

Oberammergau 2010 - Passion Play Tour

BAVARIA – OBERAMMERGAU – VERONA – FLORENCE – ROME

Tour Date: June 22 – July 2

TOUR HOSTS: DAVID & AUDREY SHERBINO

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The history of the Oberammergau Passion Play begins in 1633. During the Thirty Years War, after much suffering and also many deaths caused by the plague, the surviving population of Oberammergau vowed that they would perform the "play of the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ" every ten years if they were spared from extinction. On Whitsun in 1634 they kept their promise for the first time. As early as the middle of the 18th century spectators came to



Oberammergau from all parts of Germany, attracted by the great power and mystique of the play. In 2010 the village will perform the play for the 41st time, maintaining the continuity of this unique world famous event. The arrival day in Oberammergau is Friday. Check in at the hotel and enjoy lunch. The Passion Play starts at 2.30pm and breaks at 5.00pm. Dinner will be at the hotel or local restaurant. The Play resumes at 8.00pm and finishes at about 10.30pm. Return to the hotel for overnight stay.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart on the overnight flight to Europe. Dinner served onboard.

Day 2: Arrive Munich, meet our coach and local guide. Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Munich and continue afterwards to the city of Augsburg. Balance of the day free. D

Day 3: Morning walking tour of Augsburg. Augsburg is one of Germany's oldest cities founded by the Romans. It is also known as "The City of Reformation". The afternoon is free for exploring on your own, shopping and relaxation. B/D

Day 4: OBERAMMERGAU
Drive to Oberammergau and enjoy the Passion Play. Confirmed 1 night package – hotel category – HC3

The package includes lunch, hot dinner during play interval, and breakfast. You also have access to the village shuttle service, admission to the play and program book. The group is confirmed to stay at Hotel Arnika in Oberammergau. B/L/D

Day 5: Drive to Ettal for visit of Schloss Linderhof. Afterwards travel to Italy as far as Verona, known as the city of "Romeo and Juliet". B/D

Day 6: Morning guided tour of Verona. Continue the journey to Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance". Also known as the home of Michelangelo's "David". B/D

Day 7: Guided morning walking tour of Florence. Afternoon free to explore this beautiful city on your own B/D

Day 8: Travel onward to Rome, the "eternal city". This certainly will be another highlight city on the tour. B/D

Day 9: Guided sightseeing tour of Rome. The afternoon is free to enjoy this beautiful city on your own. B/D

Day 10: Morning guided tour and visit to the Vatican, the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. Farewell evening dinner. B/D

Day 11: After breakfast transfer to the airport for your return flight back to Canada. B

Tour Price: \$4340. per person (based on double occupancy)

PRICE INCLUDES:

- roundtrip air transportation
- breakfast (B) and dinner (D) daily
- transportation by touring coach
- local touring and sightseeing as per itinerary
- hotel accommodations
- Oberammergau Passion Play one night arrangement
- Entrance to Schloss Linderhof

NOT INCLUDED:

- lunches except on Day 4
- travel insurance
- any items of a personal nature such as beverages
- tips to driver and guides
- airfare and related taxes



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BOOKING PROCEDURE:

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FORM OF PAYMENT:

Payment by:

Cheque: payable to Verstraete Travel & Cruises, or
Credit Card: provide card details on Booking Form

PAYMENT BY CREDIT

CARD: There is a \$95.00 surcharge for payment by credit card.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

A non refundable deposit of \$950.00 -pp is due at the time of booking. Your insurance payment is also due at this time. The balance is due by no later than March 01, 2010

BOOKING DEADLINE:

All reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. **Since we are limiting the number of participants, we recommend that you book as soon as possible.**

INSURANCE:

We strongly recommend the purchase of travel insurance consisting of cancellation and out of country medical coverage. The insurance premium rates are detailed on



the booking form.

PASSPORTS:

It is your responsibility to make sure that you have a **valid passport**. It must be valid for at least 6 months after your departure date. Canadian passport holders do not need a visa. If you are travelling with a non-Canadian passport it is your responsibility to inform our staff so that they can advise you of entry requirements.

PRICING:

All prices are based on minimum group size, current exchange rates and supplier quotations. In the event that significant changes take place due to circumstances beyond our control, we reserve the right to adjust the prices.

CANCELLATION:

If you have to cancel, you must inform Verstraete Travel in writing. The cancellation penalty is based on the date your cancellation is received. Cancellation penalties are shown in the chart below:

- The deposit is non refundable
- 100 days or less prior to departure the penalty is 100%.

FINAL ITINERARY & TRAVEL DETAILS:

It is anticipated that all the final details will be included in the travel documents and distributed 21 days before departure. Due to the nature of the tour program we reserve the right to make changes and

substitutions wherever necessary.

REFUNDS:

Refund requests must be received in writing within 60 days of the date of the cause of cancellation. Please allow four to six weeks for processing.

UNUSED TOUR ARRANGEMENTS:

Portions of tour arrangements, or any other service or feature of the package which are not used are neither refundable nor exchangeable.

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Verstraete Travel, hereinafter called the "Operator" and/or its agents and suppliers of services, assume no responsibility for injury, death, damages, loss or delay incurred by any person in connection with the tour, or by reason of any event beyond the control of the Operator, or loss occasioned by neglect, default, strike, war, hostility, civil disturbance or resulting directly, or indirectly, from acts of God. The Operator reserves the right to withdraw any or all packages at any time should conditions warrant, to refuse to accept or retain any person as a participant, to alter or cancel the itinerary whenever the Operator deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the members of the tours. Verstraete Travel reserves the right to make any and all changes at any time as they deem necessary.



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