

MOMENTS on the road

Across the Alps to the Adriatic
(9 Days)





ON THE ROAD EXPERIENCES

BACK ROADS | HIDDEN GEMS

Welcome!

We love road journeys. They are by far our favourite way of traveling. And when we're in the mood for spoiling ourselves with fine food and delightful hotels, and the sheer pleasure of being on some of the world's best roads, we turn to Europe!

This journey will take you through a beautiful and diverse part of Europe; from the forests and mountains of Bavaria, across the Austrian Alps to scenic Slovenia and the beautiful Croatian region of Istria. This 9-day itinerary is packed with hidden gems – fabulous food, wonderful restaurants and lovely hotels.

We thank you for giving us the opportunity to share with you what we've come to love ourselves so much... Please turn the page to see what we have in store for you. May every day be filled with colourful anticipation and unforgettable memories.

Yours truly,

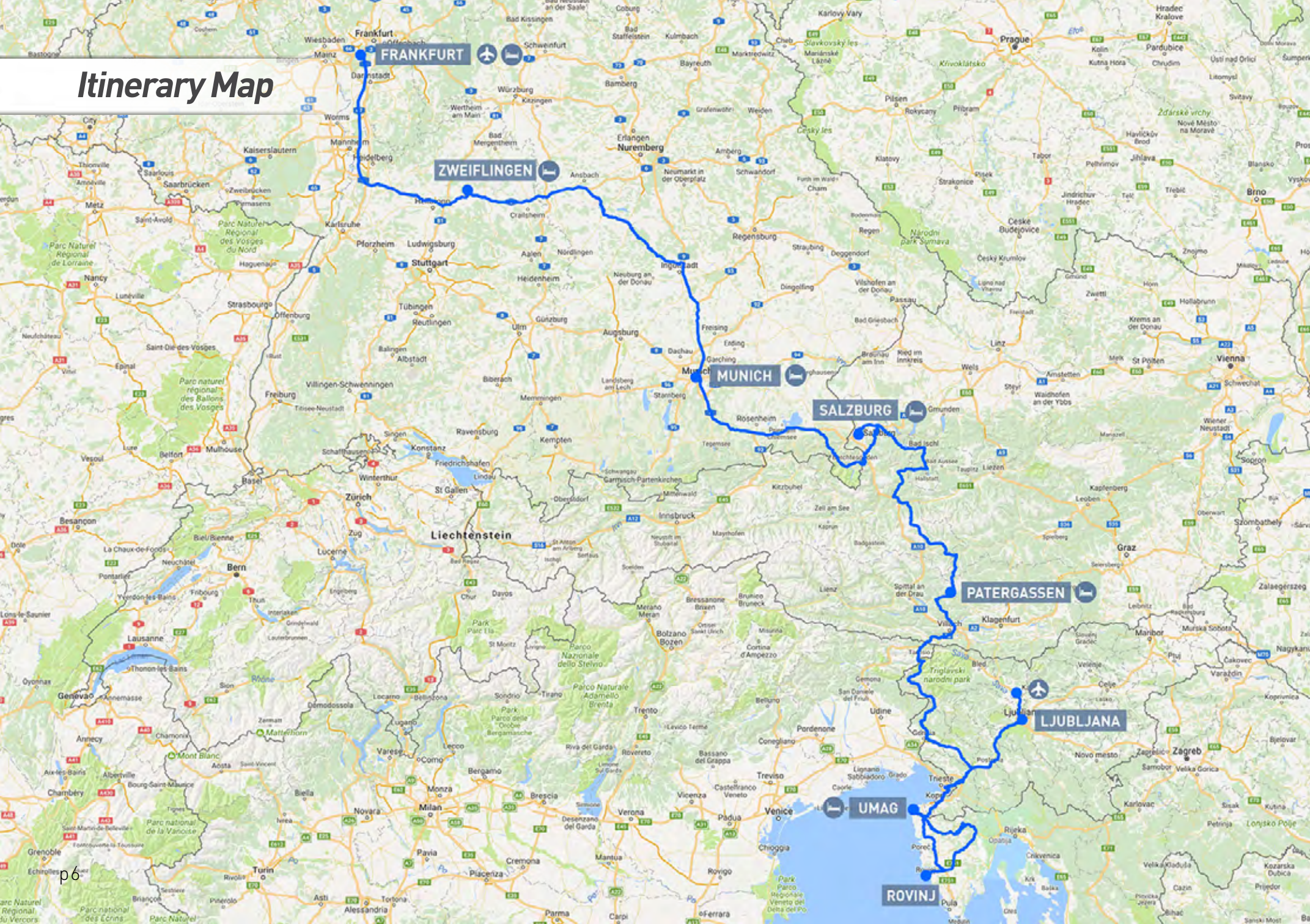
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Itinerary Map



