

ADVENTURE TRAVEL WITH **STEVE**

Best Day Hikes in Germany's Bavarian Alps July 18-25, 2021



Zugspitze with the Eibsee in the foreground [courtesy Daniel Jacob]

Trip Overview - Just a three hour train ride from Munich's international airport brings you to the magnificent Bavarian Alps. Located on the border with Austria they include Germany's famous highest peak, the Zugspitze, and the Wetterstein mountain range. The area abounds with excellent hiking as well as several opportunities for cultural exploration.

Trip highlights:

- five days of [vigorous/strenuous](#) hiking with daily booktimes of 5-7 hours, ~9 miles distance, and 2,500' - 4,500' gain. One day we will climb the Zugspitze itself.
- one day with multiple options including an excursion to the famous baroque castle [Neuschwanstein](#) or to [Mittenwald](#) with its famous [Lüftmalerei](#) [baroque frescoes found on many homes and buildings] and access to the Karwendel Alps, or to [Innsbruck](#) the capital of the Tyrol and Austria's fifth largest city, or a visit to Oberammergau the historic village that is home to the every ten year Passion Play or the exploration of a new mountain region closer by.
- lodging in a four star Austrian hotel that features excellent cuisine and an indoor-outdoor heated swimming pool, sauna, steam room, spa, etc.



Map of southern Germany: the Bavarian Alps are outlined in black



Sunrise over Garmisch [courtesy Andreas Kretchmer]

Daily activity plan:

Date	Trail/#	Dist [km]	Hrs	Ascent [m]	Descent [m]	Trail notes
7/18	arrival					
7/19	Schachtkopf/5	11.0	4.5	770	770	Excellent views over the Ehrwald basin. Historical mining tour and relics.
7/20	Sonnenberg/48	11.5	4.5	890	890	Scenic loop above historic Oberammergau, home of ‘the Passion play”, wood carving center, and baroque wall murals
7/21	Zugspitze/11	12.0	6.3	1460	200	the tallest mountain in Germany, views [!], cables, use of gondolas. restaurant
7/22	Free					Neuschwanstein, Mittenwald, Innsbruck, or ??
7/23	Eckbauer/15	12.0	4.0	550	550	Extraordinary walk through the wild waterfalls of the Partnach gorge . Visit to Wamberg , Germany’s highest village. Explore G-P in the later PM.

7/24	Schellkopf/35	13.2	6.5	1220	1220	uncrowded, peaceful climb in the Ammergauer Alps
7/25	depart					

Note: Trail numbers reference trails in the [Kompass Zugspitze guidebook](#) [German language]



View towards the Ammergauer Alps [courtesy Sandra Gruenewald]

Trip Details

Accommodations are two persons/room. Bedding is either two mattresses in the same frame or twin beds.

The trip price is \$2,100.

Price includes: It includes all breakfast, dinner, and full use of hotel facilities from dinner on Sunday July 18 through breakfast on Sunday July 25. All internal transportation expenses [bus, gondola, etc] on scheduled hiking days.

Price does not include: Airfare, lunches, beverages except what the hotel provides as part of a meal [e.g. coffee at breakfast], “free” day transportation, extra hotel services not included in the normal daily rate [e.g. spa treatments, etc].

Trip Expectations

The [guidebook](#) we will be using identifies all chosen hikes are of medium difficulty. While the majority of our walking will be on comfortable mountain footpaths, there will be some sections that demand surefootedness and freedom from vertigo. Some of the hikes may involve the use of cables over exposed sections.

The order of scheduled hikes and the specific hikes themselves may change due to weather, trail conditions, group preference, etc. Everyone should pitch in and contribute to helping each other have a great time.

Registration Process

This is a private trip sponsored by Adventure Travel with Steve, not the AMC. This allows Steve to run the trip with more flexibility and at a lower participant cost. The pricing is intended to cover the direct costs of running the trip including Steve's expenses. To join, please fill out the [online registration form](#) and send a check for \$2100 payable to "Adventure Travel with Steve, LLC" to Stephen Cohen 2802 Arbor Drive #2 Madison, WI 53711.

Every individual is strongly urged to have medical-evacuation travel insurance. A reasonable amount of insurance is \$100,000 for emergency transportation following a medical emergency and \$20,000 for emergency medical treatment. You may choose to purchase a different amount. A good place to buy insurance for a specific trip is [insuremytrip](#). If you travel frequently you might be better off buying annual travel insurance. An insurance company/policy that offers good value is [Allianz](#).

Cancellation Terms

Cancellation up through June 30, 2021 will result in a full refund. No refunds for cancellation notices received after that date.



Schloss Neuschwanstein [courtesy Johannes Plenio]

Trip Leadership



Since 2012 Steve has planned and led twenty-five hiking/trekking-oriented adventure travel trips to such destinations the Haute Route (from Chamonix, France to Zermatt, Switzerland), the Alta Via I and II through the Italian Dolomites, the tour of the Jungfrau region (Switzerland), Patagonia, the high mountains huts of Austria, etc. He lived in Europe for four years and is fluent in both French and German. Steve is currently chair of AMC's Adventure Travel program. Visit www.adventuretravelwithsteve.com to learn more about Steve and his past

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