



OBERAMMERGAU 2020

Passion Play

GEMS OF SWITZERLAND

Itinerary:	Oberammergau (2 nights) – Zurich (2 nights) – Lucerne (3 nights) – Locarno (2 nights)
Duration:	10 days / 9 nights

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Munich arrival – Oberammergau

- Arrive to Munich 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 in to the hotel upon arrival
- Dinner and overnight in Oberammergau or its vicinity

Day 2: Oberammergau

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Spend free morning at Oberammergau village
- Lunch included
- After lunch take seats in the theatre to attend the performance of the world-famous Passion Play. Local villagers perform this play – 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 its vicinity

Day 3: Oberammergau – Wieskirche – Linderhof – Zurich

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Start the day with visit of Wieskirche , "The church in the meadows, and celebrate Mass at the Shrine.
- We drive on to look over the Cinderella styled Castle built by King Ludwig at Neuschwanstein (a photo stop).
- Proceed to Linderhof where we visit the interior of the fortress castle which is the only palace of King Ludwig that have been completed.
- Have some free time for independent lunch
- Depart for Switzerland
- Check in to our hotel in Zurich upon arrival
- Dinner and overnight in Zurich

Day 4: Zurich – Sankt Gallen – Zurich

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Board the coach and go to Sankt Gallen
- Upon arrival enjoy the walking tour of Sankt Gallen to include the Benedictine Monastery which is listed on the UNESCO as a heritage site.
- Our visit of the Abbey will include The Abbey Library, which numbers among the oldest and most beautiful and one of the oldest libraries in the world with its baroque hall to surprise visitors.
- Continue on to visit the Cathedral dedicated to St. Gallen, where we celebrate Mass.
- We enjoy some free time at the Old Town for lunch
- Board the coach and drive back to Zurich

- This afternoon we enjoy a 2 hours walking tour of Zurich to includes the beautiful Bahnhofstrasse, where locals mingle in bustling boutiques, art galleries and cafes. Head towards Lindenhof, and discover local landmarks such as the City Hall, St. Peter Church and the Limmat River. Gain insight into Zurich' s 16th century silk industry in Schipfe and stroll the winding alleys of Niederdorf in the Old Town, home to the attractive churches of Fraumünster and Grossmünster.
- Return to your hotel for rest
- Dinner and overnight in Zurich

Day 5: Zurich – Basel “Maria Stein Shrine” – Lucerne

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Today we depart Zurich for Basel where our first stop would be the Maria Stein Shrine where we would visit the Monastery and celebrate Mass
- For those who desire there is a possibility to take 56 steps to the top of the cliff from where the two boys fell and were saved due to the intercession of the Virgin Mary
- Enjoy a walk along Basel during which we go on a journey back through all the epochs. There can be few other cityscapes where buildings dating back as far as the fifteenth century engage so harmoniously and vibrantly with the contemporary creations of internationally distinguished architects.
- Our guided tour will include the city hall, Basel Cathedral, Barfusserkirche and the Old Town
- Some free time for lunch will be given in the Old Town
- Continue on to Lucerne and check in to the hotel upon arrival
- Dinner and overnight in Lucerne

Day 6: Lucerne – Einsiedeln – Lucerne

- Buffet breakfast at the hotel
- Today we depart for Einsiedeln, Switzerland main Marian Shrine, where we visit the Monastery housing the miraculous statue of the Black Madonna where we enjoy a guided tour of the Monastery.
- After the tour we will celebrate Mass at the Shrine
- Have some free time for independent lunch before we return to Lucerne
- This afternoon we enjoy a 2 hours guided tour of Lucerne where we see and visit the Chapel Bridge, Water tower, Lion Monument, Spreuer Bridge, Jesuit Church, Franciscan Church, Water Spike and the old town squares. Spend some free time at leisure.
- Dinner and overnight in Luzerne

Day 7: Lucerne – Jungfrau – Lucerne

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Today we enjoy a full day excursion to the top of Europe, “The Jungfrauoch” – a highlight of any visitor to Switzerland.
- The starting point of your journey is Interlaken Ost, where you will catch the Bernese Oberland Railway. Your journey along the Lutschine takes you to Lauterbrunnen or Grindelwald. From there you transfer to the Wengernalp Railway.
- The Wengernalp Railway will take you to Kleine Scheidegg beneath the Jungfrauoch with a view of the Eiger North Face. The final train is the Jungfrau Railway. It starts from Kleine Scheidegg and takes you directly to the Jungfrauoch – top of Europe.
- Free time will be given for independent lunch
- Return to our hotel in Luzern for dinner and rest
- Dinner and overnight in Lucerne

Day 8: Lucerne – Andermatt – Locarno

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Board the coach and depart for Locarno, stopping en route at Disentis Benedictine Abbey where we celebrate mass
- On to Andermatt where we enjoy some free time at this Alpine town seeing the legendary Devil’ s Bridge, we visit the village historic center, Ursern town hall, St. Peter and Paul Church, See Hospental Tower
- Have some free time for independent lunch before to continue on to Locarno
- Check in to our hotel upon arrival
- Dinner and overnight in Locarno

Day 9: Locarno “Shrine of Our Lady of the Rock”

- Breakfast at the hotel
 - Spend the whole day at leisure to explore this charming Swizz resort on your own
 - Mass will be arranged at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rock, Sanctuary of the Madonna de Sasso which is on the border between Italy and Switzerland where according to tradition Our Lady appeared to Brother Bartolommeo
 - Enjoy one of the resort’ s local restaurants during dinner on your own
 - Overnight in Locarno
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Day 10: Locarno – Milan airport departure

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Milan airport for your departure flight

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