



IN SUPPORT OF YONGE STREET MISSION

Oberammergau

2010 - Passion Play Europe Tour

BAVARIA – OBERAMMERGAU – SALZBURG – PRAGUE – MUNICH

Tour Date: July 06 – 14

TOUR HOSTS: KAREN & STEPHEN BACH

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 Europe and travel to the city of Augsburg, near Munich, in the Bavarian region of Germany. Balance of the day at your leisure. 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 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 continue to Salzburg known for "Sound of Music". B/D

Day 6: Morning guided walking tour of Salzburg. Continue the tour to Prague, Czech Republic. Prague is known as the "Center of Europe". B/D

Day 7: Morning guided walking tour of Prague, includes walking the majestic Charles bridge. Afternoon is free to enjoy Prague on your own. B/D

Day 8: Drive to Munich and enjoy some sightseeing upon arrival. Overnight in Munich. B/D

Day 9: After breakfast transfer Munich airport for the return flight to Toronto. B

Tour Price: \$2995. per person (based on double occupancy) Land only
Single Supplement - \$695.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 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
- Professional tour escort in Europe

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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OBERAMMERGAU TOURS 2010 - GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

BOOKING PROCEDURE:

Please complete and sign the Booking Form and send it (along with the deposit) directly to: Verstraete Travel
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Aurora, Ontario L4G 6H8

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 \$90 pp surcharge for payment by credit card

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

A non refundable deposit of \$750 is due at time of booking. Your insurance payment is also due at this time. The balance is due no later than April 2, 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 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
- 4 months or less prior departure: 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.

RESPONSIBILITY:

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.

AIR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:

Verstraete Travel will provide you with air travel arrangement details and costs in the Spring of 2010. We are committed to providing our tour participants with the most cost effective air travel possible. The group will fly transatlantic to Munich or surrounding Bavarian region for a two night stay prior to the Passion Play in Oberammergau. Trip extensions are possible for those who wish to extend their stay in Europe. Details are on the booking form.



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A donation tax receipt for \$250 per person will be issued for each participant



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