



## ALPINE ADVENTURES IN SWITZERLAND

DESIGNED FOR JUDY PIKE AND FRIENDS  
OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> - 17<sup>TH</sup> 2018

While Switzerland may be famous for the world's best cheeses, watches, pocket knives, private banks, and chocolate, perhaps the most wonderful attraction that this land-locked nation has to offer is its awe-inspiring natural beauty. Surprisingly fertile, glacial valleys, dotted with crystal clear lakes, nestle among the majestic mountain peaks of the Swiss Alps.

The history and culture of the Swiss Federation have been dictated, to a large extent, by this geography. Now one of the richest and most prosperous countries of Europe, Switzerland has enjoyed over 700 years of almost continuous peace and stability – due in large part to the difficulty any invading armies have had negotiating the narrow mountain passes between the valleys! This fierce and proud independence kept the country out of the last two world wars and even out of the United Nations until 2002.

There are 4 distinct languages spoken in modern Switzerland: German, French, Italian and Romansh – and each child is taught 2 of these in school plus English. Our travels take us from the German-speaking region in the northeast, into the French region of the west, and then through the (very small) Romansh central area, down into the Italian cantons of Ticino. It is fascinating to see how each region differs from its neighbors and how its culture is affected by the language spoken.

We will also have an opportunity to extend our tour with a stay on beautiful Lake Konstanz, bordering on southwest Germany. This fall, join Judy Pike, David Phillips and Discover Europe on an unforgettable European adventure to experience the scenery, art, history and culture of this beautiful country.



CORNICHE LAVAUX VINEYARDS

### THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED): **\$4580**  
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: **\$1490**

*Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.*

### THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- HOTELS:** 12 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels, all hotel taxes and service charges included\*
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily
- GUIDES:** Discover Europe tour guide, David Phillips, throughout, local guide at the Castle of Chillon
- PORTERAGE:** Hotel baggage handling of one large suitcase per person
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary

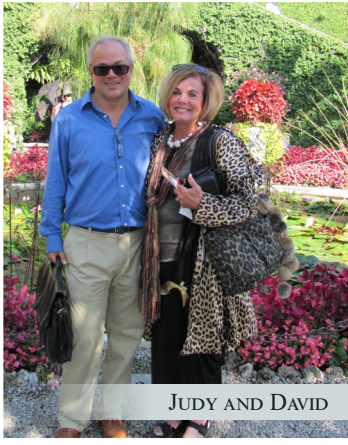
### OPTIONAL LAKE KONSTANZ EXTENSION:

The cost of this extension is \$1290 per person, double occupancy (single supplement: \$390). This includes 3 nights' accommodation at a first class hotel, breakfast daily, Discover Europe tour guide David Phillips throughout, all entrance fees and ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary, and baggage handling of one large suitcase per person.

*Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registrant on receipt of deposit.*

\*Room upgrade costs for hotels are available upon request.





JUDY AND DAVID

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>** - Departure from your chosen US gateway city to Zurich. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>** - Arriving in Zurich before noon, you will be met for the transfer to our hotel in Zug on the shores of the Zugersee. After checking in, there will be time to unpack and rest from the overnight flight. David will gather everyone together early this evening to go over the itinerary and perhaps have a cocktail or two before dinner. **OVERNIGHT: ZUG**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>** - The day begins with a gentle walk around historic downtown Zug, ending at the Galerie Gmurzynska for a visit. For a small town, the gallery has very impressive exhibits by internationally-acclaimed modern artists. After a break for lunch, we'll take the Zugerberg Bahn funicular railway up into the mountains. The views overlooking the lake and its surroundings are stunning. On our return to Zug, there may be time to do a little shopping in the upscale Metalli Mall, just across from our hotel. The evening is free. **(B) OVERNIGHT: ZUG**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>** - Our excursion today takes us north through archetypical beautiful Swiss countryside of mountains, valleys and lakes. Exploring the west side of the Zugersee, our first stop pays homage to William Tell at the Hohle Gasse to see the commemorative chapel that marks the place where

