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Alpine Splendor

Switzerland and Austria

August 18-31, 2025

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An Exclusive Small Group Tour for
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Featuring Associate Professor of German Sara Poor

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Dear Princetonian,

Join us on an exclusive 14-day Alpine adventure and experience the astonishing natural beauty, charming village life, and rich cultural offerings of Switzerland and Austria.

Begin in alluring Lucerne with a ride up Mt. Pilatus on the world's steepest cogwheel train. Then board the legendary *Glacier Express* and admire the mighty Matterhorn from the *Gornergratbahn*, Europe's highest open-air railway. With three nights in lakeside Lugano, see medieval Bellinzona's iconic Castelgrande, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and relax on a leisurely Lake Lugano cruise. A tour of postcard-worthy Innsbruck is followed by a three-night stay in Austria's jewel of Salzburg. Visit medieval Hohensalzburg, one of Europe's finest castles, and attend a classic music concert in Mirabell Palace. For those wishing to extend the adventure, a Vienna post-tour extension will be offered.

Joining you on the adventure is **Associate Professor of German Sara Poor** ("Sally"). On this tour, Professor Poor will deliver a special lecture series covering a unique range of topics. From Medieval Manuscripts in the Mountains to the Geography of Fairy Tales, our academic programming will certainly be a trip highlight.

The towering peaks of the Alps serve as the stunning backdrop for this adventure. As our small group discovers mountain villages and European cities, cruises on glassine lakes, and ascends snow-capped summits, the region's history and beauty will enchant one and all. Space is limited to 24 guests. Register today at: <https://journeys.princeton.edu/booking/start/25-08-18-ODY/tour>

Best wishes for safe travels, continued curiosity, and perpetual learning.



Bridget St. Clair
Director, Alumni Education and Travel
Princeton University

PRINCETON JOURNEYS RESERVATION FORM: ALPINE SPLENDOR

To reserve your place on tour, **please visit:** <https://journeys.princeton.edu/booking/start/25-08-18-ODY/tour>. Please have the information outlined below available to complete your registration.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and email it to journeys@princeton.edu. Once this request is received, a Princeton Journeys team member will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to Princeton Journeys and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: **Princeton Journeys**
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Please book my/our air from _____ I/We request an air upgrade to _____

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

Post-Tour "Vienna – On Your Own" Extension: Please sign me/us up

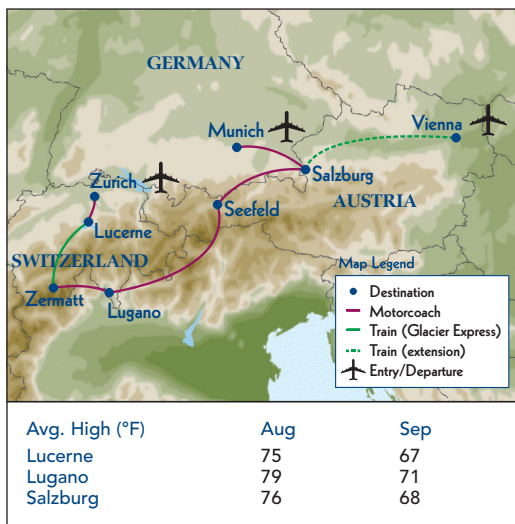
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Day 1: Depart U.S. for Zurich, Switzerland

Day 2: Arrive Zurich/Lucerne Arrive in Zurich and transfer to your hotel on the shores of Lake Lucerne. After checking in, meet for a briefing about the journey ahead, followed by dinner at the hotel. *D*

Day 3: Lucerne/Mt. Pilatus On this morning's walking tour, we encounter historic and alluring Lucerne, surrounded by mountains and sitting on its namesake lake. We visit the medieval Old Town and cross treasured *Kapellbrücke* (Chapel Bridge), the oldest covered bridge in Europe. Then we ride the world's steepest cogwheel train to the summit of nearby Mt. Pilatus for stunning views across the surrounding countryside. Next we enjoy a ferry ride on scenic Lake Lucerne, arriving back in Lucerne late this afternoon. We cap the day with dinner at a local restaurant. *B, D*

