



OBERAMMERGAU 2020

Passion Play

SACRED PATHS OF GERMANY

Itinerary: Berlin (2 nights) – Prague (2 nights) – Regensburg (2 nights) – Oberammergau (2 nights) – Munich (1 night)

Duration: 10 days / 9 nights

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive Berlin

- Arrive to Berlin airport and meet your tour escort
- Board the coach and enjoy a panoramic overview tour en route to your hotel.
- Dinner and overnight in Berlin

Day 2: Berlin city tour

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- The morning tour still gives evidence of the former divided city. View the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, remnants of the former city wall, St. Hedwig's Church, the State Opera House, St. Mary's Church, and the Brandenburg Gate.
- Visit the renown Pergamon Museum where one may see the reconstruction of classic architecture from biblical periods of Turkey, Greece and Egypt. It was at Pergamum (Turkey) that Christians became the first martyrs under decree of Emperor Domitian.

- After a lunch visit the Kurfurstendamm Ka De Ve shopping area prior to a visit of the Bonhoeffer House.
- Dinner and overnight in Berlin

Day 3: Berlin – Dresden – Prague

- Breakfast at the hotel and depart for Prague.
- En route stop in Dresden. Drive through the landscape to the city of Dresden for a late morning 2 hour tour of city highlights that includes the Zwinger Palace, Semper Opera House, the Princess Procession, and Frauenkirche interior visit.
- Free time is provided for independent lunch before we continue to Prague.
- Upon afternoon arrival, check into your hotel
- Dinner and overnight in Prague

Day 4: Prague

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- This morning embark on the city tour of Prague. Visit Hradcany town, the Royal Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral and pass by St. Nicholas Church. Cross the Charles Bridge into Prague's Old Town.
- Have some free time for independent lunch
- After lunch cross the Charles Bridge and tour the old town, see the Astronomical Clock, and the Old Town square.
- Enjoy some free time in the Old Town.
- Embark on a short walking tour of the Jewish quarter: the ghetto, synagogues, and cemetery.
- Dinner and overnight in Prague

Day 5: Prague – Regensburg

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart Prague for Regensburg.
- Lunch on your own upon the arrival.
- Meet your local guide and enjoy the city tour of Regensburg. Here, you will visit the University of Regensburg where Pope Benedict XVI taught theology from 1969 to 1977 & still retains his faculty chair – subject to confirmation. After the University tour, you will get to see more of Regensburg, a city that was founded nearly 2000 years ago. You will see St. Peters Cathedral, the Old Town Hall, Thurns & Taxis Palace, a collection of former Benedictine monastery buildings purchased by the Thurns & Taxis royal family.
- Dinner and overnight in Regensburg.

Day 6: Regensburg – Passau – Regensburg

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- After breakfast board the coach and drive to Passau.
- Have a guided tour of Passau and visit St. Stephen' s Cathedral. The Cathedral houses the world' s largest cathedral organ.
- In Passau, you will also tour the 13th century fortress atop St. George' s Mount, Veste Oberhaus. The castle is a former residence of the prince-bishop of Passau.
- Board the coach and return to Regensburg
- Dinner and overnight in Regensburg

Day 7: Regensburg – Altotting – Marktl – Oberammergau

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for 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.
- En route make a stop at Altotting for a guided tour of one of Germany's most celebrated shrines and a city whose purpose is pilgrimage. For more than 1250 years Altotting has been the spiritual center of Bavaria and for more than 500 years the most significant place of pilgrimage in Germany in veneration of the Virgin Mary. While there, we have the opportunity to see the Basilica, St. Konrad's Monastery and more.
- Lunch is under own arrangements
- Drive on to Marktl am Inn, the birth place of Pope Benedict XVI. Visit the birth place, and the local church where he was baptized.
- Continue on to Oberammergau
- Dinner and overnight in Oberammergau or its vicinity

Day 8: 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.
- Dinner at the hotel
- Overnight in Oberammergau or its vicinity.

Day 9: Oberammergau – Munich

- Breakfast at the hotel and depart for Munich.
- Lunch on your own upon arrival.
- We enjoy a guided tour of Munich. We see the Nymphenberg Palace, Olympic Stadium Deutsche Museum, Frauenkirche, Neues Rathaus, and a view of the famous “Glockenspiel” at the Marienplatz
- Dinner and overnight in Munich.

Day 10: Munich Departure

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart Oberammergau to Munich (1,5h drive) for your flight back home.

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