

May 25 – June 4, 2020



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Passion Play at Oberammergau



Salzburg



Prague



Neuschwanstein Castle



Vienna

Europe and Passion Play at Oberammergau

May, 2020

Led by Pastor Charlie Woodward

Add-On Possible for Lutherland Sites

Day 1: Monday, May 25, 2020

Group members gather for the overnight flights to Vienna.

Day 2: Vienna, Tuesday, May 26, 2020

On arrival, we will be met by our tour director and enjoy a brief panoramic tour introducing us to this charming city of music, as we proceed to our hotel, Hotel Stefanie and check in for the next two nights. Enjoy our welcome dinner at the hotel. D

Day 3: Vienna, Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Vienna's Ringstrasse was the Habsburg state boulevard, created by Emperor Franz Joseph to showcase the wealth and importance of the Empire. Here we see Austria's magnificent state buildings, including the historic parliament, city hall, the university plus the national theater and museums. Our city exploration continues past the Imperial Palace, a stately structure that evolved over the centuries and is now home to Austria's president. We also visit Schönbrunn Palace, summer home of the imperial family and a superb example of Austrian Baroque. Dinner at a local restaurant. BD

Day 4: Prague, Thursday, May 28, 2020

We leave Vienna and head north through the Czech countryside to Prague. After lunch on our own enroute we continue our way to Prague. We begin to discover this historic and elegant baroque city while meandering through the narrow streets of Old Town. We admire the Old Town Square with the Astronomical Clock Tower and explore the Jewish Quarter to learn about the community established here in the 12th century. Before check in, we visit Bethlehem Chapel. Check in at our hotel. Dinner and overnight. BD

Day 5: Prague, Friday, May 29, 2020

In the morning we visit the grounds of Prague Castle to explore the magnificent St. Vitus Cathedral and Vladislav Hall. The afternoon and evening offers free time explore Prague on your own. No dinner tonight. B

Day 6: Cesky Krumlov/ Salzburg, Saturday, May 30, 2020

Our journey to Salzburg takes us through southern Bohemia, a picturesque landscape of endless rolling hills dotted with historic cities and villages. En route we make a stop at the UNESCO site of Cesky Krumlov, one of the best preserved medieval cities in the world. Continue to Salzburg, check-in at Hotel Untersberg. BD

Day 7: Salzburg, Sunday, May 31, 2020

In the morning, we will set off on our guided city stroll through the centre - a pedestrian zone where we visit many historic sites related to Mozart. Salzburg which is also known as the "Rome of the North" has many magnificent monuments from both the Baroque and Renaissance periods. Designated as a World Cultural Heritage Site, Salzburg was ruled for centuries by Prince Archbishops. Highlights of our walk will include Mozart's birthplace, St. Peter's Church, Salzburg Cathedral and the Fortress of Hohensalzburg. BD

Day 8: Oberammergau, Monday, June 01, 2020

Today we depart from Salzburg and travel west to Germany. Enjoy a scenic day as we travel along the north side of the Alps. Visit Neuschwanstein Castle, Europe's premier tourist attraction and the most photographed castle in the world. A local guide walks you through King Ludwig's fairy-tale castle on its craggy outcrop high above a sparkling lake. Later, we continue on a scenic route, stop at Church at Wies enroute, before we continue further south the Passion Play village of Oberammergau. Our next two days will be at the Hotel Alte Post, right in the heart of the village. BD

Day 9: The Passion Play, Tuesday, June 02, 2020

The morning is free for everybody to stroll through the village and enjoy the colourful paintings on the houses and to do a little shopping. Following lunch, the highlight of the trip, the Passion Play in Oberammergau begins! The Play was instituted in fulfilment of a vow made in 1633, when the town was stricken by plague. It was performed for the first time in 1634 and since then has been played every ten years. It's just a short walk from the hotel to the theater, which was built in 1930 and has seating for 4,800 spectators. While the seats are covered, the stage is open to the elements, using the natural grandeur of the region as a back-drop. BLD

