



OBERAMMERGAU 2020

Passion Play

AT THE HILL OF APPARITION

Itinerary:	Munich or vicinity (1 night) – Oberammergau or vicinity (2 nights) – Salzburg (2 nights) – Vienna (2 nights) – Budapest (2 nights) – Zagreb (1 night) – Medjugorje (2 nights) – Zagreb (1 night)
Duration:	14 days / 13 nights

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Munich arrival

- Arrive to Munich International Airport and meet your assistant
- Claim your luggage, board the coach and transfer to the hotel
- Dinner and overnight in Munich or vicinity

Day 2: Munich – Oberammergau

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Meet your local English-speaking guide and enjoy tour of Munich. Begin with a visit to the Marienplatz with the world famous “Glockenspiel” and the twin-towered Frauenkirche, the most familiar landmark of old Munich. Continue on to see the Asamkirche, dedicated to the martyr St. John Nepomuk. You will see the town hall, and the magnificent boulevard

Feldherrenhalle Ludwigsstrasse Siegestor, created by King Ludwig I in the middle of the 19th century. See the Residenz, the palace of the kings of Bavaria, and the Hofgarten.

- Lunch on your own.
- Board the coach and drive to Oberammergau town or vicinity. The history of the Passion Play at Oberammergau goes back to the year 1634, when the quaint alpine village of Oberammergau was threatened by the deadly and contagious disease known as the Black Plague that scourged Europe, killing two-thirds of the population of Germany. The people of Oberammergau vowed that if the village could be spared, a re-enactment of the life and suffering of Christ would be performed. The village was miraculously saved from the ravages of the Black Death. Since that date, the play has been performed every ten years
- Dinner and overnight in Oberammergau or vicinity

Day 3: Oberammergau

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning at leisure in Oberammergau village
- Lunch included
- After lunch take seats in the theatre to attend the performance of the world-famous Passion Play. This Play is performed by local villagers – often roles are handed down from generation to generation within families. Dinner is included during a three-hour break in the late afternoon and the performance lasts until 10:30 pm.
- Overnight in Oberammergau or vicinity

Day 4: Oberammergau – Marktl – Altotting – Salzburg

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Drive to Austria, Salzburg
- Make a stop en route to visit Marktl am Inn, the birth place of Emeritus Pope Benedict. We visit his birthplace and the church of St. Oswald – the christening place of Pope Benedict.
- Independent lunch en route
- Continue on to Altotting where we visit the Gnadenkappelle “Grace Chapel” housing the statue of the smiling Madonna of Altotting.
- Arrive Salzburg and check into our hotel upon arrival
- Dinner and overnight in Salzburg

Day 5: Salzburg

- Breakfast at the hotel

- Visit the Shrine of Mariaplain. In 1633 a painting of the Blessed Mother was found in the ruins of a totally burned wooden house undamaged. In 1656 a small wooden chapel was built at this location and at 1710 the chapel was rebuilt and houses the first copy of the miraculous image. In 1951 Pope Pius XII, conferred the title of this Shrine to "Basilica Minor" .
- This morning you will have a guided tour of Salzburg' s sights along Getreidegasse, the city' s pedestrian street, lined with authentic 17th and 18th century buildings including the house where Mozart was born. View Monchsberg with the fortress "Hohensalzburg," which overlooks the city. Built into the side of Monchsberg is the Salzburg Festspielhaus, home of the famous Salzburg Festival Operas. See Residenzplatz, the center square of Salzburg, dominated by the dynamic sculpture of the Residenzbrunnen, the largest Baroque fountain north of the Alps. The Residenz building, built in 1596, was once the palace of the Bishops. Nearby stands the Cathedral dating from 1614. Next, visit St. Peter' s Abbey, next to the cemetery portrayed in the film The Sound of Music and where most of Mozart' s religious works are premiered.
- Have some free time for independent lunch
- Rest of the day free at leisure for personal activities
- We dine tonight at the oldest restaurant in Europe, Stiftskeller St. Peter while listening to the music of Mozart. We enjoy a delicious three course candlelit dinner, prepared as it would have been in the 17th and 18th centuries, while local opera singers and musicians perform some of Mozart's finest work.
- Overnight in Salzburg

Day 6: Salzburg – Melk Abbey – Vienna

- Breakfast at the hotel and check-out
- Board the coach and drive to Vienna
- En route, we stop in Melk. Visit to the Melk Abbey, the Baroque style structure is surrounded by a gorgeous town with Renaissance homes and winding streets reminiscent of the Middle Ages. The Abbey is the setting for Umberto Eco' s "The Name of the Rose" . Among the treasures housed here are paintings, sculptures, and decorative art from the 9th to 15th centuries. A magnificent library contains over 2,000 volumes from that era. A brilliant organ and skeletons dressed in luxurious costumes kept in glass coffins are among the other things to see here.
- Lunch is under own arrangements
- Arrive Vienna and check into our hotel
- Dinner and overnight in Vienna

