



## Florence 2 Oktoberfest- CAMPING

### Included

- Round trip transport by luxury coach (with A/C, DVD, & bathroom)
- Camping accommodation of 2 person tents with mats and sleeping bags
- A hearty breakfast each morning
- 2 dinners - Friday and Saturday evening
- A Bus2alps trip leader and exclusive Bus2alps information tent located at campsite

### Optional Activities

- Munich Bike Tour
- Dachau Concentration Camp
- Oktoberfest
- Deutsches Museum
- BMW Museum
- Neuschwanstein Castle Day Trip

### Currency

- Euro

### What to Pack

- Comfortable shoes
- Camera
- Pillow
- Warm Clothes
- Shower sandals
- Towel
- Passport
- Identification for entrance into beer halls (i.e. driver's license)
- Extra money

# Detailed Itinerary

**Please Note:** For accurate departure times, travel times, prices of activities, and suggestions on how much extra money you will need, please contact [info@bus2alps.com](mailto:info@bus2alps.com).

## Day 1

The trip departs Florence from the Santa Maria Novella train station. The meeting point is in the International Ticketing Hall opposite tracks 8 and 9. Please meet your trip leader 20 minutes prior to departure. Travel to Munich is by private luxury coach with A/C, DVD, and bathroom. We play DVDs through the duration of the trip. We make one 45 minute stop. Upon arrival in Munich, we will store our luggage at our accommodation.

## Day 2

Friday morning we arrive to the campsite to check into your tents. Trip leaders will then be taking groups to the festival\* or into the city center to explore Munich. If you are interested in purchasing the traditional dirndl or lederhosen, they will be for sale at the campsite or your trip leaders will let you know where to buy them in town. Friday is also the optional famous Munich Bike Tour that will bring you past the main sights in downtown Munich, through the expansive English Gardens, and make a pit stop for sausage and steins! We suggest that you book this ahead of time on the Bus2alps website under Munich activities, as spots are limited. Other places to see while in Munich include the Dachau Concentration Camp, Deutsches Museum, Munich Zoo, Olympic Park, and the BMW Museum. Consult your Bus2alps Trip Leader for how to navigate Munich and visit each site.

The night is yours to explore! Munich has a diverse nightlife, so if you have the energy, it is worth checking out Munich's bars and night clubs. If you prefer, the campsite always has a great after-festival atmosphere and party. Please keep in mind that we will be heading to the festival early Saturday morning.

\*For the September 20th weekend, the festival does not begin until Saturday, September 22nd at noon when the kegs are tapped.

## Day 3

If you are interested in a day trip to the Neuschwanstein Castle, Walt Disney's inspiration for Sleeping Beauty's Castle, we offer a day trip to the castle departing Saturday morning. This can be booked online before the trip begins or with your Trip Leader upon arrival.

Saturday is the busiest day of Oktoberfest. Bus2alps will organize a departure time for you to accompany your guide to the festival as early as 7:30am. Bus2alps does not make a formal reservation for beer tents. The spots are first come, first serve in the most popular tents so we recommend arriving at the festival grounds early in the morning. At 9:00am, the doors open and the first beers of the day are served!\* You will then be taking part in the largest beer festival in the world, surrounded by people from all over the world and singing the traditional songs of Bavaria. Consult your Bus2alps Trip Leader for which tents are the most popular. If you arrive late and are not able to enter the tents, it is recommended to grab a spot in the outside beer garden until they start allowing more people to enter the tent. Bus2alps also suggests exploring Munich and going to the Dachau Concentration Camp, Deutsches Museum, BMW Museum, Olympic Park, and Munich

Zoo. The night is yours to explore. Most of the festival shuts down around 22:00. Munich has a diverse nightlife, so if you have the energy, it is worth checking out Munich's bars and night clubs.

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## Day 4

Sunday is yours to explore Munich, or to head back for one more day of partying at the Theresienwiese before departure. Sunday at the festival is more subdued and obtaining entrance into the beer tents at Oktoberfest is easier. There is enough time if you wake up early to check out any of Munich's great museums.

Your Bus2alps Trip Leaders will be organizing times early on Sunday morning to Dachau Concentration Camp. Entrance to Dachau is free as it is now a memorial site for those who lost their lives at the camp which was the first concentration camp in Germany. Please meet at the Bus2alps caravan for departure back to Florence at the designated time. We make one 45 minute stop for dinner.

## Optional Activities

**Munich Bike Tour:** Hailed by travelers as the best bike tour in Europe, Mike's Bike Tour is the ideal way to cover all of the major city sights, be entertained and learn about the city. Stops on the bike tour include Marienplatz, Hofbrauhaus, English Gardens, Chinese Tower, Surfer's Bridge, and Bavarian Parliament.

**Dachau Concentration Camp:** Located a 40 minute ride on the train from downtown Munich, this humbling experience brings into perspective the atrocities that occurred during Nazi rule in World War II. Entrance is free to all visitors.

**Deutsches Museum:** This interactive museum is the largest technological museum of its kind and is known for its historic artifacts that mark important steps in the field of science and technology.

**BMW Museum:** The museum's exhibitions, remodeled every few years, takes visitors into the motoring world of yesterday. Almost every vehicle produced by BMW is represented. The section devoted to the present day includes both BMW's current models as well as demonstrations of modern production methods.

**Neuschwanstein Castle Day Trip:** Located in the heart of the Bavarian Alps, this beautiful castle became Walt Disney's inspiration for Sleeping Beauty's Castle. It is only possible to enter the castle on a guided tour.