

# OLD LANE ADVENTURES

## TOUR AA2020(REVISED) – OUT-OF-LOCKDOWN TO THE AUSTRIAN ALPS 12<sup>TH</sup> – 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020

### TOUR INFORMATION SHEET

**Introduction:** Following many weeks of lockdown, we are planning to resurrect our Austrian Alps tour in September. Because of the change in circumstances, the dates have moved slightly, and there are a number of options from which to choose.

If the UK government allows us to travel, if the ferries are running, if the hotels and restaurants are open, if the roads, borders and mountain passes are open, if we don't have to spend 14 days in quarantine when we come home again, if the sun shines..., then we will be there! Not too much to ask. All of our hotels are looking forward to welcoming us, so that's one problem solved.

**Dates of tour:** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020, if driving from the UK. You may join the tour along the route if you prefer – please advise when booking.

**Starting Point:** Meet at Le Tulipier, Vienne-le-Chateau, near Reims, France, on the evening of Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

**Finishing Point:** Hotel de la Poste, Cortina d'Ampezzo, Monday morning 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020

**Austrian Alps:** The last time we visited this part of the world was in 2015 on our 'Alps East to West' tour. Once in Austria, we have three days around Gröbming, the operational centre for the Ennstal Classic, with great roads and scenery to enjoy, followed by three days in the Dolomites.

**Our adventure together:** The revised itinerary includes a drive through France and southern Germany to arrive in Austria. We spend three days in North Austria, and then head south through the Tyrol to the Dolomites in northern Italy.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September:** We find our way through the backroads of France and Germany. Our first stop will be at Hotel Le Tulipier, Vienne-le-Chateau, near Reims, and from there we head to the 4\* Landhotel Krone on the edge of the Black Forest for our second night.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September:** Today we start with a delightful run through the southern Black Forest in Germany, round the northern edge of Lake Constance (Bodensee), and into the Arlberg region of Austria. The delightful 5\* Hotel Arlberg in Lech has been a highlight on previous tours, and I'm confident this will be no exception.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September:** We have three nights at the 4\* Hotel Hauserl im Wald near Gröbming. During the days we will be exploring the countryside and hostelrys in the mountains around Gröbming. We have several rally route maps from the Ennstal Classic that have helped guide our planning – you will not be disappointed.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September:** Head south and west through the spectacular Austrian mountains, by way of Turracher Höhe and Nockalmstrasse to the 5\* Grandhotel Lienz, our hotel for one night. About 140 miles.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September:** We leave Lienz and head by way of spectacular Dolomite roads through the South Tyrol into Italy, to the 4\* Hotel de la Poste, Cortina d'Ampezzo, our base for two nights. South Tyrol was part of Austria until the end of WW1, so enjoy the final two days of our Austrian Alps tour in the Dolomite Mountains, which some think are still part of Austria!

As ever, we will celebrate the final evening of our tour with a special dinner and awards ceremony.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September:** We bid farewell and head for home. There is an overnight NightJet Motorail from Innsbruck back to Dusseldorf this evening, with cars being loaded after 7.30pm. Please ask if you would like further information on this option. Or you may prefer to continue the driving pleasure and take the long run for home.

**Included in this tour:** The following are included in the price of this tour:

- Nine nights hotel accommodation, with half board included.
- Wine or soft drinks served with evening meals
- Led and guided by Old Lane Adventures Tour Director
- Rally pack, including
  - Souvenir Rally Plate
  - Route Book, with maps, route instructions and notes for each day
  - Finishers' Awards and other trophies as souvenirs of the adventure

**Price of this tour:** The Tour Price for this event is £1525 per person, based on two people per car sharing a twin or double room. If you wish to book single rooms the supplement per person is £225. If you wish to join the tour at Lech you may deduct £200 per person. If you cannot stay to the end, please get in touch and we will arrange things as necessary.

**Your reservation:** To secure your place on this tour, please complete the booking form and submit it with your deposit of £500 per car. Please also read our Terms and Conditions of Booking in the document, 'About Our Historic Motoring Tours' and also the 'Additional Conditions for Austrian Tour'. Your submission of booking form and deposit will signal your acceptance of the Terms and Conditions of Booking. We have spaces for just ten cars, so please don't delay.

**Further Information:** We will keep you informed of developments by Newsletter from time to time. Your Road Book and Joining Instructions will be sent out in the middle of August. If there is anything not answered here please contact me by telephone on +44 (0)1582 767078 or +44(0)7971 201087, or email to [thomsondat@aol.com](mailto:thomsondat@aol.com).

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