



THE PASSION PLAY 2020 **OBERAMMERGAU**



July 14 - July 25 2020

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Package Price Includes:

- † **Roundtrip Airfare**
- † **Passion Play tickets with lunch and dinner**
- † **All accommodations in double occupancy luxury hotels**
- † **Breakfast and dinner daily**
- † **Nine days sightseeing in modern air conditioned private bus**
- † **English speaking tour escort**
- † **Entrance fees**
- † **And much more**



Pr. Mariola Bergquist

Pilgrimage Highlights!

**Berlin * Wittenberg * Leipzig *
Oberammergau * Munich * Erfurt * Nuremberg**

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Oberammergau Itinerary Highlights

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Departure

Depart for your overnight flight to Germany. Meals will be served on board.

Day 2: Arrival in Berlin

- Welcome to Germany! On arrival in Berlin, we will meet up at our centrally-located Berlin hotel. There will be time to freshen up and relax from our flight.
- Upon arrival optional leisurely walk in Berlin.
- **Dinner and overnight in Berlin.**

Attention: Schedule on this day is subject to change depending on flight details.

Day 3: Berlin

- Breakfast at the hotel
- The morning tour still gives evidence of the former divided city. View the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, remnants of the former city wall, St. Hedwig's Church, the State Opera House, St. Mary's Church, and the Brandenburg Gate, Check point Charlie
- Visit the renowned Pergamon Museum where one may see the reconstruction of classic architecture from biblical periods of Turkey, Greece and Egypt. It was at Pergamum (Turkey) that Christians became the first martyrs under decree of Emperor Domitian.
- This afternoon we end the day with visit to Bonhoeffer house; Dietrich Bonhoeffer – Berlin Pastor and professor of theology – resisted National Socialism at a time when tyranny and racism ruled Germany, victimizing religious, ethnic, and social minorities. Bonhoeffer applied his Christian faith and his theological reflections to his everyday actions. This brought him in conflict with the Nazi regime, and he paid for his convictions with his life.
- **Dinner and overnight in Berlin**

Day 4 Berlin – Wittenberg

- Breakfast at the hotel
- This morning we will travel to Lutherstadt - Wittenberg where we will be based for the next two days. It was here in 1517 that Martin Luther nailed his famous 95 Theses that sparked the Reformation. We will spend time in the Lutherhalle (Luther House) Museum, where Luther lived first as a monk, then later with his wife and children. We'll be able to view some of Luther's very own personal library, rare manuscripts, and early Bibles. The tour will also include Castle Church, Stadtkirche St. Marien (St. Mary's church) where Luther preached and where his children were baptized, and the Luther Oak where he burned the edict from Rome, condemning him as a "heretic".
- **Dinner and overnight in Wittenberg**

Day 5: Wittenberg – Torgau – Leipzig

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Today we will explore one of Europe's flourishing trade and commercial centers during the Middle Ages which became the center of resistance to Communist rule a quarter century ago. Here we have the privilege of visiting the Nikolaikirche (St. Nicholas Church), the home of the faithful "Pray for Peace" Christians, and the powerful force that transformed Germany's East and West. In 1989, thousands of East Germans gathered by candlelight in this church to form human rights and pro-democracy demonstrations that led to the destruction of the infamous Berlin Wall and the dissolution of East Germany. Another Leipzig highlight is our visit to Thomaskirche (St. Thomas Church), where Luther preached, and Johann Sebastian Bach performed and directed the famous St. Thomas Boys choir.
- We will have lunch at one of Luther's favorite places, the Auerbach's Keller restaurant, which dates back to 1525.
- On to Torgau, the political center of the Reformation. We will visit Hartenfels Castle and see the "Luther and the Princes" exhibition, the chapel that Luther consecrated in 1544 and Katharina von Bora's grave.
- **Dinner and overnight in Leipzig**

