



## OBERAMMERGAU 2020

### *Passion Play*

#### ON THE LAKE CONSTANCE

Itinerary:	Frankfurt (1 night) – Rudesheim (1 night) – Strasbourg (2 nights) – Lindau (1 night) – Oberammergau (2 nights) – Munich (1 night)
Duration:	9 days / 8 nights

#### DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

##### Day 1: Frankfurt arrival

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

##### Day 2: Frankfurt – Rudesheim

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Enjoy city walk through the old town centre (Römerberg) focuses on Frankfurt history, incl. its role as an electoral site for German-Roman kings and host city for the coronation ceremonies of Holy Roman emperors (Cathedral). Frankfurt's tradition as a free trade city and its role in the first German National Assembly held here in 1848 are also highlighted (St. Paul's Church).
- Have some free time for independent lunch before we go to Rudesheim.

- Upon arrival to Rudesheim take the opportunity to enjoy local wine tasting.
- Dinner and overnight in Rudesheim or vicinity

#### Day 3: Rudesheim – Rhine Cruise – Mainz – Strasbourg

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- Breakfast at the hotel
- Board the coach and drive to St. Goar
- Begin the day with a Rhine cruise, boarding the boat at St. Goar and sail past magnificent castles and the famous Loreley rock to Lorch
- Board the coach and drive to Mainz where we have some free time for independent lunch upon arrival
- In Mainz we' ll have a brief local walking tour to see the main city attractions such as Mainz Cathedral and St. Stephan Church among others.
- Continue to Strasbourg, France.
- Dinner and overnight in Strasbourg

#### Day 4: Strasbourg

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- Breakfast at the hotel
- Meet our local English-speaking guide and take a tour of this wonderful French city. Our tour will include the Cathedral of Strasbourg with its amazing Astronomical Clock, St. Thomas's Church and the historic "La Petite France" quarter.
- Lunch is under own arrangements.
- Rest of the day is free for own activities
- We will have some free time in the Old Towne Square where you may wish to try a tart flambé or take a boat ride.
- Dinner and overnight in Strasbourg

#### Day 5: Strasbourg– Zurich – Lake Constance

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- Breakfast at the hotel
- This morning, we travel to Switzerland.
- Arrive Zurich for a guided tour. It is a worldwide known the largest financial center, but also a city of many museums and art galleries, such as Swiss National Museum and the Kunsthaus. It attracts tourists with beautiful Old Town churches such as Fraumunster(Women's Minster) Church of a former abbey for aristocratic women from southern Germany which was founded in 853 by Louis the German for his daughter Hildegard. The church and convent passed into the possession of the city; it has the largest organ in the canton with its 5,793 pipes and 92 stops and

the Zürich's largest choir with 100 and more singers. Another worth seeing venue is the St. Peter Romanesque-gothic-baroque church built on remains of former churches from before the 9th century ,with the largest church clock face in Europe built 1538.

- Lunch is under own arrangements
- Continue on to the lake Constance, Lindau for overnight
- Dinner and overnight in Lindau

#### Day 6: Lindau – Oberammergau

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- Breakfast at the hotel
- Have a tour of Lindau and take a relaxing boat ride on the Lake Constance
- Have some free time for independent lunch
- 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 7: Oberammergau

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- Breakfast at the hotel
- Enjoy free 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 8: Oberammergau – Castle Neuschwanstein – Munich

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- Breakfast at the hotel and check-out
- Board the coach and drive to Munich

- En route make a stop to explore King Ludwig's majestic castle, the Cinderella-style Neuschwanstein and the King's former residence. Go back to the times of Wagner as you visit the royal apartments decorated with scenes from German sagas and Wagner's operas, the throne rooms and music halls.
- Drive on to Munich
- Have some free time for independent lunch upon arrival
- Meet your local English-speaking guide and enjoy tour of Munich. Begin with a visit to 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.
- Farewell dinner at a local typical Bavarian restaurant
- Overnight at the hotel in Munich or vicinity

#### Day 9: Munich departure

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- Breakfast at the hotel and check-out
- Board the coach and drive to Munich International airport for our departure flight

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