

Road Trip Itinerary A Revised: No Salzburg

Scooby Travel Planning

June 2026

ITINERARY OPTION A (REVISED): Lake Como, Zell am See, South Tyrol & Verona

Milan → Mondsee → Zell am See → Bolzano → Verona → Milan

Dates: June 24-30, 2026 (7 days)

Theme: Alpine Lakes, Mountain Tunnels, Wine Country & Romance

Pace: Relaxed with time to enjoy scenery and meals

Key Change: Salzburg removed entirely - new route via Zell am See & Felbertauern Tunnel

PART 1: INBOUND - Milan to Mondsee (Unchanged)

DAY 1: TUESDAY JUNE 24 - Milan to Chiavenna

Theme: Lake Como Beauty & Alpine Approach

Driving: ~140 km, 2.5 hours (with stops)

Morning: Depart Milan (9:00 AM)

- Pick up rental car in Milan
- Quick coffee near rental location
- Head north on A9 toward Lake Como

Late Morning: Lake Como Exploration (10:30 AM - 2:00 PM)

Varenna (10:30 AM - 12:30 PM) - Walk of Lovers (Passeggiata degli Innamorati): 30-minute scenic lakeside stroll - **Villa**

Monastero: Beautiful gardens extending to the lake (€10 entry, allow 45 min) - **Varenna Old Town:** Narrow cobblestone streets, colorful houses

Lunch in Varenna (12:30 PM - 2:00 PM) - Restaurant

Recommendation: Il Cavatappi - Lakeside terrace, fresh lake fish (lavarello) - Try: Risotto with perch, local wine - Price: €25-35 per

person - Reserve outdoor table

Afternoon: Scenic Drive to Chiavenna (2:00 PM - 5:00 PM)

Route: Varenna → Menaggio → Colico → Chiavenna

Scenic Stops: - **Piona Abbey** (12th century, free entry, 20 min) - Views of Grigne mountains - Lakeside drive on SP72

Evening: Chiavenna (5:00 PM)

Explore: - Historic center, Piazza Salis - Bregaglia Valley viewpoint

Dinner (8:00 PM) - Osteria del Porto - Valtellina cuisine: Pizzoccheri, Bresola - Price: €30-40 per person

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY JUNE 25 - Chiavenna to Innsbruck

Theme: Spectacular Alpine Passes

Driving: ~280 km, 4-5 hours (with stops)

Morning: Depart Chiavenna (9:00 AM)

- Breakfast at **Caffè delle Alpi**
- Fuel up (last Italian gas)

Late Morning: Maloja Pass (10:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

Chiavenna → Maloja Pass (45 min) - Val Bregaglia: Narrow valley, granite peaks - **Soglio:** (Optional) Gorgeous mountain village

Maloja Pass Summit (1,815m) - Views of Engadine Valley - Coffee at Hotel Maloja Kulm

Midday: Engadine to Reschen Pass (12:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

Reschensee with Submerged Bell Tower - Iconic photo spot - Walk to the bell tower

Lunch (1:00 PM) - Seegasthof or Reschener Stube - South Tyrolean: Schlutzkrapfen, Speckknödel - Price: €20-30 per person

Afternoon: To Innsbruck (3:00 PM - 6:00 PM)

Route: Nauders → Landeck → Innsbruck

Evening: Innsbruck (6:00 PM)

Explore: - Old Town, Golden Roof - Maria-Theresien-Straße

Dinner (8:00 PM) - Stiftskeller - Tyrolean: Gröstl, Kasspatzen - Price: €25-35 per person

DAY 3: THURSDAY JUNE 26 - Innsbruck to Mondsee

Theme: Morning in Innsbruck, Easy Drive to Wedding
Driving: ~180 km, 2.5 hours

Morning: Innsbruck (9:00 AM - 12:30 PM)

Nordkette Mountain Experience (Recommended) -
Hungerburgbahn funicular - Seegrube (1,905m) panoramic terrace -
Time: 2-3 hours

Brunch (12:00 PM) - Café Mundingplatz - Price: €15-20 per person

Afternoon: Drive to Mondsee (1:30 PM - 4:00 PM)

Arrive Mondsee by 4:00 PM

PART 2: WEDDING WEEKEND - Mondsee

FRIDAY JUNE 27 & SATURDAY JUNE 28

- Wedding events as scheduled
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PART 3: OUTBOUND - Mondsee to Milan (REVISED - NO SALZBURG)

DAY 5: SUNDAY JUNE 29 - Mondsee to Zell am See

Theme: Post-Wedding Recovery at Alpine Lake
Driving: ~100 km, 1.5 hours

Late Afternoon: Depart Mondsee (4:30 PM)

- Sleep in after wedding
- Late checkout from hotel
- Leisurely brunch/lunch at hotel
- Depart when ready (no rush!)