Day 6: Leipzig - Eisleben – Erfurt

- Breakfast at the hotel
- This morning we will continue to the little city of Eisleben, which is sometimes referred to as Luther's Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Our first port of call will be the house where little Martin was born on November 10, 1483. The next day he was baptized in the nearby church of St. Petri-Pauli. This old gothic church has currently been beautifully restored to celebrate baptism as a Christian institution. By some strange twist of fate Martin returned to Eisleben as an old man, his purpose being to settle a dispute within the ruling family of the area. After three weeks he finally succeeded, but sadly one day later, on February 18, 1546, he died. We will visit the museum devoted to his memory and look around the church where he gave his last sermon. Then we will drive through the Thuringian countryside to Erfurt. We spend two nights in his Augustinian Monastery, which is now a Christian hotel. We will be able to see Luther's monastic quarters, including one cell furnished to look as it would have done when he lived there. At the end of the tour we will have a group worship service in the chapel.
- **Dinner and overnight in Erfurt.**

Day 7: Erfurt - Eisenach – Erfurt

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- In 1521, while fleeing from the wrath of the Pope, Luther took refuge in the Wartburg Castle after a fake kidnapping staged by his friend and protector, Frederick the Wise. We will tour the Wartburg and see where Luther finished translating the New Testament into German in just eleven weeks. Luther spent time in the nearby town of Eisenach as a school boy and sang in the choir of St. George's Church, where the Bach family also worshiped.
- The afternoon is free to explore the town or tour the Bach Museum and Luther House Museum.
- Return to Erfurt.
- **Dinner and overnight in Erfurt.**

Day 8: Erfurt – Nuremberg

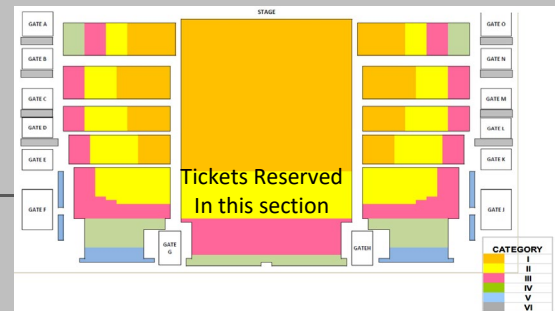
- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for Nuremberg and have some free time for lunch on your own upon arrival.
- Enjoy guided tour of Nurnberg, one of Germany's most colorful of medieval cities. The town features half-timbered houses. It is noted for its toys, gingerbread, and the renowned WW II trials.
- **Dinner and overnight in Nuremberg**

Day 9: Nuremberg – Oberammergau

- Breakfast at your hotel.
- Depart to Oberammergau. The history of the Passion Play at Oberammergau goes back to the year 1634, when the quaint alpine village of Oberammergau was threatened by the deadly and contagious disease known as the Black Plague that scourged Europe, killing two-thirds of the population of Germany. The people of Oberammergau vowed that if the village could be spared, a re-enactment of the life and suffering of Christ would be performed. The village was miraculously saved from the ravages of the Black Death. Since that date, the play has been performed every ten
- Lunch on your own
- Afternoon at leisure.
- **Dinner and overnight in Oberammergau or its vicinity.**

Day 10: Oberammergau

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Enjoy free morning at Oberammergau village
- Lunch included
- After lunch take seats in the theatre to attend the performance of the world-famous Passion Play. This Play is performed by local villagers – often roles are handed down from generation to generation within families. Dinner is included during a three-hour break in the late afternoon and the performance lasts until 10:30 pm.
- **Overnight in Oberammergau or its vicinity.**



Day 11: Oberammergau – Munich

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Depart for Munich and have some free time for lunch on your own upon arrival.
- We enjoy a guided tour of Munich. We see the Nymphenberg Palace, Olympic Stadium Deutsche Museum, Frauenkirche, Neues Rathaus, and a view of the famous "Glockenspiel" at the Marienplatz
- **Dinner and overnight in Munich.**

Day 12: Munich departure

Attention: Schedule on this day is subject to change depending on flight details.

