

Tour Code: PPTAP322



Great Tastes, Sights &

Landmarks of Europe!

Including the Passion Play

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE

August 1 - 13, 2022

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Český Krumlov



Monday, August 1, 2022 • Depart USA

Tuesday, August 2, 2022 • Bamberg, Germany

After arrival at Frankfurt Airport, we drive to Bamberg, the old imperial city declared a world cultural heritage by UNESCO in 1993. En route, we stop in **Würzburg**, capital of Franconia, where we enjoy a spectacular view from **Marienberg Fortress**, the former stronghold of the Prince-Bishops of Würzburg. We drive the Franconian wine route and stop in the charming, delightful medieval town of **Prichsenstadt** before arrival at the hotel. We have time to sample the famous local *Rauchbier* (smoked beer) or meander the streets admiring the murals and medieval buildings. **B,D**

Wednesday, August 3, 2022 • Prague, Czech Republic

Our route takes us east today as we drive through the scenic **Fichtel Mountains** to **Plzeň (Pilsen)**. We take a break for lunch at the **Plzeň Brewery and Restaurant** and go on an interesting guided brewery tour. After a sample of the special *Plzen Urquell* beer, we continue to Prague in time to stroll along **Wenceslas Square** and explore the **Old Town Square** (Staroměstské náměstí). Tonight a special treat awaits—a Czech folklore show including dinner with Czech specialties. **B,D**

Thursday, August 4, 2022 • Prague

This morning our local guide joins us on a walking tour through the castle grounds of **Hradčany Castle**, where the 30 Year Religious War started. We visit the Gothic **St. Vitus Cathedral** and stroll across the famous **Charles Bridge** to reach the **Old Town Square** and enjoy free time for lunch. Perhaps we have time to look for bargains in Bohemian crystal or garnet jewelry! In the afternoon, we walk through **Josefov** (Josefov), the old Jewish quarter and tour one of the oldest Jewish cemeteries from the 11th century. Tonight we find our own “new” favorite restaurant. **B**

Friday, August 5, 2022 • Freistadt, Austria

We drive south today and stop in **České Budějovice** where we learn about the process of making the original “Budweiser” beer at the **České Budějovice Brewery**. Our next stop is in **Český Krumlov**, the “pearl” of the Czech Republic. Next we transfer to the romantic, fortified town of **Freistadt**, the chief town in the lower Mühlviertel in Upper Austria and have free time to shop, or perhaps walk the ramparts to experience the ambience of this delightful medieval town. **B,D**

Saturday, August 6, 2022 • Kremsmünster

We travel through the scenic **Mühlviertel** (Mill Quarter) in Upper

Mirabell Gardens, Salzburg



Austria and tour the hops farm of the Josef Reiter family. Next, we visit **Klam**, a market town. We tour **Castle Clam**, one of Austria's best retained fortresses. We travel along the **Austrian Romantic Road** stopping in **Steyr**, known for its tractors and innovative firearms production. We arrive in Kremsmünster, where a delicious Austrian dinner awaits. **B,D**

Sunday, August 7, 2022 • Salzburg

We experience the beauty of the **Salzkammergut**, one of Austria's favorite vacation areas, as we drive to **Gmunden** to tour the famous **Gmundener Keramik Factory**. After free time to shop or walk along the lake promenade, we drive to Mondsee for a picture stop at the striking St Michael's Basilica (where Maria married Captain von Trapp in the *Sound of Music* film). We continue to **Schleedorf** and stop at a “**Käserei**” to sample local cheese and learn about cheese-making. Tonight we attend the “Sound of Music” Show at the Sternbräu Restaurant. **B,D**

Monday, August 8, 2022 • Salzburg

In the morning we explore Salzburg, the town made famous by its native son, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and as the setting for the *Sound of Music* film. We stroll through Old Salzburg, with picturesque **Mirabell Garden** to reach the **Getreidegasse**. We walk past Mozart's birthhouse to visit **St. Peter's Cemetery** and see the catacombs. We have the remainder of the day to relax and enjoy this beautiful city, trying local pastries and coffee. This evening we have dinner on our own. **B**

Tuesday, August 9, 2022 • Mutters near Innsbruck

We drive to nearby **Berchtesgaden** this morning and experience an excursion to the Kehlstein Mountain, site of the tea house built for Adolf Hitler by the Nazi Party commonly known as the “**Eagle's Nest**.” We admire the fantastic Alpine panorama and then drive to **Schönau** and relax during a cruise on the **Königssee**. In the afternoon, we drive through the Alpine countryside following the Autobahn along the river Inn. We arrive at Hotel Plankenhof in Pill and tour the **Schnaps Museum**. After learning about the making of herbal medicine, we transfer to our hotel in time for dinner. **B,D**

