



Dear Friends,

Since 1633, when the Black Plague swept through Europe, Germany has strived to fulfill their promise to present a day-long play depicting the last week in the life of Christ. Some 387 years later, more than 2,000 citizens from the town of Oberammergau will present the Passion Play once again in 2020. The Passion play itself is held in a theater that holds 4,700 and is about six hours playing time. The play begins in the early afternoon and, after an extended intermission, concludes after dinner. This is the perfect opportunity to experience not only the Passion Play itself, but a beautiful pilgrimage throughout Germany and Austria.

Please join me for the 2020 Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany along with a fascinating tour of Austria and Germany! We'll visit Heidelberg, the Rhine Valley, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Vienna, Alötting, Munich and Rothenburg. Highlights of our touring will be the Neuschwanstein Castle in the Bavarian Alps, filming locations from "The Sound of Music" in Salzburg, the 18th Century Benedictine Abbey in Melk, Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna, the Black Madonna of Alötting and the medieval town of Rothenburg.

Each day we will celebrate Holy Mass in various churches throughout Germany and Austria. We will have time together as a group, but also time to ourselves to explore the cities and towns at our leisure.

I hope that you will be able to join me for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the Passion Play of Oberammergau in 2020. Please send your registration and deposit as soon as possible to secure a place on this tour!

Sincerely,

Father Mike Smith, Pastor

Corpus Christi Catholic Church

Temple Terrace, Florida

TOUR FEATURES

- Round trip airfare from Tampa.
- \$470 Government taxes/airline surcharges.
- First class (Category 1) admission tickets to the Passion Play of Oberammergau.
- Accommodations at first class/select hotels, based on two persons sharing in twin-bedded rooms with private bath. Hotels and guest houses are used in Oberammergau.
- Most meals.
- Services of a professional English-speaking tour director.
- Comprehensive sightseeing throughout.
- All hotel service charges, value added taxes, portorage where available and entrance fees per itinerary.
- \$100,000 automatic flight insurance. *

*Subject to policy terms and limitations.

YOUR DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

TUE, JUN 30 - TAMPA/CROSS THE ATLANTIC

Depart Tampa on your overnight transatlantic flight to Frankfurt, arriving the following day.

WED, JUL 1 - ARRIVE FRANKFURT/HEIDELBERG/RHINE VALLEY

Arrive in Frankfurt, a central German city located on the River Main and drive to Heidelberg, the oldest University town in Germany and home of the "Student Prince." View the medieval Town Hall and the University, founded in 1386. Cross the Neckar river and see the ancient castle high above the city and river. Overnight in the Rhine Valley. (D)

THU, JUL 2 - RHINE VALLEY/INNSBRUCK

This morning, continue south through Germany, crossing into Austria. Drive to Innsbruck, capital of the Austrian province of Tyrol, set in the heart of the Alps. The 800-year-old city was named for the bridge across the Inn River, first built in the 12th century. On your orientation tour of Innsbruck, view the Goldenes Dach (Golden Roof), a late Gothic oriel with 2,657 gold-plated tiles. It was built under the rule of Emperor Maximilian I as a royal box for spectacles held in the square below. Also see Wilten Basilica, Hofburg Palace and Maria Theresia Avenue. (B,D)

FRI, JUL 3 - THE PASSION PLAY OF OBERAMMERGAU

The highlight of your trip! In keeping with their 387-year old promise, the villagers of Oberammergau present their Passion Play depicting the last week of the life of Christ. The play's presentation can be traced to 1633 when the Black Plague swept Europe. The people of Oberammergau took a solemn oath: if God spared them, they would present a day-long play depicting the last week in the life of Christ. To this day they



have kept their promise and every ten years the citizens of Oberammergau perform their passion play with the same love and devotion they have shown for over 380 years. Today the play takes place on an open-air stage with a covered auditorium seating 4,700, against a beautiful backdrop of towering Alpine mountains. (B,D)

SAT, JUL 4 - OBERAMMERGAU/SALZBURG

Journey through the Bavarian Alps, stopping for a panoramic view of Mad King Ludwig's fairy-tale Neuschwanstein Castle, one of the most photographed palaces in the world and the model for the castles at the Walt Disney theme parks. Take in more of the picturesque Alpine scenery as you drive to Salzburg, one of the world's most beautiful places. (B,D)

SUN, JUL 5 - SALZBURG

Featured in the movie "The Sound of Music," Salzburg will also always be remembered as Mozart's birthplace. This morning enjoy an orientation tour of the city which will take you past the most beautiful sights of the city. Drive via the Schloss Mirabell and the Kongresshaus. Continue via Schwarzsstrasse and the Protestant Church to the Mozarteum (the house where Mozart lived) and then past the Marionetten Theatre. Landes Theatre, Marktplatz, and Rathaus to view where Mozart was born. Also, visit the Church of the Franciscans and the Alter Markt (Old Market) in the heart of the Old City. (B)

MON, JUL 6 - SALZBURG/MELK/VIENNA

Drive through the Salzkammergut, one of Europe's most scenic resort regions. Then continue through the Wachau Valley to Melk. Visit the huge 18th century Benedictine Abbey overlooking the Danube, an imposing architectural masterpiece. Afterwards, proceed to Vienna, once the center of the mighty Hapsburg Empire. (B,D)

TUE, JUL 7 - VIENNA

This morning enjoy a sightseeing tour of Vienna beginning with a drive around the Ringstrasse, one of the most magnificent boulevards in the world. It encloses the Inner City and such noble edifices as the Votive Church, built in 1856, the University, the City Hall and the Opera House. Next visit Schönbrunn Palace with its glorious French Park. The Palace has 1400 rooms and halls, a small zoo and a fine museum of state coaches. Your afternoon is at leisure for shopping or exploring on your own. (B)

WED, JUL 8 - VIENNA/ALÖTTING/MUNICH

Drive to Alötting, home of the Black Madonna of Alötting, and a pilgrimage destination for over 500 years. Celebrate Mass and see the Shrine of Our Lady and the Basilica of St. Anna before continuing to Munich, capital of Bavaria. Munich was ruled for over 650 years by the Wittelsbacher dukes and kings, who left their mark on the architecture and founded the world famous Munich art collection. Your orientation tour of Munich takes you via Karolinenplatz and past the 1000-foot-high Television Tower to Nymphenburg, the former Royal Residence. Drive on to Odeon Square with the beautiful Theatiner Church and the Hall of Generals. Overnight in the Munich area. (B)

THU, JUL 9 - MUNICH/ROTHENBURG/FRANKFURT

Travel north on the Romantic Road through fairytale towns surrounded by moats, gates and towers. Admire the landscape dotted with lovely church spires standing since the Middle Ages. Arrive in Rothenburg, Germany's best preserved medieval town. Rothenburg's ramparts, cobbled roads, and high gabled houses invoke the romance of the Middle Ages. The battle-scarred walls that encircle the town still protect St. Jakobskirch, with its altar carving by Tilman Riemenschneider. After a visit, proceed to the Frankfurt area for the night. (B,D)

FRI, JUL 10 - FRANKFURT/TAMPA

Bid farewell to Europe as you transfer to the airport for your flight to Tampa, arriving the same day. (B)



B=Breakfast D=Dinner

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