Day-by-Day

Day1

Frankfurt/Germany to Zweiflingen –
Welcome to Frankfurt! Enjoy your first taste of European roads, with an optional stop at one of the region's excellent car museums en route to Zweiflingen

Day2

Zweiflingen to Munich –
Drive through the Bavarian countryside to Munich; enjoy a night of the Oktoberfest (subject to timing)

Day3

Munich/Germany to Salzburg/Austria –
Spend the morning shopping in Munich or head to the hills on the Alpine route to Salzburg

Day4  

In and around Salzburg –
A romantic town - elegant, Baroque and beautiful...

Day5 

Salzburg to Carinthia –
Cross the Alps and enjoy a glimpse of the traditional Alpine lifestyle

Day6

Carinthia/Austria to Istria/Croatia –
Drive to the edge of the Adriatic on beautiful back roads...

Day7 

In and around Istria –
Discover Istria, a true hidden gem. Enjoy superb seafood, truffles and olive oil, and explore an ancient port village

Day8 

Istria/Croatia to Ljubljana/Slovenia...and on to Frankfurt/Germany –
On your last driving day, a unique experience at Lipica, then fly to Frankfurt to conclude your journey

Day9  

Returning home –
Enjoy the morning in Frankfurt, then fly back home

 International Brand Shopping

 Local/Handicraft Shopping

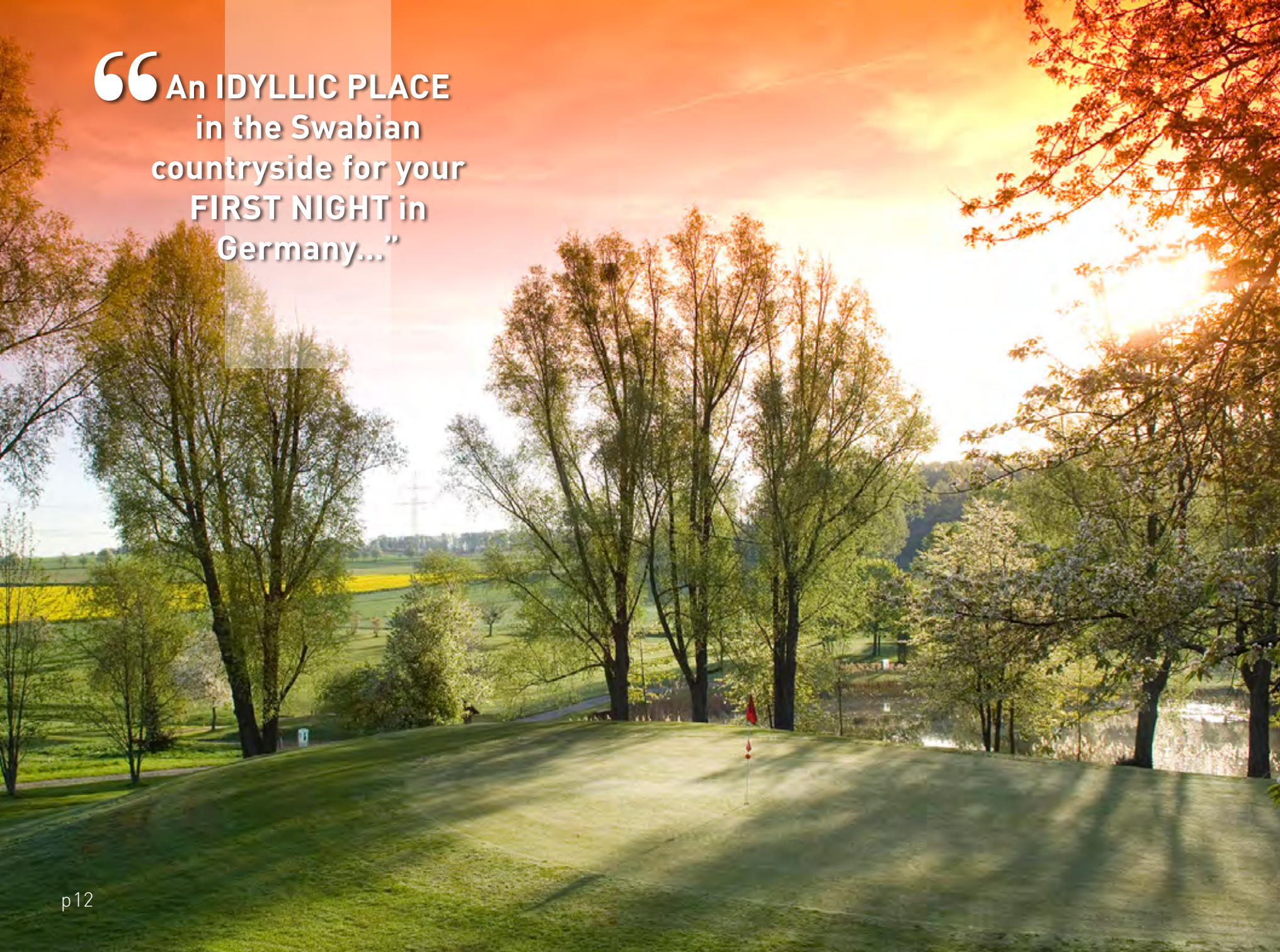
Journey of discovery





“History in motion at one of Germany’s excellent CAR MUSEUMS.....”

“An IDYLLIC PLACE
in the Swabian
