

2017C – Europe (Germany, Austria, Northern Italy, and Switzerland)

Sunday, May 21 – Fly to Munich

Leave SFO 8:45 Friday evening and arrive in Munich Monday afternoon at 5:10

Monday, May 22 – Arcadia Motel Munchen Airport

Catch airport shuttle to Arcadia Motel Munchen Airport in Oberding

Stroll around Oberding – our first German village

Have dinner at Il Casale, a local Italian restaurant

Stay at Arcadia Motel Munchen Airport

Tuesday, May 23 – Munich

Take public transportation to Hotel Lux in Munich

Have lunch in the Viktualienmarkt

Tour the Marienplatz

Take elevator to the top of the Neues Rathaus for wonderful views of Munich

Watch the famous Glockenspiel do its thing at 11:00 am

Visit various churches in the vicinity

Frauenkirche

Asamkirche

St. Peterskirche

Michaelskirche

Walk to the English Gardens

Watch the surfers

Climb up the hill to the Monopteros

Have a beer at the Chinesischer Turm (Chinese Tower) beer garden

Walk back via the Isartor Gate

Have dinner at the Hofbrauhaus

Stay at Hotel Lux in Munich

Wednesday, May 24 – Munich

Have a delicious complimentary breakfast at Hotel Lux

Visit the art museums in the Kunstler (Art District)

Alte Pinakothek

Neue Pinakothek

Pinakothek der Moderne

Have dinner at Ruff's Burgers

Stay at Hotel Lux in Munich

Thursday, May 25 – Munich

Have a delicious complimentary breakfast at Hotel Lux

Climb at Boulderwelt, a bouldering gym in Munich Ost

Have a beer and lunch at the beer garden in the Orleansplatz

Walk back to the English Gardens to enjoy Father's Day with most of Munich

Stay at Hotel Lux in Munich

Friday, May 26 – McRent RV Rentals (87 miles; 1.5 hours)

Have a delicious complimentary breakfast at Hotel Lux
Take an Uber to McRent in Sulzemoos to pick up the camper
Get an hour long orientation to the vehicle
Drive to Panorama Camping Harras on Lake Chiemsee – campground full
Continue on to Chiemsee-Camping Rödlgries, also on the lake
Stay at Chiemsee-Camping Rödlgries

Saturday, May 27 – Lake Chiemsee (0 miles; 0 hours)

Walk 1 km to the boat ferry
Take boat to Herreninsel and Fraueninsel
Herreninsel – tour King Ludwig II's Schloss Herrenchiemsee
Fraueninsel – 8th century Benedictine Monastery and fishing village
Hang out at beach near campground
Stay at Chiemsee-Camping Rödlgries

Sunday, May 28 – Salzburg, Austria (34 miles; .75 hours)

Buy vignette to travel Austria highways
Rent bikes at campground and ride into Salzburg
Hike to the top of the Monchsburg and visit the Museum der Moderne Salzburg
Hike along the top of the Monchsburg and descend behind the Augustiner Braustubl
Dine at the Augustiner Braustubl – bratwurst and 1-liter beers
Stroll along the Salzach River to the Altstadt – Mozartplatz, Mozart's Geburtshaus
Bike back to campground
Swim in campground pool
Stay at Camping Nord-Sum

Monday, May 29 – Berchtesgaden National Park, Germany (25 miles; .5 hours)

Stop at an Aldi Sud to stock up on supplies
Check in to Campingplatz Grafenlehen
Walk along river path to Königsee Lake boat ferry
Take the ferry
Stop at Salat on the far southern end - hike to Obersee and Rothbachfalls
Stop at St. Bartholomew to walk and admire the onion-domed chapel
Walk back to campground
Stay at Campingplatz Grafenlehen in Berchtesgaden

Tuesday, May 30 – Berchtesgaden National Park, Germany (0 miles; 0 hours)

Hike 13.5 miles from the campground to the summit of Mt Jenner and back
Stay at Campingplatz Grafenlehen in Berchtesgaden

Wednesday, May 31 – Venice, Italy (275 miles; 5.5 hours)

Drive to Camping Marina di Venezia on Punta Sabbioni
Explore this amazing campground – largest in Europe
Stay at Camping Marina di Venezia

