

## Austrian Explorer

From £1,699 per person // 12 days



Combine stunning rail journeys with fabulous Alpine destinations on this essential tour of Austria, taking in Innsbruck, Zell am See, Salzburg, Graz and capital city Vienna.

### The Essentials

- London to Austria by rail, via Cologne on the River Rhine
- Tyrolean capital Innsbruck and resort town Zell am See
- The musical cities of Salzburg and Vienna
- Arlberg and Semmering Pass rail routes through the Alps

### Tailor make your holiday

- Decide when you would like to travel
- Adapt the route to suit your plans
- Upgrade your hotels
- Add extra nights, destinations and/or tours

### What's included

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations
- 10 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Private compartment on the overnight sleeper from Vienna to Amsterdam
- Comprehensive directions to your hotels
- Clearly-presented wallets for your rail tickets, hotel vouchers and other documentation
- All credit card surcharges and complimentary delivery of your travel documents

## - Suggested Itinerary -



### Day 1 - London To Cologne

Travel from London St Pancras to Brussels aboard the Eurostar. In Brussels, it's an easy connection on to the German ICE service bound for Cologne. Once you arrive into Cologne, check in for an overnight stay at the Hotel MGallery Mondial am Dom (or similar) conveniently located near the station. Spend an evening exploring Cologne's old town area, or why not take a walk along the banks of the River Rhine?



### Day 2- Cologne To Innsbruck

After breakfast this morning, return to Cologne's main station and board a train which will take you on a scenic journey down the River Rhine, around Lake Constance and over the Arlberg Pass into Innsbruck. The dining facilities on this train are limited so we recommend stocking up on supplies for a picnic onboard before you leave. ?Arrive into Innsbruck this evening and check in at the AC Hotel Innsbruck (or similar), where you have a 2-night stay.



### Day 3 - Innsbruck

Dubbed "the largest mountain resort in the Alps", Tyrolean capital Innsbruck has a plethora of outdoor pursuits in the summer, such as hiking, mountain biking, paragliding and fishing. For the less adventurous, there are narrow lanes, cobbled open squares and beautiful ice-cream to seduce you into spending a whole day in the Old Town.



### Days 4 & 5 - Zell Am See

It's a short train journey from Innsbruck to Zell am See, travelling via Wörgl, around 15 miles from the German border. You have a 2-night stay at the Hotel Cella Central Historic Boutique Hotel (or similar). ?One of Austria's most famous ski resorts in winter, beautifully situated Zell am See is a still a hive of activity in summertime. Relax and unwind in the fresh alpine air or venture up onto the surrounding mountains with the help of chairlifts or cable cars. Hiking is, of course, plentiful in this area with a large number of marked trails to follow and mountain hut cafés to recharge the batteries as you go.



### Days 6 & 7 - Salzburg

Travel from Zell am See to Salzburg and check in for 2 nights at the Hotel am Mirabellplatz (or similar). Located on the River Salzach, the town of Salzburg is famous its musical links to W. A. Mozart who was born here, and to the Rogers & Hammerstein musical The Sound of Music. If you are a fan of either, then there are plenty of attractions and tours to entertain you. Elsewhere, you can also enjoy exploring the old town and visiting the hilltop castle.? TMR RECOMMENDS: Spend an extra night or two here so that you can visit the stunning Austrian Lake District. Places like St Wolfgang and Hallstatt are accessible by bus and train.



### Day 8 - Salzburg To Graz

It's around a 4-hour journey from Salzburg to Graz through the north of the country. On arrival in Graz, check in at the Wiesler Hotel (or similar) for an overnight stay. Centred around its 16th century fortress, the Schlossberg, Graz and its stunning old town are a treat to behold. In fact, the old town here is considered to be one of the best preserved in Central Europe. Don't miss a visit to the ornately frescoed Gothic cathedral or the views from the castle walls, which you can visit by means of a funicular railway.



### Day 9 - Graz To Vienna

After a leisurely start today, return to the station for a stunning journey through the Semmering Pass high in the Alps. The journey takes around 4 hours and takes you along the first mountain railway built in Europe. On arrival in Vienna, check in for a 2-night stay at the Hotel Stefanie (or similar). Once you've settled in to your hotel, it's time to head out and begin your exploration of the Austrian capital.



### Day 10 - Vienna

With its huge range of museums, galleries, churches and boutique shops, Vienna is a joy to discover. You will have a full day to take in the best of the city's attractions. Don't miss a slice of Sachertorte at the famous Sacher Hotel, a tour of the Opera House, or a visit to one of Vienna's grand Baroque palaces. Take in a performance at the Spanish Riding School, the Vienna Boys' Choir or even at the Opera House itself! Alternatively, take a cruise down the mighty River Danube.



### Days 11 & 12 - Vienna To London

You have another free day in Vienna to see some more of the sights before you collect your bags from your hotel and make your way to the station for a sleeper service to Amsterdam. There is also a direct train to Brussels which runs three times a week. Arriving into Amsterdam the next morning, catch a direct Eurostar service through Belgium, under the English Channel and back to London.

## Pricing

From £1,699 per person

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on Standard Class rail travel and includes seat reservations as necessary. It is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.