Day 10: Munich, Wednesday, June 03, 2020

This morning, some final alpine vistas as we head north to Munich. On arrival a local guide will introduce us to the sights of Bavaria's capital, the Nymphenburg Palace, Marienplatz, Frauenkirche and the Olympic Stadium. Check-in at Holiday In Leuchtenbergring. This evening, we celebrate the past 10 days, sharing our stories and memories at our Farewell Dinner. BD

Day 11: Goodbye, Thursday, June 04, 2020

To some participants who depart today from Munich airport we say Good Bye. B

Hotels planned:

Vienna	2 nights	Hotel Stefanie
Prague	2 nights	nh Hotel
Salzburg	2 nights	Hotel Untersberg
Oberammergau	2 nights	Hotel Alte Post
München	1 night	Hotel Leuchtenbergring

The net rates per paid participant for the land arrangement are based on double occupancy:

Main program:

with 35 – 39 participants	US\$	2,280.00	per person
with 30 – 34 participants	US\$	2,350.00	per person
with 25 – 29 participants	US\$	2,440.00	per person
with 20 – 24 participants	US\$	2,580.00	per person
single room supplement	US\$	530.00	

The rate includes the Oberammergau package worth US\$ 700.00 per person.

For Oberammergau, there are 19 double and 2 single rooms available.

We have requested Hotel Alte Post in Oberammergau for all groups. New regulations include that hotel names will be confirmed end of 2019.

Lutherland Tour extension:

Day 11: Nuremberg/ Erfurt, Thursday, June 04, 2020

We continue north and stop in Nuremberg. A local guide is waiting for us to show the charming, medieval centre on a walking tour that will include the fortress and the Old Town. This is like a walk through time from the Middle Ages to the present, highlighted by a visit to the St. Lawrence Church and an opportunity to shop for Lebkuchen and pewter. After some time for lunch on own we continue to Erfurt and check-in at Radisson Blu Hotel for the next two nights. Dinner and overnight. BD

Day 12: Erfurt/ Eisenach, Friday, June 05, 2020

This morning in Erfurt you will take a city tour in the footsteps of Martin Luther. See the University district where Luther studied and visit St. Mary's Cathedral, where he was ordained. You will also tour the Augustinian Monastery where Luther took his monastic vows and lived as a monk. After lunch on own we depart to Eisenach and take the beautiful trip up the mountain to the Wartburg Castle. After his excommunication Martin Luther was kidnapped by his prince and hid here for almost a year under the alias of "Junker Jorg." See the room where Luther lived and made his translation of the New Testament. Afterwards return to Erfurt, no dinner tonight. B

Day 13: Eisleben/ Wittenberg, Saturday, June 06, 2020

We will visit Eisleben this morning. A guided tour will follow: Luther's birth and death occurred here, his Bethlehem and Jerusalem. His home is typical of the Middle Ages. An exhibition interprets the spiritual environment of Luther's childhood. We can further understand the foundation of Luther's faith when we visit the Church of St. Peter and Paul, where Luther was baptized. The late medieval residence where Luther died is preserved nearby. Our tour includes a stop at St. Andrews, where Luther gave his last four sermons. After some time for lunch on own we continue to Wittenberg and check-in at Colleg Wittenberg for the next two nights. Dinner and overnight. BD

Day 14: Wittenberg, Sunday, June 07, 2020

Join the local congregation for worship service in the morning. After lunch on own we explore the city where Martin Luther lived and taught for 36 years. The first part of the city tour includes the Town Church, where Luther preached thousands of times and the Castle Church, where he posted his "95 Theses," thus sparking the Reformation. Afterwards, we visit the Melancthon House and the Luther House, which was Luther's wedding gift from his prince in 1525 and now houses one of the world's largest Reformation archives. BD

Day 15: Goodbye! Monday, June 08, 2020

All too soon we have to say Good Bye to Germany. In the morning we have an early departure to Berlin airport for our homebound flight. B

Hotels planned:

