

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2020

Germany and Lutheran Heritage

11 Day

*Berlin ... Potsdam ... Wittenberg ... Eisleben ... Erfurt
Wartburg Castle ... Nuremberg ... Oberammergau*

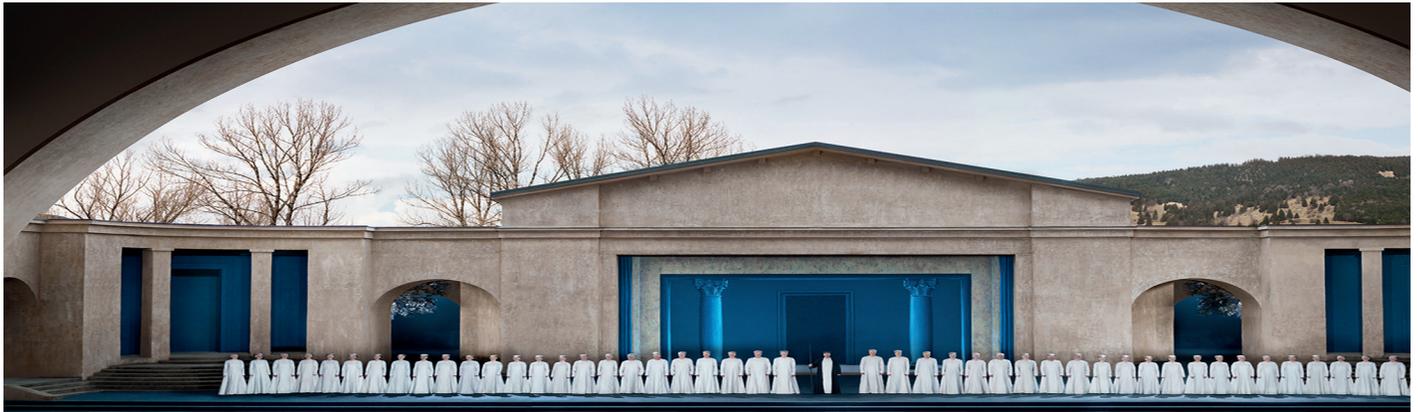


May 10 ~ 20, 2020

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THE PROMISE

During the Thirty Years War the deadly plague raged throughout Europe, until in 1633 it reached even the tiny Alpine village of Oberammergau. During the next six months, so many villagers died of the Black Death, that the townspeople took a solemn Vow – if God would release them from the plague, they would perform once every ten years the story of the Passion of Christ. From the moment the Vow was taken, no one else in the village succumbed to the plague and so the first Passion Play was performed in 1634.

What began as a single performance in the churchyard has developed over 380 years into a masterpiece of theater and music, with all the villagers involved either on stage or behind the scenes. For the Oberammergauers, the Passion Play is a labor of love and the Vow still has real meaning in their lives. And so they are now preparing for the Passion Play of 2020.

Dear Traveler,

Memories are those special moments captured in your heart for a lifetime. Our philosophy has always been to provide an exciting, relaxing, educational, enjoyable and rewarding travel experience to all of our travelers.

Since we have been offering the Passion Play in Oberammergau since 1970, we recognize that cost may be an issue for some people, but we also understand the needs and requirements of all of our past travelers. We know that they expect quality hotels in central locations, the services of an excellent tour manager, and some of the best seats for the *Passion Play*. Please note that the package prices are based on projected air fares and exchange rates in effect on August 1, 2018 with a minimum group size of 35 passengers. If you should have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our office. As in the past, our Passion Play programs sell out very quickly! So, please don't delay in sending in your deposit and reservation form.