Thursday, June 1 – Venice, Italy (0 miles; 0 hours)

Swim laps in the Olympic Pool in the campground's AquaPark
Hang out on the campground's beautiful sandy beach on the Adriatic Sea
Stay at Camping Marina di Venezia

Friday, June 2 – Venice, Italy (0 miles; 0 hours)

Take the vaporetto from Punta Sabbioni to Piazza San Marco (St. Mark's Square)
Walk around the square taking in the sights
Tour the following:
 Doge's Palace
 Correr Museum
 St. Mark's Basilica
Walk pedestrian alleys to Piazzale Roma
Cruise the Grand Canal on the Vaporetto from Piazzale Roma back to San Marco
Take the Vaporetto back to Punta Sabbioni and walk back to campground
Stay at Camping Marina di Venezia

Saturday, June 3 – Venice, Italy (0 miles; 0 hours)

Explore the Outer Islands via the Vaporetto
Murano
 Walk along the canal and pedestrian alleys
 Visit the Murano Glass Museum
Torcello
 Have a beer at a restaurant along the canal
 Visit the 7th century Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta
 Climb the campanile for tremendous views of the island and the Venetian Lagoon
Burano
 Too late to visit Lace Museum
 Wander along the canal and pedestrian alleys
 Photograph the colorful fisherman's houses
 Dinner on a canal at Ristorante Pizzeria Principe
Take the Vaporetto back to Punta Sabbioni and walk back to campground
Stay at Camping Marina di Venezia

Sunday, June 4 – Venice, Italy (0 miles; 0 hours)

Swim laps in the Olympic Pool in the campground's AquaPark
Hang out on the campground's beautiful sandy beach on the Adriatic Sea
Bring beach chairs to beach at night and watch wonderful fireworks display on the beach
Stay at Camping Marina di Venezia

Monday, June 5 – Peschiera del Garda on the Gardasee, Italy (122 miles; 2.5 hours)

Drive to Camping Bella Italia on the Gardasee
Walk to and explore Peschiera del Garda
Stay at Camping Bella Italia

Tuesday, June 6 – Peschiera del Garda on the Gardasee, Italy (0 miles; 0 hours)

Run 7.5 miles to Peschiera del Garda and back to San Benedetto di Lugana
Walk to and explore Peschiera del Garda
Swim in Gardasee
Evening walk to town
 Shop for dresses
 Dinner at Al Canal
Run back to campground in storm
Stay at Camping Bella Italia

Wednesday, June 7 – Cinque Terra, Italy (170 miles; 3 hours)

Drive to Levanto, just north of Cinque Terra to find camping
 Camping Acqua Dolce (our planned campground) full
 Found Camping San Michele a bit further out of town
Walk 6 miles from campground to Levanto and back
 Explore the waterfront and town
Have dinner at Caffè Roma on the Piazza Staglieno
Stay at Camping San Michele

Thursday, June 8 – Cinque Terra, Italy (0 miles; 0 hours)

Walk to Levanto train station and take train to Monterosso
Hike 9 miles on the Sentiero Azzurro Trail from Monterosso to Corniglia
Have lunch and beer in Corniglia
Take the train from Corniglia back to Levanto
Stay at Camping San Michele

Friday, June 9 – Lake Maggiore, Italy (180 miles; 3 hours)

Drive to Camping Conca D'Oro along the western shore of Lake Maggiore
Hang out on the campground's sandy beach and swim in the lake
Walk 3-mile (RT) to the quaint village of Feriolo on the waterfront
Stay at Camping Conca d'Oro

Saturday, June 10 – Lake Maggiore, Italy (0 miles; 0 hours)

Walk 3 miles to Baveno ferry dock for the Borromean Islands (no bus on Saturday)
Take Hop-on-hop-off ferry to the three Borromean Islands
 Isola Madre – English gardens, Borromeo Villa, and family chapel
 Isola Bella – fabulous Baroque palace and formal gardens
 Isola dei Pescatori – quaint fishing village
Walk 3 miles back to campground from Baveno stopping to food shop in Feriolo
Hang out on the campground's sandy beach and swim in the lake
Stay at Camping Conca d'Oro

Sunday, June 11 – Zermatt and the Matterhorn, Switzerland (86 miles; 2 hours)