Tell lay in wait for the evil bailiff Gessler, to get his revenge. From here, we reach the shores of the Vierwaldstättersee (also known as Lake Lucerne) at Kusunacht and follow the lakeshore south to the picturesque town of Weggis. We'll stop to explore this beautiful lakeside resort town and have lunch. A short boat ride on the lake brings us to the charming town of Vitznau, where we meet our bus and continue, via Brunnen and the eastern shore of the Zugersee back to our hotel for a free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: ZUG**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning we journey west, leaving the German-speaking part of the country and heading into the French-speaking region. Our first stop will be Neuchatel on the lake of the same name and the major city in this part of the Swiss Jura, known as the Three Lakes Region. We'll take a brief walking tour of the Old Town, with the castle and the University Church before taking a break for lunch. This afternoon, we continue along the shore of Lake Neuchatel to the resort town of Ouchy on Lake Lemane (also known as Lake Geneva). Originally a sleepy little fishing village, Ouchy has become the lakeside resort for the city of Lausanne. Lord Byron stayed here while writing *The Prisoner of Chillon*. After checking in to our hotel, the rest of the day is free. **(B) OVERNIGHT: OUCHY**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning we drive the beautiful Corniche de Lavaux, along the lake and past terraced vineyards tumbling down the hillsides, to the town of Vevey. Here, we board a boat for a short cruise to the Castle of Chillon, for a private guided tour. We return to our hotel for a free afternoon. Perhaps take advantage of spa treatments offered here. The evening is also free. **(B) OVERNIGHT: OUCHY**



CASTLE OF CHILLON

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning, we drive west along the side of the lake headed to Geneva. We'll begin with a panoramic coach tour of the city's major monuments: The Palace of Nations (originally the headquarters of the League of Nations), the International Headquarters of the Red Cross, St Peter's Cathedral, the Grand Casino and so much more. We'll end the tour at the Reformation Monument, celebrating the city's leading role as a center for the Protestant reformers. We will have free time for lunch and to explore individual interests before we return to our hotel in Ouchy for a free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: OUCHY**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>** - Our first stop this morning will be the small but historically significant town of Murten on the lake of the same name. It was at the Battle of Murten in 1476 that the Swiss Confederate Army defeated the Duke of Burgundy, Charles the Bold, thus securing Swiss independence for generations to come. We'll stop to admire the fine view from the inner court of the castle before we continue to our next stop, Berne, the capital of Switzerland. Very small and manageable, Berne has retained much of its old-world charm. We'll have lunch here and a short walking tour of the old town center before continuing down the valley of the River Aare to Interlaken, our base for the next three nights. **(B) OVERNIGHT: INTERLAKEN**



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>** - As the name implies, Interlaken is situated on a strip of land between two lakes. We approach the town along the side of the Thunersee and take a circular tour of the Brienersee. Our first stop, at the head of the lake, will be at the Open Air Museum at Ballenberg. Ballenberg has rescued an amazing collection of vernacular architecture from all over the country in an effort to preserve and display traditional building techniques and to educate people about the culture, crafts and lifestyles of preceding generations. From here, we will go into the nearby town of Brienz for lunch and a visit to the woodcarving museum. We return to Interlaken for a free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: INTERLAKEN**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>** - You will need to dress warmly for today's excursion! We leave Interlaken on the modern cog railway to Kleine Scheidegg, at an elevation of 6762 feet – and then we go up! We continue through the Eiger tunnel to the highest railway station in Europe. On the way we'll stop for lunch at the Eiger Glacier Station, visit waterfalls, see an ice palace and enjoy some of the most spectacular views in the world. Our round trip journey brings us back to Interlaken for the evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: INTERLAKEN**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>** - We head south today into the Italian-speaking region of Switzerland. Our route takes us through Andermatt, known as the crossroads of the Alps, and then through the St. Gotthard Tunnel, into the Swiss Canton of Ticino. The climate and vegetation are noticeably different here as we are in a



south-facing valley that receives the warm mediterranean winds that are blocked from the rest of the country by the Alps. Our destination is the beautiful lakeside town of Lugano, where we will settle in to our hotel and enjoy some free time. **(B) OVERNIGHT: LUGANO**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>** - A short drive south this morning brings us to the small town of Morcote on the shores of Lake Lugano, a stone's throw from the Italian border. It is quite a climb through the alleyways, past the arcaded houses up to the Church of the Madonna del Sasso, but well worth the effort for the 16th-century frescoes – and for the views down over the lake. From here we cross over the lake to Riva San Vitale, where we board the railway up to Monte Generoso. Right on the border between Switzerland and Italy, the wonderful restaurant at the end of the line boasts fabulous food as well as breathtaking views. We'll linger over lunch and take our time returning by rail and bus to our hotel in Lugano. Free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: LUGANO**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>** - A final free day in Lugano to enjoy the hotel facilities and perhaps do a little shopping. **(B) OVERNIGHT: LUGANO**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>** - Morning transfers to Milan, Malpensa Airport for returning flights to the U.S. (Please note that flights **MUST RETURN FROM MILAN MALPENSA AIRPORT** and not Milan Linate Airport. Also note that you will have to leave the hotel at least 3 hours prior to your flight departure, so that any flights leaving before 10.00 am will require a departure from the hotel before 7.00 am.) **(B) OVERNIGHT: HOME**

