



OBERAMMERGAU 2020

Passion Play

TRAILS OF REFORMATION

Itinerary:	Prague (2 nights) – Berlin (2 nights) – Leipzig (1 night) – Erfurt (1 night) – Nuremberg (1 night) – Oberammergau (2 nights) – Zurich (1 night) – Geneva (2 nights)
Duration:	13 days / 12 nights

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive Prague

- Arrive to Prague airport.
- Meet your local tour escort and enjoy a panoramic overview tour en route to the hotel.
- Dinner and overnight in Prague

Day 2: Prague

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- This morning enjoy the city tour of Prague. Sites of Jan Hus will be visited today among others. 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, the Jan Hus Memorial.
- Enjoy some free time in the Old Town.
- Have a short walking tour of the Jewish quarter: the ghetto, synagogues and the cemetery.
- Dinner and overnight in Prague

Day 3: Prague – Dresden – Berlin

- Breakfast at the hotel and check-out.
- Board the coach and depart for Dresden. Motor through the landscape to the city of Dresden for a late morning 2 hours tour of the city highlights to include the Zwinger Palace, Semper Opera House, the Princess Procession and Frauenkirche interior visit.
- Have some free time for independent lunch
- Continue on to Berlin, the city formerly divided by an infamous wall.
- Upon arrival, check into your hotel and have a rest
- Dinner and overnight in Berlin

Day 4: Berlin

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Meet your local guide for the morning tour, which 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 famous 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 some free time for lunch visit the Kurfurstendamm KaDeWe shopping area prior to a visit of the Bonhoeffer House.
- Dinner and overnight in Berlin

Day 5: Berlin – Wittenberg – Leipzig

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Board the coach and depart Berlin for Wittenberg.
- Upon arrival enjoy the tour of Wittenberg, where Luther lived and worked from 1508 to 1546. Walk through the old part of town to see Luther's House, a former Augustinian Monastery; the Parish Church, with an Altar painting by Lucas Cranach the Elder depicting Luther while

preaching and Melanchthon baptizing a child; and Castle Church where Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door and where Reformers are buried.

- Have some free time for independent lunch before to continue to Leipzig
- Check in to our hotel upon arrival
- Dinner and overnight in Leipzig

Day 6: Leipzig – Eisleben – Erfurt

- Breakfast at your hotel.
- This is a walking tour this morning of Leipzig. Here Luther attacked the authority of the Pope in 1519 at the Castle of Pleissen. Visit St. Thomas Church, Bach' s work-site and his grave (under the pulpit).
- Lunch is under own arrangements
- Have a short drive to Halle (birthplace of Handel).
- Continue on to Eisleben, where Luther was born in 1483, and died in 1546. Visit Luther's family home and the St. Andreas Church, Luther's Church.
- Continue to Erfurt for lodging and refresh.
- Dinner and overnight in Erfurt

Day 7: Erfurt – Eisenach – Nuremberg

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Board the coach and depart for Nuremberg.
- En route stop in Eisenach and visit the Cotta House where Luther lived, 1498 to 1501
- Visit the Wartburg Castle, medieval castle also known from Wagner's "Tannhauser". The medieval castle was Luther's "prison" while translating the New Testament into the language of the people, i.e., Greek into German (Did he really throw the inkwell at the devil?).
- Free time for lunch on your own before we continue on to Nuremberg
- Dinner and overnight in Nuremberg

Day 8: Nuremberg – Munich – Oberammergau

- Breakfast at the hotel and check-out
- Enjoy a guided tour of Nurnberg, one of Germany's most colorful medieval cities. The town features half-timbered houses. It is noted for its toys, gingerbread, and the renowned W.W.II trials.
- Board the coach and drive to Munich
- Have some free time for independent lunch 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.
- Continue on to Oberammergau.
- The balance of the day is at leisure.
- 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. 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 10: Oberammergau – Zurich

- Breakfast at the hotel and check-out
- Board the coach and drive to Zurich
- Have some free time for lunch upon arrival
- We’ ll meet up with our local expert guide who will accompany us as we learn about Zwingli on a tour of the key Reformation sites in Zurich. We’ ll tour Zwingli’ s church, the Grossmünster and see the Zwingli Statue. We'll have a stroll through the historic Altstadt (old city) and see the Helferei, where Zwingli lived.
- Dinner and overnight in Zurich (B, D)

Day 11: Zurich – Lucerne – Geneva

- Breakfast at the hotel and check-out.
- Board the coach and drive towards Geneva
- En route make a stop to visit the charming Swiss town of Lucerne, beginning with a brief walking tour to view the City Walls and famous covered wooden bridges. The Kapellbrücke (Chapel Bridge) is a symbol of Lucerne and a much photographed site. It originally dates back to the 14th century. Close by is the Spreuerbrücke (Spreuer Bridge), dating from 1408.
- Lunch is under own arrangements

- In the afternoon we will continue on to Geneva.
- Dinner and overnight in Geneva (B, D)

Day 12: Geneva

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Meet our local guide who will take us on a walking tour to learn more about John Calvin, the French Protestant theologian and John Knox, the Scottish Reformer, who spent several years here as a Pastor. The tour will include the visit to Cathedral St. Pierre (St. Peter' s Cathedral), where Calvin taught for many years. Next door is the International Museum of the Reformation, celebrating Bible translation and the Reformation story. After seeing Calvin' s Auditorium and Calvin College, we will go on to the impressive Reformation Monument with four 5-metre statues of four Reformation leaders: Beza, Calvin, Farel and Knox.
- Lunch is under own arrangements.
- Rest of the day is free for personal activities and last minute shopping.
- Dinner and overnight in Geneva (B, D)

Day 13: Geneva departure

- Breakfast at the hotel and check-out
- Board the coach and drive to Geneva International Airport to take our return flight back home (B)

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