Day 4: Lake Lucerne/Zermatt We transfer to Chur this morning where we board the celebrated *Glacier Express* train, renowned for its panoramic views as it sweeps through striking valleys, past mountain hamlets, and follows the course of the fabled Rhône. We enjoy lunch on board as we cross the Oberalp Pass, at almost 7,000 feet above sea level, the highest point on the train's route. After this scenic overload, we reach Zermatt, gateway to the Swiss Alps in the shadow of the Matterhorn. Dinner tonight is on our own. *B, L*

Day 5: Zermatt/Gornergrat Sitting in a low-slung notch, Zermatt is surrounded on all sides by towering slopes. We get a unique view of the spectacular scenery this morning as we ride the Gornergratbahn to the summit of the Gornergrat. Atop this rocky ridge, a dramatic tapestry unfolds all around us: 29 Alpine peaks, each over 13,000 feet, including the majestic Matterhorn standing alone at nearly 15,000 feet. After admiring the jaw-dropping scenery, we begin our descent by train to Zermatt, where the remainder of the day is free to explore this very walkable village as we wish. *B, D*

Day 6: Zermatt/Stresa, Italy/Lugano Ride today through more superb Swiss scenery, and cross into northern Italy via the legendary Simplon Pass through the Alps. Late morning arrive in Stresa, Italy, along the shores of lovely Lake Maggiore, and enjoy time for independent exploration. Then a scenic drive through the famed Italian lake district returns you to Switzerland and your hotel in lakeside Lugano. *B, D*

Day 7: Lugano/Ascona/Bellinzona Today's tour of Ticino, Switzerland's southernmost canton, begins

Physical Activity Level

3 Moderate

Walk 2-4 miles per day, often on uneven terrain in natural settings; high elevations on excursions to Mt. Pilatus (7,000 ft), Gornergrat (10,285 ft), Nordkette (7,401 ft), and Eagle's Nest (6,017 ft); several long days of travel using multiple modes of transportation

Your Tour at a Glance

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Zurich		
2-3	Lake Lucerne	Swiss-Chalet Merlischachen	First Class
4-5	Zermatt	Resort Hotel Alex	First Class
6-8	Lugano	Luganodante Hotel	First Class
9-10	Seefeld	Hotel Seelos	First Class
11-13	Salzburg	Imlauer Hotel Pitter Salzburg	Sup. First Class
14	Depart Munich for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: Majestic Alpine scenery surrounds us throughout our tour.



The Matterhorn presides over charming Swiss villages and meadows dotted with wildflowers.

in Ascona on the shores of Lake Maggiore. We take a walking tour of this charming town known for its pastel lakefront façades and an early 20th-century artists' colony. Next, we visit a winery in the Ascona Delta, where we stroll through the vineyard, tour the wine cellars, and sample the wines on offer here. Then we enjoy regional fare as we lunch alfresco at a local grotto restaurant built around mountain caves. This afternoon we travel to medieval Bellinzona, with its three feudal castles, all UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Here we visit Castelgrande, the iconic central castle where we explore the ramparts and expansive grounds. *B,L*

Day 8: Lake Lugano After a free morning to explore Lugano independently, board a motorboat for a private half-day cruise around Lake Lugano. Put ashore at Morcote, a town barely a mile square whose Mediterranean charm led Swiss citizens in 2016 to name it the nation's loveliest village. After lunch together and time to explore, continue the cruise with a stop in Gandria, whose stucco façades seem to cling precariously to the side of Monte Brè. *B,L*