Erfurt	2 nights	Radisson Blu Erfurt
Lutherstadt Wittenberg	2 nights	Colleg Wittenberg

Full program with Lutherland extension:

with 35 – 39 participants	US\$	2,730.00	per person
with 30 – 34 participants	US\$	2,800.00	per person
with 25 – 29 participants	US\$	2,930.00	per person
with 20 – 24 participants	US\$	3,100.00	per person
single room supplement	US\$	650.00	

Other Information

What is Included:

- Thoroughly experienced multilingual tour director from Vienna to Munich/ Berlin Airport.
- Transportation in a 4 - star European-styled motor coach with climate control, reclining seats, restroom, sink, refrigerator, and coffee machine. Maximum 44 seats.
- First Class hotel accommodations, Category C accommodation in Oberammergau.
- First Class (TK 1) Passion Play Ticket.
- Bilingual text book for the Passion Play.
- Visits and guided tours in Vienna, Prague, Salzburg, Munich, (Nuremberg, Erfurt, Eisleben, and Wittenberg).
- Entrance fee to Prague Hradshin Castle and Jewish Quarter in Prague.
- Entrance fee and guided tour of the Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna.
- Entrance fee and guided tour of the Neuschwanstein Castle.
- (Entrance fees to Lutherhouse, Castle and Town Church in Wittenberg, Augustinian Monastery in Erfurt, both churches and both museums in Eisleben.
- Entrance fee and guided tour of Wartburg Castle.)
- Sightseeing and excursions as cited in the program.
- 18/25 meals: 9/13 buffet breakfasts, one lunch and 8/11 dinners (beverages are not included.)
- All necessary tips such as bellman, maid, doormen, and dining room tips for meals specified in the itinerary are included. The customary gratuity to escorts, drivers, and step-on guides.
- Information folder for all participants including town and country brochures, information on Austria, the Czech Republic, and Germany and a detailed timed itinerary upon arrival in Berlin.

Not included:

Airfare, expenses for passports, visas, beverages, bar bills, telephone calls, laundry or items of a personal nature, baggage or other insurance, meals other than those included in the itinerary, tips for beverages and drinks and the customary gratuity to tour directors, drivers, step-on guides.

Payment, cancellation, terms and conditions:

- **The initial deposit of \$100.00 per person is due May 15, 2018!**
- A second deposit of \$150.00 is due no later than February 1, 2019.
- A fourth deposit of \$450.00 is due November 1, 2019.
- Full payment is due six weeks prior to the program.
- The deposits serve as cancellation fees if cancelled before full payment on November 1, 2019. The cancellation penalties for the Oberammergau package after full payment are as follows:

Up to 91 days prior to departure	\$ 400.00
Within 90 days of departure	\$ 700.00
- Apart from the Oberammergau package, the entire tour, a portion of it, or individual tour members may be cancelled without a fee up to ten weeks prior to departure. A 20% fee is required for cancellation made ten to eight weeks prior to departure, a 40% fee is required for cancellation made eight to four weeks prior to departure. A 70% fee is required for cancellation made less than four weeks to one week prior to departure. No refund for cancellation made less than one week prior to departure or no-show. Group rates are subject to change if size of group varies due to cancellation.
- Airfares are not included.
- Booking party is responsible for all visa, health and passport regulations.
- Participants are encouraged to purchase trip insurance to cover health, trip cancellation or delay, and loss of baggage.
- Participants should be able to climb stairs (sometimes many) without assistance and to walk at a modest pace for a mile at a time.

- Notification of double/single occupancy and the names of the participants should be received ten weeks in advance.
- The travel group is responsible for the payment of any single room supplements required due to an odd number of participants of either gender requesting double occupancy.
- All rates are net without commission and in US Dollars.
- Rates are applicable for 2020. Due to currency fluctuations, we reserve the right to adjust prices after renegotiation with the booking party.
- In the event that any dispute arises on which any party has a right to assert a civil claim related to this tour agreement, the exclusive jurisdiction for that claim shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction, located in Lutherstadt Wittenberg, Germany.

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