We look forward to welcoming you,

The Staff, Trans World Travel, Inc. (ALL QUESTIONS ... 847-432-2400 / 800-323-8158)

RESERVATION FORM

RETURN TO: Tim Hetzner . . . c/o Trans World Travel, Inc., 734 Central Ave., Highland Park, IL 60035

Enclosed is my (our) reservation form(s) for the Lutheran Heritage departing May 10, 2020 and a \$400 per person deposit check which indicates my (our) acceptance of the General Conditions stated in this brochure and the understanding that there can be future increases by the air carriers for fuel and/or for government related taxes and/or dollar fluctuations. Also, we strongly suggest that all passengers consider the optional travel protection insurance that can include pre-existing conditions.

*** Please make your check payable to: **Trans World Travel, Inc.** and return to the above address. ***

NAME: _____ BIRTH DATE: _____
 Print name as it appears on your PASSPORT

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ ROOMMATE: _____

Credit Cards ... Visa and MasterCard are accepted, but there is an additional charge of 4% of the tour cost to be added. First payment must be by Check.

Yes, I prefer a single room at the above mentioned supplement, if available.

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Lutheran Heritage & Passion Play

11 DAYS

Tour Cost (from Chicago)

\$4989.00 per person, double occupancy

Supplement for Single Room: \$875.00

Note: very few single rooms are available in Oberammergau

Payment Schedule:

\$400.00 per person - due with reservation

\$800.00 per person - due March 1, 2019

\$900.00 per person - due October 1, 2019

Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure

Sunday, May 10, 2020 - Depart Chicago: Today we begin our journey to Germany. Meals are served during our transatlantic flight.

Monday, May 11 - Berlin: On arrival in Berlin we will be met by our professional tour manager and escorted to our waiting motor coach. En route to our hotel, we will be oriented to our tour. Dinner and overnight in Berlin. (D)

Tuesday, May 12 - Berlin: Following breakfast this morning, our city tour will explore the sometimes tortured history of this fascinating city. We will experience many reminders of Berlin's recent tragic past - the remains of the Berlin Wall, the place where Checkpoint Charlie once stood, the new Jewish Memorial - but also the elegant avenue Unter den Linden, the Brandenburg Gate, once symbol of the divided city, the Cathedral, Reichstag and the beautiful symmetry of Gendarmenmarkt. The afternoon and evening will be free for individual sightseeing. (BB)

Wednesday, May 13 - Berlin / Potsdam / Wittenberg: Following breakfast we will make the short journey to Potsdam, crossing the Glienicke Bridge, where east and west swapped their spies during the Cold War. As the playground and favorite residence of the Prussian kings and German Emperors, our tour of Potsdam will include a visit to Cecilienhof Palace, which hosted the Potsdam Peace Conference in the summer of 1945 and the gardens of Sans Souci Palace, the rococo residence of Frederick the Great. Following free time for lunch, we will continue to Wittenberg for dinner and overnight. (BB, D)

Thursday, May 14 - Wittenberg: Today we begin our journey in the footsteps of Martin Luther, in the city where he lived and worked from 1508 to 1546 and which is regarded as the very Cradle of the Reformation. We will visit the Luther House, formerly the Augustinian Monastery, later the home of the Luthers and now the largest museum dedicated to the Reformation in the world. Our walking tour will continue to the Town Church, where Luther preached and the Castle Church, where he posted his 95 theses and where both he and Melancthon are buried. The remainder of the day is free for individual sightseeing. (BB)

Friday, May 15 - Wittenberg / Eisleben / Erfurt: This morning we will drive to the market town of Eisleben, where we will visit the houses connected with Martin Luther's birth and death. Both buildings have recently been transformed into state of the art museums, which vividly set the story of Luther's life and the Reformation in the context of the age in which he lived and died. We arrive in Erfurt for dinner and overnight. (BB, D)

Saturday, May 16 - Erfurt: Erfurt is one of Germany's oldest towns, with a skyline dominated by the spires of its Cathedral and St. Severi Church. Our morning walking tour will include the 600-year-old Kraemer Bridge, the Collegium Maius where Luther attended the university and the remains of the Augustinian Monastery, where he began his monastic life. The afternoon and evening are at leisure for individual exploration and sightseeing. (BB)

