

Information Note

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4th UNWTO Euro-Asian Mountain Resorts Conference

AlpenCongress Berchtesgaden
2-5 March 2019, Berchtesgaden, Germany



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1. INTRODUCTION

The 4th UNWTO Euro-Asian Mountain Tourism Conference will take place in Berchtesgaden (Germany), on 2-5 March 2019.

This information note provides details on administrative and logistical arrangements, along with other relevant information pertaining to your participation in the 4th UNWTO Euro-Asian Mountain

Tourism Conference. This information note is subject to change and will be updated.

1.2. Venue information

The Conference will take place at:

AlpenCongress Berchtesgaden
COO Josef Wenig
Maximilianstr. 9, 83471 Berchtesgaden
www.alpencongress.de
T +49 8652 967-330



1.3. Conference overview

- Title: The 4th UNWTO Euro-Asian Mountain Tourism Conference
- Dates: 2-5 March 2019
- Venue: AlpenCongress Berchtesgaden, Berchtesgaden, Germany
- Host: Berchtesgadener Land Region
- Organizer: UNWTO
- Participants: Approximately 300 participants including local authorities, government officials, DMOs, private sector representatives, infrastructure providers and

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academia, UNWTO Affiliate Members and World Alps Cities

- Official Languages: English and German.

*simultaneous interpretation in other languages may be provided, subject to demand of participants.

- Official

website:

<http://marketintelligence.unwto.org/4-unwto-euro-asian-mountain-tourism-conference>

1.4. The Host City

Boasting an exceptional location, Berchtesgaden nestles at the foot of the Watzmann, Kehlstein and Hoher Göll mountains and offers a breathtaking panorama and up close nature experiences. Thanks to its salt reserves, the town has been known for centuries and its so-called



“white gold” is still extracted today at the Berchtesgaden salt mines. The salt mine tour starts off with an unforgettable ride into the mountain on a miner’s train. A visit to the Abbey Church with its Romanesque cloister, Berchtesgaden’s Royal Castle or Adelsheim Castle’s museum are all well worth it. How about a scenic walk along the old brine pipeline trail or stopping by the Berchtesgaden handicrafts shop? At the end of the day there’s nothing like a relaxing time at the Watzmann thermal baths or an evening at one of the rustic inns. For the people of Berchtesgaden, customs and traditions still play a major role in everyday life in which folk music and traditional dress is deeply rooted: here you can experience the true Bavaria!

Apart from sightseeing attractions, shops and eateries, Berchtesgaden’s historic town center houses the Alpine Convention Center which will host the 4th UNWTO Euro-Asian Mountain Tourism Conference.

2. PARTICIPATION

2.1. Replies to invitations

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Participants are kindly requested to confirm their participation by registering online at the Conference's official [website](#), as soon as possible, and no later than **15 February 2019**. Participants should include information on their travel schedule to enable the host to make the necessary arrangements for local transfers.

2.2. Registration and identification badges

Participation in the Conference is free of charge for UNWTO Member States and Affiliate Members, but registration is compulsory. These participants should request their invitation code to mgaido@unwto.org so as to be able to register online free of charge.

Participants will be able to collect their identification badges at the registration desk at the venue (AlpenCongress Berchtesgaden) on the following dates and time:

- Saturday, 2 March 2019: 10.00 – 18.00
- Sunday, 3 March 2019: 8.00 – 13.00

All participants are requested to wear their identification badges for the duration of the 4th UNWTO Euro-Asian Mountain Tourism Conference, as well as at social events.

2.2. Entry formalities

A valid passport is necessary for visitors entering Germany. Participants who require an entry visa are requested to contact diplomatic or consular missions of Germany in their countries to obtain their entry visa.

Nationals of the following countries DO NOT REQUIRE a visa to enter Germany (as of 11 November 2018):

Albania (5)	Montenegro (5)
Andorra (4)	New Zealand (3)
Antigua and Barbuda	Nicaragua
Argentina	Netherlands (2)
Australia (3)	Norway (2)
Bahamas	Austria (2)
Barbados	Palau
Bosnia-Herzegovina (5)	Panama
Brazil (4)	Paraguay
Brunei Darussalam	Peru
Bulgaria (2)	Poland (2)
Chile	Portugal (2)
Costa Rica	Romania (2)
Denmark (2)	Solomon
Dominica	Samoa