Day 7: Vienna

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Start the day with visit of Vienna to include a panoramic tour of the famous ring then a walk of the Old Town between the University and Opera House passing major monuments to include donners fountain, Belvedere Palace Gardens, Hofburg Palace, Spanish horses training place, St Steven Basilica.
- Have some free time for independent lunch
- Than visit the Schonbrunn Palace, the fabulous baroque summer residence of the Hapsburg Emperors. Here, Marie-Antoinette lived as a young girl and the six year-old Mozart played for the empress inside the Palace.
- Dinner and overnight in Vienna

Day 8: Vienna – Heiligenkreuz Abbey – Pannonhalma Abbey – Budapest

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Today we depart Austria for Hungary
- En route we will make a stop at Heiligenkreuz nestled in the Vienna woods where the European armies headed by King Jan Sobieski III stopped the Othman advance into Europe which as result the Catholic World celebrate the feast of ‘Our Lady Victorious’ .
- We visit the Cistercian monastery of Heiligenkreuz second-oldest Cistercian monastery in the world and the oldest continuously active and inhabited one, now full of young vocations.
- Lunch on your own
- Continue on to Pannonhalma Abbey. Since its foundation in 996, Pannonhalma Abbey has majestically stood on a hilltop overlooking the plain. Its owes its birth to Geza, the first Magyar prince to be converted to Christianity. The abbey is still home to 70 monks, a secondary school and a theological institute.
- Arrive Budapest and check into the hotel upon arrival.
- Dinner and overnight in Budapest

Day 9: Budapest

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Enjoy a half-day guided sightseeing in Budapest. Our visits today include the Fisherman’ s Bastion, which takes its name from the guild of fishermen that were responsible for defending this stretch of city walls in the Middle Ages, followed by Matyás Church, a gorgeous Romanesque style church whose Ecclesiastical Art museum houses numerous sacred relics and medieval stone

carvings, including replicas of the Hungarian royal crown and coronation jewels. Visit St. Stephan Basilica

- Lunch is under own arrangements
- Rest of the day is free for personal activities. Take an optional possibility to visit famous Szechenyi Baths, one of the largest spa complexes in Europe.
- Dinner at the local restaurant with regional food and Gipsy music.
- Overnight in Budapest

Day 10: Budapest – Marija Bistrica – Zagreb

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Depart Budapest in the morning and drive to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia.
- Have independent lunch en route.
- En route we stop to visit Marija Bistrica and free time for prayers and meditations. Marija Bistrica has an old Marian shrine of the Black Madonna which is a place of pilgrimage and visited by hundreds of thousands of pilgrims every year. On 3 October 1998, Pope John Paul II visited Marija Bistrica and beatified Croatian Cardinal Aloysius Stepinac in front of a crowd of 500,000 Croatians. The first written mention of the settlement Bistrica dates back to 1209 AD, as the possession of Croatian-Hungarian king Andrew II. Documents from 1334 first mention the church of St. Peter and Paul.
- Arrival to Zagreb
- Dinner and overnight in Zagreb

Day 11: Zagreb – Split – Medjugorje

- Breakfast at the hotel
 - Depart for Split
 - Lunch on your own upon arrival to Split.
 - Enjoy a walking tour of Split to explore Diocletian Palace – one of a kind Imperial Palace that was enlisted in UNESCO' s World Heritage since it' s one of the most significant original structures of the late ancient architecture.
 - Have some free time to enjoy the Mediterranean atmosphere of the city.
 - Continue on to Medjugorje.
 - You may join the pilgrims for Mass at St. James Church (public Mass).
 - Dinner and overnight in Medjugorje
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Day 12: Medjugorje

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Attend the morning Mass in English at St. James Church.
- After Mass our local guide will get you acquainted with Medjugorje. Medjugorje is a unique place in the modern world. It is believed that Our Lady appeared in front of a group of children in 1981. Thanks to Our Lady's apparitions this simple village parish has become a place of gathering for a multitude of pilgrims from the whole world and one of the biggest prayer centers in the world. Innumerable witnesses say that, in this place, they have found faith and peace
- Lunch on your own.
- Follow the path up the Apparition Hill where the young visionaries encountered Our Lady. Our guide will arrange a meeting with one of the visionaries in their own homes or a public place (subject to their health and schedule)
- Dinner and overnight in Medjugorje

Day 13: Medjugorje – Zagreb

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Spend the morning in Medjugorje in prayers and meditations and last minute shopping.
- Depart for Zagreb
- Lunch on your own en route
- Dinner and overnight in Zagreb

Day 14: Zagreb departure

- Breakfast at the hotel and check-out
- Transfer to Zagreb Airport to take departure flight back home

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