Sunday, May 17 - Erfurt (Wartburg Excursion): This morning, we will make the short journey to Eisenach to visit the Wartburg, one of Germany's most ancient castles. It was here that Martin Luther lived in hiding as Junker Jörg for 10 months following the decree which declared him an outlaw after the Diet of Worms in 1521. We will return to Erfurt in the early afternoon where you'll have the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. (BB)

Monday, May 18 - Erfurt / Nürnberg / Oberammergau: This morning we will leave the land of Luther and the Reformation, driving south to visit the Imperial City of Nürnberg. The city evolved from being the unofficial capital of the Holy Roman Empire, to the heartbeat of the German Renaissance, and centuries later the hotbed of twentieth century Nazi activities. Following our visit of Nürnberg we continue to Oberammergau in the Bavarian Alps for dinner and overnight. (BB, D)

Tuesday, May 19 - Oberammergau: The Passion Play has been performed in Oberammergau since 1634. It is a tradition which, although common throughout Europe at that time, largely disappeared over the centuries. Except in this small Bavarian farming village it not only survived more than 350 years, but became famous all over the world. Oberammergau is also well known for the traditional craft of wood-carving and for the frescoes decorating the village houses. This morning will be free to absorb the unique atmosphere of this Alpine village, before the afternoon and evening performance of the Passion Play. (BB, L, D)

Wednesday, May 20 - Munich / Chicago: This morning we will be transferred to Munich airport to begin our journey home.

(BB) Buffet Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

Tour Highlights:

- Round trip air from selected city
- Quality hotels throughout
- Passion Play Ticket with top category seating
- Meals as outlined in the brochure
- Professional Tour Manager
- Comprehensive sightseeing & relevant entrance fees
- Deluxe Motor Coach with washroom & air conditioning
- Baggage handling at all hotels - one bag per person
- Final documents, baggage tags, etc.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Trans World Travel, INC (TWT)
CANCELLATION BY TOUR MEMBER

CANCELLATIONS per person: All cancellations must be in writing and acknowledged by TWT. A \$200.00 administrative fee will be assessed for any cancellation plus all other penalties assessed by Oberammergau Passion Play Committee, airlines, hotels, cruise lines, tour operators, attractions, motor coach companies, etc. prior to March 31, 2018.

PLUS the following:

1) Cancellations postmarked after March 31, 2018, can be penalized up to 15% of tour cost per person.

2) Cancellations postmarked within 180 days of departure, penalty up to 30% of tour cost per person.†

3) Cancellations postmarked within 90 days of departure, penalty up to 50% of tour cost per person.†

4) Cancellations postmarked within 60 days of departure, penalty 100% of tour cost per person.†

†Additionally, unless a replacement is found, a cancelling tour member will also be charged for the single supplement fee of one's non-cancelling roommate.

PARTIAL OR COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL AFTER TOUR BEGINS: Once the tour is in progress, no refund will be made for any unused portion of the tour.

CANCELLATION BY TWT: TWT reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason, including insufficient number of participants, in which case a full refund will be given. TWT also has the right to withdraw your membership at any time if your actions impose upon or disturb the other members of the tour. All additional costs to send a tour member home will be borne by the tour member.

INSURANCE: An optional insurance plan is available. We strongly urge all tour members to have insurance in the event of illness or death occurring prior to departure. Also, medical insurance is urged since some insurance companies do not cover an individual while abroad. Please note that this insurance will not cover pre-existing conditions unless enrollment for the insurance is done within a specified number of days of TWT registering you for the tour. If you lose or don't receive this insurance information, immediately contact your tour host or Trans World Travel, Inc..

