



OBERAMMERGAU 2020

Passion Play

SHRINES OF AUSTRIA & SWITZERLAND

Itinerary:	Vienna (3 nights) – Mariazell (1 night) – Salzburg (2 nights) – Oberammergau (2 nights) – Lucerne (2 nights)
Duration:	11 days / 10 nights

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Vienna arrival

- Arrive to Vienna airport and meeting your assistance
- Transfer to the hotel and check in upon arrival
- Dinner and overnight in Vienna

Day 2: Vienna

- Breakfast at the hotel
- This morning we enjoy a tour of Vienna with tour of the famous Ring passing many of Vienna historical buildings: Opera house, parliament and the historical university building. We enjoy a walking tour passing the Donners Fountain, Hofburg palace, Spanish Riding School to St Stephen Strasse where we enjoy a full guided tour of the Cathedral to include the rooftop of the

Cathedral and crypts. We would have some time to pray by the Miraculous image of the Our lady of Mariapocs “the weeping Madonna”

- Lunch on your own with some free time
- This afternoon we visit Schonbrunn Palace, the fabulous baroque summer residence of the Hapsburg Emperors. Here Marie-Antoinette lived as a young girl, and six-year-old Mozart played for the empress inside the Palace.
- We end the day with Mass at the Carmelite convent where the miraculous image of “Our Lady of the Bowed head” is located.
- Return to our hotel to refresh
- Dinner at local restaurant in the wine growing village of Grinzing, where we will have a festive dinner and a taste of the wine while being entertained by the melancholy “Schrammein music.”
- Overnight in Vienna

Day 3: Vienna – Melk – Maria Taferl – Vienna

- Breakfast at the hotel
- After breakfast we travel through the gorgeous Austrian countryside a
- to the Shrine of Maria Taferl overlooking the Danube River
- Mass at the Shrine
- On to Melk Abbey – imposing Baroque style structure crowing the Danube and surrounded by a gorgeous town with Renaissance homes and winding streets reminiscent of the Middle Ages. The Abbey is the setting for Umberto Eco’ s ‘The Name of the Rose.’ Among the treasures housed here, there are paintings, sculptures, and decorative art from the 9th to 15th centuries. A magnificent library contains over 2,000 volumes from that era.
- Lunch on your own
- In the afternoon we board our boat for a scenic ride from Melk to the village of Durnstein on the Danube River (1.5 hour cruise, subject to weather conditions).
- We return to our Vienna hotel.
- Dinner and overnight in Vienna

Day 4: Vienna – Heiligenkreuz Monastery – Mariazell

- Breakfast at the hotel
- This morning we depart for Heiligenkreuz nestled in the Vienna woods where the European armies headed by King Jan Sobieski III stopped the Othman advance into Europe which as result the Catholic World celebrate the feast of ‘Our Lady Victorious” .

- We visit the Cistercian monastery of Heiligenkreuz, the second oldest Cistercian monastery in the world and the oldest continuously active and inhabited one, now full of young vocations. After a guided tour of the Abbey we continue to the Alpine mountains to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mariazell Austria' s national Marian Shrine
- Have some free time for lunch on your own
- Visit the Shrine and celebrate Mass at the Shrine and have some time to meditate at the chapel of Grace
- Dinner and overnight in Mariazell

Day 5: Mariazell – Admont Abbey – Silent Night Chapel – Salzburg

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Before boarding our motor coach for Salzburg, a splendid city set on the banks of the Salzach River and the birthplace of Mozart.
- On our way to Salzburg we stop at beautiful Admont Abbey for a guided tour of the Abbey famous for its Library, which is one of the largest all-embracing creations of the late European Baroque. Celebrate Mass at the Abbey
- Have some free time for lunch on your own
- On to Salzburg en route we stop for a short visit of Oberndorf village where the famous Silent Night hymn was written
- Dinner and overnight in Salzburg

Day 6: Maria Plain Shrine – Salzburg – Sound of Music – Salzburg

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Start the morning with visit to Mariaplain Shrine where we would celebrate Mass
- Tour of Salzburg where we visit the Mirabel Gardens, crossing the Salzach River we take the Gondolas to Hohensalzburg Fortress for a bird view of the city, then visit Salzburg Cathedral, pass by Mozart house amid many other attractions
- Free time for lunch on your own
- Afternoon, enjoy the Sound of Music Tour. We drive along the Austrian Lake District, with marvelous views of the Salzkammergut Region. We visit Mondsee where, in the movie, Maria and the Baron were married in the Basilica of St. Michael. We continue on to St. Gilgen on Lake Wolfgang, which offers one of the best-known landscapes of the Salzkammergut and the namesake fountain recalls the family connection of Mozart with this beautiful land.
- Return to Salzburg

- Tonight, we dine at the oldest restaurant in Europe, Stiftskeller St. Peter, while listening to the music of Mozart.
- Overnight in Salzburg

Day 7: Salzburg – Absam – Innsbruck – Oberammergau

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Depart for Absam where we visit the Shrine of our Lady of Absam known for the its miraculous image of the Blessed Mother, where we celebrate Mass
- On to Innsbruck where we enjoy a guide tour of the city seeing the Town Hall, Golden Roof, Maria Theresien Strasse, Triumph Arch, St Ann’ s Column, Court Church also known by locals as “Scharzmander Church” famous for its 28 life size statues stand guard watching the tomb of the emperor
- Have some free time for lunch on your own
- We start our ascent along the Zugspitze passing Ettal Monastery to Oberammergau
- Dinner and overnight in Oberammergau or its vicinity

Day 8: 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. 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 its vicinity

Day 9: Oberammergau – Neuschwanstein Castle – Wieskirche – Lucerne

- Breakfast at the hotel
- This morning we depart for Wieskirche, “Church in the meadows” for Mass
- Continue on to visit Neuschwanstein – Cinderella styled castle built by King Ludwig II where we have a guided tour of the Castle
- Have some free time for independent lunch before we depart for Lucerne
- Upon arrival check into your hotel
- Dinner and overnight in Lucerne

Day 10: Lucerne – Einsiedeln – Lucerne

- Breakfast at the hotel
- This morning we take an excursion to Einsiedeln. Over 1000 years that pilgrims have been travelling to pay homage for Our Lady of Einsiedeln famous for the Icon of the Black Madonna
- Guided Tour of the Shrine, where we celebrate Mass before to return to Lucerne
- Lunch on your own with some free time
- This afternoon a guided tour of Lucerne where we see the Chapel Bridge, Water Tower, Lion Monument. Jesuit Church, Franciscan Church, Spreuer Bridge
- Dinner and overnight in Lucerne

Day 11: Lucerne – Zurich departure

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to the airport for your flight back home.

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