El Salvador (4)	San Marino (4)
Estonia (2)	Sweden (2)
Finland (2)	Switzerland (2)
France (2) (incl. French-Guyana, French Polynesia, Guadeloupe, Martinique, New Caledonia, Réunion, St. Pierre and Miquelon)	Serbia (8)
Georgia (5)	Seychelles
Grenada	Singapore
Greece (2)	Slovak Republic (2)
Guatemala	Slovenia (2)
Honduras (4)	Spain (2)
Hongkong (6) – see PR China	St. Kitts and Nevis
Ireland (2)	St. Lucia
Iceland (2)	St. Vincent u. Grenada
Israel (3)	Taiwan (9)
Italy (2)	Timor-Leste (East Timor)
Japan (3)	Tonga
Canada (3)	Trinidad und Tobago
Kiribati	Czech Republic (2)
Columbia	Tuvalu
Korea (Republic of Korea, South Korea) (3)	Ukraine (5)
Croatia	Hungary (2)
Latvia (2)	Uruguay
Liechtenstein (2)	Vanuatu
Lithuania (2)	Vatican State
Luxemburg (2)	Venezuela
Macau (6)	United Arab Emirates
Malaysia	United Kingdom and Northern Ireland (2), (7)
Malta (2)	USA (3)
Marshall Islands	Cyprus (2)
Mauritius	
Macedonia, former Yugoslavia (5)	
Mexico	
Micronesia	
Moldavia (5)	
Monaco (4)	

- 1) Holders of national passports of countries that do not require a visa to enter Germany (indication: "No") are generally not allowed to stay in Germany for more than 90 days without a visa. In addition, they are not allowed to work during this period.
- 2) Citizens of these countries are normally free of the regulations listed in paragraph 1.
- 3) Residence permits (also for stays over 90 days) can be requested after visa-free entry.

- 4) Regulation under 3) applies accordingly if no gainful employment is undertaken.
- 5) The visa exemption applies only to holders of biometric passports.
- 6) Exempted from the visa requirement are holders of SAR passports (passports of the Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions).
- 7) Exempted from the visa requirement are also British Overseas Territories citizens (British Nationals (Overseas))
- 8) The visa exemption applies only to holders of biometric passports, unless issued by the Serbian Coordination Directorate (Serbian: Koordinaciona uprava).
- 9) The visa waiver applies only to holders of passports issued by Taiwan which include an identity card number.

Source:

<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/einreiseundaufenthalt/visabestimmungen-node/staatenlistevisumpflicht-node>

For any enquiries about visas, please contact the Secretariat of the Conference (contact details in section 7).

3. ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

4.1. Arrivals

International Airport Salzburg (airport code: SZG) is the international airport of Salzburg and is situated **30 km. from Berchtesgaden**. The drive takes approximately **30 minutes** in normal traffic. Further information regarding the airport is available on the following website: (www.salzburg-airport.com)

International Airport Munich (airport code: MUC) is located **200 km from Berchtesgaden**. The drive takes approximately **3 hours** (www.munich-airport.de)

Arrival by train is also possible at the [Berchtesgaden train station](#), which provides international connection through Munich, Salzburg or Vienna. The nearest international train station is in [Salzburg](#).

4.2. Reception and local transportation

The host will organize the reception of participants at **International Airport Salzburg** and will facilitate the free transfer of delegates on arrival and departure between the airport, the

official hotels (listed in section 5), the venue of the Conference and the social programme. Upon arrival at International Airport Salzburg, participants will be waited by representatives of Berchtesgaden holding signs with the name of the Conference and will guide them to their corresponding transfer vehicle. An information desk in charge of the transfers' coordination will be also available at Salzburg airport.

The host will also organize the free transfer of delegates on arrival and departure at the **International Airport Munich**, twice on Saturday, 2 March 2019 (subject to demand of participants). Upon arrival at International Airport Salzburg, participants will be waited by representatives of Berchtesgaden holding signs with the name of the Conference and will guide them to their corresponding transfer vehicle.

In order to facilitate the arrival/departure transfers upon arrival and departure, participants are requested to provide information on their **flight schedules (arrival/departure)** and **accommodation** during the registration process or by informing the Secretariat accordingly, by **15 February 2019**.

Local transportation will be provided to participants from 2 to 5 March 2019, according to the following schedule:*

Day 1 (Saturday, 2 March):

- Transfer from International Airport Salzburg/Munich to designated hotels.
- Transfer from designated hotels to the Welcome Reception and back to the hotel.

Day 2 (Sunday, 3 March):

- Transfer from designated hotels to the venue of the conference.
- Transfer from the venue of the conference to the State Reception and back to the hotels.

