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2022 Passion Play Oberammergau & much, much more!

August 21-31, 2022



Dear Women of the Midwest,

We are excited to have secured a dozen tickets to the Oberammergau Passion Play. I am excited to revisit the Passion Play. It 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 in 1634, their now world-renowned Passion Play.

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. The villagers were answered by God and therefore in 1634 the first Passion Play took place. 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.

Our journey begins in August, when the homes bloom with a multitude of colorful window boxes, and we will visit more than the Passion Play and Oberammergau! We start in the Bavarian capital of Munich, home to century-old buildings, numerous museums, an annual Oktoberfest celebration, and amazing beer halls, including the famed Hofbräuhaus, founded in 1589. We will visit Salzburg and enjoy a tour of Mondsee and "The Sound of Music" region, shop local souvenirs, and then continue to elegant Vienna, known to music lovers as the birthplace of the waltz. Finally, we will end in Budapest where we will explore the vibrant streets and historical sites, and enjoy our farewell dinner.

This is a popular trip, so do not hesitate to sign up. Come, join me! Solo or two-by-two!

Sincerely,

Sally Dunham

Women of the Midwest Ambassador



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



August 21, 2022
Sunday, *Traveling to Europe*

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.

August 22, 2022
Monday, *Munich*

Arrive in Munich, in the morning. We will be 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. But the story we all love most is the one of the most famous beverage worldwide: beer! Prior to checking into our hotel, we will visit the Nymphenburg Palace, the summer home of the royal Wittelsbach family. A welcome lunch is served in one of the beautiful restaurants within the gardens. Our hotel is centrally located and the afternoon and evening are yours to enjoy and relax. B (on the plane) | L

August 23, 2022
Tuesday, *Munich*

We will devote our entire 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 dinner with traditional Bavarian music and dancing at the most famous beer hall in the world; the Hofbräuhaus. B | D

August 24, 2022
Wednesday, *Munich-Oberammergau*

After a hearty breakfast, we take off for a fairy-tale castle as we drive to Neuschwanstein to visit 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 Castle. We continue to Oberammergau, the village where we will be staying for the next two nights. You will fall in love with the area which is noted for its woodcarvers and find 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. Dinner is served tonight at our hotel. B | D

August 25, 2022
Thursday, *Oberammergau*

This morning we take a tour of Oberammergau. 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 | D

August 26, 2022
Friday, *Oberammergau-Salzburg*

After breakfast, we board our motor coach and our journey today takes us through the lovely Austrian countryside to one of the most fascinating and charming cities in the world ...Salzburg. Before we arrive in Salzburg, we will make a stop at Berchtesgaden. Here we will visit Hitler's Eagle's Nest and then go on a very interesting



visit to a working salt mine. Salzburg! Home of Mozart and The Sound of Music, delicious chocolate and the most quaint streets. We will enjoy a panoramic city tour of Salzburg and the evening is yours to enjoy. We are happy to assist with a dinner accompanied by a classical music concert tonight. B

August 27, 2022 **Saturday, Salzburg**

After a filling breakfast, we are off to enjoy the famous Sound of Music tour. It will include the Mirabell Gardens and the church where Maria was married. In the afternoon, we will visit the House of Mozart and we recommend that you spend the afternoon at the great fortress on top of the hill overlooking Salzburg. The scenic views are nothing but stunning. B

August 28, 2022 **Sunday, Salzburg-Vienna**

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



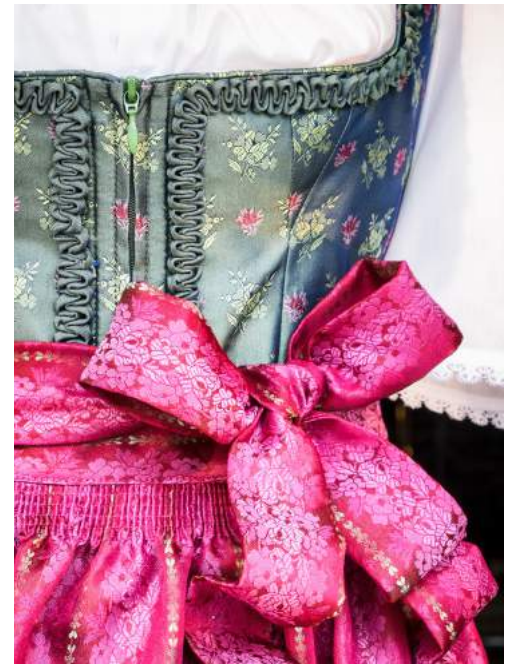
is always a delicious wiener schnitzel within walking distance and don't forget to finish your meal with a piece of Sacher Torte (chocolate cake filled with apricot marmalade). B

August 29, 2022 **Monday, Vienna**

After a hearty 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 offers, or visit the world-famous Spanish Riding School with the stunning Lipizzaner horses, where 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

August 30, 2022 **Tuesday, Vienna-Budapest**

We leave Vienna in the early morning hours and head to 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. For centuries a tumultuous crossroads of art, architecture, invasion and rebellion, the bohemian capital of Hungary has finally found serenity. Upon arrival 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 with a visit to the 13th-century Matthias Coronation Church and Heroes' Square, and we will take a tour to the Royal Palace, and visit the fantastic Vajdahunyad Castle. Check in to our hotel in the late afternoon followed by a farewell dinner at a nearby local restaurant. B | D

August 31, 2022 **Wednesday**

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

Itinerary is subject to change.

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner



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Package Price (land only):

Per person in shared double room: \$4,095*
 Per person in single room: \$5,195*

*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 May 30, 2022, and is non-refundable. Balance can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment will access a 3.5% processing fee.

Travel Insurance:

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

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The tour will be materialized with a minimum of 20 travelers. We refer to our general Terms and Conditions found at executivetravel.com/eti-home/vacation/escorted-tours.

The price quoted is based on a USD/EURO exchange rate of 1.20. We reserve the right to adjust the price at final payment if the exchange rate increases.

Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2 3 4

Involves a considerable amount of activity such as substantial walking, some steps, longer periods of standing (museums, churches, parks, and gardens) and some steep areas within the towns and sites visited. This tour is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties.

Group Air:

We offer group airfare. Pricing and specific itinerary will be available by Mid-October 2021. All registered travelers will be notified. Estimate \$1,400-\$1,500 for your roundtrip ticket, economy class, including taxes and fees.

Visa/Passport requirements (per 9/29/2020):

U.S. citizens must have a valid passport to enter and can enter visa-free for tourism stays of up to 90 days. It is the traveler's responsibility to make sure all documentation needed to enter Germany, Austria, and Hungary is as per current regulations. We recommend you check www.travel.state.gov at least 90 days prior to your departure.

Included:

- 9 overnights at deluxe category, centrally located hotels*
- 9 x breakfast
- 1 x lunch
- 4 x dinner
- All transportation by deluxe, private motor coach
- All tours and admissions to sights as per tour program
- Ticket to Passion Play, Tier 2
- Baggage handling at hotels
- Professional, local tour guide, Birgit Stempfle, during the entire journey in Europe
- All local taxes and fees

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

Not Included:

- Airfare. Group airfare will be available by mid-October 2021. Estimate \$1,400-\$1,500 per person incl. taxes and fees.
- 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



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