



# The Passion Play with Germany, Switzerland, & Austria

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Oberammergau • Sarnen am Sarnersee • Lucerne

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## HISTORY OF THE PASSION PLAY

*The history of the Oberammergau Passion Play begins in 1633. In the middle of the Thirty Years War, after months of dying and suffering from the plague, the people of Oberammergau took a vow to perform the "Play of the Suffering, Dying, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ" every ten years. At Whitsun in 1634 they fulfilled their promise for the first time. As early as the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century spectators were already coming to Oberammergau from all parts of Germany, attracted by the great power and fascination of the play. Nowadays, Oberammergau is happy to host guests from all over the world. In 2010 the village will be performing for the 41<sup>st</sup> time the play that the people of Oberammergau have kept up in unique continuation throughout the centuries.*

*In a five-hour performance more than 2000 participants enact the story of Jesus of Nazareth on the large open-air stage of the Passion Play Theatre with all its sights and sounds. Almost half of the inhabitants of Oberammergau perform with great dedication the story of the man whose message has given an incredible number of people hope and vitality throughout 2000 years. They play it out from his entry into Jerusalem to his death on the cross and resurrection.*

## Thursday, September 16, 2010 • Departure

Our journey begins, as we board our international flight from Minneapolis to Munich, Germany.

## Friday, September 17, 2010 • Salzburg Area



Upon arrival in Munich, we meet our driver and board our coach to begin our exciting alpine adventure. Our travels today take us first to **Altötting**, Bavaria's most commonly visited pilgrimage site. We see the **Black Madonna** in the chapel in the center of the village and explore some of the churches surrounding the square. We continue to **Oberndorf**, where we see the "**Silent Night Chapel**." It was here that Fr. Josef Mohr and Franz Gruber performed their composition of this world famous hymn for the first time on Christmas Eve in 1818. We continue to Salzburg, the birthplace of Mozart, and the city of "The Sound of Music." **B/D**

## Saturday, September 18, 2010 • Salzburg Area



We rise early this morning and enjoy a locally-guided city tour of **Salzburg**, including the **Salzburg Cathedral**, **St. Peter's Church**, the **Mirabel Gardens**, Mozart's birth house, and sights from "The Sound of Music." We then have the remainder of the day at leisure in the **Getreidegasse**, Salzburg's beautiful pedestrian shopping area. You might wish to take the funicular to the Salzburg fortress, which looks down over the beautiful old city. **B/D**

## Sunday, September 19, 2010 • Salzburg Area

After breakfast we drive to nearby **Berchtesgaden**, one of the most scenic areas in Germany. We board a local coach and drive partway up the **Kehlstein** mountain to an elevator which takes us the rest of the way to **Hitler's Eagle's Nest**, the foreboding mountain top retreat that Hitler used during WWII. We later return to Salzburg for overnight. In the evening we have the option to attend a musical performance in Salzburg, the city of Mozart. **B**

## Monday, September 20, 2010 Oberammergau



After breakfast we drive through the Bavarian countryside to **Linderhof Palace**, showplace of King Ludwig II. Linderhof was the favorite of King Ludwig's three palaces, tucked into an intimate setting in the woods. There are four pounds of gold leaf in every room and a beautiful collection of vases. We will take time for a guided tour of the palace. Time allowing, we will also visit the beautiful rococo cloister in Ettal. We drive to Oberammergau for overnight. **B/D**

## Tuesday, September 21, 2010 • Oberammergau



The morning is free for exploring **Oberammergau**. After lunch we will attend the **Passion Play**, the highlight of the tour. There will be an intermission for dinner and then return to the Passion Play theater for the rest of the production. **B/L/D**

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## Wednesday, September 22, 2010 • Sarnen am Sarnersee

As we continue southward today, we enter **Switzerland**, and soon notice the scenic splendor of perhaps the most beautiful country in the world. We make a stop in **Liechtenstein**, a postage stamp country. We continue on to **Einsiedeln** in the foothills of the Alps. Einsiedeln is another pilgrimage site. We then drive a short distance to our hotel in the mountains near Lucerne. **B/D**

