



Oberammergau Passion Play 2020

Led by: Dr. Bill Creasy

Trip Dates: May 13 - 22, 2020





DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY, MAY 13: ARRIVE BUDAPEST

Time at leisure before dinner at our Budapest hotel restaurant. Overnight Budapest (D)

DAY 2 - THURSDAY, MAY 14: BUDAPEST

Today we will see the famous Budapest sights, Heroes' Square, Andrassy Avenue, Opera House, Castle district, and Parliament building. We climb (by bus) Gellért Hill on the Buda side, and we visit the Citadel, the former fortress from the 19th century. St. Matthias Church and Fishermen's Bastion. On the Pest side we will see St. Stephen's Basilica with its invaluable relic of St. Stephen and the parish church built on the grave of St. Gellért, the patron saint of Budapest. This evening we enjoy a "Budapest night cruise" on the Danube. Overnight Budapest. (B,D)



DAY 3 - FRIDAY, MAY 15: BUDAPEST / ESZTERGOM / VIENNA

After breakfast we leave the capital of Hungary and motor coach to Vienna. En route we stop in Esztergom to visit the largest basilica in Hungary. From here we marvel at the splendid view across the Danube and its surrounding area. Following the Danube we drive into Austria and reach the capital, Vienna. We follow the famous

Ringstrasse for a panoramic tour which gives us our first impression of this beautiful city. During this tour, we see the city park, the State Opera House, New Castle, Museum of Art History, Natural History Museum, parliament, Burg Theatre, town hall, Café Landmann and the university. After dinner, if time permits, perhaps enjoy the famous atmosphere of a Vienna café house.

Overnight Vienna. (B,D)

DAY 4 - SATURDAY, MAY 16: VIENNA

We continue our exploration of Vienna's endless numbers of attractions. Our day begins with a visit to the **Stephansdom (St. Stephen's Cathedral)**. In the Old city of Vienna we will marvel at the palaces, historic buildings, Mozart House, Church of the Teutonic Order, Plage

Column, Joseph's Fountain and the Church St. Peter. After lunch on our own and time for shopping, we make our way to Castle Belvedere. We visit both Upper and Lower Baroque palaces as well as the gorgeous gardens. For dinner and overnight we return to our



hotel. After dinner, we have the opportunity to attend an optional concert. Overnight Vienna. (B,D)

DAY 5 - SUNDAY, MAY 17: VIENNA

This morning we visit additional highlights of Vienna, the magnificent showrooms of **Schönbrunn Palace**, Empress Sisi's former summer residence. We continue to the Spanish Riding School for the spellbinding **Lipizzaner Stallion live equine performance**. In the afternoon, we visit the **Hofburg (Imperial Palace)** with the emperors' rooms on to the colorfully decorated **Hundertwasser House**, the Habsburger Palais, Karlskirche (St. Charles) and Scotts Abbey. We finish the day with a short visit to world-renowned **Vienna Prater**. Dinner and overnight in Vienna. (B,D)

DAY 6 - MONDAY, MAY 18: VIENNA / HINTERBRÜHL / MELK / SALZBURG

En route to Salzburg we stop in Seegrotte in Hinterbrühl, where we tour the grotto and experience a boat ride in the largest subterranean lake in Europe. We drive through the famous "Wienerwald". Situated high above the river Danube, is Melk Abbey. It is part of UNESCO's world cultural heritage and a landmark of the region. After a guided tour, we follow the Danube. We leave the path of the Danube and pass famous lakes in the region, such as: Mondsee, Attersee, Wallersee and Wolfgangsee, before arriving into the great city of Salzburg, the hometown of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. We enjoy dinner and overnight in Salzburg. (B,D)

DAY 7 - TUESDAY, MAY 19: SALZBURG

In the morning, we visit **Mozart's Birth House** and **Residence**. The house in which the great composer was born in 1756 is now one of the most frequently visited museums in the world. Here the person behind the artist and his music can be experienced. At Mozart's Residence the biographies of the family members and the authentic

impressions of everyday family life are displayed. We will see some of the most popular sights of the original filming locations of the film and musical "The Sound of Music". We will then visit the **Carillon**,



