

Oberammergau Passion Play 2020



12 Day Life of Martin Luther & Oberammergau Passion Play Tour

July 25 – August 5, 2020 / \$4,590.00 Per Person From Atlanta

(Includes: Roundtrip Air Transportation From Atlanta, First Class Hotels, Double Occupancy, 2 Meals A Day – Buffet Breakfast & Dinner, Daily Sightseeing With English Speaking Tour Guides, First Class Tickets To Attend The Passion Play, Entrance Fees, Airport Taxes, And Fuel Surcharges - Which Might Subject To Change, And Tips To Guides And Drivers.)

Tour Hosts: Dr. Buddy and Sheila Cooper

Day 1: Atlanta / Frankfurt

Depart Atlanta to Frankfurt.

Day 2: Frankfurt / Vienna

You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore on your own, shop, relax and prepare for the excitement to follow.

Day 3: Vienna

This morning following breakfast we visit one of Europe's most renowned cathedrals, St Stephens. We then have a panoramic city tour viewing Vienna's most famous historic sites including the Ringstrabe, with its magnificent buildings, the State Opera House, Parliament, etc. We then visit Hofburg Palace, residence of the Hapsburgs and home of the famous Spanish Riding School. The highlight of touring today will be a visit to Schönbrunn Palace and the royal apartments.

Day 4: Vienna / Salzburg

Our destination today is Salzburg, the Baroque city forever associated with both Mozart and the "Sound of Music." A jewel in a perfect mountain setting on both banks of the Salzach River, the city and the surrounding countryside are dominated by the magnificent Festung Hohensalzburg, a 12th century fortress 500 feet above the town. We visit the birthplace of Mozart, now a museum; also, the 17th century Residenzplatz, with its 40-foot high fountain; and the Benedictine Abbey of St. Peter. The remainder of the day is free with many things to do and see.

Day 5: Salzburg / Oberammergau

This morning we travel through the Bavarian Alps to King Ludwig's fairy tale Neuschwanstein Castle; one of the most photographed palaces in the world and model for the castles in Walt Disney theme parks. Following a tour of the castle, proceed to Oberammergau for dinner and overnight.

Day 6: Passion Play Performance

This morning we transfer from Munich to Oberammergau. You will have some free time to enjoy the delightful village of Oberammergau with outstanding opportunities for photos and shopping. This afternoon and evening we enjoy the Passion Play production. The play depicts the story of



Christ's Passion, beginning with the entry into Jerusalem and ending with the resurrection and transfiguration, a moving and spectacular experience. Each performance starts at 2:30 PM (1:30 PM start time after August 17th) and ends approximately 10:30 PM (9:30 PM after August 17th), with a three-hour included dinner break/intermission from 5:00 to 8:00 PM (4:00 to 7:00 PM after August 17th). We stay overnight in Oberammergau or surrounding area.

Day 7: Augsburg / Rothenberg

This morning we travel north to the ancient city of Augsburg, the place where the Augsburg Confession was presented. Our morning drive will allow for time to rehearse this important document and digest the tremendous meaning it has as the basis for much of our doctrine today. It was also here in 1518 at St. Anne's Church that Luther met the papal legate, Cardinal Cajetan, who demanded that Luther submit to the pope. Augsburg was also the site of another Imperial Diet (1530). This afternoon we travel the panoramic "Romantic Road" and visit the best preserved medieval town in all of Europe, Rothenberg ob der Tauber. We see the quaint Rathaus (town hall) with its impressive tower and have some free time for coffee and shopping in the many delightful shops. You may choose to visit on your own the Kriminalmuseum, housing all manner of medieval instruments of torture. Overnight in Rothenberg.