## Thursday September 23, 2010 • Sarnen am Sarnersee



After breakfast we begin a wonderful day of sightseeing. We take a short drive over the Brünig Pass to the **Bernese Oberland**, the heart of the Swiss Alps. We now enjoy an excursion via cogwheel train from **Lauterbrunnen**, the “village

of the waterfalls,” to the **Kleine Scheidegg** for a panoramic view of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau Mountains! After time for lunch we continue our train ride down the other side of the mountain to **Grindelwald**, the “village of the glaciers!” **B/D**

## Friday, September 24, 2010 • Sarnen am Sarnersee



After breakfast we drive to **Lucerne** on the magnificent Vierwaldtättersee. We take time to cross the famous wooden **Chapel Bridge**, and stop to see the

pigignant **Lion Monument**, designed by the Danish sculptor Thorwaldsen, as a memorial to Swiss mercenaries that lost their lives defending the King of France. We enjoy some free time in Lucerne before driving to our hotel for a farewell dinner. Tonight we will enjoy our dinner with some Swiss folklore entertainment. **B/D**

## Saturday, September 25, 2010 • Return

Sadly our travels end today, as we transfer to the Zurich airport for our return flight to Minneapolis. We take with us new friends and memories of ancient castles, opulent palaces, scenic alpine views, and, of course, the inspiring memory of the Passion Play. **B**

### Abbreviations for meals:

**B**=Breakfast **L**=Lunch **D**=Dinner

## Tour Price: \$2,869 per person

land only

Price based on 35 participants, double occupancy

**Single supplement=\$500**

Triples available but not advised

*Airfare is not included but will be available 11 months before departure. Single guests may have to share rooms in Oberammergau.*

### Your Tour Includes:

- **Land transportation** via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double-occupancy) in superior tourist and moderate first class hotels
- **Meals** as indicated in itinerary
- Services of a **professional tour guide** throughout the tour
- **Local step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities listed on itinerary
- **Luggage handling:** one piece per person at hotels
- Luggage tags and strap, name badge and trip journal
- All **taxes and tips** for services provided except as indicated below

### Your Tour Does Not Include:

- **Airfare** and any related taxes and fees
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages** except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for coach driver and tour guide
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees.  
(*Passport must be valid for six months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional insurance** for health, cancellation and baggage.  
(This insurance is available and highly recommended.)

### Payment Policy:

Early registration is recommended to secure the Passion Play Ticket Package. An initial deposit of \$500 per person will be due with a completed application for each traveler wishing to reserve a space on the trip. That should be done as soon as possible as space on the tour is limited.

### Payment Schedule:

August 1, 2009:	\$1000 per person
120 Days before departure:	Balance Due

### Currency:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, Ed-Ventures reserves the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

### Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing and the date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due.

- From time of deposit to until 180 days prior to departure: \$250 penalty, unless the tour is subsequently filled. Then the penalty would be \$50.
- 179 to 45 days before departure: \$500 penalty plus any unfunded deposits including Passion Play arrangements unless the seat on the tour is filled. If the seat on the tour is filled, only the \$500 penalty will apply.
- 44 days or less before departure: NO REFUND.

*Ed-Ventures offers low-cost trip cancellation and medical insurance. We strongly urge you to consider this protection.*

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## Terms and Conditions

We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available, but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible, that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client. Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip for a medical reason only. You will be mailed trip cancellation insurance information with the brochure or upon receipt of your deposit.

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# Registration Form

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**Passenger Information (1<sup>st</sup> Traveler)**

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Nickname): \_\_\_\_\_

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Authority: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Passenger Information (2<sup>nd</sup> Traveler)**

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Nickname): \_\_\_\_\_

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Authority: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone/cell: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deposit Payment Information**

(please fill out if paying by check):

Enclosed is my check made payable to *Ed-Ventures, Inc* in the amount of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deposit Payment Information** (please fill out if paying by *credit card*):

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Visa/MasterCard/Disc: \_\_\_\_\_ Card ID Code:\* \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds Roommate (name): \_\_\_\_\_

Single supplement is an additional (\$500): \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Travel Insurance** (check one): \_\_\_ Yes, sign me up and charge my card below \_\_\_ No, I decline

Check enclosed: \_\_\_ Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Card ID Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Visa/MC/Disc: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions. Please sign me up for the trip!

Signature of 1<sup>st</sup> traveler: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of 2<sup>nd</sup> traveler: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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