



Austria: Castles of Ludwig & Summit of Zugspitze

8 Days
£1,200

Departs: **Saturday**
2nd August 2025

Inclusions:

- Free day in Lemoos
- Visit King Ludwig II's Neuschwanstein
 - Visit Hohenschwangau Castle
- Visit Füssen • Cable Car Journey on Zugspitze
- Journey on The Cogwheel Train
 - Guided tour of Innsbruck

Take in some of the most iconic and picture-perfect settings in Austria and Germany, from dramatic Bavarian castles to spectacular Tyrolean alpine scenery. We visit King Ludwig II's Hohenschwangau Castle, and Neuschwanstein Castle – the inspiration for Sleeping Beauty's majestic castle. A journey to the summit of the imposing Zugspitze mountain rounds off this fantastic tour.

Day 1: Please note: **Tour pick-ups start on Friday 1st August**, with overnight travel.

We cross from Dover to Calais and continue our journey to our overnight hotel.

Day 2: After breakfast we continue our journey to **Hotel Edelweiss in Lemoos**.

Day 3: We spend today at leisure, taking advantage of our hotel's extensive leisure facilities or exploring the local area.

Day 4: Today we visit the most romantic castle in the world, **King Ludwig II's Neuschwanstein**. Used as Walt Disney's inspiration for Sleeping Beauty's castle, the mock-medieval architecture and stunning views have to be seen to be believed. After time for lunch, we visit King Ludwig's nearby childhood home, **Hohenschwangau Castle**, with its richly furnished interiors that exude a more 'lived in' feel. We then spend the rest of our day exploring the beautiful monastic town of **Füssen** at leisure. Entrance to both castles involves an uphill walk (there are buses or horses and carriages available at an extra charge) and there are steps within both castles.

Day 5: Today we enjoy an amazing journey to the top of Germany's highest mountain, the majestic Zugspitze, which sits at 2,962 metres above sea level with the Austrian-German border running through its western summit. We start our ascent from the Austrian side via the **stunning cable car journey** from nearby Ehrwald, soaking in some of the most dramatic views we will ever see. We spend some time at the summit, crossing into Germany, with time to admire the views of 400 mountain peaks spanning four countries, visible on clear days from the café and terraces. We then descend

the German side of the mountain **by cable car**, before a **cogwheel train** transports us to the Bavarian town of Garmisch-Partenkirchen, where we enjoy some time at leisure.

Day 6: We enjoy a **guided tour of the capital of the Tyrol, Innsbruck**, which lies on a river at the foot of the Karwendel Alps, which form an impressive backdrop to its attractive traffic-free streets.

Day 7: After breakfast, sadly we say goodbye to our hotel and Lemoos and begin our journey to our overnight hotel.

Day 8: We journey to Calais for our return crossing to Dover then continue our journey home with comfort stops en route.

Your Hotel

Novotel Metz Amnéville (Overnight)

Hotel Edelweiss / Lermoos (5 nights)

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Hotel Edelweiss is set in a good touring location, just 5 minutes' walk from the pretty village of Lermoos. There is plenty of space around the hotel where guests can relax, including the beautiful mountain view terrace.

Basis:

Dinner, Bed & Breakfast

Single room supp: £84