Day 8: Heidelberg / Worms / Mainz

This morning we travel to one of the most charming cities in all of the world - Heidelberg, ancient capital of the Palatinate and home of Germany's oldest university. But most importantly, it was a stronghold of German Reformed Protestants beginning in 1560. One of the great confessional statements of the Reformation, the Heidelberg Catechism was produced here in 1563. We tour Heidelberg Castle, a most impressive historic landmark of Germany that stands majestically overlooking the Neckar River. The structure, now largely in ruins, preserves numerous examples of Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque German architecture. Our next stop is in Worms. It was here, during the Imperial Diet in 1521, that Martin Luther challenged the entire Roman Catholic establishment by his refusal to recant the great doctrines of Protestantism. It was also here that William Tyndale completed the printing of his English version of the New Testament in 1525 which he had begun in Cologne. After seeing St. Peter's Church and the symbolic Luther memorial near the town square, we transfer to Mainz. In Mainz we view the Gutenberg Monument and then visit the Gutenberg Museum to learn about printing from the moveable metal type and see a Gutenberg Bible. We overnight in Frankfurt.





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Day 9: Coburg / Eisenach

Wasting no time today we immediately set out through scenic Thuringer Wald to view the fortress of Coburg known as Veste, the place of Luther's imprisonment in 1530. Next, we visit Eisenach, birthplace of Johann Sebastian Bach. It was here at the formidable Wartburg Castle that Luther, under "house arrest", translated the New Testament into the German language in 1523. We visit the castle and see where Luther spent his time. We end our day in Erfurt for dinner and overnight.

Day 10: Erfurt / Eisleben

This morning we spend time in Erfurt where Luther attended the university. A highlight will be the Augustinian Monastery where he spent his early years as a monk. Leaving Erfurt, we visit Eisleben which is noted among the most significant in Luther's history; he was born here in 1483 and died here in 1546 and old manuscripts indicate that he felt a special affinity to Eisleben. We will see the house of his birth and death, St. Andrews Church where he preached his last sermon, the Luther Monument, and St. Anne's Church with the famous Biblical scenes hewn in stone and many other sites. We continue to Wittenberg for dinner and overnight.

Day 11: Wittenberg / Berlin

We continue the Reformation Trail today with a visit to Wittenberg where Martin Luther lived and taught for 36 years. You will see the Castle Church door where Luther posted his 95 Theses, giving birth to the Reformation and the Town Church where he preached. We see the Luther House which the greatest museum of Reformation History in the world is. This afternoon we transfer to Berlin for a short tour of the Berlin Wall, Brandenburg Gate, and Checkpoint Charlie. Dinner and overnight in Berlin.

Day 12: Berlin / Atlanta

We transfer to the airport for our flight home.

Brothers and Sisters,

The opportunity to see the magnificent Passion Play of Oberammergau comes only every ten years. 2020 will be the next performance. Sheila and I will be taking a pilgrimage to see the play and to visit the life of Martin Luther while in Germany. We will begin in Vienna and leave from Berlin. It is a privilege to lead pilgrims across God's wonderful world, tracing the impact our Lord Jesus Christ has had upon us through the ages. This trip will take us to the middle ages and the rise of the protestant faith through the work and writings of Martin Luther. You are invited to join us on a journey that will touch your heart and go to the very heart of our Christian Faith.

*Traveling in good company together,
Buddy and Sheila Cooper*



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First-Come/First-Serve Basis!

Early Registration is Highly Recommended!

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Tour Price Includes:

Air Transportation: Airfares are based on special contract agreements with various international airlines and involve certain restrictions and deadlines. These fares are subject to cancellation penalties, and once they are issued, are **NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERABLE AND CAN'T BE USED TOWARDS FUTURE TRAVEL.** Please refer to our **CANCELLATION AND REFUND OF AIR AND LAND ARRANGEMENTS CLAUSE/POLICY** below. Airfares are based on prices in effect as of **JANUARY 1, 2020**, and they are subject to change without notice.

IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU PURCHASE TRAVEL INSURANCE.

Surface Transportation: All surface transportation as described in the itinerary will be by modern motorcoach designed for highway travel. Groups will be met and transferred on arrival and departure.

Hotels: First class Hotels (4 Star Throughout). Hotel classifications as per ratings on OHRG published by Ziff-Davis Company in New York. Hotels are double occupancy (2 people per room).