Drive to Camping Alphubel in Tasch
Hike 12 miles (RT) from campground to Zermatt to views of the Matterhorn on the
AHV-Weg
Stay at Camping Alphubel in Tasch

Monday, June 12 – Zermatt and the Matterhorn, Switzerland (0 miles; 0 hours)

Walk along Bahnweg to the Schalisee
Swim in the Schalisee
Hike the Hohenweg alongside the hills above Tasch
Visit the Roemisch-katholische Kirche
Visit the Fuxstein Chapel
Stay at Camping Alphubel in Tasch

Tuesday, June 13 – Grindelwald, Switzerland (80 miles; 3 hours)

Drive to Camping Eigernordwand in Grindelwald
Ride the cable car to Mannlichen
Hike 8.8 miles from Mannlichen down to Kleine Scheidegg and back to Grindelwald
Stay at Camping Eigernordwand

Wednesday, June 14 – Grindelwald, Switzerland (0 miles; 0 hours)

Walk to Grindelwald village
Boulder in the Sportzentrum gym
Relax in the campground enjoying the views of the Eiger
Stay at Camping Eigernordwand

Thursday, June 15 – Gimmelwald, Switzerland (14 miles; 0.5 hours)

Drive to Camping Rutti in Gimmelwald
Hike 8.8 miles (RT) with a 4,000 elevation gain from to Gimmelwald and Murren
Have lunch at on the Hotel Bellevue outdoor terrace in Murren
Stay at Camping Rutti

Friday, June 16 – Gimmelwald, Switzerland (0 miles; 0 hours)

Hike 7.1 miles around the Lauterbrunnen Valley
Tour Trummelbach Falls, a subterranean waterfall that flows inside the mountain
Stay at Camping Rutti

Saturday, June 17 – Lucerne (55 miles; 1.5 hours)

Drive to Camping International Lido in Lucerne
Hang out at Lido Beach and swim in Lake Lucerne
Walk to the Altstadt to see the sights: Kappelbrücke, Spruerbrücke, Lion Monument
Stay at Camping International Lido

Sunday, June 18 – Lucerne (0 miles; 0 hours)

Take the Golden Round Trip tour to Mt. Pilatus
Lake Steamer to Alpnachstad
Cogwheel Railway to summit of Mt. Pilatus
Hike to viewpoints on summit – Esel and Tomlishorn
Cable car down to Kriens
Bus back to Lucerne
Stay at Camping International Lido

Monday, June 19 – Fussen (180 miles; 3.5 hours)

Drive to Camping Brunnen in Schwangau, near Fussen
Relax on beach and swim in the Forggensee
Evening walk on the shoreline path
Stay at Camping Brunnen

Tuesday, June 20 – Fussen (0 miles; 0 hours)

Rent bikes at campground
Bicycle to the Ticket Center for the castles – line too long to buy tickets
Walk 1-mile up the steep hill to Neuschwanstein
Take photographs of the castle from the Marienbrücke
Walk back down to Hohenschwangau and tour the gardens and the chapel
Bike ride along the Schwansee to Lechfall, a beautiful tiered waterfall on the River Lech
Bike to the Fussen Altstadt
Have schnitzel and beer at Fussen Brauhaus
Ride remaining 5 miles back to the campground
Beach and swim in the Forggensee
Stay at Camping Brunnen

Wednesday, June 21 – Weiskirche, Andechs Monastery, and Camping Ampersee (80 miles; 2.5 hours)

Drive to Camping Ampersee (10 miles from McRent)
Along the way
 Visit Pilgrimage Church of Wies on the slopes of the Ammergau Alps
 Visit Andechs Monastery, a Benedictine monastery on the Holy Mountain
Swim in Ampersee
Stay at Camping Ampersee

Thursday, June 22 – McRent and Arcadia Motel Munchen Airport (10 miles; 15 minutes)

Drive to McRent and return the camper van
Take taxi from McRent to Arcadia Motel Munchen by the airport
Have dinner at Il Casale, a local Italian restaurant
Stay at Arcadia Motel Munchen Airport

Friday, June 23 – Fly Home

Fly back to San Francisco with a layover in London

Total Trip Mileage: 1,398 miles
Average Miles per Day: 41 miles per day