



AMERICAN
HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY

GRAND GARDENS & HIDDEN GEMS *of Austria & Bavaria*

July 5-12, 2027





Dear friends,

I am delighted to invite you to join us in Austria and Bavaria for a thoughtfully curated summer journey created especially for AHS members. This special program offers rare access and expert-led visits to gardens at their most vibrant.

From imperial Vienna to the Danube Valley, Upper Austria, and the Bavarian Forest, this journey brings you into some of the region's most remarkable gardens and cultural landscapes. In Vienna, explore the grand Baroque gardens of Schönbrunn Palace and the Belvedere, where sweeping vistas, parterres, and sculpted hedges reflect centuries of design mastery. Beyond the city, discover the innovative ecological gardens of Die Garten Tulln, a pioneering model of sustainable horticulture, and enjoy scenic drives through the Wachau Valley to the magnificent abbey at Melk, where historic gardens overlook the Danube.

In Upper Austria, you'll be welcomed into intimate, owner-led private gardens, including the award-winning terraced landscape of Die Herzensgärtnerin, where personal creativity and sustainable practices come vividly to life. Crossing into Bavaria, experience the romance of Monis Rosenparadies, home to hundreds of old roses set among pergolas, ponds, and traditional farm structures, as well as other private gardens nestled within the Bavarian Forest. The journey concludes in Munich with visits to the renowned Weihestephan Gardens, among the oldest botanical gardens in the world, and the Botanical Garden of Nymphenburg, offering a rich finale of horticultural excellence.

Guiding you through this journey is esteemed expert Panayoti Kelaidis, an AHS board member and distinguished plant explorer. Panayoti has lectured internationally and received numerous honors, including AHS' prestigious Liberty Hyde Bailey Award. With his deep knowledge and enthusiasm, he will enrich your travels with unique insights and unforgettable stories.

Space is limited, and this program is expected to fill quickly. We encourage you to reserve your place soon to ensure you can be part of this exceptional AHS experience.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Suzanne".

Suzanne B. Laporte
President & CEO



Vienna skyline with St. Stephen's Cathedral roof, Austria

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Enjoy exclusive, owner-led visits** to private gardens in Austria and Bavaria, many not open to the general public.
- **Explore Vienna's great palace gardens**, including Schönbrunn and the Belvedere, with specialist guides who illuminate their design and symbolism.
- **Experience peak summer bloom**, with roses, perennials, formal parterres, and ecological plantings at their most vibrant.
- **Discover innovative and sustainable horticulture** at Die Garten Tulln, Europe's pioneering ecological garden show.

Watzmann mountain, Bavaria, Germany



Gardens of Munich



WHEN YOU TRAVEL WITH AHS, YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Designed for garden enthusiasts who love to explore horticultural wonders around the world, AHS Travel offers exceptional programs that include many exclusive experiences and unique insights. Your participation in an AHS Travel program supports the AHS's nonprofit work to increase knowledge among gardeners, inspire passion for plants and the natural world, and encourage responsible stewardship of the earth.

AHS HOST



Panayoti Kelaidis AHS Board Member Panayoti Kelaidis is a distinguished plant explorer, gardener, and Director of Outreach at Denver Botanic Gardens, where he has played a pivotal role since 1980. Known for designing and curating the Rock Alpine Garden, ranked by Garden Design Magazine as North America's best public rock garden, he has introduced countless native and exotic plants, including hardy ice plants, to horticulture worldwide. With extensive fieldwork across continents, from the Andes to the Caucasus, he has discovered new plant species and contributed to the preservation of Western native flora. A passionate educator and advocate for sustainability, Panayoti has lectured internationally and received numerous honors, including the prestigious AHS Liberty Hyde Bailey Award. He believes gardening is a vital way to foster a deeper connection with nature and create a sustainable future.

PRICING

Double Occupancy:
\$7,385 pp

Single Occupancy:
\$8,530 pp

\$750 deposit

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ITINERARY

Vienna skyline at sunset



Monday, July 5

Arrival in Vienna

Arrive in Vienna this morning and make your way independently to the hotel. This afternoon, enjoy a panoramic introduction to Austria's grand cultural capital, passing the Ringstrasse, Vienna State Opera, Parliament, City Hall, Burgtheater, and the Museum Quarter. Continue to the Belvedere Palace for a guided walk through its magnificent baroque gardens with a specialist guide. Note the symmetrical parterres, clipped hedges, terraces, and reflective pools evoke Versailles, including the celebrated reflection pond south of the Upper Belvedere. Later, gather in the Prater for a welcome cocktail beneath the historic Giant Ferris Wheel, followed by a gondola ride with sweeping city views. Conclude with a welcome dinner at a stylish restaurant in Vienna's historic center.