Wednesday, August 10, 2022 • Oberammergau, Germany

We explore the Olympic city of Innsbruck this morning and then drive over the **Fernpass** to Oberammergau. En route, we tour **Palace Neuschwanstein**, the fairytale castle built by the eccentric King Ludwig II of Bavaria. After a tour of the castle, we stop at the **Wieskirche**, the beautiful rococo “church in the meadow,” before we arrive at our hotel in Oberammergau. **B,D**

Tea house known as
the "Eagle's Nest"



Thursday, August 11, 2022 • Oberammergau

We enjoy a relaxed morning in Oberammergau, admiring the bright frescoes that adorn many of the homes and businesses, perhaps shopping for a souvenir woodcarving for which the village is famous. We have options to visit nearby attractions. This afternoon we attend Part I of the **Passion Play**, the legacy of a vow made by the Oberammergauers in 1633 to enact the Passion story. Due to the ravages of the Thirty Years War, the plague had taken its toll in lives. But many of the people were spared, and the following year, 1634, the first Passion Play was performed on a stage set up in the cemetery. After dinner we attend Part II. **B,L,D**

Friday, August 12, 2022 • Munich

After breakfast, we drive to Munich and meet our guide for a panoramic city tour of Bavaria's fun-loving capital. We visit the grounds of **Nymphenburg Palace**—the birthplace of King Ludwig II—drive along the elegant **Maximilian Street**, pass by the colorful **Viktualien Markt** and see the **Frauenkirche** - Munich's landmark. After the tour, we have free time. Tonight we enjoy a special farewell dinner at a typical German beer hall with music. **B,D**

Saturday, August 13, 2022 • Return

Regretfully, our adventure comes to an end today. We return with memories of fabulous castles, magnificent alpine landscapes, historic, enchanting cities, a great taste for the European beers and Gemütlichkeit, and a wealth of new friends! "Auf Wiederseh'n!" **B**

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast **L**=Lunch **D**=Dinner

Passion Play, Oberammergau



TOUR COST: \$3,850

per person, double occupancy

Land Only

Single supplement = \$950

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in moderate first-class hotels
- Services of **Professional tour manager**
- **Hosted by Ken Koob & Alex Travel**
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- **Meals & Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- Luggage strap, luggage tags and trip journal
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services except as noted below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- **Roundtrip airfare** to Frankfurt, Germany and return from Munich, related taxes and fees (*cost to be confirmed when available; estimated at \$1500*)
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for all tour escorts (\$140 per person, can be prepaid)
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. Cost is 7.2% of trip cost.

Payment Schedule:

Deposit with registration: \$500 per person

2nd Deposit Feb. 1, 2021: \$1000 per person

Final payment due March 15, 2022

Invoices will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

Currency:

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

Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. \$170 of the initial deposit is non-refundable. From the time of 2nd deposit to 181 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed, including a minimum of \$850 for Passion Play Package deposit. From 180-30 days, a \$300 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are non-refundable. Anyone canceling less than 30 days prior to departure will receive no refund.

Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.

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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- PPTAP322: Aug. 1 -13, 2022 • \$3,850
- Single Supplement • \$950
- Airfare from _____
- Optional** \$140/person for end of tour gratuities for tour host, tour manager and coach driver.

Passenger Information (1st 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. *Best practice is to include a copy of the photo page of your passport.*

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender (required by airline): Male Female

Dietary Needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd 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. *Best practice is to include a copy of the photo page of your passport.*

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender (required by airline): Male Female

Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Work phone/cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed (1 bed) Twin Beds (2 beds)

Roommate name: _____ OR Single supplement: Yes No

Travel Insurance (7.2% of tour cost. Policy can be purchased up until travel date, but must be purchased at time of initial deposit to cover pre-existing medical conditions)

- I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the full premium with my deposit.
- I wish to decline the travel insurance offered. I understand I am solely responsible for any cancellation penalties and out of pocket expenses occurred should I have an emergency before or during the tour.

Deposit Payment Information

Enclosed is my \$_____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make checks payable to Alex Travel Agency.**

Please charge \$_____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Card ID Code:* _____ *last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card

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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____



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