Day 3 (Monday, 4 March):

- Transfer from designated hotels to the venue of the conference.
- Transfer from the venue of the conference to the excursion and back to the venue of the conference.
- Transfer from the venue of the conference to designated hotels.
- Transfer from designated hotels to Deutsche Post Eisarena Königssee and return to the hotels.

Day 4 (Tuesday, 5 March):

- Transfer from designated hotels to the International Airport Salzburg/Munich.

*A detailed schedule of shuttle services will be provided in due course.

4. PROGRAMME

3.1. Conference Programme

The Provisional Programme of the Conference extends over two days with 6 technical sessions and several thematic presentations on 3 and 4 March 2019. Please find detailed information on the sessions' speakers and their biographies on the Conference's website <http://marketintelligence.unwto.org/4-unwto-euro-asian-mountain-tourism-conference>.

3.2. Official language

The Conference will be conducted in English and German. Simultaneous interpretation in other languages may be provided, subject to demand of participants.

3.3. Social Programme

The Conference will host a social programme for participants that includes cultural performances and local gastronomy allowing for networking within a pleasant setting. Day 1

Saturday, 2 March:

- 19:00 – 20:00 Gathering of participants and traditional local experience (AlpenCongress Berchtesgaden)
- 20:00 – 22:30 Welcome reception, hosted by Mayor of Berchtesgaden (Gasthaus Neuhaus)

Sunday, 3 March:

- 13:10 – 14:30 Buffet lunch showcasing regional and local gastronomy produced by local farmers
- 20:00 – 23:00 State reception, hosted by Prime Minister of Bavaria (Königliches Kurhaus, Bad Reichenhall)

Monday, 4 March:

- 18:00 – 19:30 Visit to Deutsche Post Eisarena Königssee and guests will be invited for a bobsled run
- 19:30 – 23:00 Farewell dinner (Deutsche Post Eisarena Königssee)

*The social programme is subject to change.

3.4. Excursions

The host has arranged several excursions to take place on Monday, 4 March 2019. Participants who wish to join must choose their preferred tour at online registration. Registration for the excursions is on a **first-come, first-served basis**, as there is a limited number of participants per excursion. Transportation, entrance and lunch are included. Information on each of the excursions is provided below:

1. Cable car “Predigtstuhlbahn, Bad Reichenhall”

- Oldest in the original preserved cable car in the world (1928)
- One of the world's 10 most spectacular cable cars
- www.predigtstuhlbahn.de



2. Cable car “Jennerbahn, Schönau am Königssee”

- Location of the first alpine skiing world cup (1967)
- A replacement building for the old cable car is currently being built
- Partial operation up to the middle station at the moment
- www.jennerbahn.de



3. National Park Centre “Haus der Berge”

- Visitor centre of the National Park Berchtesgaden, Germany's only Alpine National Park, declared a protected area in 1978
- Multimedia exhibition “Vertikale Wildnis” covers an area of about 1000 m2 in a single hall. Along an



ascending pathway, through the four habitats of water, forest, alpine pastures and rock, visitors learn the entire spectrum of life found in Berchtesgaden's National Park

- www.haus-der-berge.bayern.de

4. Hotel Rehlegg, Ramsau

- The Rehlegg has been family-owned for almost 100 years.
- Located in Germany's first Mountaineering Village, it is known for processing regional products and its policy towards sustainability
- A mountaineering village fully dedicates



itself to soft tourism, the promotion of nature conservation, agriculture and sustainable development, in order to preserve the culture and traditions of the Alpine region.

- www.rehlegg.de

5. Dokumentation Obersalzberg

- Built on historical ground:
 - *restricted zone during World War II
 - *Near to Hitler's Berghof
 - *Private houses of other high ranking Nazis were located there
- www.obersalzberg.de



*Excursions programme is subject to change

5. ACCOMMODATION

5.1. Hotel reservations

The host has negotiated special room rates with some designated hotels for participants of

the 4th UNWTO Euro-Asian Mountain Tourism Conference. Participants are invited to contact hotels directly for reservations, by **10 February 2019** at the latest, indicating that they will participate in this event. Special rates of the official hotels are applicable only during the dates of the Conference.

