

ALPINE EUROPE

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28 JUNE - 10 JULY

2026

Breathtaking alpine wildflower meadows at their peak on this tour across the Alps of Switzerland and Austria. Visit four romantic cities steeped in tradition: Vienna, Salzburg, Lucerne and Bern.

Graham Ross



Chapel Bridge, Lucerne



Palm House at Schönbrunn, Vienna



Jungfraujoch cog railway

DAY 1 SUN 28 JUN Arrive Vienna	(D)	Arrive in Vienna and check into your hotel. Meet your fellow travellers and tour leader, Paula Benneian for a Welcome Dinner in the hotel this evening. <i>Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof, Vienna</i>
DAY 2 MON 29 JUN Vienna	(B)	A morning walking tour through the old city will reveal the secrets of the Habsburg Empire, with a coffee stop at Demel Coffee House, one of Vienna's finest. Upper and Lower Belvedere Palaces this afternoon to see Baroque ensemble of palaces, Orangery and Stables hosting fine exhibitions including Gustav Klimt. <i>Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof, Vienna</i>
DAY 3 TUE 30 JUN Schonbrunn Palace	(B/L)	A day at Schonbrunn to understand the life and times of the great Habsburg dynasty. Morning guided tour of the gardens; Baroque parterres, Great Palm House, Gloriette, Neptune Fountain, 'Roman Ruins' and obelisk. Lunch is included in the Orangery. Afternoon tour of the sumptuous Palace. <i>Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof, Vienna</i>
DAY 4 WED 1 JUL Vienna To Salzburg	(B/D)	First stop is the picturesque village of Durnstein, in the famous Wachau region along the Danube. Next stop is Melk Abbey, one of the biggest and most beautiful European Baroque ensembles perched on a rocky outcrop overlooking the Danube. Arrive in Salzburg. <i>Hotel Bristol, Salzburg</i>
DAY 5 THU 2 JUL Salzburg	(B)	A walking tour this morning to discover this picturesque old town dominated by churches, castles and palaces; a UNESCO
	(D)	World Heritage site and the birthplace of Mozart. Finish at Fortress Hohensalzburg, a medieval castle with panoramic views of the city. Free afternoon. <i>Hotel Bristol, Salzburg</i>
DAY 6 FRI 3 JUL Gems of Salzkammergut	(B)	A day to explore the lake district surrounding Salzburg and the gems of Salzkammergut, St Gilen and St Wolfgang. Flowered alpine meadows and locations made famous by the film Sound of Music will make this day memorable. Free time for lunch in Bad Ischl. <i>Hotel Bristol, Salzburg</i>
DAY 7 SAT 4 JUL Salzburg To Lucerne	(B/D)	It's a scenic train ride today through the Arlberg Mountains as we travel from Salzburg to Zurich and on to Lucerne. Check in to Hotel Astoria in the heart of the city for the next three nights. Dinner in your hotel this evening. <i>Hotel Astoria, Lucerne</i>
DAY 8 SUN 5 JUL Lucerne	(B)	Lucerne is a quintessential Swiss city. A walking tour this morning to explore the well-preserved medieval Alstadt (Old Town) and the Kapellbrücke (Chapel Bridge). Afternoon drive to Dreilinden Park for a panoramic view of the city and its lake. <i>Hotel Astoria, Lucerne</i>
DAY 9 MON 6 JUL Mount Rigi	(B/L)	A ferry trip this morning across Lake Lucerne to Vitznau, then the cogwheel train to the summit of Mt Rigi with panoramic views. Afternoon walk the Rigi Flower Trail to see alpine wildflowers. Take the cable car back down to Weggis, and the ferry back to Lucerne. <i>Hotel Astoria, Lucerne</i>
DAY 10 TUE 7 JUL Lucerne To Bern	(B)	Travel by coach through the heart of Switzerland today, through the mountain passes, past Lake Thun and Lake Brienz to Brienz, Interlaken in the Bernese Oberland, to Bern. Arrive late afternoon into Bern, the capital city of Switzerland, and check into your hotel. <i>Hotel Savoy, Bern</i>
DAY 11 WED 8 JUL Schynige Platte Alpine Garden	(B/L)	Take the cogwheel from Wilderswil up to Schynige Platte, with the impressive panorama of the Bernese Alps, including the Eiger (3970m), Monch (4099m) and Jungfrau (4158m). Discover the rich flora of the alpine garden. Lunch is included. Afternoon visit to Interlaken. <i>Hotel Savoy, Bern</i>
DAY 12 THU 9 JUL Bern	(B/D)	The day is yours to explore Bern - or join us for an optional railway journey to Jungfraujoch, the highest railway station in Europe (3454m). Take the cog railway from Lauterbrunnen to Kleine Scheidegg. The north face of the Eiger is within touching distance! Time here for lunch. Farewell Dinner this evening. <i>Hotel Savoy, Bern</i>
DAY 13 FRI 10 JUL End of tour	(B)	Your tour finishes after breakfast this morning. Group transfer to Zurich airport for your flight home.

Details

- ✓ Tour escorted by Paula Benneian
- ✓ Deluxe accommodation - 12 nights
- ✓ Breakfast daily (B), 3 Lunches (L) and 4 Dinners (D)
- ✓ Entrance fees to all gardens & sightseeing including Vienna, St. Stephen's Cathedral, Belvedere Palace, Schönbrunn Palace, Melk Abbey, Salzburg, Fortress Hohensalzburg, St Gilgen, Lucerne, Mount Rigi, Ballenberg Open Air Museum, Schynige Platte, Interlaken.

Price

- ✓ Twin Share land only \$14,495 pp
- ✓ Single Supplement \$3,495
- ✓ All prices in Australian dollars. Prices based on minimum 15 passengers.
- ✓ Refer to Ross Tours standard terms and conditions.

Discounts

- ✓ Earlybird \$250 Pay by 12/12/25
- ✓ Previous Traveller \$100
- ✓ Garden Clinic Member \$50



Paula Benneiar

Tour leader

Paula believes you can have a lifetime of career changes and still stay in Horticulture. Garden researcher for Better Homes and Gardens, location manager and designer for River Cottage Australia are just a couple of highlights of her career.



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