Included Meals: Reception, Dinner

Accommodations: Grand Hotel Vienna

Tuesday, July 6

Schönbrunn Palace Park & Gardens

After breakfast, spend the day immersed in the grandeur of Schönbrunn Palace Park and Gardens, the former summer residence of the Habsburgs and one of Europe's finest Baroque ensembles. With your expert guide, stroll through formal parterres, sculpted hedges, fountains, and sweeping vistas designed to impress imperial guests. Pause for lunch at the charming Tirolergarten restaurant before returning to the gardens for further exploration, including hidden corners and elevated viewpoints. The evening is at leisure, offering time to relax or venture out to discover Vienna's cafés, music, and historic streets at your own pace.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch,

Accommodations: Grand Hotel Vienna

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Wednesday, July 7

From Lipizzaner Horses to a Private Garden

Travel to Heldenberg for a private guided visit to the Lipizzaner Training Centre, where the celebrated white horses of Vienna's Spanish Riding School are trained and rested. Learn about their classical training, tour the stables and paddocks, observe horses of different ages at ease, and view the historic Carriage Exhibition featuring elegant 18th- and 19th-century vehicles. Enjoy lunch in the charming town of Heldenberg before continuing to the privately owned garden, Kittenberger Erlebnispärten in Schiltern. Guided personally by the owner, explore highlights of this remarkable garden complex, with time to wander independently and enjoy refreshments before returning to Vienna for dinner at a local restaurant.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodations: Grand Hotel Vienna

Thursday, July 8

Beauty Along the Danube

Drive this morning to Die Garten Tulln, Europe's first ecological garden show and a showcase for sustainable horticulture. On a guided tour, explore a selection of its 70 imaginative show gardens, all maintained without peat, pesticides, or synthetic fertilizers, and enjoy sweeping views from the dramatic treetop walkway. Savor a light lunch with regional wines and foods in the WEINGeNUSS garden before continuing along the scenic Danube through the Wachau Valley. This afternoon, visit the magnificent Benedictine Abbey of Melk for a guided tour of its lavish baroque interiors, followed by a stroll through the garden to view the historic pavilions, contemplative paths, and panoramic river views. Continue to Linz for overnight.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodations: Courtyard by Marriott

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Belvedere Palace, Vienna, Austria



Belvedere Palace gardens

Friday, July 9

Private Gardens & Market Town Traditions

Nestled in the foothills of the Upper Austrian Alps, today is devoted to intimate, passion-driven gardens. Begin with a visit to Die Herzensgärtnerin®, an award-winning terraced privately-owned garden. The owner will personally guide you through her natural paradise, sharing practical gardening insights. Enjoy coffee and homemade, garden-inspired pastries served on sustainable porcelain. Continue to the charming market town of Lambach to browse the lively weekly farmers market, followed by lunch on your own. This afternoon, visit another private garden in Pettenbach, concluding with coffee and cake before returning to Linz for dinner.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodations: Courtyard by Marriott

Saturday, July 10

From The Hills of Austria to the Bavarian Forest

Depart Linz and cross into Germany for a day devoted to exceptional rose gardens. Begin at Monis Rosenparadies near Bad Griesbach, where the owner welcomes you into her enchanting English-style garden set around a traditional Bavarian farmstead. On a guided tour, admire more than 400 fragrant old roses, elegant pergolas, ponds, and shady perennial borders. After refreshments, continue to the picturesque riverside town of Vilshofen an der Donau for time to explore and enjoy lunch on your own. This afternoon, visit another private rose garden, beautifully blended into the Bavarian Forest landscape. Continue to Deggendorf for hotel check-in and dinner at a local restaurant.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodations: Hottl Deggendorf



Sunday, July 11

From Monastic Roots to Munich Blooms

After breakfast, begin the day with a gentle ascent up Weihenstephan Hill, strolling beneath the ancient trees toward the world-famous Weihenstephan Gardens. Set on the grounds of a former Benedictine monastery and stewarded by Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University, the gardens invite you to slow down and engage all your senses during a guided tour led by a member of the garden team. Continue on to Munich for an afternoon at the Botanical Garden of Nymphenburg, a lush oasis in the city. Enjoy lunch on your own at the garden café, then explore the grounds with a member of the garden team. Check in to the hotel before gathering for a farewell dinner at a local Munich restaurant.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodations: Eden Hotel Wolff

Monday, July 12

Departure

Depart hotel for Munich airport and individual flights home.