5.2. Recommended hotels

A list of hotels with special rates for participants of the 4th UNWTO Euro-Asian Mountain Tourism Conference is provided below:

Classification	Hotel name (distance from the venue)	Room type and special rate on BB basis (tax inclusive)	Contact person for reservation
*****	Hotel Kempinski (15' by car)	Single: 270 € Double (p/p): 147,50 €	Hintereck 1, 83471 Berchtesgaden T +49 8652 97550 info@berchtesgaden@kempinski.de www.kempinski.com/Berchtesgaden
****	Hotel Edelweiss (1' walking) ¹	Single: 138 € Double (p/p): 110 €	Maximilianstr. 2, 83471 Berchtesgaden T. +49 8652 97990 info@edelweiss-berchtesgaden.com www.edelweiss-berchtesgaden.com
****	Alpenhotel Fischer (15' walking)	Single: 105 € Double (p/p): 85 €	Königsseer Str. 51, 83471 Berchtesgaden T +49 8652 9550 info@alpenhotel-fischer.de www.alpenhotel-fischer.de
n.a.	Hotel Alpina Ros Demming (5' walking) ¹	Single: 90 € Double (p/p): 70 €	Sunklergässchen 2, 83471 Berchtesgaden T +49 8652 9610 info@alpinaros.de www.alpina-hotels.de/demming
****	Alpenhotel Kronprinz (15' walking)	Single: 115 € Double (p/p): 85 €	Am Brandholz, 83471 Berchtesgaden T +49 8652 6070 info@alpenhotel-kronprinz.de www.alpenhotel-kronprinz.de
****	Naturhotel Reissenlehen (10' by car)	Single: 95 € Double (p/p): 70 €	Reissenpoint 11, 83483 Bischofswiesen T +49 8652 977200 info@reissenlehen.de www.reissenlehen.de

****	Hotel Neuhäusel (10' by car)	Single: 115 € Double (p/p): 85 €	Wildmoos 45, 83471 Berchtesgaden T +49 8652 9400 info@neuhaeusl.de www.neuhaeusl.de
***	Hotel Grünberger (5' by car)	Single: 110 € Double (p/p): 72 €	Hansererweg 1 83471 Berchtesgaden info@hotel-gruenberger.de www.hotel-gruenberger.de
***	Hotel Bavaria (5' walking) ¹	Single: 90 € Double (p/p): 70 €	Sunklergässchen 11, 83471 Berchtesgaden T +49 8652 96610 info@hotelbavaria.net www.hotelbavaria.net
***	Alpenhotel Hundsreitlehen (10' by car)	Single: 90 € Double (p/p): 70 €	Quellenweg 11, 83483 Bischofswiesen T +49 8652 9860 info@hundsreitlehen.de www.hotel-hundsreitlehen-berchtesgaden.de

¹Shuttle service will not be provided as hotel is located by walking distance.

For further room information, please contact Ms. Monika Schnöll at Berchtesgadener Land Tourismus GmbH: m.schnoell@bgl.t.de - T +49 8652 65650-42

6. GENERAL INFORMATION

6.1. Climate

The climate in Berchtesgaden is moderately warm and temperate. The temperature averages annually 8.4° C. Average climate in early March is wintry (min. -1° C.; max. 10° C.)

6.2. Official time

Standard Time Zone: GMT/UTC + 04:00 hour

6.3. Official currency

The official currency in Germany is the EURO (EUR)

Exchange rate as of October 2018: 1 EUR=1,16 USD

Foreign currency can be exchanged at the airport, banks, major hotels and exchange offices. Most shops and restaurants also accept major credit cards.

6.4. Shopping and tipping

While most shopping malls and big stores, hotels and restaurants in Germany accept major international credit cards, it is recommended to carry some cash since some small establishments and stores may not accept credit cards.

Service charge in Germany is not included in the bill. Tipping is at the discretion of the guest.

6.5. Official language

The official language is German, but English is widely spoken and understood. Business meetings are usually held in English.

6.6. Business hours

The work week is from Monday to Friday. Government offices working hours are from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

6.6. Electricity

The power supply in Germany is 220-240V/50 Hz (two round pins). Adaptors and converters may be needed if you are traveling from countries that use 110V or other types of plugs



6.7. Local and international phone calls

For international inbound calls, the country code is +49, and the area code for Berchtesgaden is (0) 8652.

6.8. Tourist information Germany

Please see Visit Germany's website for more information: <http://www.germany.travel>

Bavaria's website: <https://www.bavaria.by/>

Berchtesgaden's website: <https://www.berchtesgaden.de/en/home>

6.9. Useful telephone numbers

Police	110
Fire department and rescue service	112

7. CONTACT INFORMATION

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