countryside for your
FIRST NIGHT in
Germany...”






“SING, LAUGH, MINGLE in
the CROWD, experience a
FEW MOMENTS of BAVARIAN
merry-making at the...
THE OKTOBERFEST...”

**subject to timing*


“ Drive more:
Lunch by one of
BAVARIA'S most
BEAUTIFUL LAKES...”

View of the Fraueninsel on Lake Chiemsee



“ Drive more:
Get UP-CLOSE-AND-PERSONAL
with the ALPS
on your way to Salzburg...”

Mountain roads outside Salzburg, Austria



“A CASTLE
by any other name in
Salzburg’s
LAKE REGION...”

Your hotel, a luxurious lakeside property outside Salzburg



A luxurious lakeside hotel outside Salzburg



“LUXURIOUS
rooms inside the
CASTLE...”

A wide-angle photograph of a calm lake, Fuschlsee, with dark, forested mountains in the background. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. In the top left corner, there are green tree branches hanging down. A semi-transparent white box in the top right corner contains a quote in white text.

“Starting your DAY
in SALZBURG...
the view from YOUR
hotel ROOM...”

“A MEMORABLE
place for a
simple LUNCH on
the outskirts of
Salzburg...”



The Gwandhaus in Salzburg

“The most
BEAUTIFUL
RIDE into
SALZBURG...”

Riding in a Fiaker, a horse-drawn carriage in Salzburg

“SALZBURG,
one of the
MOST BEAUTIFUL
cities in the world...”

View of Salzburg's magnificent public gardens

“If there is one
ROMANTIC
city in Austria,
then it is
SALZBURG...”

