built on the model of Versailles. Construction began in 1878, but after the king's death in 1886, construction was stopped and the already-completed parts were opened to the public in order to recoup the exorbitant construction costs (almost 17 million Marks, according to today's calculations about 180 million Euros). The castle was never completed and is

still a torso today.

#2: Salzburg



Salzburg offers enough sights to fill a week. Mozart's birthplace, the dome, fortress Hohensalzburg and Mirabell Palace are just some of them. Many scenes from the "Sound of Music" were shot here, you can even join a tour that points out all the sights. The famous Getreidegasse is home to many shops; you won't have trouble finding the perfect souvenir there.

RIDING DAY 2 : SALZBURG - GMUNDEN

Standard Route (150 km / 93 miles)

Today, a perfect mix of sightseeing and great motorcycle roads awaits us! First thing in the morning we ride back over to Bavaria and visit the famous Kehlsteinhaus, which once belonged to Adolf Hitler. Riding the old elevator built right into the mountain is quite an experience and the view from the top is gorgeous!

Afterwards, we take a lap around the Roßfeld ring road and then return to Austria. Hallein is home to the world's oldest exhibition mine. Since time immemorial, everything in this area has revolved around the white gold that has made not only Salzburg a very, very rich city. But there will only be enough time for a visit if you skip the Kehlsteinhaus.

For lunch we go up to lofty heights, we climb a pass called Postalm, and eat at the very top in a rustic hut, best Kaiserschmarrn or another typical Austrian dish.

In the afternoon we reach the Traunsee, spectacularly framed by steep mountains. The lakes of the Salzkammergut are an extremely popular vacation region and when you see the idyllic village of Gmunden on Lake Traunsee, you immediately understand why. Here, directly on the lake, we spend the night.

Highlights:

#1: Eagle's Nest

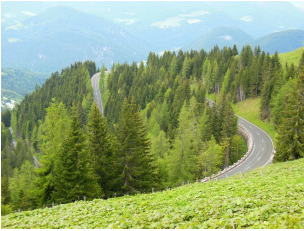


The house on top of the Kehlstein mountain was used by Adolf Hitler for diplomatic meetings. It was given to him as a present for his 50th birthday, after being completed by about 3,000 workers. While most of the buildings at the Obersalzberg were destroyed during or soon after WWII, the "Kehlsteinhaus" has survived. Today it serves as a memorial and a restaurant and offers magnificent views of

the surrounding mountains. To get to the house, you have to take a 400 ft. elevator through the mountain!

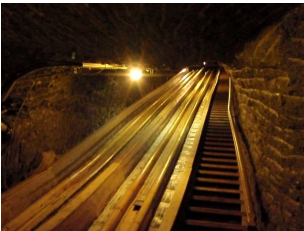
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#2: Rossfeld panoramic road



Construction on this tourist road started in 1937. It was to be the eastern terminus of the German Alpine Road, a tourist road to run all along the German Alps. Due to WWII, it was only finished in 1955 and today is the highest tourist road in Germany. It is open all year round and offers great views and challenges to the rider.

#3: Hallein Salt Mine



Salt (German: Salz) gave the name to the whole area: Salzkammergut, Salzburg, the river Salzach. The salt mine went out of service in 1989. It has been open to visitors for over 450 years and is therefore considered to be the world's oldest "tourist salt mine". Visitors can see the old mines, a huge underground lake and the slides that were used by the miners.

#4: Salzkammergut Lakes



The famous lakes of the area include Attersee, Hallstätter See, Traunsee and Wolfgangsee. You can do boat trips, walk along the lake shore or explore some of the other sights in the area. The church in the city of Mondsee was the location for the wedding scene in "Sound of Music".

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RIDING DAY 3 : GMUNDEN - KAPRUN

Standard Route (220 km / 137 miles)

Today's route really lives up to the name of the tour, Alps&Lakes, as it takes you along four lakes and over three passes, ending at the foot of the Grossglockner, Austria's highest mountain!

One of the great highlights of the day and the entire tour is Hallstatt, the world-famous town on the shores of Lake Hallstatt. Millions of Asian visitors can't be wrong: this village is too good to be true. In the village, besides the old, mostly painted houses, the unusual ossuary is worth seeing, but Hallstatt is most beautiful from above. You can ride the funicular to a fantastic vantage point high above the lake. There, the oldest salt mine in the world also attracts interested visitors.

After Hallstatt, we ride into the Pongau region, which lies between the lake district and the main ridge of the Alps. Intriguing roads stretch out in front of us and wind their way across a few low passes and give a foretaste of what still awaits us.

