



OBERAMMERGAU 2020

Passion Play

MARIAN SHRINES OF EASTERN EUROPE

Itinerary:	Warsaw (2 nights) – Czestochowa (1 night) – Krakow (2 nights) – Prague (2 nights) – Vienna (2 nights) – Salzburg (1 night) – Oberammergau (2 nights)
Duration:	13 days / 12 nights

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival Warsaw

- Arrive to Warsaw Airport and meet your assistance
- Transfer to hotel and check in
- Dinner and overnight in Warsaw

Day 2: Warsaw

- Breakfast at the hotel
- After breakfast we tour the city of Warsaw starting at Old town with walking tour to include: Barbican, market square, St John Cathedral, Royal Castle square, Royal Castle, St. Ann' s Church, passing the presidential palace, visit Holy Cross Church where Chopin heart is kept in an Urn ending at the classy Nowy Swiat Pedestrian street.

- On a panoramic tour of the city to include Ghetto, Heroes' memorial, Palace of Culture and Constitution square.
- Have some free time for independent lunch and spend rest of the day is free.
- Dinner and overnight in Warsaw

Day 3: Warsaw - Niepokalanow – Czestochowa

- Breakfast at the hotel
- After breakfast we depart to Niepokalanow, home of the Basilica of the Virgin Mary, and a Franciscan Monastery founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe.
- Depart for Czestochowa
- Lunch on your own
- Visit Jasna Gora Monastery and see the Black Madonna at the Gothic Chapel of Our Lady, where we celebrate Mass
- Dinner and overnight in Czestochowa

Day 4: Czestochowa - Auschwitz - Wadowice – Krakow

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Early morning visit to the shrine for the unveiling of the Icon of the Black Madonna.
- Proceed to Auschwitz to see the martyrdom place of St. Maximilian Kolbe and later to Birkenau, martyrdom place of St. Edith Stein.
- On to Wadowice to visit the local Parish, Church and the birthplace of Pope John Paul II.
- Continue to Krakow.
- Dinner and overnight in Krakow

Day 5: Krakow - Lagiewniki – Wieliczka - Krakow

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Our morning tour will include visits to Wawel Hill, the Royal Chambers and Cathedral. Then walk along Kanonicza Street, pausing at building #21 "Deanery" , where Pope John Paul II resided while living in Krakow. Then to the Mariacki Church and the Market Square.
- We will spend the afternoon in "Divine Mercy Shrine" to visit the Shrine' s grounds and Basilica.
- Then to Wieliczka to see Europe' s oldest salt mines. The mines are a unique place where many generations of Polish miners have created a world of underground chambers and decorated chapels carved out of salt including the famous Chapel of St. Kinga.
- Dinner and overnight in Krakow

Day 6: Krakow – Have No Fear Center – Prague

- Breakfast at the hotel
- This morning, we start the day with visit to “Have No Fear Center” dedicated to St Pope John Paul II visiting the chapel where in the center of the shrine is a marble altar that contains a phial with relic of his blood.
- Drive towards Prague, capital of the Czech Republic.
- Time permitting, we stop in Olomouc to celebrate Mass and enjoy a panoramic tour passing by the Town Hall to see the Holy Trinity Column.
- Arrive Prague late in the afternoon.
- Dinner and overnight in Prague

Day 7: Prague

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Full day of sightseeing in Prague focusing on Hradcany Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral, the Royal Castle, St. George’ s Basilica, St. Nicholas and later the Church of Our Lady Victorious, where we see the Statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague.
- Later, cross Charles Bridge visiting the old town, the Market Square “Astronomical clock” and Wenceslas Square.
- Dinner and overnight in Prague

Day 8: Prague – Svata Hora – Vienna

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Today, we depart Prague and drive towards Austria.
- We stop to visit Svata Hora – Czech main Marian Shrine known as the White Mountain.
- Arrive Vienna, the “City of Waltz” and one of Europe’ s loveliest cities.
- Dinner and overnight in Vienna

Day 9: Vienna

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Our morning tour of Vienna takes us to the old town, walking through the university and Opera House, passing by many of Vienna’ s landmarks such as the Hofburg Palace, Albertina, Donner Fountain, Spanish riding school and St. Stephen Cathedral.
- In the afternoon, we continue toward Schonbrunn Palace for a tour of the Palace and Gardens.
- Dinner and overnight in Vienna

Day 10: Vienna – Mariazell – Salzburg

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Depart Vienna to Mariazell picturesquely located in the Salza Valley, visit the Shrine venerated for the Virgin Mary image carved in lime tree wood.
- On to Salzburg passing en route the Salzburg lake district where many scenes of the Sound of Music movie were pictured.
- Dinner and overnight in Salzburg

Day 11: Salzburg – Altotting – Marktl am Inn – Oberammergau

- Open buffet breakfast
- This morning depart for Altotting where we visit the Gnadenkappelle “Grace Chapel” housing the statue of the smiling Madonna of Altotting.
- Our next visit to Marktl am Inn, the birth place of Emeritus Pope Benedict. We visit his birthplace and the church of St Oswald christening place of Pope Benedict.
- On to Oberammergau. 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
- Dinner and overnight in Oberammergau or its vicinity

Day 12: Oberammergau

- Breakfast at the hotel
 - 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 Oberammergau or its vicinity
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Day 13: Oberammergau – Munich departure

- Open Buffet breakfast and check-out
- Depart Oberammergau and go to Munich International airport for our departure flight

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