
PLACES TO SPEND A WEEK

Posted by JIDI - 2007/08/07 08:01

Plan to take a month or so in Set/Oct to see Germany, Austria, Switzerland by car. Would like to spend a week or so in 3 or 4 different place to use as a base for further sightseeing. Would like places in smaller towns, off the beaten track, where we can stay in town and mix with the locals when not off sightseeing.

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Re:PLACES TO SPEND A WEEK

Posted by basketman - 2007/08/16 17:33

Untours is a great, reasonably priced program that will let you do exactly that. See what they have to offer at www.untours.com. Otherwise find self-catering accommodations through local touris offices.

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Re:PLACES TO SPEND A WEEK

Posted by JIDI - 2007/08/16 19:27

I've looked at them ---- over-priced

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Re:PLACES TO SPEND A WEEK

Posted by fisher972002 - 2007/08/21 07:58

Jidi,

I have the perfect places in Germany.. Read through my trip report, If you're going to be in southern Germany, which sounds like you are, stay in the smaller towns of Fussen Germany or nearby village of Hohenschwangau...Here is a trip report of my trip you can read <http://www.bensbauernhof.com/chrisandkelseysgreatadventure2007.html>

We stayed at Haus Weiher in Hohenschwangau, at the foot of the Ludwig castles Newschwanstein and Hohenschwangau.. From this location you could day trip into Munich, go to the Weiskirch Church, youc ould even drive a little west and go to the black forest, or go to any of the baths around this area.. You could go to Linderhoff, Ludwig's hunting lodge, ..IF you can't stay around Fussen, we drove through Reutte in Tirol, austria, wow, what a beautiful town, with the mountains as a backdrop..There is so much to do in this area..

Then you head east and stay in Austria.. We stayed at the Gotzenbaunhof in Unken, Austria, wonderful place.. From here, you are 20 minutes to Salzburg, you are maybe 20 minutes to Berchtesgaden and maybe 25 minutes to Werfen Austria.. That is a really neat little town.. You could daytrip into Salzburg, this site has that Bavarian Drive you could do.. Going NW to Herishcimesee the Germany Versailles castle, that is a day drive, we didn't have time to do it but if you havea week in this area I would stay at the Gotzenbaunhof and day trip and xplore the area, fun, fun.. THEN if you want to go to Austria, head east, we didn't go farther east as we headed to Italy.
Good luck.

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Re:PLACES TO SPEND A WEEK

Posted by basketman - 2007/08/24 18:58

Overpriced compared to what? I assume you are aware that their prices include roundtip air from the U.S. and transportaton within Europe. Plus they provide in-country support,tips on local shopping, walking and hiking routes, and the landlords are famously helpful and friendly.

Yes, you can find cheaper rentals on your own, but unless you've seen them with your own eyes, or someone you trust has inspected them, it's a crap shoot. Commit for a week, two weeks or a month, pay in full in advance and then find out when you arrive that it's a dump.

Overpriced is a term I've not heard applied to Untours.

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Re:Hohenschwangau rental

Posted by basketman - 2007/08/24 19:01

Re the rental near Hohenschwangau: how much per week?

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Re: PLACES TO SPEND A WEEK

Posted by fraupeters - 2008/03/21 08:17

You are obviously looking for advice on places to go, not tour companies. I want to add to what fisher972002 told you.

Like he and his wife, my husband and I really liked Rothenburg. Hopefully you can avoid the tourists we saw by going a little off-season. Another great place to visit is Dinkelsbuehl. Also very quaint, but without the tourists.

Our favorite day during our last tour was of the Bodensee region. For some reason we English-speakers call it Lake Constance. I loved Meersburg. Take the boat to the island Mainau after 4 pm and save half. It gives you all the time you need. Even my husband thought the flowers were amazing.

Fuessen is very nice. Stop there for breakfast then head to the castles. Walk or take the horse carriage to the top of Neuschwanstein, but don't go in since they try to herd you through. I instead would go inside Linderhof castle. Don't forget to take a walk to the Grotto. You will then understand why they thought the man who had it built was crazy.

As for places to stay, just stay two nights in all different places. Small towns are very easy to access by car. If you stay in Munich, make sure you stay near a subway stop. Do not try to take your rental car into Munich city center! We could have saved ourselves much stress if we had done this! Go to <http://www.viamichelin.com/> for very accurate directions!

Other places I love are:

Munich, Trier and Heidelberg in Germany

Salzburg and Innsbruck in Austria

Lucerne in Switzerland

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