Our destination for the day is Kaprun, a center for all kinds of "outdoor" sports, such as mountain biking, hiking, or - even in summer - skiing. In November 2000, the town hit the headlines worldwide when a fire broke out in one of the glacier lifts and 155 people lost their lives. Opposite the valley station is a memorial to the victims of the worst disaster in Austria since World War 2.

Highlights:

#1: Bad Ischl



Bad Ischl is a lovely spa town with many beautiful houses and buildings dating back to the 19th century. Coffee to go? Not in Austria! Having coffee is part of social life. Cafe Zauner, a very traditional Austrian coffee/pastry shop was founded in 1832 and is the place to experience the Austrian lifestyle. The most famous pastry is the "Zaunerstollen" - you shouldn't miss it!

#2: Hallstatt



Have your cameras ready - this is postcard territory! The town seems to be glued to the steep mountains rising from the Hallstätter See. Here you can find (and visit) the oldest salt mine in the world. Take the train up the hill and ride back in time a few thousand years! The earliest signs of mining are estimated to be about 7,000 years old! You can see an ancient wooden staircase that is supposedly more than 3,000 years old.

RIDING DAY 4 : KAPRUN

Standard Route (200 km / 124 miles)

A rest day does not mean that you need to stay in your hotel. It just means that you have even more options than usual.

Kaprun and the adjacent Zell am See are very popular vacation spots, which means there are a million things to do. Kaprun has a famous water power plant that can be visited. Several cable cars can take you up the surrounding mountains. You can even go skiing on the glacier. And if you haven't taken a boat trip on the Traunsee, there is another chance in Zell am See.

Even though the "rest" may be tempting, there is a good reason to go riding as well: the Grossglockner. The route takes you over this famous pass road that was built in 1930 from south to north. You will have enough time to visit all the viewpoints and to admire the incredible panorama!

Highlights:

#1: Kaprun



Kaprun is a center for all kinds of outdoor activities. The glaciers in the vicinity offer year-round skiing and there are hundreds of trails for hiking and mountain biking. The huge and thoroughly interesting water power plant just south of Kaprun can be visited. Guided tours through the dam are available.

#2: Zell am See



If you can't get enough of picturesque towns on lake shores, Zell am See is worth a stop. This city – first mentioned in 749 – has a beautiful old town and fantastic views. You can take a boat trip on the lake or ride a cable car up one of the surrounding mountains!

#3: Grossglockner High Alpine Road



The Großglockner High Alpine Road takes us to the very heart of the Hohe Tauern National Park, the largest national park in the European Alps. It was built during an economic crisis in only five years (1930-1935) by more than 3,000 workers. It is said to be a masterpiece of road construction. Crossing zones of climate and vegetation equivalent to those lying between Austria and the Arctic

Circle, we find an incredible variety of plants and animals. At the peak of this toll road, we become part of the 1.2 million visitors per year. You will be impressed by the scenery of peaks, glaciers, and waterfalls.

#4: Edelweißspitze



Still amazed by the great rides up the Großglockner High Alpine Road, you parked your bike at the Fuscher Törl. But what is this? It is hard to believe what you see. The road, apparently, is not yet at its end. All you can spot from down here is a narrow, winding cobbled road, which seems to consist of switchbacks only. But where does it lead you to? From the Edelweißspitze (2,571 m / 8,435 ft), the highest

point of the Großglockner High Alpine Road, accessible by vehicle, you will have an unbeatable vista of 37 majestic mountains, all more than 3,000 m (9,850 ft) as well as 19 glaciers!

RIDING DAY 5 : KAPRUN - ERDING

Standard Route (210 km / 130 miles)

We have to say goodbye to the Alps, but we don't leave them without enjoying some more beautiful stretches of road. We ride past the fantastically beautiful Pillersee and the no less inviting Walchsee and then cross the border into Germany. The Sudelfeld is the last "real" pass road, then the greater Munich area with its three million inhabitants slowly sucks us in. We don't ride into the city, however, but along its outskirts to the north until we reach Erding. There is certainly enough time to enjoy an original Erdinger wheat beer in the picturesque old town...

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#2: Sudelfeld Pass



The Sudelfeld Pass and the connecting Tatzelwurm Road are well-known among German and Austrian motorcyclists. The beautiful road just north of the Austrian border was closed for motorcyclists a few years ago, as too many bikers mistook it for a race track. But now it is open again and the café on top of the Sudelfeld Pass is a popular motorcycle meeting point.



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