

# Passion Play Tour 2020

From Munich to Prague

June 3-13, 2020



Dear Friends,

Executive Travel is excited to have secured a set of 20 tickets to the unique Passion Play in June of 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 June 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? A delightful meal here is included in the tour program.

Neuschwanstein Castle that inspired Disney's Sleeping Beauty, and 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 and also home to the stunning Lipizzan horses at the Spanish Riding School. Our journey ends in Prague, a real-life fairytale city, where we will explore the picturesque streets and historical sites. This trip is led and guided by our handpicked and favorite tour guide, Birgit Stempfle, who will meet us in Munich and travel alongside all the way to Prague.

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

We hope you will join us!

Respectfully,

Anne Fuldbly-Olsen, Director of Leisure Groups

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



### June 3, 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.

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### June 4, 2020 Thursday, Munich

Arrive in Munich in the early morning. We are met by our local English-speaking guide, Birgit, 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. We will visit Nymphenburg Palace, one of the largest royal palaces in Europe, built from 17th-19th century as a summer residence for the Bavarian Electors and Kings. Lunch is enjoyed within the palace gardens. The late afternoon and evening are yours to relax and unwind.

B (onboard your flight) | L

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### June 5, 2020 Friday, Munich

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. Lunch is served with traditional Bavarian music and dancing at the most famous beer hall in the world; the Hofbräuhaus. Enjoy and have fun with the very special atmosphere this place has to offer. The evening is yours to enjoy Munich by night. B | L

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### June 6, 2020 Saturday, Oberammergau

After a hearty breakfast, our fairytale continues as we drive to Neuschwanstein Castle for a visit to the home of reclusive King Ludwig II. Many films have featured this castle, but most will recognize it as the inspiration for Disney's iconic Sleeping Beauty fairytale. We continue to Ammergau and Oberammergau. 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. The Play begins in the afternoon and is approximately seven hours long. 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



### June 7, 2020 Sunday, Salzburg

This morning our journey takes us through the lovely Austrian countryside. Prior to arriving at one of the most fascinating and charming cities in the world; Salzburg, we will visit Hitler's "Eagle's Nest", an extravagant lodge which sits like a James Bond fantasy atop an alpine peak, and a gift to Adolf Hitler for his 50th birthday in 1939. While many people call the entire area "Hitler's Eagle's Nest," it actually refers to just the mountaintop chalet. This place served as Hitler's second seat of government and his planned refuge of last resort. Salzburg is next! Enjoy the home of Mozart and The Sound of Music, delicious chocolate and the most picturesque and quaint streets. We will enjoy a city tour and then the afternoon and evening are yours to enjoy. We are happy to assist with a dinner accompanied by a classical music concert tonight. B

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### June 8, 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 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



**June 9, 2020**  
**Tuesday, Vienna**

We board our motor coach and a short drive of 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 the forefront of the world's arts and creative industries. There is always a delicious wiener schnitzel within walking distance and you must finish your meal with a piece of Sacher Torte (chocolate cake filled with apricot marmalade). B

**June 10, 2020**  
**Wednesday, Vienna**

After a delicious breakfast, we take a tour of Vienna including the Prater Park with the famous Wiener Riesenrad Ferris wheel, the Hofburg Palace and St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon and evening are at leisure to enjoy some of the best shopping Europe has to offer. B

**June 11, 2020**  
**Thursday, Vienna - Prague**

Our morning begins with a visit to the world-famous Spanish Riding School with the stunning Lipizzaner horses. Here they demonstrate the haute école ("high school") movements of classical dressage, including the highly controlled, stylized jumps and other movements known as the "airs above the ground."

Our second stop today is in České Budějovice, the capital of South Bohemia. Elegant townhouses gather around one of the largest squares in Europe, an idyllic salt store and a brewery, cooking up the original Budvar beer; the Budweiser! It is time to savor the city's pleasant atmosphere with a tankard of the world-famous beer. We reach the "City of a Hundred Spires", Prague, in the afternoon for an evening at leisure. B

**June 12, 2020**  
**Friday, Prague**

Today is dedicated to majestic and mysterious Prague! One of the most beautiful capital cities in Europe, steeped in castles, cathedrals and medieval squares, and visually stunning from every angle. The cobble lanes and preserved architecture are globally renowned, and unlike many Eastern European cities, Prague was largely spared the demolition of World War II. The city was merely a province in the Austro-Hungarian empire, and mostly managed to avoid being rebuilt during the 18th and 19th centuries. The resulting abundance of Baroque, Gothic, and Renaissance architecture makes the city a kind of open-air museum, especially around the Old Town area. We will experience it all, including a stroll across the historic Charles Bridge to visit the city's most

impressive sight: the UNESCO World Heritage site, Prague Castle. Don't miss the traditional sweet "trdelník" baked at every corner. Prague will take your breath away - guaranteed! We enjoy a farewell dinner tonight in a local restaurant. B | D

**June 13, 2020**  
**Saturday, Return Home**

All too soon we have to prepare for our homeward flight. Transfer to Prague 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 July, 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 March 3, 2020 and is non-refundable. Balance can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment(s) (any payment applied to the tour after the deposit) will access a 3.5% fee. We strongly recommend travel insurance, not only in the unfortunate event you have to cancel your trip prior to the departure but also for full medical coverage while traveling in Europe. A base plan coverage is offered from \$202 per person (covers land up to \$4,000 per person). We are happy to assist.

Once air can be reserved (mid July 2019), travel insurance will be adjusted to include the air portion.

*The tour will be materialized with a minimum of 18 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**

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 4-star hotels (3-star boutique, superior hotel in Salzburg) \*
- 9 x full breakfasts
- 2 x lunches
- 2 x dinners
- All transportation by deluxe, private motor coach
- All tours and admissions to sights as per tour program
- Ticket to Passion Play, Tier II
- Baggage handling at hotels
- Professional, local tour guide during the entire journey
- 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 the 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>