Walking in Bavaria

Trip Code: SGBT

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WALK & TREK	SELF-GUIDED	4 MODERATE



HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the magnificent castles of Hohenschwangau and Neuschwanstein
- Enjoy walks through contrasting landscapes of alpine mountains and lowland environments
- Immerse yourself into the historic town of Fussen at the end of Germany's Romantic Road
- Centre-based in a 3* hotel, with the option to upgrade to 4* spa hotel if desired

AT A GLANCE

- 6 days walking
- Daily departures
- Join at / End in Fussen

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

VIEW DATES, PRICES & BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY HERE

Introduction

Discover true Bavaria. A land of fairytale castles and breath taking alpine scenery fit for royalty on the border of the majestic Austrian Tirol; full of soaring peaks and glistening lakes. This one week self-guided walking holiday is the perfect balance between sightseeing and walking in spectacular alpine mountains, and with a choice of walks most days you can make your holiday as demanding or relaxing as you choose. You will be based in the historic town of Fussen for the week, allowing you to absorb the culture and enjoy the fantastic alpine hospitality.

Over the week you will have the opportunity to discover the fabled castles built by 'mad' King Ludwig II, nestled at the end of Germany's Romantic Road. Your walks will take you to both the towering palaces of Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau, and to the ruins of Falkenstein for a spectacular view. You will also visit Pfronten from where your walks will take you amongst the high peaks of Bavaria and through meadows and valleys to sleepy villages. Staying the week in one comfortable 3* hotel base in the heart of Fussen, you have plenty of flexibility to make your holiday your own and take your choice of walks on each day, or perhaps even rest the boots for a day of sightseeing and local exploration.

Book early to avoid disappointment. During peak periods including June and during the transhumance festivals over September, accommodation availability becomes very limited in the region.

WHY NOT TREAT YOURSELF TO A HOTEL UPGRADE?

On this trip we are pleased to offer you the opportunity to upgrade your accommodation to the 4* Hotel Sonne in Fussen. Perfect if you are looking to treat yourself for a special occasion, or simply prefer to travel with a little more luxury.

Is this holiday for you?

This holiday is perfect if you are looking to combine the charm and intrigue of King Ludwig II's land of fantasy Bavarian castles with some great mountain walking in the Allgau Alps. On average, you will walk around 13km and 4-5 hours each day, with moderate ascents of up to 790m in a day. On most days, you will have the option to extend or to shorten your walk, so you can decide on the level of hiking to suit your preferences. The walks follow forest roads and good mountain paths, with the occasional stony section, and routes are generally marked with directional signs. Having a basic knowledge of map reading and navigation will stand you in good stead on this holiday.

Itinerary

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Holiday Information

What's Included

- All accommodation as described
- Tourist taxes
- Meals as described in the Meal Plan
- Self-guided information pack containing your map and route notes
- Fussen guest card for free local travel
- GPX tracks supplied

What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Travel to/from Fussen
- Visas (if applicable)
- Some meals as described in the Meal Plan
- Cable car tickets
- Entrance fees
- Personal equipment
- Any additional activities/excursions indicated as optional

Your Self-Guided Pack & Route Notes

Each self-guided holiday comes with comprehensive route notes and a map or pocket guidebook of the area you are exploring. The route notes contain information about the places you will visit and the local transport you might need, along with the detailed route notes for your daily walks or cycle rides. We even include some tips for the best places to stop for lunch.

You can expect to receive your Self-Guided Pack containing your route notes, a map or guidebook, and all your relevant documents, no later than 3 weeks before your holiday start-date. We will send your documents using a signed-for courier so that you can track your package and know that it is safely on its way to you. For bookings of more than 4 people we will send an additional Self-Guided Pack. If you do not need this additional pack please inform our Sales Team. Your pack will be sent to the lead booker, so please remind them to pack it before setting off.

Should your self-guided trip be part of a longer adventure requiring you to leave home more than three weeks before your holiday start-date, please inform our Sales Team so that we can make alternative delivery arrangements.

Self-Guided Families

Our Self-Guided Holidays are perfect for your next family holiday and are suitable for children of all ages.

Our partner hotels and accommodations are able to provide cots for young children, and some offer family rooms. We can also arrange hire of children's bikes and tag along bikes for most of our self-guided cycling trips and with trips such as Lake Constance and the Danube offering routes on designated cycle paths you can rest assured in keeping your family safe.

As a parent we trust that you know your own child's capabilities, so please read the itinerary details to ensure the distances covered each day are suitable for your family. If this is a first time walking or cycling holiday for your family, a centre-based trip is a fantastic option as it allows you to easily opt out of a day's walking if a day of building sand castles, swimming in the pool, or visiting museums is calling instead.