- Breakfast at your hotel.
- Transfer to the airport for your flight home

Note: While we do our very best at making sure all items listed in your itinerary are included, there are times when conditions beyond our control affect your program/itinerary, including but not limited to air carrier changes, delays, weather, political climate, time constraints, or changes by your tour leader and tour guide.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$500.00 per person is required to make a reservation. An additional payment of \$1000.00 per person is due by February 14 2020. The final payment is due no less than 120 days prior to the departure date of the tour (March14, 2020). Payment can be made by personal check or money order. Credit card payments will be accepted but will incur a 4% Surcharge at the time of booking. Reservations received after December 14, 2019 is subject to availability and may incur additional charges due to supplier contract terms.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS: If a passenger cancels his/her tour membership there will be a cancellation fee of \$100.00 per person to cover administrative and communication costs up until 360 days before departure. For cancellations 360-180 days before departure the cancellation fee will be \$250.00 per person. 180-120 days before departure the cancellation fee will be 50% of the Cost per person. There will be no refund for cancellations within 120 days of departure, no-shows, or partially completed tours. All cancellation requests must be addressed to Goodshepherd Travel in writing. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

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HOTELS: Tour prices are per person, based on two people sharing a room in Deluxe hotels. Single rooms are subject to availability and at an additional cost of \$990.00 (tour participants without a roommate will have to pay single room surcharge).

BAGGAGE: You may check no more than one (1) piece of luggage whose overall dimensions does not exceed 62 inches (length + width + height) and whose weight does not exceed fifty (50) pounds in total. Checking a second bag will cost up to

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DISABILITIES: Due to the difficult terrain at sites we visit, persons requiring oxygen or oxygen therapy will not be permitted on the tour. For reasons of passenger safety and well-being, persons with impaired mobility, vision, or mental capacity will not be permitted on the tour. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to refuse passage to someone who is in such physical or mental condition as to be unfit for travel or who may require care and attention beyond that which the tour guide and tour host can provide. The tour requires a substantial amount of walking and the sites are not accessible by wheelchair.

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PRICE CHANGES: Tour conditions and air fares are subject to Governmental, IATA, ARC, and airline regulation requirements in effect at the date of and during the tour. All rates are quoted in US dollars and are based on tariffs and costs in effect in September 2018, and are subject to change without notice. Taxes and fuel surcharges of \$574.00 are included in your tour cost and are subject to change without notice. Goodshepherd Travel reserves the right to pass along additional fuel surcharges or additional taxes imposed by the airline.

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Trip date:
July 14 - July 25
2020

Package Price: \$5,490.00
Single supplement: \$990.00 (Private Room)

Package price include s the following:

- Meet & Assist at Berlin and Munich Airports upon arrivals and departures.
- Round Trip airline ticket
- Hotels with breakfast and dinner(3-course dinner, excl. drinks)
- Comfortable air-conditioned bus
- Professional English-speaking tour escort
- Entrance Fees:
- Portage service at the hotels (in/out, 1 luggage pcs/pax)
- 2 night Passion Play package including: Accommodation in Oberammergau
- 1 Lunch
- Wine with Dinners

Package price does not include the following:

- Lunches and soft drinks.
- All Personal Expenses.
- Tips for hotel's staff, local guides, tour leader & driver
- Travel Insurance and anything not mentioned in included

I agree to the conditions as stated above

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Notes:
All prices are in US Dollars based on per person in a double room, Pax rooming alone is subject to single supplement, and maximum capacity of the bus is 50 Pax. All prices are VAT inclusive

RESERVATION APPLICATION

St John Lutheran Church Spiritual Leader: Pr. Mariola Bergquist

Passion Play 2020

(July 14 - July 25 2020)

Group Reference Number: **OB071420**



PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

Full Name (as printed on your passport):			
First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:	
Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):		Date of birth:	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Mailing Address:	Street:	Mobile phone:	Home phone:
City:	State:	Zip code:	Work phone:
Email address:			

PASSPORT INFORMATION

Country of citizenship:	Passport number:
Passport date of issue:	Passport date of expiration:
Frequent flyer number:	Known traveler number:

ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

Please check one: Double occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy (Private Room) \$990.00 additional <input type="checkbox"/>
If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:
If choosing single occupancy, would you be willing to share a room with another person? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Please list the name, relationship, and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:
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I agree to the terms and conditions as stated in this tour contract:
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please enclose a copy of current passport and a deposit of **\$500.00 per person** made payable to

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