View of Salzburg at dusk

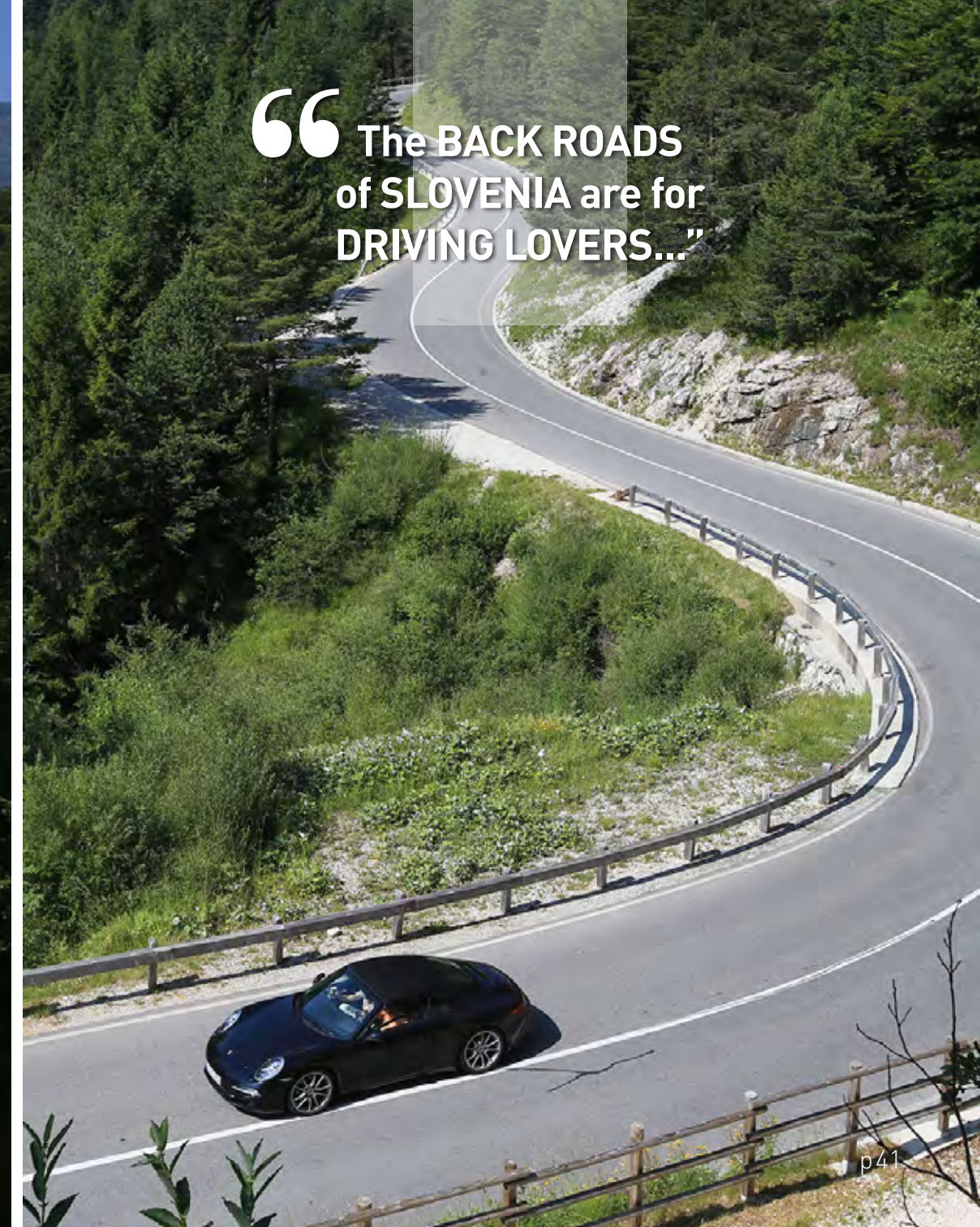
“YOUR VIEW
across the
Wolfgangsee...”

“If AUSTRIA has one
UNIQUE CULINARY
DISTINCTION, it is
its many Mehlspeisen,
sweet delights of
INFINITE VARIETY...”

An iconic Austrian Konditorei



“Stay in a
TRADITIONAL
ALM house,
now a BOUTIQUE
HOTEL for you!”



“The BACK ROADS
of SLOVENIA are for
DRIVING LOVERS...”






“SUMMIT to SEA:
You have ARRIVED at
the ADRIATIC SEA...”



“An elegant HOTEL
for YOU
by the OCEAN...”

A large, spreading olive tree with dense green foliage stands in the center of a lush green field. The tree's branches are thick and gnarled, with many small, silvery-green leaves. In the background, a low stone wall and some distant buildings are visible under a sky transitioning from a pale blue to a warm orange and yellow. To the right, a tall, dark, columnar cypress tree stands out against the bright sunset. The foreground is filled with tall, golden-brown grasses. The overall scene is peaceful and evokes a sense of rural life and natural beauty.

“ISTRIA is FOODIE
heaven...start with
OLIVE oil from
beautiful trees
such as these...”