Single room additional cost **\$800.00**. Single rooms are limited and will be awarded on a first come first serve basis. If you request a roommate and none are available, you will pay ½ this amount as a forced single room.

Meal Plan: The meal plan is half board, 2 meals per day, consists of breakfast, and dinner, depending on the routine of the itinerary. Taxes and service charges normally appearing on the restaurant bills are included in the tour price. A list of all food allergies must be emailed to insptours@aol.com for hotel accommodation. In the case the hotel is unable to accommodate, passenger is responsible for all meals. Unused meals will **NOT** be reimbursed.

Baggage: INSPIRATIONAL TOURS restricts all tour passengers to 1 piece of checked luggage and 1 carry-on. **All Passengers should check with the airline for up-to-date baggage weight and dimension information and restrictions which are subject to change at anytime before tour departure.**

Included: Airport Taxes, Fuel Surcharges, (subj to change) & Tips to guides and drivers. Attendance to Passion Play.

The Tour Price Does Not Include: Expenses of passports, laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, after-luncheon and after-dinner tea or coffee or food not on the menus of the included meals; additional baggage; expenses of carriages, guides, sightseeing or other services than those specifically mentioned as being included in the itinerary; baggage and personal insurance; all items of a personal nature plus those not listed above as being included in the tour price.

Booking Conditions: Deposits and Payment: A **non-refundable deposit of \$600.00 per person** is required at the time of booking to be paid by either cash, checks, or money orders only! No order will be processed without a deposit. Credit cards will be accepted for full and final payments, which is due 90 days before departure. Registrations received within 90 days of departure require payment in full, deposit only will not be accepted.

Cancellation and Refund Policy: All cancellations **MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING VIA FAX, E-MAIL OR REGULAR U.S. MAIL.** Automatic **\$600.00** cancellation fee prior to departure; 60 to 30 days prior to departure 50% of tour cost cancellation fee; 29 days prior to departure up to date of departure 100% of tour cost cancellation fee; **Total loss of tour costs, Air and Land.** If non-refundable air tickets have been issued prior to receiving notice of your cancellation, you will be charged the price of the ticket in addition to the cancellation penalties listed above.

ALL RESERVATIONS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON.

Deviations: Deviation policies vary by airline and are normally only allowed on the return journey, **from the same departing city as the group, and depend upon availability.** There is a change fee of approximately \$150.00 per person, plus any additional airline charges. **ALL deviation requests must be made in writing, at least 90 days before departure date. NO TELEPHONE DEVIATION REQUESTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Tour Prices All tour prices quoted for transportation and land arrangements in this folder are based on rates, (including foreign exchange rates), in effect at the time of original tour agreement with your tour host and accordingly are subject to increase without notice if such rates change prior to departure.

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A History of 366 Years of Devotion

The story behind the **Oberammergau Passion Play** is one of faith, and began with a miracle. In the 1600's the deadly disease known as "The Black Plague", struck down one in every three persons throughout Europe, leaving in its wake untold misery, panic and death. The little village of Oberammergau was, of course, also threatened. The townspeople prayed to be spared, vowing that they would present a play depicting the Life and Passion of Jesus Christ every 10 years. Those who were struck down with the disease soon began to miraculously recover, and only a few people died in Oberammergau. True to their word, the villagers of Oberammergau presented their first Passion Play in 1634—a small performance that took place out in a meadow. Over the years, they have kept their pledge and their routing of plays has only been interrupted by the two World Wars. Today, the Passion Play is enacted on an open-air stage set against a magnificent mountain background. The covered auditorium seats 5,200, the play's verse and music were produced by local artist, as are the elaborate stage settings and costumes. More than 1600 villagers have participated in the performances and it is considered a special honor to play one of the lead roles. Only people born in Oberammergau, and who are in good moral standing, are permitted to perform. For the Oberammergauers the play is a labor of love. They receive no reimbursement for their time and devotion. And, although the Passion Play has achieved international fame, the complete sincerity of the Oberammergauers has never diminished. Their vow is still fresh in their minds! It is with great pride and anticipation that they are now preparing their presentation for the very special 2020 Passion Play Performance.



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