Please discuss this further with our Sales Team who will be happy to assist in picking the best trip for your family.

Joining Arrangements & Transfers

This trip starts at your hotel in Fussen. All of our self-guided holidays are sold on a land only basis allowing you the flexibility to choose the travel method which best suits you. The nearest airport for this trip is Munich Airport with many departures from UK regional airports.

If you are flying into Munich Airport it is possible to take a train or a shuttle bus to Munich Central Train Station from where you can take a train to Fussen. The journey takes approximately 3-4 hours. For more information visit www.rome2rio.com

The trip ends in Fussen. If you are flying from Munich Airport you can take the train to Munich Central Train Station followed by the train or shuttle bus to Munich Airport.

Meal Plan

This trip is on a bed and breakfast basis to allow you the most flexibility during your holiday.

Special Diets

Whilst we can cater for vegetarians, albeit sometimes with a more limited choice, we cannot always provide for special diets. Due to the nature of some of the trips that we operate and the countries in which we operate them, it can be very hard (and sometimes impossible) to cater for a wide range of dietary choices and you may have to supplement your meals with food/snacks from home. If you have specific dietary requirements please do speak to our sales team and they will be able to advise you whether or not we will be able to offer your specific choice. Please note that we are unable to provide separate menus and cannot accept liability for any problems arising from special dietary requirements or intolerances.

Food & Water

Water from the taps is perfectly drinkable on this holiday - please use this to fill your personal bottles for your daily activities. We do not encourage the purchase of single-use plastic bottles.

Bavarian cuisine is closely connected to that of its neighbouring countries and built on staple ingredients such as beets and potatoes, crops which thrive in the Bavarian climate. The menu can often be meat heavy with dishes such as schweinshaxe and knodel (roasted pork knuckle with potato dumplings), weisswurst (white veal sausage) popular choices. One of our favourite lunch options is brezn with obatzda (pretzel with Bavarian cheese), it is a local delicacy and yummy too!

Austrian cuisine is symbolic of the former crownlands of the monarchy and its multi-cultural history with Hungarians, Bohemians, Slovaks, Poles, Croatians and immigrants from the Dalmatia, Subcarpathia, Bukovina and Carnola all bringing their favourite recipes with them as they came to Vienna. The best of the best have become fully integrated into the Austrian menu and even crossed the border into Bavaria. Take the Apfelstrudel for example which originally came from Turkey after being adopted by Hungary. Who would have thought this national dish was actually Turkish?

Accommodation

Alpine hospitality is second to none and on this trip, you are sure for a warm welcome in our carefully selected hotel, hand-picked for its fantastic location and character.

We have chosen to use the family run 3* Hotel zum Hechten as your base for this holiday. Centrally located in the old town of Fussen, this traditional hotel is rich in history and offers up-to-date rooms, a hearty breakfast buffet, a well-regarded restaurant, as well as a wellness and spa area (spa access is at additional cost, payable locally), ideal for relaxing at the end of a day's walking.

Rooms are on a double or twin basis, with Austrian style twin beds as is traditional in this area (two beds within one bed frame and separate bedding). Complimentary WiFi is available throughout.

It is possible to arrange additional nights accommodation if you would like to enjoy this magnificent region a little longer. Please speak to one of our sales team for further details.

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On this trip we are pleased to offer you the opportunity to upgrade your accommodation to the 4* Hotel Sonne in Fussen. Perfect if you are looking to treat yourself for a special occasion, or simply prefer to travel with a little more luxury. This boutique spa hotel located in the heart of Fussen old town boasts a contemporary décor and offers complimentary access to a large Moroccan themed wellness centre, with sauna, steam room and relaxation area, and massage treatments available to book separately. Offering a warm and welcoming atmosphere together with a high standard of service, upgrading your accommodation is a fantastic way to enjoy your holiday in style. Rooms here are also offered on a double or "Austrian twin" basis, with complimentary WiFi available throughout. Please speak with one of our sales team for further details.

Please note that hotels are subject to availability and an alternative of a similar standard may be offered.

Baggage Allowance

For this holiday you should take one piece of luggage and a daypack. Luggage with wheels is useful for this holiday.

General Information

Passport & Visas

Europe

Your passport must meet 2 requirements. It must be:

- less than 10 years old on the day you enter (check the 'date of issue')
- valid for at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave (check the 'expiry date')

For the latest details on visiting countries within the EU or the European Economic Area (EEA), please check the UK Government website

The information that we provide is for UK passport holders.

A passport with 6 months remaining validity at the end of your stay is generally required**,** and you should have at least 2 blank pages for each country that you visit.

For other nationalities, please refer to your own Government website for the latest information.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates *(see Health & Vaccinations below),* **and visas for your holiday.** Please ensure that you check the FCDO for the latest advice for **each country visited** before travel.

