

Passion Play 2020 Tour

From Munich to Budapest

September 23 - October 3, 2020



Dear Friends,

Executive Travel is excited to have secured a set of 20 tickets to the unique Passion Play in 2020. This trip is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity as the Passion Play is held only every ten years.

The small village of Oberammergau sprawls along the pretty Ammer River valley in the alpine region of Upper Bavaria, and the Ammergau mountains look down on a settlement that has grown steadily since its inhabitants first performed their world-renowned Passion Play in 1634.

Nearly 400 years ago the plague raged in many parts of Europe and did not spare Oberammergau. The villagers promised to perform the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ every tenth year, in hopes that no one would die of the plague anymore. They were answered by God and therefore, in 1634, the first Passion Play took place and the promise has been kept until today! Male actors start growing their beards 15 months beforehand, and even the local policemen are allowed to ignore a regulation that normally keeps them clean-shaven. Choir practice starts in November the year before. The Passion Play is one of the most breathtaking performances you will ever experience!

But our journey in September will visit more than the Passion Play and Oberammergau! We start in the Bavarian capital of Munich, home to century-old buildings and numerous museums. And what is Munich without a visit to the famed Hofbräuhaus, the amazing beer hall founded in 1589. Our welcome dinner will take place here, and since we arrive in Munich during the annual Oktoberfest celebration, we will of course pay a visit to one of the fun tents for a traditional Oktoberfest lunch!

Salzburg is on our map and we will be enjoying a tour of Mondsee and "The Sound of Music" region, shop for local souvenirs and learn all about Mozart, before we continue to elegant Vienna, known to music lovers as the birthplace of the waltz. Our journey ends in Budapest where we will explore the vibrant streets and historical sites. This trip is led and guided by our favorite tour guide, Hildrun Mathies, who will meet us in Munich and travel alongside all the way to Budapest.

Do not hesitate to sign up, this tour is limited to 20 travelers and will fill fast!

Sincerely,

Steve Glenn, CEO
Executive Travel

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Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 402-435-8888. Space is limited.



September 23, 2020 Wednesday

Depart from Omaha and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic to Munich. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you start your once-in-a-lifetime journey.

September 24, 2020 Thursday, Munich

Arrive in Munich in the early morning. We are met by our local English-speaking guide, Hildrun, who will be with us during the entire trip.

Munich is a beautiful city contrasting high-tech modernity and proud old traditions, and has so many fantastic attractions that it is hard to know where to start. It is also a city of royal scandals and a turbulent 20th century with the early days of the Nazi Party. But the story we all love most is the one of the most famous beverage worldwide: beer! We will devote our day to Munich! First, we take a short walk to savor the old-town and Marienplatz with the famous Glockenspiel. We will pass by the Viktualien-markt where you will find a whole host of stalls selling local delicatessen, exotic fruits, flowers and plants, and much, much more. Then you will enjoy time on your own until we meet later in the evening for a special treat and welcome dinner with traditional Bavarian music and dancing

at the most famous beer hall in the world; the Hofbräuhaus.

B (on board your flight) | D

September 25, 2020 Friday, Munich

Our day begins with a visit to the Nymphenburg Palace, the stunning summer home of the royal Wittelsbach family. At noon we will join the spectacular Oktoberfest - the world's largest Volksfest! It began in 1810 on the fields in front of Munich's city gates as a horse race honoring Crown Prince Ludwig's marriage with Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen. When the festival was repeated one year later, it signaled the beginning of an annual tradition continuing to take place for over 200 years! More than 5.6 million people visited the Oktoberfest in 2018. We will have a guided tour inside the marketplace and end in our tent with lunch and great beer. The evening is yours to enjoy Munich by night. B | L

September 26, 2020 Saturday, Munich - Ammergau

After a hearty breakfast, we continue to Ammergau. You will fall in love with the area which is noted for its woodcarvers and fine shops dedicated to the craft. Many of the carvings depict biblical figures such as angels, Madonnas and nativity scenes, in harmony with the

religious theme of the Play. Others are more contemporary but all display a skill that reflects 500 years of tradition. You can also buy cuckoo clocks, of course. Lunch is served in the village and then ...The Passion Play. The Play begins in the afternoon and is approximately seven hours long. A dinner is included and will be served during the three hour intermission. After the play we return to our hotel to reflect on this amazing performance. A libretto of the Passion Play is included for everyone. B | L | D

September 27, 2020 Sunday, Ammergau - Salzburg

This morning our journey takes us through the lovely Austrian countryside to one of the most fascinating and charming cities in the world ...Salzburg: home of Mozart and The Sound of Music, delicious chocolate and the most quaint streets. We will enjoy a city tour of Salzburg. Then the afternoon and evening is yours to enjoy. We are happy to assist with a dinner accompanied by a classical music concert tonight. B

September 28, 2020 Monday, Salzburg

We are off to enjoy the famous Sound of Music tour. It will include the Mirabell Gardens and the church where Maria was married. We will also visit the House of Mozart and recommend that



you spend the afternoon at the great fortress on top of the hill overlooking Salzburg. The scenic views are nothing but stunning! Relax, and enjoy time to people-watch! B

