

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2022

Germany and Lutheran Heritage

11 Day

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



May 8 ~ 18, 2022

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Lutheran Heritage & Passion Play

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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:

\$600.00 per person - due with reservation

\$900.00 per person - due March 1, 2021

\$1200.00 per person - due August 15, 2021

Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure

Sunday, May 8, 2022 - Depart Chicago: Today we begin our journey to Germany. Meals are served during our transatlantic flight.

Monday, May 9 - 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 10 - 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 11 - 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 12 - 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 13 - 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 14 - 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 15 - 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 16 - 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 Nurnberg we continue to Oberammergau in the Bavarian Alps for dinner and overnight. (BB, D)

Tuesday, May 17 - 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 18 - 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
Passion Play 2022 Programs

CANCELLATIONS per person: All requests for cancellations must be submitted in writing and acknowledged by TWT. A \$600.00 administrative fee will be assessed for any cancellation prior to October 1, 2020. All other acknowledged cancellations will be subject to the following terms:

1) Cancellations postmarked after October 1, 2020, can be penalized up to 25% of tour cost per person.†

2) Cancellations postmarked after March 1, 2021, can be penalized up to 35% of tour cost per person.†

3) Cancellations postmarked within 180 days of departure, penalty up to 50% of tour cost per person.†

4) Cancellations postmarked within 90 days of departure, penalty up to 75% of tour cost per person.†

5) Cancellations postmarked within 60 days of departure, penalty up to 100% of tour cost per person.

†Additionally, unless a replacement is found, a cancelling tour member can also be charged for the single supplement fee of one's non-cancelling roommate. TWT shall process such refunds, subject to the above terms offset by applicable penalties as soon as reasonably practicable.

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 less any charges of fees assessed by hotels, motor coach companies, airlines or other third party vendors. TWT shall be excused from the performance of its obligations under this Agreement to the extent that such performance is prevented by a fire or other casualty, strike, pandemic, Act of God, other cause beyond the control of the Parties. 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. Please note that all insurance policies will be subject to all terms and conditions applicable to the respective insurance policies and participants should review all terms and conditions. Such policies may 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.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round-trip in Economy Class. Individual seating requests cannot be guaranteed due to airline seating

policies. TWT must have your legal name as it appears in your passport. 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.

HOTELS: We exercise our best efforts to use mostly 3 & 4-star hotels when possible that are typical of the local area, or the best accommodations available in a particular city. All rooms should have private bath and toilet facilities. Hotels do not allow credits if passenger chooses to depart earlier than the scheduled group departure.

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 cruise 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.

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 might 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

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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, change the departure date 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. If you should have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please call TWT prior to registering for the tour.

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