

# Oberammergau Passion Play 2022

Highlights: Prague, Budapest, Vienna, Salzburg, and more...

Led by: Pastor Al Cassel

Trip Dates: September 6 - 16, 2022

**\$4,195.00 Fully Escorted Land Price**

*(Includes: taxes and standard gratuities)*

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*Greetings Fellow Travelers:*

*It was 1633 and Oberammergau was infested by the plague. The people were desperate. They made a vow to God. Save us from the plague and every 10 years we will tell the story of Christ's Passion. Every 10 years since 1634 the people of Oberammergau have kept their vow.*

*In September of 2022, my wife and I will be leading a tour that includes the Passion of Christ as well as time in Prague,*



*Budapest, Vienna, and Salzburg. These are some of the most ancient as well as beautiful cities in all of Europe. We will see castles and cathedrals. We will stroll through the neighborhood of artists. We will be guided through the treasures of the*

*region, having time to explore as well as to shop on your own. This tour provides a little something for everyone.*

*Having led several tours in the past, there is definitely a value in being able to travel together. We start as strangers, perhaps, but by the end we are family. I hope that you might consider joining Kay and I on this once in a lifetime experience we are calling 'Oberammergau 2022.'*

*Peace,  
Pastor Al and Kay Cassel*

### **DAY 1 - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6: PRAGUE**

Enjoy your time at leisure before we come together for dinner at our Prague hotel restaurant. (D)

### **DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7: PRAGUE**

After breakfast, we depart our hotel with our guide and drive into **Prague's Old Town** to catch a first glimpse of the capital of the Czech Republic and learn about its history. We tour the well-known and largest ancient castle in the world "Hradschin" and visit **St. Vitus Cathedral, St. George Basilica** and **Old Royal Palace**. We stroll through the famous Golden Lane down to **Lesser Town**, a beautiful Baroque quarter which clusters around the foot of Prague Castle. This afternoon we have free time to explore the streets and places of Prague, visit one of the museums (not included), shop, or just enjoy life in one of the famous café houses. In the evening, we enjoy our **welcome dinner** at the famous **Plzenska restaurace Obecni dum**, which is situated in the basement of the **Municipal House**, a very beautiful and **impressive Art Nouveau building**. Overnight is in Prague. (B,D)

### **DAY 3 – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8: PRAGUE/BRATISLAVA/ BUDAPEST**

After breakfast, we leave the Czech Republic and enter Slovakia, where our next stop is in Bratislava. The **charming old town** is the place to start admiring Bratislava. On our own, we stroll narrow pedestrian streets of **pastel-colored 18th-century buildings** or relax in one of the many sidewalk cafes under the watchful gaze of the city castle, which harks back to medieval times. Then, we continue to Budapest, the **capital** and **biggest city in Hungary**. After check-in, we enjoy a dinner and **Gypsy Music**. Overnight is in Budapest. (B,D)



### **DAY 4 - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9: BUDAPEST**

We start our day with a sightseeing tour. We pass the most important sites such as **Heroes' Square, Andrassy Avenue, the Opera House, Castle district, and Parliament building**. Then, we have a short transfer to the picturesque artists' village **Szentendre**. In the afternoon, we have free time to discover the quarter, stroll through the city or go shopping. After dinner at the hotel, we board a **cruise on the Danube** to see Budapest by night. (B,D)

### **DAY 5 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10: BUDAPEST/ VIENNA**

Today we board our coach to drive to Vienna where we take a guided tour exploring the lovely city center of Vienna. Along the **famous Ringstraße** you will see the **State Opera House, Hofburg, Art and Natural History Museum, Parliament, City Hall, and National Theatre**. Then we make a stop at **Stephansdom** (St. Stephen's Cathedral) and the **Sacher Café**, famous for its Sacher Torte chocolate cake. The colorfully decorated **Hundertwasser House**, the **Hofburg**, and the famous **Spanish Riding School** are not only architectural highlights but also interesting for their history. After dinner at the hotel, we have the option to experience the famous atmosphere of Vienna in one of the café houses or to take a ride with the typical Fiaker carriage to see Vienna by night (not included and optional). Overnight is in Vienna. (B,D)

### **DAY 6 - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11: VIENNA**

This morning is at leisure and the opportunity to discover some highlights of Vienna on our own. In the afternoon, we transfer by motor coach for our visit to the magnificent showrooms of **Schönbrunn Palace**, Empress Sisi's former

summer residence. We continue to the **Heurigen area**, where we have dinner at a typical restaurant with **live music**. We return to our hotel for overnight in Vienna. (B,D)

### DAY 7 – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12: VIENNA/ HINTERBRÜHL/ SALZBURG

Our first stop today is the **Seegrotte** in Hinterbrühl. We tour the **grotto** and take a **boat ride** on the underground lake. Then, we continue our tour through the stunning **Austrian Alps** and lakes to reach the great city of Salzburg. After check-in, we have free time and in the evening we enjoy dinner and overnight at our hotel in Salzburg. (B,D)

### DAY 8 - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13: SALZBURG

This day is dedicated to discovering the city of Salzburg. In the **home of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart**, we get an overview of the most popular sites and some of the original filming locations of the film "The Sound of Music". We see the **Carillon, Salzburg Cathedral, Franciscan Church, Mozart Square, Hofstallgasse, Hohensalzburg Fortress, St. Peter's Abbey**, and the baroque - styled **Mirabell Palace and Gardens**. We also have an inside visit of **Mozart's Birth House**.