**September 29, 2020
Tuesday, Salzburg - Vienna**

After breakfast, we board our motor coach for a short drive to Berchtesgaden. Here we will visit Hitler's "Eagle's Nest" and then take a very interesting tour of the world's oldest working salt mine in Hallstatt. Salt deposits were extracted as early as the 2nd millennium BC, forming the basis of the area's prosperity up to the middle of the 20th century. This prosperity is reflected in the fine architecture of Hallstatt, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with a population of only 795 people. A short drive of less than three hours takes us to Vienna: the city of music, art, culture and fine food ...the beating heart of Europe. Vienna is old, Vienna is new. It is proud of its imperial heritage and, at the same time, at the forefront of the world's arts and creative industries. There is always a delicious wiener schnitzel within walking distance and finish your meal with a delicious piece of Sacher Torte (chocolate cake filled with apricot marmalade). B

**September 30, 2020
Wednesday, Vienna**

After a delicious breakfast, we take a tour of Vienna including Pater Park, the Hofburg Palace and St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon and evening is for leisure to enjoy some of the best shopping Europe has to offer, or visit the world-famous Spanish Riding School with the stunning Lipizzaner horses. Here they demonstrate the haute école or "high school" movements of classical dressage, including the highly controlled, stylized jumps and other movements known as the "airs above the ground." Take an evening tour of the The Wiener Ferris wheel and enjoy the lights of this beautiful city. B

**October 1, 2020
Thursday, Vienna - Budapest**

We depart after breakfast and following a short drive, we arrive in Budapest. Budapest - for centuries a tumultuous crossroads of art, architecture, invasion and rebellion, the Bohemian capital of Hungary has finally found serenity. We will enjoy a half-day city tour featuring the elegant Andrassy Avenue, the Thermal Bath and the world's second-largest Jewish Synagogue. We continue to visit the 13th-century Matthias Coronation Church and Heroes' Square. We will check in to our hotel in the late afternoon. B

**October 2, 2020
Friday, Budapest**

Budapest is actually made up of 3 unified cities, with Buda and Óbuda on the west bank of the Danube and Pest on the east bank. Much of the city has been granted UNESCO World Heritage Site status, and it is considered amongst the most beautiful cities in Europe. Following a delightful breakfast, we will take a tour to the Royal Palace, and visit the fantastic Vajdahunyad Castle. The afternoon is yours to enjoy before we meet up for our farewell dinner at a nearby local restaurant. B | D

**October 3, 2020
Saturday, Return Home**

All too soon we have to prepare for our homeward flight. Transfer to Budapest airport in plenty of time to check in and clear security. You may do some last-minute shopping at the duty-free stores before flying west across the Atlantic Ocean back to the United States. B

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

Itinerary is subject to change.



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Package Price (land only):

Per person in shared double room: \$3,895
 Per person in single room: \$4,995

Air can be reserved by mid November, 2019.

We estimate \$1,300 per person (economy class, including taxes and fees).

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up for the tour. Deposit can be paid by cash, check or credit card. Balance is due on June 12, 2020 and is non-refundable. Balance can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment will access a 3.5% processing fee.

We strongly recommend travel insurance, not only in the unfortunate event of cancellation prior to the departure, but also for full medical coverage while traveling in Europe. Base Plan coverage is offered from \$202 per person (covers land up to a total of \$4,000 per person). Please ask us for the details. Once air can be reserved (mid November 2019), travel insurance will be adjusted to include the air portion.

The tour will be materialized with minimum 20 travelers. Should numbers fall below, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to departure.

Tour Activity for this tour: LEVEL 2

LEVEL 2: Involves a considerable amount of activity such as substantial walking, some stairs, longer periods of standing (museums/churches) and possibly some steep areas within the towns visited. This tour is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Comfortable, sturdy shoes are recommended.

The price quoted within this brochure is based on a USD/EURO exchange rate of 1.20 (1 USD = 0.80 EURO). We reserve the right to adjust the price at final payment if the exchange rate increases.

Included:

- 9 overnights at 3 star superior and 4 star hotels*
- 9 x full breakfast
- 2 x lunch
- 3 x dinner
- All transportation by deluxe, private motor coach
- All tours and admissions to sights as per tour program
- Ticket to Passion Play, seating will be confirmed 90 days prior to departure
- Baggage handling at hotels
- Professional, local tour guide, Hildrun Mathies during entire journey in Europe
- All local taxes and fees

*Final hotels will be announced 90 days prior to departure.

Not Included:

- Airfare
- Baggage fees (first checked bag included in international airfare)
- Travel Insurance
- Gratuities for local tour guide and driver
- Personal expenses
- Meals other than mentioned in tour program
- Entrances to monuments and/or museums other than mentioned
- Professional fee, \$75 per person, due at time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions

Forwarding registration and deposit signifies that you agree to the terms and conditions of this tour which can be found at <http://executivetravel.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Terms-and-Conditions.pdf>