*Key to included meals: B - breakfast*

## OPTIONAL LAKE KONSTANZ PRE-TRIP EXTENSION

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>** - Departure from your US gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>** - Your arrival at Zurich Airport before noon will be met for the transfer to our hotel in Konstanz, on the Bodensee. Here you can unpack, relax, and begin to explore the elegant, old-world lakeside town and its beautiful architecture. Later this afternoon David will lead a short excursion to nearby Blumeninsel Mainau. Literally the "Flower Island," Mainau is maintained as a garden island and a model of sound environmental practices. We return to the hotel for a free evening. **OVERNIGHT: KONSTANZ**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup>** - Our excursion today takes us to the nearby city of St. Gallen, where we will visit the Abbey of St. Gall, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, that evolved from the hermitage of St. Gall, founded in the 7<sup>th</sup> century CE. We'll have a guided tour of the Abbey buildings, including the Cathedral and the library, which is considered to be one the oldest and most beautiful in the world. The evening is free in Konstanz. **(B) OVERNIGHT: KONSTANZ**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>** - Our first stop this morning is the picturesque town of Stein am Rhein, known for its collection of original half-timbered houses around the main the town square. It is here that the River Rhine flows out of Lake Constance and begins its lengthy journey to the sea in Holland. We'll explore the town and then follow the river to the mighty Rhone Falls at Schaffhausen. We'll take a boat ride in the Rhine Falls basin to see them up close, before we return to our hotel in Konstanz. **(B) OVERNIGHT: KONSTANZ**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>** - A leisurely start this morning as we return to Zurich Airport to meet up with other members of our group arriving from the US and transfer to our hotel in Zug. **(B) OVERNIGHT: ZUG**



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### PASSENGER DETAILS FOR ALPINE ADVENTURES IN SWITZERLAND (1004/PIK)

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 Title First Middle Last

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 Title First Middle Last

Known As: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ work/cell/home  
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Secondary Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ work/cell/home  
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Special Dietary Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Comments or Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Trip Details

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Return Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Airport or City: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be part of the Pre-Trip Extension:  yes  no

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:**  
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# REGISTRATION, TERMS & CONDITIONS

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Make checks payable to DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.
2. Detach the bottom section and mail it to Discover Europe with your registration payment of \$500 per person. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure.
3. Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport.
4. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
5. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.

## TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
2. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
3. Conduct During The Tour: You are also responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.
4. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.

## TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS:

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change - in fact we have not had to invoke this clause in the contract in over 15 years of operation. However we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the year prior to trip departure.
2. Group size. Your tour has been based on a group size of 14 participants. Should we end up with less than this number, Discover Europe will work with the group organizer to determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.

## REFUND POLICY:

1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$200 cancellation penalty.
2. Participants who withdraw less than 90 but more than 60 days prior to the day of their trip departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$2000 cancellation penalty.
3. Participants who withdraw less than 60 days prior to trip departure will not receive a refund.
4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
5. Comprehensive travel insurance, including cancellation coverage, is NOT included in your tour package. Discover Europe strongly advises you to purchase comprehensive coverage and we will provide information on a recommended insurance company with your registration confirmation.
6. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
7. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.

## FLIGHT INFORMATION:

1. Discover Europe will be very happy to book your flights for you. The fee for this service is \$40 per ticket.
2. If you are arranging your own flights to join the tour, it is essential that Discover Europe has your complete flight information. Please make sure you give us the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. **Note: please take notice of the advised arrival times at the beginning of this tour. Participants who arrive outside of the times will be charged a supplement to cover additional airport transfers.**

## INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS:

1. All inclusions on ALPINE ADVENTURES IN SWITZERLAND are listed on this itinerary.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): transportation to and from the participant's home to their departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, gratuities to tour guides and coach drivers, and items of a personal nature.



## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## FLIGHT INFORMATION

(Please check one)

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights :  Yes  No

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Flight details (if self-arranged): \_\_\_\_\_

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## ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

(Please check one)

I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)

I will be sharing with: \_\_\_\_\_

We would like a  double  twin-bedded room

## PERMISSIONS

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour

passenger list.  Yes  No

## SIGNATURES

The undersigned has read the tour itinerary and recognizes and accepts any risk inherent therein. The undersigned also understands and hereby agrees for and on behalf of his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth in the terms and conditions listed in this brochure and to release and hold harmless Discover Europe Ltd. and any of their officers, trustees, agents, licensees, or representatives, from any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death or for the loss of or damage to his/her property however occurring during any portion of, or in relation to, the tour.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_