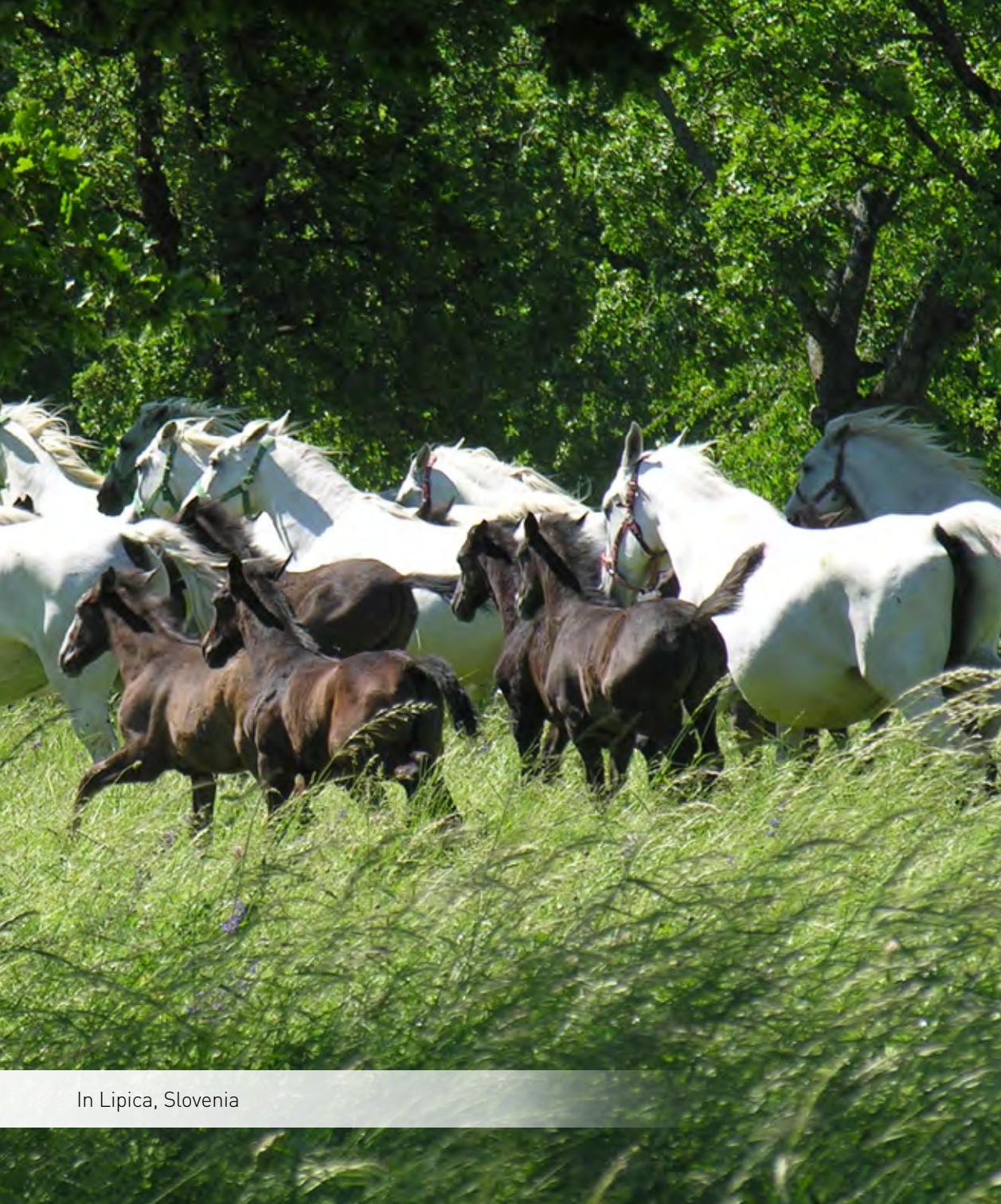
“ISTRIA is
FOODIE heaven...
LANGOUSTINES and
other seafood and
much more...”



“From ANCIENT
villages on HILL
CRESTS...”

“...to ALLEYWAYS
by the SEASIDE...
all in ISTRIA...”

In Rovinj, Istria, Croatia



In Lipica, Slovenia



“REARING
Austria-Hungary’s
IMPERIAL
HORSES...”

Day-by-day

Day 1

Welcome to Frankfurt!

Enjoy your first taste of European roads, with an optional stop at one of the region's excellent car museums en route to Zweiflingen

You arrive in Frankfurt today by your own arrangements. Your car will be waiting for you. After we complete the handover formalities, you will set out on your first drive south

towards Stuttgart.

Many of Germany's premium car manufacturers are based near Stuttgart; if you are interested, we will have time to visit one of the region's fascinating car museums.

After a leisurely lunch, we will take you on country roads to your hotel which is set in the midst of meadows and forests. The hotel is renowned for its spa and there should be time for a treatment, too.

Dinner will be at your hotel.



