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Jim Gold International Folk Dance Tours

Germany, Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland

Folk Dance and Yodeling Tour!

**Munich, Salzburg, Innsbruck,
Swiss Alps, Lucerne, Zurich**

Folk dancing, folk music, culture, art, and adventure!

June 16-29, 2021

**Led by Jim Gold,
Lee Otterholt, and Lee Friedman**

- ★ **Meet and dance with folk dance groups in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland**
- ★ **Visit the Bavarian Alps, Swiss Alps, castles, mountains, and charming towns!**
- ★ **Yodeling Festival in Switzerland**
- ★ **Land and Air price includes round-trip airfare, city tours, transfers, transfers, hotels, two meals daily, and our own private bus.**

Itinerary

Day 1: June 16, Wednesday: Depart on airlines of your choice or with our group to Munich

Day 2 - June 17, Thursday: ARRIVAL MUNICH

Arrival in Munich, check in and welcome dinner.

Day 3: June 18, Friday: MUNICH

Morning tour of Munich, then afternoon drive towards the Alps – check in and dinner Dachau visit if you wish, of course a somber experience. Overnight in Munich

Day 4: June 19, Saturday: OBERAMMERGAU AREA

We start with a walking tour of the village of Oberammergau, famous for its painted houses and for hosting the famous Passion Play every 10 years. We tour the theatre, especially designed for this event and learn about the history of the play. After time for lunch we travel to nearby Linderhof castle, the smallest of the 3 castles built by King Ludwig II of Bavaria. Amongst many Rococo details it also has a special grotto which was built for Wagner's Operas to be performed for the king. In the afternoon we will also meet with a local Folk Dance group. Walking tour Oberammergau, visit Passion Play Theater and then visit to Linderhof castle, meet with Folk Dance group. Overnight in Munich.

Day 5: June 20, Sunday: OBERAMMERGAU AREA

Neuschwanstein castle, the most famous of the Alpine castles (it also inspired Walt Disney !) by King Ludwig is of course a must see and after the tour we will also meet with the local Folk Dance group for an event or workshop.

Day 6: June 21, Monday: OBERAMMERGAU – SALZBURG

Leaving Oberammergau we travel through the scenic foothills of the Alps towards Austria and upon arrival in Salzburg we have a walking tour. The city is famous for being the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart but also for being the seat of the Archbishops for many centuries. Through the salt trade ("Salz" means salt, "burg" means castle) the Catholic church had lots of money to build numerous churches in town and the steeples at the foot of the fortress are a testimony to that. A bit of free time to stroll through the scenic Getreidegasse and then we check in and enjoy an evening of music and songs during dinner, as we are being entertained by songs from the Sound of Music.

Day 7: June 22, Tuesday: SALZBURG – INNSBRUCK AREA

East of the city lies the lake district with picturesque lakes and we will make a couple of stops at Lake Fuschl and Lake Wolfgang before traveling up to a peak west of the city: Eagle's Nest, with great views but also made famous in World War II, when Nazi Germany created the Alpine fortress at the foot of the mountain. Afterwards we travel to the nearby province of Tyrol and after checking into our hotel we enjoy an Alpine Folklore evening with music and songs.

Day 8: June 23, Wednesday: INNSBRUCK AREA

We start with a walking tour of the capital of Tyrol. The historic centre around the Golden Roof invites to dive into history and the surround mountains frame Innsbruck and give it a very special atmosphere. We take the Gondola up the local mountain and enjoy amazing views of the province which is famous for winter sports and Alpine activities. We then will meet with a local Folk Dance group to learn about the local folklore culture.

Day 9: June 24, Thursday: INNSBRUCK AREA

Another great day in the Alps as we visit the Swarovski Crystal World. The largest private company of Austria is famous for its crystal jewelry. The Crystal World is housed in a unique building half under ground and the special creations inside will bring a new meaning to the word "sparkling". Castle Ambras with its medieval exhibits is also on the agenda and we will also drop by a local producer of folk costumes and have another event with a local Folk Dance group.

Day 10: June 25, Friday

INNSBRUCK – LIECHTENSTEIN – CENTRAL SWITZERLAND

We head west across the Arlberg mountain which brings us to Vorarlberg, Austria's most western province and we stop for lunch in the principality of Liechtenstein (one of the world's smallest countries). Then it is on to Switzerland, a country synonymous with mountains. We are going to enjoy the special Yodel Festival and learn all about this unique art of singing, typical for the Alpine regions of the country.

Day 11: June 26, Saturday: CENTRAL SWITZERLAND

We will take part in the events around the Festival, enjoy the competitions, the Alphorn blowers, the flag throwers, all presenting their unique skills along with the yodeling performances. A real chance to mingle with the locals, admire the typical costumes and we will also tour some of the local villages. The final location for the festival will be chosen 1 year in advance, then we will arrange our sightseeing program accordingly. A swiss cheese fondue will most likely be part of our culinary experience.

Day 12 : June 27, Sunday: CENTRAL SWITZERLAND

The festival concludes with the final parade. We will also have a farewell event with one of the local Folk Dance groups, rounding out our Alpine adventure.

Day 13 : June 28, Monday: CENTRAL SWITZERLAND – ZURICH

This morning we had to the commercial capital of the country: Zurich. A city tour will introduce us to the city located along Lake Zurich. Cultural highlights like the Opera and the Grossmuenster Church are an interesting contrast to the banking scene of the city. Enjoy a stroll down Bahnhofstrasse, Europe's most expensive shopping and retail street. At the end of the day we enjoy dinner with many new friends from a wonderful trip.

Day 14 – June 29, Tuesday: ZURICH – USA

After breakfast we transfer to the airport for flight home.

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Land only: \$4795 (app) Land and Air \$5995 (app)

REGISTRATION FORM:

Enclosed is my registration deposit of \$200 per person. Single supplement: \$890. Additional charges: \$145 hotel taxes and service. Gratuities and drinks during meals not included. Program subject to change without notice. Total refund if cancellation is 90 days prior to departure: 90-60 days: 50% refund. Less than 60 days: No refund. Travel insurance always recommended.

Total balance due April 1, 2021.

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