

Tour Code: SPPP20

Neuschwanstein Castle



Germany, Switzerland & Austria

Including the 2020 Passion Play

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE

Aug. 26 - Sept. 6, 2020

Hosted by:
Siegmund Pfeifer

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August 1, 2018



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Chapel Bridge

Day 1: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 • Departure

Our journey begins as we board our international flight bound for Zurich, Switzerland.

Day 2: Thursday, August 27, 2020 • Zurich – Lucerne, Switzerland

Upon arrival in Zurich, we meet our coach and drive to Lucerne on the magnificent Vierwaldstättersee. We have time to freshen up from our journey and explore a little on our own before a welcome dinner tonight. **D**

Day 3: Friday, August 28, 2020 • Lucerne

This morning a local guide joins us as we explore the city. We take time to cross the famous wooden Chapel Bridge, stopping to see the poignant Lion Monument, designed by the Danish sculptor Thorvaldsen, as a memorial to Swiss mercenaries that lost their lives defending the King of France. This evening we take a sunset dinner cruise on Lake Luzern. **B, D**

Day 4: Saturday, August 29, 2020 • Sarnen

A local guide takes us on 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!" Later we enjoy a Swiss Folklore Show. **B, D**



Alpine horns in Grindelwald



Cogwheel Train

Day 5: Sunday, August 30, 2020 • Sarnen

This morning a local guide gives us a tour of Ballenberg, an open-air farm museum, where we learn about traditional Swiss farm life over the past few centuries. Next, we tour Interlaken with a local guide. We return to Sarnen for dinner and overnight. **B, D**

Day 6: Monday, August 31, 2020 • Innsbruck, Austria

We begin today with a drive to Einsiedeln in the foothills of the Alps. Einsiedeln is an important Marian shrine in Switzerland. Here we learn about the home of a vital monastic community and visit the Abbey of Our Lady of Einsiedeln. Then we continue to Innsbruck, Austria, our home for the night. A local guide joins us to explore this Alpine city. **B, D**

Day 7: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 •

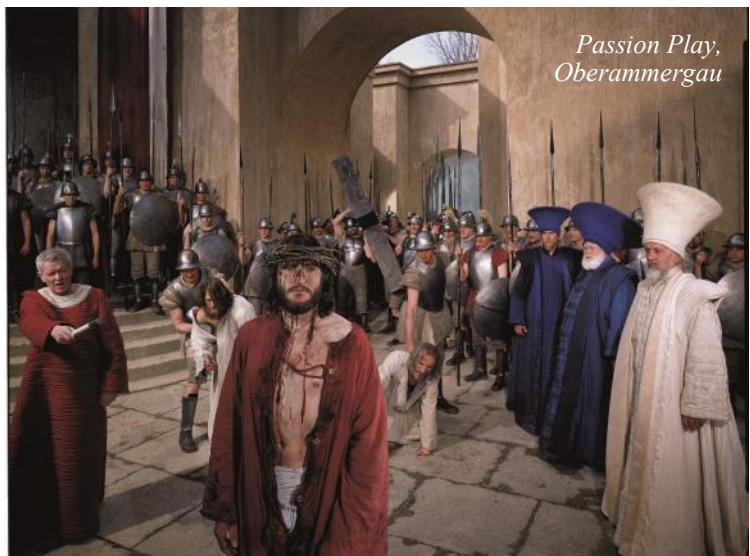
Garmisch Partenkirchen – Innsbruck, Austria

This morning we drive to Garmisch-Partenkirchen for an unforgettable experience. We see the "top of Germany" as we ride the cable car up the Zugspitze, the highest mountain in Germany and then explore Garmisch on our own. We return to Innsbruck for overnight. **B, D**

Day 8: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 •

Oberammergau, Germany

This morning we drive to Füssen where we visit and tour the Castle Neuschwanstein, the most famous of King



*Passion Play,
Oberammergau*

Rothenburg ob der Tauber



Ludwig's royal castles. Perched majestically on a mountainside, this was his fantasy of a medieval fortress and is often referred to as the "Disney Castle." We also visit the beautiful rococo cloister in Ettal and partake in a cheese tasting. We continue to Oberammergau for overnight. **B, D**

Day 9: Thursday, September 3, 2020 • 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. This afternoon we attend Part One 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 in 1634, the first Passion Play was performed on a stage set up in the cemetery. After dinner we attend Part Two. **B, L, D**

Day 10: Friday, September 4, 2020 • Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Our destination today is Rothenburg, a well-preserved medieval city, with ramparts, a city gate and town hall. Perhaps the most famous town on the "Romantic Road", Rothenburg is indeed a jewel. It is a nearly intact medieval walled-city without a single modern building within. This day is free to explore the city on our own. After dinner this evening we follow the Night Watchman and hear the tales and history of Rothenburg. **B, D**

Day 11: Saturday, September 5, 2020 • Rothenburg ob der Tauber

Today is at leisure to explore on our own. This evening we enjoy a winetasting and farewell dinner. **B, D**

Day 12: Sunday, September 6, 2020 • Return

Our motor coach takes us to Frankfurt airport for our return flight home. **B**

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

TOUR COST: \$4,899* per person Land & Estimated Airfare

*Price is based on a minimum of 20 paying participants, double occupancy
 Single supplement = \$925

Your Tour Includes:

- **Estimated Roundtrip airfare** to Zurich, Switzerland and return from Frankfurt, Germany, related taxes and fees (estimated at \$1,400)
- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in moderate first-class hotels
- **Meals per itinerary**
- Services of **Professional tour manager**
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- **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:

- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for tour manager and coach driver
- 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. (*This insurance is available and offered by Ed-Ventures.*)

Payment Schedule:

Deposit with registration: \$500 per person
2nd Deposit by Jan. 1, 2019: \$500 per person
Final payment due 100 days prior to departure.

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. The initial deposit is non-refundable. From the time of 2nd deposit to 99 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. From 99-14 days, a \$300 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling less than 14 days prior to departure will receive no refund.

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

Terms and Conditions

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Germany, Austria & Switzerland & the Passion Play

Please register me for:

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- Single Supplement • \$925

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: 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: 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 (please check one)

- I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.
- I wish to decline the travel insurance offered.

Deposit Payment Information (please check one)

- Enclosed is my \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make checks payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.**
- 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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