



OBERAMMERGAU 2020

Passion Play

SEEDS OF FAITH

Itinerary:	Amsterdam (2 nights) – Bruges (1 night) – Maastricht (1 night) – Cologne (2 nights) – Trier (1 night) – Oberammergau (2 nights) – Lucerne (2 nights)
Duration:	12 days / 11 nights

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Amsterdam arrival

- Arrive to Amsterdam International Airport, claim your luggage and meet your local tour escort.
- Board the coach and transfer to the hotel.
- Check into the hotel upon arrival
- Dinner and overnight in Amsterdam

Day 2: Amsterdam

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Start the day with a sightseeing tour of the capital highlighting all main attractions; enjoy a canal cruise past gabled merchant houses, arched drawbridges reminiscent of the Golden Age, and the strikingly modern buildings of a young-at-heart city.

- Next, visit the fabulous Rijksmuseum with priceless paintings by Rembrandt and other Dutch masters.
- Have some free time for lunch on your own
- Enjoy rest of the day at leisure to explore Dam Square and the city centre
- Dinner and overnight in Amsterdam

Day 3: Amsterdam – Bruges

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Board the coach and depart Amsterdam for Bruges
- Have some free time for independent lunch en route
- Upon arrival meet your local guide and enjoy a walking city tour of Bruges, which will include among others the famous Michelangelo' s masterpiece Madonna and Child in the Cathedral of Our Lady, and the Chapel of the Holy Blood.
- Enjoy a canal boat ride giving us an insight into one of the Europe' s most romantic cities
- Check into your hotel and have some time for quick fresh-up
- Dinner and overnight in Bruges

Day 4: Bruges – Louvain – Tremelo – Maastricht

- Breakfast at the hotel
- This morning we depart to Louvain to visit the tomb of St Damien. Father Damien or Jozef de Veuster, is known for his ministering of people with what was then widely known as leprosy. He died in 1889 and his body was brought back home in 1936 and buried here on the 5th of May 1936 in the Saint Antony's Chapel. Father Damien was beatified in 1995 by Pope John Paul II and was later canonized as a saint by Pope Benedict.
- Celebrate Mass at Shrine
- Board the coach and drive on to visit Tremelo, hometown of Fr. Damien of Molokai
- Some free time for lunch on your own will be given before to continue
- Continue on to Maastricht
- Check into your hotel upon arrival
- Dinner and overnight in Maastricht

Day 5: Maastricht – Banneux – Cologne

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Enjoy a guided tour of Maastricht, which is the country' s oldest fortified city, founded by the Romans about 50 B.C. Its name is derived from the Latin, "Mosae Trajectum" , meaning "site

where the Maas could be crossed” . This charming city has a famous church of Our Lady where there is always a stream of worshippers.

- We depart to visit Banneux where “Our Lady of the Poor” appeared to 11 years Mariette Beco eight times. The message that she gave her still remains relevant in our time. Today, as she did to Mariette, the Virgin of the Poor leads each pilgrim in Banneux to the way of life. She invites them to «push the hands in the water» of the spring, to discover in Jesus, the true Life.
- Visit the Chapel adoring the site of the apparition and have some time to meditate and pray
- Have some free time for lunch on your own.
- Continue on to Cologne and check into your hotel upon arrival
- Dinner and overnight in Cologne

Day 6: Cologne – Aachen – Cologne

- Breakfast at the hotel
- After breakfast we will take another short tour of the village of Aachen, which holds Aachen Cathedral and the Gothic Marian Shrine which houses the swaddling clothes of Jesus, the loincloth of the Lord, the cloth for John the Baptist’ s head and the Blessed Virgin’ s Cloak.
- Celebrate Mass at the Cathedral and have some free time for meditation and pray
- Drive back to Cologne and have free time for lunch on your own
- Have a guided tour of Cologne’ s Cathedral and two of the Romanesque churches that survived World War II. The cathedral was built to house the relics of the Three Magi, and immediately became a major pilgrimage site. Included in your visit is the Cathedral Treasury that contains the staff that belonged to St. Peter. Nearby is the Church of St. Andreas containing the remains of St. Albert the Great, teacher of St. Thomas Aquinas. The last visit will be to the Church of St. Ursula, which houses the remains of St. Ursula and 11,000 martyrs, all killed in Cologne at the hands of the Huns in the 2nd century.
- Dinner and overnight in Cologne

Day 7: Cologne – Rhine Cruise – Schoenstatt – Trier

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Start the day with a boat ride on the Rhine river from Koblenz to Rudesheim.
- We carry on to visit to Schoenstatt Pilgrimage Shrine dedicated to the Blessed Virgin where we will celebrate Mass.
- Have some free time for independent lunch before to proceed to Trier.
- Check into your hotel upon arrival.
- Dinner and overnight in Trier

Day 8: Trier – Oberammergau

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Enjoy a guided tour of Trier and visit the Relics of this period that include Constantine's Basilica, the Kaiserthermen (the Imperial baths) and the Porta Negra, a gateway built from colossal blocks of stone
- Board the coach and depart for Oberammergau.
- Have some free time for lunch on your own en route
- Late afternoon we arrive 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 9: Oberammergau

- 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. 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 10: Oberammergau – Linderhof – Lucerne

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 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, Lucerne.
- Check into our hotel upon arrival
- Dinner and overnight in Lucerne

Day 11: Lucerne

- Breakfast at the hotel
- This morning we visit the medieval Lucerne, with its historic and picturesque old houses, churches, world-famous wooden bridges, towers, fountains and narrow streets. We will see Spreuer Bridge, Chapel Bridge, the Lion monument, Town Hall and the medieval walls.
- Enjoy lunch on your own
- Rest of the day free for personal activities and last minute shopping
- Dinner and overnight in Lucerne

Day 12: Lucerne – Zurich departure

- Breakfast at the hotel and
- Board the coach and transfer to Zurich airport for our departure flight

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