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# OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

*Featuring: Germany, Austria, and Switzerland*

*It is always true, but particularly so with Passion Play tours, that you must compare and be absolutely sure what you are receiving and what you stand to lose when you reserve. Over the years we have taken numerous groups to observe this "every-10-years" event. It is most worthwhile if planned properly. Let our travel experts advise you and help you avoid the pitfalls many others have experienced.*



## Special Please Go Away™ Vacations

### Oberammergau Reservation Protection Procedures

Although the Oberammergau Passion Play is absolutely one of the most dynamic travel events in the world, held only every 10 years, extreme caution is required by all travelers. Unfortunately, the destination has been fraught with many challenges in years past. Many travelers have wound up not having tickets to the Passion Play, or being part of a group that does not have enough tickets to go around resulting in one half of a group seeing the first half of the play, and the remainder of the group having to wait and only seeing the second half of the performance.

Other travelers have consistently lost many hundreds, even thousands, of dollars through improper planning or because of non-refundable deposits/payments. We've taken numerous groups to at least 3 different performances during the past 43 years. Not a single Please Go Away™ Vacations traveler has ever been victimized in these ways, and we are putting into place once again special Oberammergau Reservation Protection Procedures for this departure so that it will not happen to any of our travelers this time.

You must compare "apples to apples" and be sure you are fully aware of what you are agreeing to when you reserve, with any company.

Here are our special **Oberammergau Reservation Protection Procedures**:

- ✓ Deposit \$200 per person to reserve (spaces are strictly limited)
- ✓ This deposit is "fully refundable for any reason" under our exclusive 100% RESERVATION DEPOSIT REFUND GUARANTEE for this tour up until January 4, 2009.
- ✓ On January 4, 2009 or when a minimum of 15 paid reservations has been received, whichever occurs first, an additional deposit of \$1,000 per person will be required
- ✓ With proceeds from the additional deposit TravelGuard travel protection insurance will be purchased and you will then be able to cancel "for covered reasons" and receive a refund less the cost of the travel protection insurance.
- ✓ Determination of insurance claims are made solely by TravelGuard.
- ✓ A third deposit of \$1,500 per person will be due on August 4, 2009.
- ✓ Balance will be due on February 4, 2010.
- ✓ The following cancellation assessments will be in effect (protected against - for covered reasons - by the included travel protection insurance described above):
  - A. Date of deposit thru January 4, 2009 - full refund of deposit.
  - B. January 5, 2009 thru August 4, 2009 - \$1200.00 per person
  - C. August 5, 2009 thru February 3, 2010 - \$2700.00 per person
  - D. February 4, 2010 thru departure date - 100% of tour cost.

## Exceptional Itinerary

### **Day 1: Home/Overnight Flight**

Depart home and fly from your area airport. An overnight flight will deliver you to your awaiting European Adventure as you experience three picturesque countries: Austria, Germany (Bavaria) and Switzerland.

### **Day 2: Vienna, Austria**

You arrive in the grand city of Vienna, the former capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Tonight, in the picturesque wine-making village of Grinzing, you will join your fellow travelers at one of the local eateries for a delightful welcome dinner, complete with local wines and traditional entertainment. **D**

### **Day 3: Vienna, Austria**

Your Imperial Vienna tour highlights the baroque marvels of Schoenbrunn or Belvedere Palace. Touring Vienna's city center, you view St. Stephan's Cathedral, beautiful baroque architecture, parks and gothic spires of a by-gone age. The remainder of the day is at leisure, however, your personal Please Go Away™ Vacations host will be doing some exciting things and you will be most welcome to join them. This evening you are invited to dinner at a popular local restaurant. **D**

### **Day 4: Vienna - Danube River Cruise - Melk - Salzburg**

Depart Vienna and travel along the banks of the Danube to the medieval town of Durnstein. Embark on a cruise on the Danube River, gliding through the historic Wachau Valley, one of the most beautiful stretches of river in the world. Later you visit the Benedictine Abbey in Melk, before continuing to the "City of Music", Salzburg. **B**

### **Day 5: Salzburg - Mozart Dinner Concert**

Enjoy a walking tour of the Altstadt (Old Town) highlighting the Cathedral, Mozart's Birthplace and Mirabell Gardens. You will not be able to miss recognizable locations from the "Sound of Music". Your afternoon is at leisure. Do your own thing or join your Please Go Away™ Vacations host in exploring Salzburg. The evening included a memorable Mozart Dinner Concert at the centuries-old St. Peter's Restaurant. In the stylish ambiance of the historic Baroque Hall, you will enjoy a traditional candlelight dinner (featuring recipes from the 17th & 18th centuries) while you listen to some of Mozart's most popular compositions performed by local artists in colorful, historic costumes. **B & D**

### **Day 6: Salzburg - Munich, Germany - Oberammergau**

Travel through the amazing landscape of Austria to neighboring Germany. Your destination is Munich, the beautiful capital of the state of Bavaria. Upon arrival, enjoy a city tour featuring the Olympic Park, Marienplatz and the Glockenspiel. Next, depart for the quaint village of Oberammergau, nestled in the Bavarian Alps. **B & D**

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### Day 7: Oberammergau - Passion Play

