Getting lost in Venice, Italy...

Rise and shine, because we are pulling out EARLY. It will take us roughly 5 hours to drive into Italy for a day of exploring the capital of northern Italy’s Veneto region - Venice. Upon arrival at the Isla del Tronchetto Venice Coach Park, we will have an early lunch before our 30-minute boat ride to St. Mark’s Square.

We begin with a walking tour designed to introduce us to the Wonders of Venice: the Grand Canal, gondolas, the Bridge of Sighs, Basilica di San Marco. Our tour ends with a demonstration of Venetian glass blowing. Then it’s time to explore! So much to see as we traverse this floating city - Ponte de Rialto (the oldest bridge across the Grand Canal), Piazza San Marcos (St. Mark’s Square), Doge’s Palace and much more! Wind through tight walkways and over numerous bridges as you lose yourself in this Venetian paradise. Stop by one of the outdoor cafes along the Grand Canal to enjoy some authentic Gelato and good old-fashioned people watching!
Day Fourteen...

Day Fourteen begins as a travel day for the Lone Star Ambassadors, as we leave Austria and make our way into Germany. First stop...the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial in Dachau, Germany. This will be emotional for some and educational for all, as Dachau was one of the first concentration camps built after Adolf Hitler became Reich Chancellor.

Following our visit, we will stop for lunch at a local German restaurant, before getting back on the road. After several hours, we make our way to our final destination, Rothenburg, Germany - the walled medieval city.

Alas, Only 1 Day Left

Following a German continental breakfast, we will have the morning to explore this amazing little village. It’s German charm and medieval history is just the beginning. After you have walked the city wall, you may want to visit the Criminal Museum, the Christmas Museum or the Doll and Toy Museum! This is an excellent place to buy your souvenirs! Choose from hand-made Christmas ornaments, a suit of armor, a cuckoo clock or an authentic German Teddy Bear. So many wonderful things!

Today will also be our final 2 performances - a concert in the town square and an ensemble concert at The Heilig Geist Kirche. After dinner in our hotel, we will meet for our final gathering and Goodbye to Europe Party.

Farewell, My New Friends

Day Sixteen - Rise and shine bright and early because we have to make the long drive to Frankfort International Airport for our return to the United States. With all of our souvenirs packed and our cameras full to the brim, it’s time to say good-bye to our temporary European life.

Until next time...