



## OBERAMMERGAU 2020

### *Passion Play*

#### DIVINE BEAUTY OF NATURE

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| Itinerary: | Oberammergau (2 nights) – Innsbruck (2 nights) – Salzburg (1 night) – Munich (1 night) – Wurzburg (1 night) – Cologne (2 nights) – Amsterdam (2 nights) |
| Duration:  | 12 days / 11 nights   |

#### DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

##### Day 1: Munich arrival – Oberammergau

- Arrive to Munich International airport and meet your local tour escort
- Board the coach and transfer to Oberammergau – located at the foot of the Alps.
- 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.
- Check into your hotel upon arrival
- Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Oberammergau or its vicinity (D)

## Day 2: Oberammergau

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- Breakfast at the hotel
- Enjoy free morning at 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 at the hotel in Oberammergau or its vicinity

## Day 3: Oberammergau – Weiskirche – Linderhof – Ettal – Innsbruck

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- Breakfast at the hotel and check-out
- Start the day with a visit to Wieskirche, “The church in the meadows” .
- Celebrate mass at the Shrine
- Board the coach and drive on to look over the Cinderella styled Castle built by King Ludwig at Neuschwanstein, where some free time for photo option will be given.
- Proceed on to Linderhof where we visit the interior of the fortress castle which was the only palace of King Ludwig to would have been completed.
- Have some free time for independent lunch
- Visit the Ettal Monastery
- Continue on to Innsbruck passing the Zugspitze Icebergs
- Check-in to our hotel upon arrival
- Dinner at the hotel
- Overnight at the hotel in Innsbruck

## Day 4: Innsbruck – Tirol – Innsbruck

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- Breakfast at the hotel
- We start the day with a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Absam famous for its miraculous Icon of the Virgin. Here we celebrate Mass.
- Proceed along Tirol to visit the Swarovski Crystal factory ground for a guided tour of the premises (some free time will be given at the show room).
- Return to Innsbruck and have some free time for independent lunch
- This afternoon we enjoy a guided tour of Innsbruck to include the Golden roof, Royal palace, St Jacobs church and Cathedral with its grandeur Mausoleums and Statues.

- Enjoy some free time at leisure exploring the city on your own.
- Dinner and overnight in Innsbruck

#### Day 5: Innsbruck – Konigsee – Salzburg

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- Breakfast at the hotel and check-out
- Board the coach and depart for Salzburg via Konigsee Lake.
- Enjoy a cruise on the Lake Konigsee, a thin fjord-like lake that hooks itself around the Watzmann, Germany' s second highest mountain. Lake Konigsee is known throughout the world for its emerald green water and unique mountain landscape. We' ll cruise silently across the lake on electric-powered boats and hear the famed Konigsee echo.
- We continue on to the peninsula of St. Bartholomew with the unmistakable red onion domes atop its ancient pilgrimage church.
- On to Salzburg where we would visit the Shrine of Mariaplain and where we will celebrate Mass.
- Have some free time for lunch on your own
- Afternoon meet your local guide and enjoy city tour of Salzburg to include Mirabel gardens, Salzburg Cathedral, Franciscan Church, passing Mozart birthplace.
- Check into your hotel
- Tonight enjoy dinner at the oldest restaurant in Europe – The Peter' s Keller with Mozart Music show.
- Overnight in Salzburg.

#### Day 6: Salzburg – Dachau – Munich

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- Breakfast at the hotel and check-out
- Board the coach and depart for Dachau notorious Nazi camp where we recall and pray for the thousands of priests and monks who were martyred here.
- We celebrate mass at the nearby Carmelite Convent before to continue on to Munich
- Have some free time for independent lunch
- Meet your local guide and enjoy a city tour of Munich to include the interiors of the Residence Palace.
- Have some free time at Maximilian Strasse Boulevard lined up with its fancy store before to check into your hotel.
- Dinner and overnight in Munich

#### Day 7: Munich – Wurzburg

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- Breakfast at the hotel and check-out

- Board the coach and drive to Würzburg
- Upon arrival we would enjoy a guided tour of the city where we would see the Marienberg fortress, the Alte Mainbrücke “Old bridge” , the Cathedral of St. Kilian, the Saint patron of the city, the pilgrimage church “Kapelle” and we end the tour with a visit the interior of the Bishop Palace “The Residence”
- Have some free time for lunch on your own
- This afternoon we visit the wine cellar of Bürgerspital-Weingut. The historical wine estate of the Foundation Bürgerspital zum Hl. Geist cultivates 110 hectares and is one of Germany’ s largest and most important wine estates.
- We return to Würzburg
- Dinner and overnight in Würzburg

#### Day 8: Würzburg – Rudesheim – Rhine Cruise – Schoenstatt – Cologne

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- Breakfast at the hotel and check-out
- Today we board the coach and depart for Rudesheim where we enjoy a short walk along the town, located on the banks of the Rhine river.
- We take the boat ride on the Rhine river to Koblenz passing the famous Lorelei Rock.
- Have some free time for independent lunch.
- This afternoon visit the Schoenstatt Shrine, where we celebrate Mass
- Continue on to Cologne and check into our hotel upon arrival
- Dinner and overnight in Cologne

#### Day 9: Cologne – Aachen – Cologne

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- Breakfast at the hotel
- After breakfast we will take another short tour of the village of Aachen, which holds Aachen Cathedral and the Gothic Marian Shrine which houses the swaddling clothes of Jesus, the loincloth of the Lord, the cloth for John the Baptist’ s head and the Blessed Virgin’ s Cloak.
- Celebrate Mass at the Cathedral and have some free time for meditation and pray
- Drive back to Cologne and have free time for lunch on your own
- Have a guided tour of Cologne’ s Cathedral and two of the Romanesque churches that survived World War II. The cathedral was built to house the relics of the Three Magi, and immediately became a major pilgrimage site. Included in your visit is the Cathedral Treasury that contains the staff that belonged to St. Peter. Nearby is the Church of St. Andreas containing the remains of St. Albert the Great, teacher of St. Thomas Aquinas. The last visit will be to the Church of St. Ursula,

which houses the remains of St. Ursula and 11,000 martyrs, all killed in Cologne at the hands of the Huns in the 2nd century.

- Dinner and overnight in Cologne

#### Day 10: Cologne – Kevelaer – Volendam – Amsterdam

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- Breakfast at the hotel and check-out
- Check out of hotel
- We depart for Amsterdam where en route we stop at Kevelaer to visit one of Central Europe leading Pilgrimage Shrine the Chapel of Grace, where we celebrate Mass
- We carry on to Amsterdam en route stopping at Volendam to see the famous windmills
- On to Amsterdam
- Upon arrival check into your hotel
- Dinner and overnight in Amsterdam

#### Day 11: Amsterdam

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- Breakfast at the hotel
- morning sightseeing tour of the capital.
- Enjoy a canal cruise past gabled merchant houses, arched drawbridges reminiscent of the Golden Age, and the strikingly modern buildings of a young-at-heart city. Next, visit the fabulous Rijksmuseum with priceless paintings by Rembrandt and other Dutch masters.
- Lunch on your own with some free time to explore Dam Square and the city center
- Free afternoon or join your Tour Director for a visit to a major Diamond Centre to appreciate how a rough mineral is transformed into a sparkling jewel
- Dinner and overnight in Amsterdam

#### Day 12: Amsterdam departure

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- Open buffet breakfast
- Transfer to the airport for your flight back home.

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