

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2020

**Hungary ... the Czech Republic ... Germany
and Slovakia**

11 Days - Classical Europe

**Budapest ... Bratislava ... Prague ... Nurnberg ... Rothenburg ... Heidelberg
Rhine River Cruise ... Neuschwanstein Castle and Oberammergau**

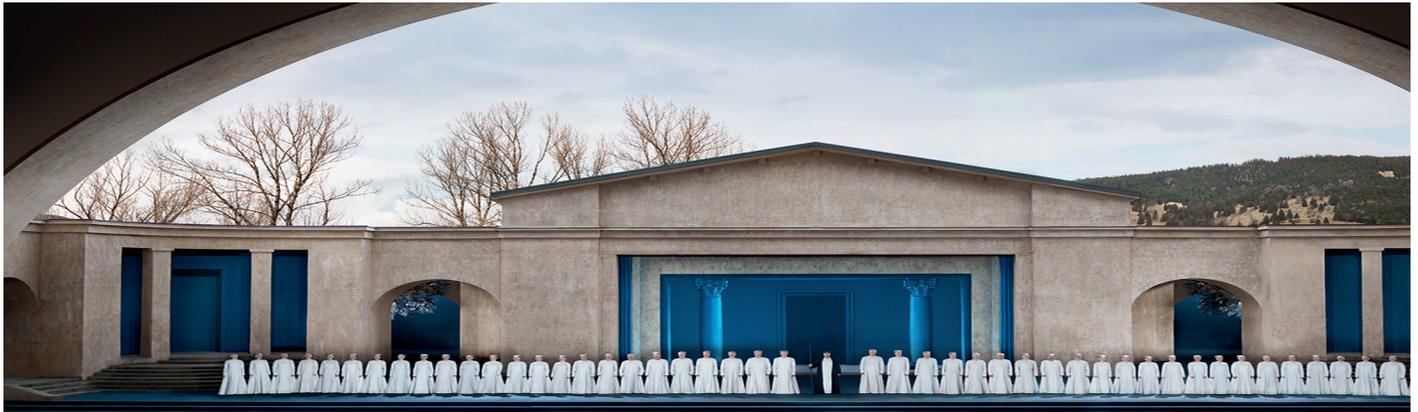


June 28 ~ July 8, 2020

hosted by:

*Pastor Michael Sparby
Edison Park Lutheran Church
Chicago, Illinois*

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Beach, Seattle, Washington*



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 tours are based on land and air rates that are in effect as of November 1, 2016. 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: Pastor Sparby ... c/o Trans World Travel, Inc., 734 Central Ave., Highland Park, IL 60035

Enclosed is my (our) reservation form(s) for the Classical Europe Tour departing June 28, 2020 and a \$200 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: _____

Print name as it appears on your PASSPORT and your birthdate

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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Hungary, the Czech Republic & Germany

Tour Cost from Chicago

\$4889.00 per person, double occupancy

Based on projected air fares as of 11/01/2016

Land rates based on a minimum group size of 35 passengers.
Exact air rates will be determined 10 months prior to departure.

Single Supplement \$875.00

Payment Schedule:

\$200.00 per person - due with reservation

\$500.00 per person - due February 1, 2018

\$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, June 28, 2020 - Chicago: Today we depart on our flight to Budapest. Meals are served during our transatlantic flight.