Health & Vaccinations

Vaccinations:

You should be up to date with the routine vaccinations recommended in the UK for overseas travel.

You must also contact your doctor or travel clinic to check if there are specific vaccinations or other preventive measures that you need for the area you are visiting, in good time before you are due to depart.

Please ensure you are looking at the recommendations for all countries visited on your holiday plus recommendations for any borders you cross.

On holidays to more remote areas you should also have a dental check-up.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates.

Please check the FCDO and Travel Health Pro. For all of your intended destinations for up-to-date advice.

Severe Allergies:

If you have a severe allergy please inform the KE office before you travel. We will do all we can to help, but we cannot guarantee an allergy free environment on KE trips.

Currency

The currency for part or all of this holiday is the Euro.

Preparing for your Holiday

The advantage of a self-guided walking holiday is that you decide the pace however getting some additional exercise before coming on an active holiday makes a lot of sense. The fitter you are, after all, the more enjoyable your walks will be. You should be comfortable with walking 4 to 6 hours for consecutive days with ascents up to 800m per day.

Climate

Bavaria lies in the continental climate zones providing distinct seasons including snowy winters and pleasant, sunny summers perfect for getting outside and adventuring. Between May and September the days are generally sunny and temperatures reach a warming 20-30 degrees.

Travel Aware

As a reputable tour operator, KE supports the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's **'Travel Aware'** campaign to enable British citizens to prepare for their journeys overseas. The 'Travel Aware' website provides a single, authoritative source of advice for all kinds of travellers and we recommend that before travel, all KE clients visit the official UK Government website at travelaware.campaign.gov.uk and read the FCDO Travel Advice for their chosen destination. All other nationalities should check their government websites for relevant information.

KE treat the safety and security of all clients as the most important aspect of any trip we organise. We would not run any trip that we did not consider reasonably safe. Should the FCDO advise against travel for any reason, we will contact everyone booked to travel to discuss the situation. We receive regular updates directly from the FCDO and are in constant touch with our contacts on the ground. If you have any questions about government travel advice, please call our office.

Single Use Plastic

KE do not encourage the use of single use plastic items. We are ensuring that our agents all over the world are working together to reduce the problem and educate those around them. We are leading by example in our KE office by reducing our plastic use.

Travel Insurance

It is an essential condition of joining a holiday with KE Adventure Travel that you have a valid travel insurance policy to cover the cost of medical treatment and to protect the value of your holiday in the event of cancellation. When taking out insurance please ensure the policy you choose covers you for the activities and altitude included in your itinerary.

For appropriate insurance cover we recommend Campbell Irvine Direct. Please go to our Travel Insurance page for further information and to get a quote.

Equipment Information

Self Guided Equipment List

- Hiking boots with good-grip soles
- Hiking socks
- Long / short hiking trousers
- Functional base layer top and leggings

- T-shirts
- Fleece / extra warm layer
- Windproof jacket
- Waterproof jacket
- Waterproof trousers
- Hat, gloves, and neck gaiter
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Sunhat
- Small first aid kit inside your rucksack
- Water bottle or hydration pack
- Mobile Phone (ensure your data package covers your destination)
- Power bank
- Waterproof phone cover
- Camera (and batteries / memory card)
- Reusable sealable picnic boxes for picnics
- Reusable cloth bag for shopping to avoid the use of plastic bags
- Walking poles
- Headtorch with spare batteries

- Personal wash kit
- Your self-guided route notes
- Rucksack (approx. 20L)

Land Only Information

Please note our 'from price' listed is based on 4 persons on double/twin occupancy in 3* hotel accommodation, however we can quote for any number of travellers, including solo travellers, contact our sales team for a quote.

As this is a popular holiday destination, we recommend booking in advance to avoid disappointment, particularly for travel during peak periods.

When considering your travel dates, you might like to investigate any seasonal opening times of attractions and points of interest.

All of our self-guided holidays are sold on a Land Only basis allowing you the flexibility to choose the travel method which best suits you. You may even wish to make this holiday part of a bigger adventure or pair it with one of our other holidays. We can arrange additional nights accommodation before or after your self-guided trip, ask our sales team to find out more about this.

Our sales team will also be happy to provide you a quote for scheduled flights or alternatively you may wish to book your own flights with a low cost carrier from your nearest regional airport.

Please DO NOT book your flights before you have received your booking confirmation and your deposit has been taken.

Why Choose KE

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This unique holiday combines the fairytale castles of Germany's Romantic Road with the fantastic mountains of the Allgau Alps in just one week. Centre-based and with the option to extend or shorten your walks on most days, you set the pace for your own holiday. Optional upgrade to 4* spa hotel available.

Please Note This document was downloaded on 06/11/2026 and the trip is subject to change