Salzburg Cathedral, Franciscan Church, Mozart Square, Hofstallgasse, Hohensalzburg Fortress, St. Peter's Abbey, and Mirabell Palace and Gardens in Baroque style. Dinner and overnight in Salzburg. (B,D)

DAY 8 - WEDNESDAY, MAY 20: SALZBURG / HERRENCHIEMSEE / OBERAMMERGAU

After breakfast, a short drive brings us to **Prien** on the bank of Lake Chiemsee. After a boat ride, we reach the calm island Herreninsel to visit one of Germany's loveliest royal attractions, the magnificent Herrenchiemsee Palace. Built in the 19th century by King Ludwig II, this royal landmark sits among picturesque Bavarian scenery of majestic lakes and mountains. With elegant gardens, walkways and ornate interiors of gold, glass and porcelain, this palace reflects pure opulence. Some even say that many of its features, like the vast Hall of Mirrors, surpass that of the Palace of Versailles. After the tour in the castle we enjoy and explore the court gardens, park, and Latona, Fama and Fortuna Fountains. We return to Prien, from where we continue to a small, picturesque village in the Alps which is known all over the world: Oberammergau, the "Passion Play Village with Heart". We will check-in to our hotel and have time to review information about the Passion Play, which will be available in our rooms. (B,D)

DAY 9 - THURSDAY, MAY 21: THE PASSION PLAY

Oberammergau is not only known for its Passion Play, but also for its woodcarving craft and for its colorful and attractive frescos know as Lüftlmalereien. In the morning, we explore the lovely village, the **museum**, **parish church**, and visit a **woodcarving workshop**. This afternoon, we gather at a local restaurant for lunch. Then it is time to take our seat at the **Passion Play Theatre**. The play starts at 2:30 p.m. All the actors, musicians, and singers as well as the backstage staff are inhabitants of Oberammergau. Between the different scenes of the life of Jesus Christ we can admire "living pictures" – scenes from the Bible are presented as still life by actual people. After 2 ½ hours, we

break for **dinner at a local restaurant**. After dinner, we have the opportunity to stroll around in the village and to do some shopping. At **8:00 p.m.** the **play resumes** ending at approximately 11:00 p.m. We return to our hotel by coach at the conclusion of the play. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 - FRIDAY, MAY 22: OBERAMMERGAU/ MUNICH AIRPORT/ HOME

Today, we bid farewell to Germany. After check-out we transfer to Munich airport for our flight home. (B)

Optional 3-day 2 nights Munich Extension \$1,299.00 per person based on double occupancy (Includes: taxes and standard gratuities)

DAY 10 - FRIDAY, MAY 22: OBERAMMERGAU / MUNICH

Today we bid farewell to our fellow travelers departing from Munich airport and continue to explore Munich, the capital of Bavaria. After our arrival we explore the highlights of the city with a sightseeing tour by bus. We see the historic city center's most famous churches, monuments and squares, including the Old Town Hall, St. Peter's Church, Viktualienmarkt, Odeonsplatz and the Munich Residenz. The tour continues to the Palace of Nymphenburg ("Castle of the Nymph"), the former summer residence of the Bavarian elector princes and kings with its beautiful and spacious gardens. We will visit the palace and its magnificent interiors such as the Baroque Steinerne Saal, the Gallery of Beauties ("Schönheitengalerie"), where we will view the chamber where King Ludwig II was born. Dinner and overnight in Munich. (B, D)

DAY 11 - SATURDAY, MAY 23: MUNICH - DACHAU

After breakfast, a short drive brings us just outside the city limits of Munich. Here in **Dachau** we visit the former concentration camp and where we come in touch with the dark history of Nazi-Germany. We return to Munich and stroll through the **Marienplatz** with its numerous shops. The market here offers fresh produce and flowers. In the evening we come together for our **Farewell Dinner** at a local restaurant. Overnight Munich. (B,D)

DAY 12 - SUNDAY, MAY 24: MUNICH / HOME

Group transfer to the airport of Munich for our flight home. (B)

Note:

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