Details

Driving Distance & Duration*

Distance: 260 km

Duration: 3 hours

Hotel

An elegant rural resort in Swabia [*****]

**All Driving Distances & Duration are approximate*



Day 2

Drive through the Bavarian countryside to Munich; enjoy a night of the Oktoberfest

You will begin your day with a drive on highways and some country roads to Munich where you will arrive in the early afternoon. If your visit falls in September or early October, you will have the opportunity to visit Munich's famous Oktoberfest.

The Oktoberfest festivities were started in 1810 to celebrate a royal marriage, but today they're best known for hearty food and - of course - plenty of beer! We will take you to experience the festival in one of the more traditional tents. Prost!



Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 290 km

Duration: 3.5 hours

Hotel

A 5* hotel in the historic city centre [*****]

If your trip does not coincide with Oktoberfest, our local host will arrange the day to show you the best of Bavaria!

Day 3

Spend the morning shopping in Munich or head to the hills on the Alpine route to Salzburg

Enjoy a relaxed start to the day today, with a late morning departure, before the short drive to Chiemsee, Bavaria's largest lake.

You will enjoy lunch near the lake and have the opportunity

to soak up the beautiful lakeside scenery before departing on this afternoon's drive.

We will take you on what arguably is the most beautiful road in Bavaria: the Rossfeld Panoramastrasse. It hugs the Austrian Alps and affords you a first view of these magnificent mountains before you descend into Salzburg and its lake region.

Your hotel for the next two nights is housed in a

Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 220 km

Duration: 3 hours

Hotel

A luxurious lakeside castle outside Salzburg (*****)

castle in the heart of the Salzkammergut, Salzburg's Lake District.

Dinner will be at your hotel.

Day 4

A romantic town - elegant, Baroque and beautiful...

"Salzburg with its surroundings is – alongside Rio de Janeiro and Constantinople – one of the most beautiful urban regions in the world!" Even today, the words of Alexander von Humboldt, world-famous traveler and scientist of the

late 19th century, ring true. Today, after you drive to the outskirts of Salzburg, we have arranged a horse-drawn carriage ride into the heart of the city, then a guided tour of Salzburg's highlights, a private Mozart concert, and local and international shopping opportunities.

In the late afternoon, you will drive back to your hotel. After a short rest, we will take you to a

Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 70 km

Duration: 1.5 hours

Hotel

A luxurious lakeside castle outside Salzburg (*****)

superb local restaurant only a few minutes from your hotel.



Day 5
Crossing the Alps
and a glimpse of
traditional Alpine style

Today begins with a short drive beside some of the Salzkammergut's most beautiful lakes and then a visit to Bad Ischl, the Austrian-Hungarian Emperor's summer residence for many years. There, we would like to introduce you to one of Austria's finest *konditoreis*...their sweets are to die for!

In the afternoon you will drive through the charming Austrian countryside and then across a part of the Austrian Alps. Your accommodation for the night is a boutique hotel in the midst of Alpine meadows and pine forests. The hotel is built in the style of traditional Austrian mountain homes – rustic from

Details
Driving Distance & Duration
Distance: 210 km
Duration: 3.5 hours

Hotel
A charming boutique hotel in a rural location [****]

the outside, but with all modern amenities in the inside. It is a true gem of a hotel.

Day 6
Drive to the edge
of the Adriatic on
beautiful back roads...

Today will be a beautiful drive that will see you crossing from Austria into Slovenia and then into Croatia.

The morning drive will be longish, but very much worthwhile since you will be driving on wonderful roads through the Slovenian countryside, including a section

of Slovenia's most beautiful national park, the Triglav National Park. Your reward for the drive will be lunch at a hidden gem of a restaurant from which, we think, you will not want to leave.

In the afternoon you won't have much further go to before you enter Croatia and then,

Details
Driving Distance & Duration
Distance: 330 km
Duration: 3.5 hours

Hotel
A luxurious seaside resort in Istria [*****]

soon after, arrive at your hotel for the next two nights: it is located right by the Adriatic Sea.

Dinner will be at the hotel.



Day 7

Discover Istria, a true hidden gem. Enjoy superb seafood, truffles and olive oil, and explore an ancient port village

Istria, where your hotel is located, is Croatia's northernmost peninsula. Between World War I and II, it belonged to Italy; these Italian influences can still be felt.

For Europeans, Istria is a well-

known destination for food lovers.

From mouthwatering, fresh seafood to the world's finest olive oil, and from its own version of prosciutto to some of the world's best white truffles (**should your journey fall during the September-December truffle season*), Istria has it all. Besides being a "foodie" destination, it has lovely fishing villages for sightseeing, local shopping and wonderful roads to enjoy.