Enjoy a day long performance of the Passion Play, which originally took place in 1634. During the Thirty Year War, the village of Oberammergau was spared the Black Plague and for this reason, the villagers vowed that every ten years they would give a play to honor the life of Christ. The performers are native Oberammergauers. To lend authenticity of the performance, the cast start to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance. Also, the intricate costumes are made locally by the villagers. This is truly an unforgettable. **B,L,D**

### Day 8: Oberammergau - Rhine Falls - Black Forest

Today you visit Wies Church, proclaimed as a World Heritage site. You then view perhaps the most famous castle in Bavaria - Neuschwanstein - with its turrets and pinnacles. Continuing on the scenic route, you traverse southern Germany, skirting the northern shores of Lake Constance to the Rhine Falls, Europe's most powerful waterfall. You then proceed to the mysterious Black Forest - setting of legends and stories of yore! Don't forget to shop for authentic cuckoo clocks, Hummels, and wood carvings. **B**

### Day 9: Black Forest - Chateau de Chillon, Lake Geneva, Switzerland—Zermatt

Today enjoy a visit to the Chateau de Chillon, beautifully situated on Lake Geneva. Your travels continue through the wine-growing region of the Rhone Valley before beginning the ascent into the fabulous Swiss Alps. Upon arrival in Tasch, board a local train for the short ride to the spectacular Alpine village of Zermatt. **B & D**

### Day 10: Zermatt

Begin your day with an orientation tour of the village. The balance of the day is intentionally left at leisure so you can bask in the grandeur of the Swiss Alps or join your personal Please Go Away™ Vacations host. A great thing to do is to enjoy the pastries and have a cup of coffee at a local café. **B**

### Day 11: Zermatt - Lucerne - Bern

This morning travel to the beautiful medieval city of Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake". Enjoy a leisurely-paced Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour exploring the hidden treasures of the city. In addition to its natural charm and tranquility, Lucerne has more than 800 years of history. Explore such medieval treasures as the covered Chapel Bridge (1833); the famous Water Tower, which has served as a prison, watchtower and treasury; the Renaissance-style Town Hall; the baroque Jesuit Church; and the Dying Lion Monument, carved from natural rock to commemorate the heroic Swiss Guard. This afternoon you will travel to the Swiss capital of Bern. **B**

### Day 12: Bern

Today, explore delightful Bern on a panoramic sightseeing tour featuring the Bundeshaus (the Swiss Parliament), the famous Bear Pit, the Rose Gardens, and the gothic cathedral, which dominates the Old Town skyline. This evening, join your fellow travelers in celebrating the end of a marvelous trip with a farewell dinner. **B & D**

### Day 13: Bern/Return Flight Home

Your tour ends in Bern today. You will be transferred to the Zurich airport. As you fly high above the clouds you will realize how fortunate you are in that the Oberammergau Passion Play will not be performed again until the year 2020. **B**

## Please Go Away™ Vacations Bonuses

*This is a once-in-a-lifetime travel experience. Every person reserving with Please Go Away™ Vacations will receive the following special bonuses to make your experience even more memorable:*

- ⇒ *"Memory Photo CD" of your European adventure filled with candid photos of members and sights taken while on tour.*
- ⇒ *TravelGuard group travel insurance protection.*
- ⇒ *Free passport/visa photos (taken in our offices).*
- ⇒ *Special Please Go Away™ Vacations reservation procedure that protects your deposit. This is a big difference. Compare - most other programs include an immediate or very early forfeiture of substantial amounts of money. This special bonus designed to protect our travelers is fully described in the special box appearing in the box at the bottom of this page.*
- ⇒ *Camaraderie, safety, and security of traveling throughout the entire journey with a group of travelers from the Midwest who share your same travel interests.*
- ⇒ *Pre-departure party to distribute tour documentation, meet fellow travelers, answer all questions, provide information and actual examples of what to wear and buy while on tour, etc.*
- ⇒ *Special "Welcome to Europe" while on tour exclusively for Please Go Away™ Vacations tour members.*
- ⇒ *Personal Please Go Away™ Vacations host throughout entire travel experience with minimum of 15 tour members.*

**\$6873.90**

**PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

*Important - Price reflects "included" roundtrip air transportation from Wichita, KS. If another departure city is better for you we'll calculate and arrange flights you prefer. Any resulting price adjustments will accrue to the traveler.*

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## Passion Play History

A play of life and death, promised in a moment of mortal threat - so began the history of the Oberammergau Passion Play in 1633. In the middle of the Thirty Years War, after months of suffering and death from the plague, the Oberammergauers swore an oath that they would perform the "Play of the Suffering, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ" every ten years. At Pentecost 1634, they fulfilled their pledge for the first time on a stage they put up in the cemetery above the fresh graves of the plague victims. In the year 2000, the Community of Oberammergau last performed the Passion Play they have preserved throughout the centuries, and which they will once again present for the 41st time in 2010. More than 2,000 Oberammergauers, actors, singers, instrumentalists and stage technicians will bring to the stage those events Christianity regards as its central source of life. Being the village of woodcarvers made Oberammergau world famous - already before the Passion Play. And even today the village is home of approximately 100 woodcarvers. They not only do religious subjects but a lot more - from toys to humorous portraits.