Scenic Drive: Via Hallstatt (Optional Pass-Through)

Route: Mondsee → Bad Ischl → Hallstatt (drive through) → Obertraun → Bad Aussee → **Zell am See**

Hallstatt Pass-Through (Optional): - Drive through the famous village (no stopping needed) - See the iconic views from the road - Continue through tunnel to avoid crowds - Time saved: skip parking, walking

Alternative Direct Route: Mondsee → Strobl → Schwarzensee → St. Gilgen → Zell am See - Faster (1 hour 15 min) - Less scenic - Your choice based on energy level

Evening: Arrive Zell am See (6:00 PM)

Zell am See - Alpine Lake Paradise - Crystal-clear lake at the foot of the Tauern mountains - Perfect for post-wedding relaxation - Charming town with excellent restaurants

Evening Exploration: - **Lakeside promenade walk:** 30-45 minute stroll along Zeller See - **Sunset views:** The mountains glow pink/orange at dusk - **Town center:** Browse shops, get ice cream - **Schmittenhöhe:** See the mountain that towers over the town

Dinner (8:00 PM) - Restaurant Recommendation: Der Sonnberg - Elegant dining with lake views - Austrian cuisine with modern twist - Try: Tafelspitz (boiled beef), local fish - Price: €35-50 per person - Reserve lakeside table

Alternative: Gasthof Hefter (traditional, cozy, better value)

Evening Activity: - **Boat rental:** Rowboat or electric boat on the lake (until 8 PM) - **Casual walk:** Along the lakefront promenade - **Relax:** Just enjoy the mountain air and lake views

DAY 6: MONDAY JUNE 30 - Zell am See to Bolzano

Theme: Felbertauern Tunnel & East Tyrol Discovery
Driving: ~200 km, 3-4 hours (with long lunch stop)

Morning: Zell am See Exploration (9:00 AM - 11:00 AM)

Relaxed Morning: - Sleep in (recovery day) - **Brunch at hotel** or lakeside café - **Optional:** Schmittenhöhe cable car (if you want mountain views) - Quick up/down: 1.5 hours - Panoramic views of 30+ peaks - Skip if you prefer to relax

Or Just Wander: - Coffee at **Café Bergers** - Shop for souvenirs - Final lakeside photos

Late Morning: Depart Zell am See (11:00 AM)

The Felbertauern Route (12:00 PM - 5:00 PM)

This is the highlight of the day!

Zell am See → Mittersill (30 min) - Hohe Tauern National Park entrance - Alpine meadows and mountain views

Mittersill → Felbertauern Tunnel (30 min) - Felbertauern Tunnel: 5.3 km through the mountain - **Cost:** ~€11 toll - **Experience:** Enter in Austria, emerge in completely different landscape (East Tyrol) - Dramatic change in scenery

Felbertauern → Lienz (45 min) - Descend into East Tyrol - Different vegetation, warmer climate - **Arrive Lienz: 1:30 PM**

Lunch in Lienz (1:30 PM - 3:00 PM)

Lienz - Charming East Tyrol Town - Medieval center: Schloss Bruck (castle), arcaded buildings - **Main square:** Cafés with outdoor seating - **Atmosphere:** Relaxed, authentic, not touristy

Restaurant Recommendation: Restaurant Schlossbrunn - In the castle grounds - East Tyrolean specialties - Try: Schlutzkrapfen, Tiroler Gröstl - Price: €25-35 per person - Outdoor terrace with castle views

Alternative: Café Zentral (simpler, quicker, central)

After Lunch: - 30-minute walk around old town - Coffee at a café - Depart Lienz by 3:30 PM

Afternoon: Through the Dolomites to Bolzano (3:30 PM - 6:00 PM)

Lienz → San Candido → Bruneck → Brixen → Bolzano

This is spectacular driving:

Sillian → San Candido (Border Crossing) - Cross from Austria to Italy - Puster Valley scenery - San Candido: Pretty alpine town (quick coffee if needed)

Great Dolomite Road Begins - Enter South Tyrol (Südtirol) - Bilingual German-Italian culture - **Bruneck (Brunico):** Medieval town with castle (optional 20 min stop) - **Brixen (Bressanone):** Historic cathedral town (optional pass-through)

Arrive Bolzano: 6:00 PM

Evening: Bolzano (6:00 PM)

Bolzano - Where Austria Meets Italy - German efficiency + Italian charm - Gateway to the Dolomites

Evening Exploration: - **Piazza Walther:** Central square, cathedral views - **Lauben (Portici):** Arcaded shopping streets - **Fruit Market:** Local produce, speck, cheese - **Walk:** Along the Talvera River

Dinner (8:00 PM) - Restaurant Recommendation: Hopfen & Co. - Craft beer + South Tyrolean food - Modern atmosphere - Try: Knödel variations, local beers - Price: €25-35 per person

Alternative: Wirtshaus Atheiner (traditional, rustic)

DAY 7: TUESDAY JULY 1 - Bolzano to Verona to Milan

Theme: South Tyrol Morning & Romantic Verona Finale

Driving: ~150 km, 2 hours (with long stops)

Morning: Bolzano Exploration (9:00 AM - 12:30 PM)

Relaxed Morning:

Ötzi the Iceman (Optional - 1.5 hours) - South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology - 5,300-year-old mummy from glacier - Entry: €10