WHAT'S INCLUDED: Only items listed in the Tour Highlights or What the Tour Includes section of the brochure are included.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round-trip in Economy Class. Individual seating requests

cannot be guaranteed due to airline seating policies. TWT must have your legal name. Reissuance ticket fees are subject to the policies of the individual airline contracted for your tour. Passengers not traveling on the group's air itinerary are responsible for arranging their own transfers from their arrival airport to the group's first hotel or cruise ship and from the group's last hotel or cruise ship to their departure airport.

HOTEL CLASSIFICATIONS: We use 3 and 4-star hotels that are chosen on the basis of location, cleanliness and services and, when possible, are typical of the local area, or the best accommodations available in a particular city. All rooms have private bath and toilet facilities.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED: Excluded is any item or service not specifically indicated as included - such as cost of passports, visas where required, portage at airports and/or ship docks, gratuities on all cruises ships, tips to tour manager, motor coach driver, or guide, optional tours, and any other items of a personal nature including beverages with included meals. No responsibility is incurred by TWT for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the passenger's belongings. Baggage, health and trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

DEVIATIONS: Deviations from the group itinerary will be quoted separately and require completion of a "Request for Deviation" Form. Changes are subject to a TWT deviation fee of \$200 per person plus any other travel related fees from airlines, hotels, etc.

TOUR DOCUMENTS: Tour documents will be mailed approximately two weeks prior to departure. Documents delayed because of late payment may require express shipment billed to recipient or C. O. D.

ITINERARY CHANGES: Occasionally, a change in a portion of your tour, accommodations, services, etc. may be necessitated due to: altered transportation schedules/equipment, weather conditions, labor strikes, road construction, or for other unforeseen reasons outside the control of TWT. Any resultant expenses shall be borne by the passengers.

RATES: All rates in this brochure are based on applicable tariffs in effect at the time of printing. Tour price can be increased due to the occurrence of currency fluctuations, the increase in fuel, increase in air tickets, various taxes, or any other increase connected with the tour package. Any cancellation due to any of the above changes is subject to the cancellation policy stated above.

LEGAL / HEALTH DOCUMENTS: For international travel, all U.S. citizens must have a current passport with at least 6 months validity remaining from your return date. For certain

countries you will also need a properly dated visa. These documents are your responsibility and we urge you to apply for these documents as soon as possible.

RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility of Trans World Travel, Inc. is strictly limited. As a tour operator, TWT organizes, promotes and sells tour programs consisting of certain travel services, including, but not limited to, surface transportation, sightseeing excursions and hotel accommodations which TWT purchases or reserves from various suppliers. The suppliers providing travel services for TWT's tour programs are independent contractors and are not agents or employees of TWT or any subsidiary company. To the extent that TWT is involved in the sale of air transportation to you, TWT acts as an agent of the air carrier. For all other purposes, TWT does not act as agent for any party.

TWT is not responsible for the willful or negligent acts and / or omissions of such suppliers or any carrier or their respective employees, agents, servants or representatives including, without limitation, their failure to deliver or their partial or inadequate delivery of services. All coupons, receipts and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers and/or carriers. By utilizing the travel service of the suppliers, you agree that neither TWT nor any subsidiary company or representative shall be liable for any accident, injury, property damage or personal loss to you or to those traveling with you in connection with any accommodations, transportation or other travel services or resulting directly or indirectly from any occurrences or conditions beyond its control, including, but not limited to, acts of terrorism, defects in vehicles, breakdown in equipment, strikes, theft, delay or cancellation of or changes in itinerary or schedules.

These tour programs are planned in advance. If, between planning time and the actual tour operation, circumstances beyond TWT's control require changes, TWT reserves the right to vary itineraries and substitute components of tour programs which could also include replacing the tour host due to sickness, etc. Remember that all travel documents, as well as compliance with customs regulations, are your (the tour member's) responsibility.

The payment of the required deposit or any other partial payment for a reservation on a tour constitutes consent to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure. The terms under which you agree to take these tours cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized officer of TWT. TWT is not responsible for typographical errors or errors of omission.

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