Included Meal: Breakfast



Siegestor, Munich

ACCOMMODATIONS



Grand Hotel Wien, Vienna

Grand Hotel Wien is a 5-star luxury hotel set on Vienna's elegant Kärntner Ring, just steps from the State Opera and historic Inner City. Housed in a grand Neo-Renaissance building, the décor blends classic Viennese elegance with modern comfort. Amenities include a full-service spa, fitness center, rooftop terrace, multiple restaurants and bars, and refined, marble-accented guest rooms. *(3 nights)*



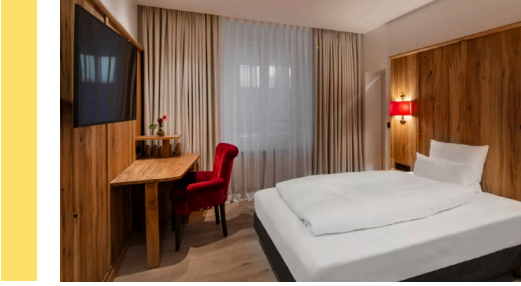
Courtyard by Marriott, Linz

Courtyard by Marriott Linz is a 4-star superior hotel located within walking distance of Linz's Old Town and the Danube. The décor is modern and contemporary, designed for comfort and productivity. Amenities include a fitness center, sauna and steam bath, on-site restaurant and bar, spacious rooms with work areas, and excellent meeting facilities. *(2 nights)*



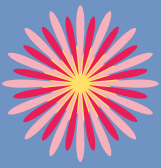
Höttl Gasthoff, Deggendorf

Höttl Gasthoff is a 4-star spa hotel ideally located in the heart of Deggendorf, Bavaria. Family-run since 1875, it blends contemporary comfort with traditional Bavarian charm. Guests enjoy a rooftop sky pool, full wellness spa, fitness facilities, and a renowned restaurant serving regional cuisine. Stylish rooms, warm hospitality, and a quiet central setting make it a welcoming retreat. *(1 night)*



Eden Hotel Wolff, Munich

Eden Hotel Wolff is a 4-star first-class hotel ideally located within easy walking distance of the Old Town. Founded in 1890, it blends classic Bavarian elegance with modern comforts, offering individually styled rooms, some with Alpine touches. Amenities include a fitness and spa area with sauna and steam room, a rooftop terrace, and a celebrated Bavarian restaurant and bar. *(1 night)*



GENERAL INFORMATION

AHS SOJOURNS

AHS TRAVEL

This custom trip is offered in collaboration with Academic Travel Abroad and is part of the AHS Sojourns travel program collection. For more information, visit ahsgardening.org/travel.

AHS Travel programs are designed to offer immersive experiences and often involve long days filled with exploration and extensive walking on uneven terrain. To participate in a program, it is recommended to be in good physical condition and prepared to walk up to three miles each day.

PROGRAM LENGTH, CAPACITY

9 Days, 8 Nights. This small group program welcomes up to 25 participants, and is exclusively designed for patrons of the American Horticultural Society.

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

- All accommodations for the duration of the tour
- Meals as noted in the itinerary
- All sightseeing and visits as noted in each itinerary
- Guidance from an expert, travel director and local guides throughout the program
- All gratuities for on-tour guides, drivers, hotel, and restaurant staff as part of the group program
- One group transfer on arrival and on departure from/to London Heathrow Airport
- All on-tour transportation, unless otherwise noted
- The assistance of an ATA professional travel team to assist with pre-trip questions, travel arrangements, including flights, extra hotel nights and other services
- Comprehensive pre-departure mailings and materials with information about the destination and what to expect on tour, including a suggested reading list
- Emergency evacuation insurance

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Private airport transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure dates • Optional travel insurance (highly recommended)-including cancellation/delay/lost baggage insurance • Airline baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted • Laundry or dry cleaning • Room service • Other items of a personal nature or not specifically mentioned as included.