If you simply want to relax at

Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 190 km

Duration: 0-3 hours

Hotel

A luxurious seaside resort in Istria [****]

your hotel, enjoy its excellent cuisine and very good spa facility, it would be a lovely way to spend the day as well.

In the evening, we will take you to a local restaurant for dinner.

Day 8 & Day 9

A unique experience on your last driving day, before setting out on your journey home

On your last driving day, we have one more special activity in store for you: a visit to Lipica, the birthplace and training ground of the majestic horses that perform at Vienna's world-famous Spanish Riding School. In Vienna, the horses are performing, but in Lipica, these beautiful creatures live in

harmony with nature.

In mid-afternoon, we will arrive at Ljubljana airport where you will return your car and then board a short flight back to Frankfurt. After transferring to your hotel and checking in, we have a light dinner arranged at your hotel.

Details

Driving Distance & Duration

Distance: 170 km

Duration: 2.5 hours

Hotel

A comfortable hotel near Frankfurt Airport [****]

The following morning, you can enjoy some last-minute shopping before boarding your flight back home or continuing your journey elsewhere.



Choice of Cars

A cabriolet is included in your package price.

We strongly encourage you to enjoy this journey in an open-top car because the natural beauty, the fresh and scented air, the glorious mountains, the vineyards, and the many gorgeous roads are best enjoyed when wind is in your air and you can fully immerse yourself in the enjoyment of being on the road!

Of course, if you prefer a coupe or sedan of the same class or something a little or a lot more exotic, we're happy to offer you upgrade options.



**“ANY car,
as long as it is a
CABRIOLET”**

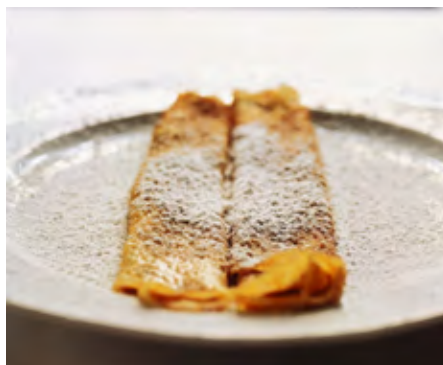
Local Cuisine

While this itinerary is **not** one of our 'Foodie'-themed journeys, we do believe that each one of our journeys should introduce you not only to hidden gems of cultural and scenic beauty, but that sampling local cuisines is also a must.

We will therefore arrange for you 'tasting menus' such that you can try out a variety of specialties during each meal.

While alcoholic beverages are not included in the price, on certain occasions, when we believe that a particular dish is best enjoyed when combined with a local drink, we will make it part of the experience!

For private journeys, we can, of course, tailor the meal experience to your taste (and budget).



What's included/When to travel



When to travel						
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	
JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	

Generally speaking, our journey packages and prices are all-inclusive. Once you've paid and you arrive at the starting point, you really won't have to take out your wallet again except for liquids (alcoholic drinks and petrol) and presents to take home!

- Carefully and thoughtfully designed *On the Road Experiences* itinerary as

described in this Journey Dossier

- A crew consisting of a journey host, subject matter experts/destination guides in various locations and a lead car driver. Depending on group size, we will add additional crew members.
- All meals in 'tasting menu' (or omakase) style

- All accommodations
 - The car of your preference (subject to availability) from one of our highly reputable car rental partners
- Many car-upgrade options exist at an extra charge.*

- All ground transportation and airport transfers
- Pre-programmed GPSs and printed maps

- Walky-talkies to stay in touch with fellow travelers and your crew
- All toll fees and parking fees
- Entrance fees for all attended activities
- Lead car for your crew
- *On the Road Experiences* service (goodie basket and other treats along the way:

wet towels, daily picnic, basket containing fresh fruit, fruit juice, water, and a mixture of sweets and nibbles)

What's Not Included

- Your international airfare
- Petrol for your car
- Personal shopping

- Visas (if required)
- Alcoholic drinks (unless explicitly included)
- Activities, Meals, Transport during 'free times' as indicated in this Journey Dossier
- Top-up Collision Damage Waiver insurance

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“ A picture is worth a thousand words. True,
but when it comes to a road journey, moving
images are priceless. Please visit :
<http://www.ontheroadexperiences.com/en/video-gallery> ”





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“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

