



**BUDDY  
BOMBARD'S  
EUROPE**

## AUSTRIA – SALZBURG LAKES & ALPINE FOOTHILLS



**5 DAYS, 4 NIGHTS**

**4 LATE AFTERNOON BALLOON FLIGHTS SCHEDULED**

*Extend your trip with our optional, 3 Day Germany's King Ludwig Castles excursion. Details below.*

Lovely Salzburg, nestled between two mountains on the banks of the Salzach River, is dominated by rich scenery and its enormous 11th century fortress. Baroque villas, churches, and palaces ringed by gardens and fountains preserve its old world charm. Nearby is the striking region of crystal lakes and rolling hills made famous in "The Sound of Music," offering us magnificent landscapes of great natural beauty for entertaining you each day in our balloons.



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**Day 1** – Our trip meets and begins at 3:00 p.m. at 5 star Hotel Schloss Fuschl, the restored 15th century former hunting castle of the Archbishop of Salzburg. After checking in for four nights we'll depart for a late afternoon balloon adventure through the area's gorgeous Alpine foothills, returning to our historic hotel for dinner.

**Day 2** – After breakfast we'll take a walking tour through Old Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and filled with elegant Baroque, Renaissance, and Gothic architecture. Walk the lively Getreidegasse, a quaint old lane with romantic passageways, narrow old houses and posh boutiques. We'll lunch at 5 star Sacher Hotel and depart for our afternoon balloon adventure through the Lakes District, followed by dinner at Schloss Fuschl.

**Day 3** – Morning drive to the ancient painted village of St. Gilgen, where we'll board a traditional lake steamer and cruise to the picturesque old town of St. Wolfgang. The town is prized for its 15th century houses and world-famous Baroque style church filled with magnificent furnishings. We'll be hosted for lunch by one of Salzburg's most celebrated personalities and our very good friend, Princess Mani Wittgenstein, in her lovely Alpine home. The Princess, a professional photographer whose masterful work has been published and exhibited, entertains us with wonderful tales of her fascinating life and thoroughly enjoys helping us make your Austrian experience a lifetime memory. Late afternoon balloon adventure through the beautiful Austrian landscape made famous in The Sound of Music, returning to Schloss Fuschl for dinner.

**Day 4** – Today we'll explore the ancient village of Hallstatt, a secluded gem and easily the most striking lakeside village in the region. This tiny hamlet clings to a ledge at the foot of a steep cliff,

surrounded by the towering Dachstein mountains. To appreciate the delicate placement of the village, we'll cruise the shoreline in a small fleet of electric boats, viewing ancient boathouses and quaint wooden homes built centuries ago. A major Celtic archaeological landmark, the treasures unearthed here are so extensive that one era in Celtic studies (800 - 400 BC) is called "the Hallstatt period." Pre-luncheon rafting party on the lake before dining in a charming local restaurant. Late afternoon balloon adventure through the summer meadowlands of the Alpine foothills, followed by our farewell dinner party.

**Day 5** – Our trip ends after breakfast at Schloss Fuschl.

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**September 8-12, 2009/2010**

\$8,940 per person, double.

Single supplement \$1,145.

#### EXTEND YOUR TRIP

##### **Optional 3 Day Germany's King Ludwig Castles Excursion**

Let us drive you into the past as we make our way from Salzburg through pretty Bavarian countryside to the foothills of the German Alps. Our destination is three of the most fantastic fairytale castles built by the eccentric Bavarian King Ludwig; romantic Neuschwanstein which was the model for Cinderella's castle at Disney World, exquisite Linderhof Palace, and majestic Herrenchiemsee Palace, intended to be an exact copy of Versailles and half completed when King Ludwig died in 1886. Each night will be spent in a different



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charming hotel in a storybook setting, the Jagerhaus Hotel in Schwangau, 5 star Residence Heinz Winkler in Aschau and Munich's 5 star Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten. An exceptional trip of unimaginable opulence and astounding scenic beauty, with excellent cuisine and fine wine throughout; hosted by Buddy Bombard.

### **SALZBURG LAKES WITH KING LUDWIG CASTLES EXTENSION** 8 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS

**September 8-12, 2009/2010**

All-inclusive from Salzburg to Munich. \$13,792 per person, double. Single supplement \$3,345

### **TRIP COMBINATION**

#### **Swiss Summer & Salzburg**

Connected by our Germany's King Ludwig Castles excursion.