Day 9: Lugano/Vaduz, Liechtenstein/ Seefeld, Austria Leaving the Lake District today, we're bound for Austria by way of the tiny sovereign nation of Liechtenstein. We then travel north to Liechtenstein, reaching the country's capital of Vaduz, where we have free time to explore and have lunch on our own. We continue on to Austria, reaching our hotel in the mountain village of Seefeld early this evening. We dine together at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Day 10: Seefeld/Innsbruck This morning transfer to nearby Innsbruck, host of the 1964 and 1976 Winter Olympics. A walking tour highlights the postcard-worthy sights, including the many pedestrian squares surrounded by pastel-colored façades. Take a cable car

to a lookout in the Nordkette, the "mountain at the heart of Innsbruck," and witness panoramic views of the city and the surrounding Alps. Enjoy some time for independent exploration in Innsbruck before returning to Seefeld. *B,D*

Day 11: Seefeld/Tyrol/Salzburg Travel through the Tyrol countryside and visit the Museum of Tyrolean Farms, an interactive outdoor exhibit showcasing historic farms in a beautiful setting. Then continue on to Salzburg, Austria's riverside jewel and city of Mozart and *The Sound of Music*. Following dinner at your hotel, attend a Baroque chamber music concert in the Marble Room of famed Mirabell Palace. *B,D*

Day 12: Salzburg Set out on a walking tour this morning featuring the geometrically-styled Mirabell

Post-Tour Extension

August 31-September 3, 2025
Vienna – On Your Own

4 days/3 nights for \$795 total price
Single Supplement: \$355

Savor an unstructured stay in this city of arts and culture. Music, opera, and museums abound.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Rail transportation Salzburg/Vienna
- 3 nights' accommodations at Hotel Kaiserhof (First Class)
- 3 meals: 3 breakfasts
- Vienna city orientation tour with local guide
- Transfer from rail station and to airport



SEE HOW SMALL YOU ARE
NEXT TO THE MOUNTAINS.”

– ALAIN DE BOTTON

Gardens, dating to the 17th century; the Baroque Old Town, now a UNESCO site; and visits to Salzburg Cathedral and medieval Hohensalzburg Fortress, one of Europe’s largest and best-preserved castles. After, you have the opportunity to experience the city during the celebrated Salzburg Festival showcasing classical music and performing arts (no formal activities planned). *B*

Day 13: Salzburg/Eagle’s Nest/Berchtesgaden

Travel today to the Bavarian resort town of Berchtesgaden, site of the clifftop *Kehlsteinhaus* (Eagle’s Nest), the Nazi Party’s alpine retreat, then return to Salzburg, where the rest of the afternoon is at leisure before celebrating this splendid journey at a farewell dinner. *B,D*

Day 14: Depart for U.S. Transfer today to the Munich airport for your return flight to the U.S. *B*



The Gornergratbahn open-air railway

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 12 nights’ accommodations in Superior First Class and First Class hotels
- 23 meals: 12 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 8 dinners
- House wine with dinners
- Coffee and Tea with breakfasts and lunches
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, all drivers, and Tour Director

Princeton Journeys Study Leader



Sara S. Poor (“Sally”) is currently Associate Professor of German at Princeton University, having served two terms as Director of the Program in Medieval Studies, and more recently, a year as Acting Chair of German. Earning her PhD from Duke University’s Graduate Program in Literature, she went on to teach at the University of Erlangen and at Stanford University before joining the faculty at Princeton in 2002. Her primary research interests are in the areas of Gender Studies and medieval German literature. She also has a passion for all aspects of medieval history and culture, from late Roman Empire to the early modern period. Her published work focuses on medieval women mystics, their writings, and their reception (e.g., *Mechthild von Magdeburg and Her Book* [2004], *Mysticism and Reform 1400-1750* [2015], *Gender Bonds, Gender Binds* [2021]). While her current research focuses on women writers of devotional literature and the history of the book, future projects include a study of late medieval literary re-tellings of the Charlemagne legends.

Tour Departs: August 18, 2025

Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York	\$8,592
Chicago, Washington, DC	\$8,892
Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Philadelphia	\$8,992
Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle, Tampa	\$9,092
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$7,495

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$797, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,095. All prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$4,995 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,795 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade costs are in addition to the costs above.

For flight information, please call Princeton Journeys at 609-258-8686 or email journeys@princeton.edu.

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