OR Just Wander: - **Old Town:** Medieval streets, market square - **Cathedral:** Gothic-Romanesque mix - **Café Culture:** Sit at Piazza Walther

Brunch/Lunch (12:00 PM) - Caffè Macchiato or Cafe Buratti -
Price: €15-20 per person

Afternoon: Drive to Verona (1:30 PM - 4:00 PM)

Route: Bolzano → A22 Autobahn → Trento → Rovereto → Verona

Optional Stop - Trento (45 min): - **Cathedral Square:** Renaissance architecture - **Buonconsiglio Castle:** Historic fortress - Just off the highway

Late Afternoon/Evening: Verona Romance (4:00 PM - Evening)

Verona - City of Romeo & Juliet

Piazza delle Erbe (5:00 PM) - Roman forum turned market square -
Aperitivo time: Aperol Spritz with snacks

Juliet's House (Casa di Giulietta) - Famous balcony, bronze statue -
Courtyard free, house €6

Arena di Verona (6:30 PM) - Third-largest Roman amphitheater -
View from Piazza Bra

Dinner (8:00 PM) - Trattoria al Pompiere - Veronese cuisine:
Amarone risotto - Price: €35-50 per person

Evening Stroll: - Ponte Pietra: Roman bridge over Adige River -
Castelvecchio: Medieval castle (exterior)

DAY 8: WEDNESDAY JULY 2 - Verona to Milan

Theme: Morning in Verona, Easy Return
Driving: ~160 km, 2 hours

Morning: More Verona or Lake Garda (9:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

Option 1: More Verona (Relaxed) - Sleep in - Brunch at Café
Carducci - Slow stroll through old town - Depart around 11:00 AM

Option 2: Lake Garda Detour (1.5 hours extra) - Drive to
Sirmione (40 min from Verona) - Peninsula town on Lake Garda -
Scaliger Castle: Picturesque fortress - **Thermal springs:** Famous
spa town - Lunch: Lakeside restaurant - Depart around 12:30 PM

Afternoon: Return to Milan (12:00 PM - 3:00 PM)

Drive: Verona → A4 Autobahn → Milan - Straightforward 2.5-3 hour
drive

Arrive Milan (3:00 PM) - Return rental car - Trip complete!

RESTAURANT SUMMARY (Revised Option A)

Location	Restaurant	Cuisine	Price	Must-Try
Varenna	Il Cavatappi	Lake fish	€25-35	Risotto with perch
Chiavenna	Osteria del Porto	Valtellina	€30-40	Pizzoccheri
Maloja Pass	Reschener Stube	South Tyrolean	€20-30	Schlutzkrapfen
Innsbruck	Stiftskeller	Tyrolean	€25-35	Gröstl
Zell am See	Der Sonnberg	Austrian	€35-50	Tafelspitz
Lienz	Schlossbrunn	East Tyrolean	€25-35	Schlutzkrapfen
Bolzano	Hopfen & Co.	Modern South Tyrolean	€25-35	Craft beer + knödel
Verona	Trattoria al Pompiere	Veronese	€35-50	Amarone risotto

DRIVING SUMMARY (Revised Option A - NO SALZBURG)

Day	From	To	Distance	Drive Time	Stops
1	Milan	Chiavenna	140 km	2.5 hrs	Varenna, Lake Como
2	Chiavenna	Innsbruck	280 km	4.5 hrs	Maloja Pass, Engadine
3	Innsbruck	Mondsee	180 km	2.5 hrs	Innsbruck morning
5	Mondsee	Zell am See	100 km	1.5 hrs	Hallstatt (drive through)
6	Zell am See	Bolzano	200 km	3.5 hrs	Felbertauern Tunnel, Lienz
7	Bolzano	Verona	150 km	2 hrs	Trento (optional)
8	Verona	Milan	160 km	2 hrs	Direct or Lake Garda
Total			~1,210 km	~18.5 hrs	Relaxed pace

KEY CHANGES (Revised vs Original)

❑ REMOVED:

- Salzburg - Skipped entirely
- Hohensalzburg Fortress

- **Mozart's Birthplace**
- **Mirabell Gardens**

□ **ADDED:**

- **Zell am See** - Alpine lake town (Night 1)
- **Felbertauern Tunnel** - 5.3km mountain tunnel
- **Lienz** - East Tyrol charming town (lunch stop)
- **Hallstatt drive-through** - See views without stopping
- **More time in Zell am See** - Relaxation after wedding

□ **SAME:**

- Lake Como inbound
- Maloja Pass
- Innsbruck
- Mondsee wedding
- Bolzano
- Verona

WHY THIS REVISED ROUTE?

1. **No Salzburg:** As requested, completely skipped
 2. **Different from inbound:** Zell am See and Felbertauern are new
 3. **More relaxed:** Shorter drives on Days 5-6
 4. **Scenic value:** Felbertauern Tunnel route is spectacular
 5. **Post-wedding recovery:** Zell am See is perfect for relaxing
 6. **Cross into Italy earlier:** Night 2 in Bolzano (cheaper)
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Itinerary revised: February 28, 2026

Valid for: June 24 - July 2, 2026

Pace: Relaxed with time for scenery and proper meals