



## OBERAMMERGAU 2020

### *Passion Play*

#### MARIAN SHRINES (SWITZERLAND EXTENSION)

Itinerary:	Warsaw (1 night) – Czestochowa (1 night) – Krakow (2 nights) – Prague (2 nights) – Vienna (2 nights) – Salzburg (1 night) – Oberammergau (2 nights) – Lucerne (2 nights)
Duration:	14 days / 13 nights

#### DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

##### Day 1: Arrival Warsaw

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- Arrival Warsaw – Meeting and assistance at airport
- Transfer to hotel
- Dinner and overnight in Warsaw

##### Day 2: Warsaw – Niepokalanow – Czestochowa

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- Breakfast at the hotel
- After breakfast, we will enjoy a panoramic tour of Warsaw, the capital of Poland. Then, we depart to Niepokalanow, home of the Basilica of the Virgin Mary, and a Franciscan Monastery founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe.
- Depart for Czestochowa and have some free time for independent lunch en route

- 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 3: Czestochowa – Auschwitz – Wadowice – Krakow

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- 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 4: Krakow – Lagiewniki – Wieliczka - Krakow

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- 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 underworld chambers and decorated chapels carved out of salt including the famous Chapel of St. Kinga.
- Dinner and overnight in Krakow

#### Day 5: Krakow – Have No Fear Center – Prague

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- 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 6: Prague

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- 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.
- Lunch on your own
- Later, cross Charles Bridge visiting the old town, the Market Square "Astronomical clock" and Wenceslas Square.
- Dinner and overnight in Prague

#### Day 7: Prague – Svata Hora – Vienna

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- 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.
- Lunch on your own
- Continue to Vienna
- Arrive to the "City of Waltz" and one of Europe' s loveliest cities.
- Dinner and overnight in Vienna

#### Day 8: Vienna

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- 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 9: Vienna – Mariazell – Salzburg

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- 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 10: Salzburg – Altotting – Marktl am Inn – Oberammergau

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- Breakfast at the hotel
- 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 town 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 11: 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 Oberammergau or its vicinity

#### Day 12: Salzburg – Absam – Innsbruck – Lucerne

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- Breakfast at the hotel
- Depart Oberammergau to the village of Absam where a young girl was astonished to see an image of the Virgin Mary appear in the windowpane next to her. The image was determined to be miraculous and began to cause miraculous healings. Today, the small glass pane with the image of the Virgin is enshrined in the parish church for veneration, visit the church.
- Proceed to Innsbruck seeing the Golden roof royal palace, Hofkirche, Cathedral.
- Along Alpine scenery we drive through Liechtenstein to Lucerne.
- Dinner and overnight in Lucerne

Day 13: Lucerne – Einsiedeln – Lucerne

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- Breakfast at the hotel
- This morning we take an excursion to the village of Einsiedeln for a visit of the Benedictine Monastery housing a miraculous Black Madonna Statue. We will also see the World' s largest nativity scene the “ Diorama Bethlehem” .
- Return to Lucerne for a tour of the city.
- Dinner and overnight in Lucerne

Day 14: Lucerne departure

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- Breakfast at the hotel and check-out
- Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

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