FLIGHTS

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Participants are responsible for their own air arrangements. Please do not purchase airline tickets until the operation of the tour is confirmed by Academic Travel Abroad. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants. When it is time to make flight arrangements, the AHS's flight and travel services provider, Cranky Concierge, provides optional flight and travel arrangement services for a seamless travel experience, including

proactive flight monitoring and travel disruption assistance: www.crankyconciierge.com/ahsgardening. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The pace of this tour is moderately active with considerable walking each day, often over very uneven and cobblestoned terrain, and extended periods of standing. Transportation will be by air-conditioned motorcoaches, with most drives no more than an hour each way.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

To reserve your spot, you have three options. You may book directly online by clicking [here](#). Alternatively, you may email ATA at reservations@academic-travel.com or call them at 1-877-298-9677. A \$750 per person deposit is due at time of booking to secure your spot. Balance of payment is due March 7, 2027. After March 7, 2027 full payment is due upon registration. Final payment may be made by check, bank transfer, or credit card.

A NOTE ABOUT RATES

Tour rates are based upon current fuel prices, currency values, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed rates, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Upon receipt of registration, ATA will send registrant a Terms and Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause detailing the full terms and conditions for this tour. This document must be signed and returned to ATA before participant's registration is considered complete and any arrangements can be confirmed.

PASSENGER CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Upon payment of a deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are received in writing and confirmed by ATA. Deposits are 50% refundable up to 150 days prior to departure; after that, deposits become nonrefundable. Cancellation between 149-121 days, 100% of deposit is forfeited. Cancellation between 120-91 days, 50% of the trip price is forfeited. Cancellation within 90 days of departure: no refund. Cancellation on day of departure or after trip departs: no refund. No refund for unused portions of trip, including, but not limited to, missed meals, hotel nights and sightseeing. After the March 7, 2027 final payment deadline: All payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. For this reason, we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. No refunds will be made for any part of this program on which you choose not to

participate. If a staff member is unable to participate, no refund will be made, but we will make every effort to find a replacement with similar qualifications. **NOTE:** ATA does not accept liability for any airline cancellation penalties incurred by the purchase of nonrefundable tickets.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance covering trip cancellation, trip interruption, lost or damaged baggage, and other expenses and/or losses incurred due to unexpected situations is not included in the program cost, but is strongly recommended (regardless of present good health). Should you decide to cancel at any time, or if you must leave the tour early for any reason, ATA must strictly abide by the cancellation policy outlined in the Traveler terms and conditions. Be sure to review your options carefully and choose a policy that best suits your needs. One provider to consider is USI Affinity Travel Insurance Services. For details on the plan available to AHS travelers, visit ahsgardening.org/travel-information/. This link also includes information about optional flight and travel arrangement services.

HEALTH

Ensuring the health and safety of our guests is our top priority. All participants should be in good health and able to keep up with an active group of travelers without assistance from tour staff. Please advise us of any medical conditions, dietary requirements, or other needs at the time of booking. All health information is treated as confidential.

ITINERARY CHANGES

While every effort will be made to carry out the program as planned, the nature of travel is unpredictable and we must be prepared for changes. The itinerary as described is subject to modification. Rest assured that should any changes be needed, we are committed to delivering an experience as outstanding as the one originally planned.

AHS PROGRAM CONTENT

The AHS and its travel partners reserve the right to take photographs, videos, and audio ("Program Content") during the travel program for editorial, promotional, and commercial use by the AHS or authorized third parties. By making a reservation on an AHS Travel program, the participant agrees to allow his/her likeness to be used by AHS or AHS authorized third parties without compensation to the participant. AHS reserves the right to crop, alter, or combine the Program Content with other images, text, or media at its sole discretion and to use the Program Content in any medium or format, including but not limited to print, digital, or online media. This authorization grants AHS and/or authorized third parties the right to use the photographs, videos, and audio worldwide and in perpetuity, without further consent or compensation. Participants who prefer that their voice and/or image not be used must notify AHS in writing prior to the beginning of the program.

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