Monday, June 29 – Budapest: On arrival at the Budapest airport, we will be met by our tour manager and directed to our waiting motor coach. En route to our hotel, we will have an introduction to our tour before check-in and dinner. (D)

Tuesday, June 30 – Budapest: This morning's city tour will showcase the two parts of this magical city, which is divided and at the same time united by the Danube - Buda is the historic capital, with its Royal Palace, Matthias Church and Fisherman's Bastion; Pest has the equally famous landmarks of the Parliament and Heroes' Square. The afternoon and evening are free for shopping and further exploration. (BB)

Wednesday, July 1 – Budapest / Bratislava / Prague: Departing Budapest this morning, we will cross into Slovakia and to its capital of Bratislava, which since the country's independence in 1992 has been transformed in just a few years into one of Europe's most dynamic cities. The historic heart has been lovingly restored after decades of Communist neglect to rank as one of the most authentic in Central Europe - a true reflection of its Hungarian, Austrian and Slovakian past. Our walking tour will include views of the Castle Hill, Old Town, St. Martin's Cathedral and the Primate's Palace. There will be free time for lunch and shopping, before we continue into the Czech Republic and on to Prague for dinner and overnight. (BB, D)

Thursday, July 2 – Prague: Known as the Golden City, the city of one hundred towers and the Jerusalem of Europe, Prague is one of Europe's most beautiful cities. Today's walking tour will take in all the highlights of this breathtaking city – the castle area of Hradcany with St. Vitus Cathedral, the Lesser Quarter, Charles' Bridge and the Old Town Square. The afternoon and evening are free for individual exploration and shopping – perhaps visit the extensive Jewish quarter or enjoy the bustle of Wenceslas Square. (BB)

Friday, July 3 – Prague / Nürnberg / Rothenburg ob der Tauber: Following breakfast we will depart Prague and motor to the Czech border and into Germany. Our first stop will be in Nürnberg, where our city tour will highlight all the historic landmarks of this great city, from its medieval heyday to the darkest hours of the Nazi rallies. We will walk through grounds of the mighty medieval Castle, which dominates the old town, past the birthplace of Albrecht Dürer, and see the exquisite Gothic churches of St. Lorenz and the Frauenkirche. Our journey through history continues to the building where the Nürnberg Trials were held following World

War II, and we will see the complex of buildings designed by Albert Speer for the Nazi Party Rallies. In the early evening we will arrive in Rothenburg ob der Tauber, a medieval jewel where time seems to have stood still for 400 years. (BB, D)

Saturday, July 4 – Rothenburg ob der Tauber / Heidelberg: Still completely surrounded by its medieval fortifications, Rothenburg takes us a step back in time. This morning our walking tour reveals the old world charm of this unique town, with its impressive City Hall, Market Square and magnificent St. James' Church with the exquisite Holy Blood Altar, carved in linden wood by Tilman Riemenschneider. There will be free time for lunch and shopping, perhaps at the famous Christmas Shops of Kaethe Wohlfahrt, before we continue to Heidelberg for dinner and overnight. (BB, D)

Sunday, July 5 – Heidelberg (Rhine River Cruise Excursion): This morning we will drive to the banks of the Rhine River, where we begin our leisurely cruise along the most famous stretch of this mighty river from St. Goar to Bingen, past castles and ruined fortresses, which tell tales of medieval knights, robber barons and, of course, the legend of the Lorelei. In the afternoon we will return to Heidelberg, to visit the 600 year old Castle, whose spectacular ruin is the landmark which dominates the city and the very symbol of German Romanticism. In the later afternoon there will be free time to enjoy the old town, with Germany's oldest university, the church of the Holy Ghost and its famous student taverns. Overnight in Heidelberg. (BB)

Monday, July 6 – Heidelberg / Oberammergau: Today we will journey south into the breathtaking scenery of the Alps to visit Neuschwanstein, the fairy-tale castle of 'mad' King Ludwig II of Bavaria. It was here that the 'Fairytale King' attempted to re-create his images of medieval chivalry - so successfully that you will recognize the result as the model for Disneyland's Cinderella's Castle. Later we will also visit the beautiful rococo Wieskirche – the Church in the Meadow dedicated to the 'Scourged Redeemer' – before we continue to Oberammergau for dinner and overnight. (BB, D)

Tuesday, July 7 – 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 for 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, July 8 – Munich / Chicago: This morning we will be transferred to the 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
- ★ Flight bags, 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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