

International



2010 Oberammergau Passion Play

The Oberammergau Passion Play originated in the year 1633. Facing the devastating plague called the "Black Death" that had decimated large parts of Europe, the citizens of the German village of Oberammergau pledged to perform a play portraying the "passion" or suffering of Christ if their town would be spared from further casualties. The town's chronicles relate, "From this day on, there were no further victims of the plague." The first play took place in 1634. In 1680, the play was moved to the first year of each decade. Then, in the early 1800's, music was added and today a choir and orchestra enhance the performance. As it has been from the beginning, all the actors in the play are local townspeople. Over a year prior to the performance, the actors start rehearsals and begin growing their hair to ensure that the characters in the play look as realistic as possible. More than 1500 adults and 500 children are typically involved. In 2010, the citizens of Oberammergau will take to the stage for the 41st time in this truly extraordinary drama.

12 Days – Classical Italy & Oberammergau

Day 1: Depart U.S. – Overnight Flight

Day 2: Arrive Rome – Welcome Dinner

Day 3: Rome Tour

Rome City Tour: the Colosseum, The Roman Forum, a visit to Vatican City and St. Peter's Basilica.

Day 4: Depart Rome – Assisi Tour – Montecatini Terme

Assisi City Tour: the Basilica of St. Francis.

Day 5: Florence City Tour - Montecatini Terme

Florence City Tour featuring the Academy Gallery to see Michelangelo's original Statue of David.

Day 6: Montecatini Terme – Italian Riviera Optional

Day of leisure in Montecatini Terme.

Day 7: Montecatini Terme – Pisa – Padua – Venice

Visit Pisa to see the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Padua to view St. Anthony's Basilica.

Day 8: Venice City Tour

Venice City Tour with a boat ride to St. Mark's Square to see St. Mark's Basilica, the lavish Doge's Palace, Clock Tower and the Bridge of Sighs.

Day 9: Venice – Oberammergau

Depart Venice and travel to the Passion Play village of the Bavarian Alps, Oberammergau.

Day 10: Oberammergau – Passion Play

Today witness one of the most poignant and moving stories ever told. The cast spends almost two years rehearsing every detail of the story for the performance of a lifetime.

Day 11: Neuschwanstein – Munich

Neuschwanstein Castle. Munich City Tour. German Folklore Show & Dinner at the Hofbrauhaus.

Day 12: Munich – Flight Home

Tour Includes

- Roundtrip Airfare
- Many Meals
- Sightseeing per Itinerary
- Deluxe Motorcoach
- Admissions per Itinerary
- Hotel Transfers
- Professional Tour Director
- Baggage Handling
- 10 Nights First Class Hotels: 2 Nights – Rome, 3 Nights – Montecatini Terme (Tuscany), 2 Nights – Venice, 2 Nights – Oberammergau, 1 Night – Munich

From \$5999 pp dbl including Air from New York*

10 Days – Eastern Europe & Oberammergau

Day 1: Overnight Flight to Europe

Day 2: Arrive Warsaw – Welcome Dinner

Day 3: Warsaw - Krakow

Warsaw City Tour: Old Town, the Monument of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Later continue to history rich Krakow.

Day 4: Krakow

Krakow City Tour: Market Square and Wawal Castle.

Day 5: Krakow – Prague

Arrive in Prague, situated on the River Vltava. The evening is at leisure to explore Prague.

Day 6: Prague

Prague City Tour: Hradcany Castle and the famed Golden Lane, enjoy a leisurely walk in the Old Jewish Quarter.

Day 7: Prague – Regensburg – Oberammergau

Regensburg City Tour. Later arrive in the Passion Play village of the Bavarian Alps, Oberammergau.

Day 8: Oberammergau – Passion Play

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Day 9: Neuschwanstein – Wies – Munich

Neuschwanstein Castle enroute to Munich. Munich City Tour. German Folklore Show & Dinner at the famous Hofbrauhaus.

Day 10: Munich – Flight Home

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- Roundtrip Airfare
- Many Meals
- Sightseeing per Itinerary
- Deluxe Motorcoach
- Admissions per Itinerary
- Hotel Transfers
- Professional Tour Director
- Baggage Handling
- 8 Nights First Class Hotels: 1 Night – Warsaw, 2 Nights – Krakow, 2 Nights – Prague, 2 Nights – Oberammergau, 1 Night – Munich

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