The house in which the great composer was born in 1756 is now one of the most frequently-visited museums in the world. In the afternoon, we take a ride by funicular to visit **Hohensalzburg Fortress**. We explore the area and enjoy the great view over Salzburg. Dinner and overnight are in our hotel in Salzburg. (B,D)

### DAY 9 – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14: SALZBURG/ GRASWANG VALLEY/ OBERAMMERGAU

After breakfast, we head to Germany. Our first stop is **Linderhof Castle**, which is located in the secluded **Graswang valley**. Of the three palaces that **King Ludwig II** actually had built, **Linderhof Palace** is the most inspired. A triumph of splendor and extravagance is waiting for us. Afterwards, we view from the outside the most famous and most visited castle in Germany for a photo-stop outside, **Neuschwanstein Castle**, perched high up on a mountain in the beautiful landscape of the Alps. The shimmering white towers of the castle among the clouds are instantly recognizable to many as the inspiration for Walt Disney's castles. Then, we make our way to a small, picturesque village in the Alps which is also known all over the world: Oberammergau, the "Passion Play village with heart". We check-in at our hotel, which is in the Oberammergau area. (B,D)

### DAY 10 - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15: OBERAMMERGAU - THE PASSION PLAY

Oberammergau is not only known for its world famous Passion Play, but also for its woodcarving craft and for its colorful and attractive frescos known as **Lüftlmalereien**. In the morning, if time permits, we will explore the lovely village, the **museum, the Parish Church St. Marien**, and a **woodcarving workshop**. Then, we take our seats at the **Passion Play Theater** for the early afternoon performance. All the actors, musicians, and singers as well as the backstage staff are either born in Oberammergau or have been residents



for more than 20 years. Between the different scenes of the life of Jesus Christ we can admire "living pictures" – **scenes from the Bible presented as still life**. After 2.5 hours it is time for a **dinner break**, which is waiting for us in a **local restaurant**. After dinner, we have the opportunity to stroll around in the village and to do some shopping. Later this evening, the second part of the play starts and will end at approximately 11:00 pm. We return to our hotel in the Oberammergau area for overnight after the play. (B,D)

### DAY 11 – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16: OBERAMMERGAU/ MUNICH/ ARRIVE IN U.S.A.

We transfer this morning from Oberammergau to Munich International Airport for flights back to the U.S.A. (not included) and arrive home filled with wonderful memories, new friendships and a renewal of our faith! (B)



#### Note:

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\*While we do our very best to make sure all items listed in your itinerary are included, there are times when conditions beyond our control affect your program/itinerary, including but not limited to delays, weather, political climate, time constraints, or changes by your group leader and tour guide. Most sites are not handicap accessible.

• This is a moderately strenuous tour, walking on archaeological sites, cobblestone streets and hills. For your safety and enjoyment, you should be able to walk a mile briskly and climb 100 stairs.

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**NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:** 1) FLIGHTS AND ANY AIRPORT TRANSFERS; 2) Optional Travel Insurance Program; 3) Miscellaneous fees and personal expenses such as Passports, Laundry, Beverages at All Meals; 4) Meals not listed as Included, Excess Baggage and Items of a Personal Nature; 5) Fuel Surcharges which may be imposed by suppliers. If applicable, fuel surcharge will be paid by the passengers; 6) Any increase in taxes and fees imposed after printing of brochure; 7) Any other items not listed above as included.

**PAYMENT:** \$500 per person is required at registration. ONLY \$500 deposit may be charged by credit card. Additional \$1000 deposit due Nov 26, 2020, and must be made by check. Final payment for trip, including optional insurance premium if applicable, is due by March 24, 2022 and must be paid by check (to help keep trip prices reasonable). Registrations received on or after **March 24, 2022, must be accompanied by full payment.** Thereafter, a late payment fee of \$195 will be assessed. All payments are required in US Funds.

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Trip Delay . . . . .	\$1,000 (max. \$250 per day)
Emergency Medical Expenses . . . . .	\$50,000 (Dental \$500)
Emergency Medical Evacuation / Repatriation . . . . .	\$250,000
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Travel Assistance & Concierge Services* . . . . .	Included

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