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# OBERAMMERGAU & THE PASSION PLAY 2020

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# THE PASSION PLAY



The world-famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, traditionally held every ten years, is due to be performed again throughout the summer of 2020.

In 1633, when the small Bavarian village of Oberammergau was in the grip of the plague, its inhabitants vowed that if they were spared, they would in future perform every ten years a Passion Play depicting Christ's bitter suffering.

In 1634 the villagers fulfilled their solemn promise for the first time, and for hundreds of years since then, despite dangers and threats, they have loyally kept their vow. Pilgrims from all over the world are captivated by the Play, which is not only a testimony of religious faith but also an outstanding cultural event.

Although the text and music have been adapted many times over the years, the traditional concept has remained intact. With inner conviction the amateur actors, all local people, represent time and again the life and sufferings of Our Lord.

The last major changes to the text of the Passion Play were made between 1850 and 1860 by the parish priest of Oberammergau, Alois Daisenberger, building on the work of Father Othmar Weis. The structure of the Play, with its living pictures from the Old Testament and acted scenes from the New Testament, has been retained to this day.

The music for the Play was composed in the early 19th century by the Oberammergau school teacher, Rochus Dedler. Revised and extended in 1950 by Professor Eugen Papst, it employs a large choir and orchestra and frames the entire spectacle.

The Play shows the story of Christ's Passion, beginning with the entry into Jerusalem and ending with the Resurrection and Transfiguration. The performances are usually during the afternoon and evening with a break for dinner. Lunch arrangements and bus transport around the village are included in the package, making the whole day a relaxing, as well as an uplifting, experience.



# THE PROGRAM & ITINERARIES



Worldwide Christian Travel was founded in 1967, and 2020 will be our sixth Oberammergau season. It follows the very successful tour programmes, which we operated, to the Passion Play in 1980, 1984, 1990, 2000 and 2010.

We have a long experience of the complex procedures for obtaining Oberammergau "Arrangements" - Passion Play tickets combined with local accommodation. We can therefore offer a first class, reliable service for Oberammergau tours.

At the time of printing this brochure we expect the 2020 season to last from late May to late September, with 4 or 5 performances of the play per week. Once again we expect midweek performances to take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and we recommend these because they are combined with a 2 night stay in the village.

Accommodation in and around Oberammergau is available in various categories, but demand for the few hotels is always high. In past years we have often used comfortable accommodation in private houses. For most tours we would expect to do so again in 2020.

The fact that this procedure divides the group into several smaller parties for 2 nights has never been a problem in the past. Indeed, many people particularly enjoy the experience of staying with local families in this way.

The suggested itineraries featured here are examples of Oberammergau tours, which have been popular in the past, or they are based on tried and tested tours, which we have operated to these regions in recent years.

All these would follow a visit to Oberammergau. Tours to other second centres, multi-centre itineraries, and longer or shorter versions of the tours featured here, are all available on request.





## Austrian Lake District

Oberammergau owes its world-famous reputation to the Passion Plays that have been performed every 10 years since 1634. Combine your trip with five additional days in the Austrian Lake District. Experience the beauty of one of Austria's most beautiful regions.

### Suggested Itinerary by Coach (9 days) or Air (8 days)

- Day 1-2** **Travel to Oberammergau.** Travel to Dover for the ferry crossing to Calais and onto France. Arrive in Oberammergau the next day.\*
- Day 3** **Passion Plays.** Morning at leisure. Lunch awaits before the Passion Play performance. The play is set in two acts with a break for dinner. Overnight in Oberammergau.\*
- Day 4** **Travel to Austria.** Head towards Austria to your chosen resort for the next four nights. Dinner at the hotel.
- Day 5** **Salzburg.** Travel to Salzburg and enjoy a guided walking tour. Enjoy free time or visit the medieval Hohensalzburg fortress (optional). Back to the hotel for dinner.
- Day 6** **At leisure.** A day to relax and enjoy your hotel and surroundings.
- Day 7** **Three Lakes Excursion.** Enjoy a full day excursion around Mondsee, Attersee and Wolfgangsee. Breathe in the Alpine air and why not sit lakeside to enjoy a strudel?
- Day 8** **Travel back to France.** Depart for the homeward journey with overnight stop en-route in France.
- Day 9** **Journey back home.** Continue towards Calais for the return crossing to Dover and home.

### Our suggested hotels:

- Fuschl am See: 4\*  
Landhotel Schützenhof
- St. Johann im Pongau: 4\*  
Hotel Brückenwirt

### Package includes:

- 9 days coach & driver hire
- Dover/Calais return ferry crossings
- 2 x overnights incl. half board, portorage
- 2 nights Oberammergau Package on half board plus lunch on day 3 (to be advised\*)
- 4 nights in Austria incl. half board with 3 course meal & tea/coffee after dinner, portorage
- Half day English speaking guide on day 5 and full day guide on day 7
- 24 hr emergency service
- ABTA protection



## St Anton & Tirolean Dreams

### Our suggested hotels:

- St Anton: Hotel Grießhof and Sporthotel

### Package includes:

- 9 days coach & driver hire
- Dover/Calais return ferry crossings
- 2 x overnight stops incl. half board, portorage
- 2 nights Oberammergau Package on half board plus lunch on day 3 (to be advised\*)
- 24 hr emergency service
- 4 nights in St Anton incl. half board with 3 course evening meal & tea/coffee after dinner, portorage
- Half day English speaking guides for Innsbruck and Feldkirch
- Entrance to the Swarovski Crystal Worlds, Cruise from Lindau to Friedrichshafen, entrance Zeppelin museum
- ABTA protection

Combine your trip to Oberammergau with five additional days in St Anton, Tyrol. It is an ideal summer destination from which to explore together with the bordering countries of Germany, Switzerland, Italy and Liechtenstein.

### Suggested Itinerary by Coach (9 days) or Air (8 days)

- Day 1-2** **Depart the UK.** Travel to Dover for the crossing to Calais and onto your overnight hotel in France. Arrive in Oberammergau the next day.\*
- Day 3** **Oberammergau Passion Play.** Morning at leisure. Lunch awaits before the Passion Play performance. The play is set in two acts with a break for dinner. Overnight in Oberammergau.\*
- Day 4** **Drive to the Tyrol.** Head towards Austria to your chosen resort in the Tyrol for the next four nights. Familiarise yourself with the area and the hotels facilities.
- Day 5** **Innsbruck and Crystals.** Drive to Innsbruck and enjoy a guided tour. Wander the historic old town before driving to Wattens for a visit to the Swarovski Crystal World.
- Day 6** **At leisure.** A day to relax and enjoy your hotel and surroundings.
- Day 7** **Lake Constance and Lindau.** A scenic drive to Feldkirch, enjoy a guided tour before continuing to Lindau. From here take a cruise to Friedrichshafen, home of the famous Zeppelin museum.
- Day 8** **Travel back to France.** Depart for the homeward journey with overnight stop en-route in France.
- Day 9** **Journey back home.** Continue towards Calais for the return crossing to Dover and home.



## Black Forest

Oberammergau has performed their famous passion play every 10 years since 1634. Combine your trip with five additional days in the stunning Black Forest region of Germany.

### Suggested Itinerary by Coach (9 days) or Air (8 days)

- Day 1-2** **Travel to Oberammergau.** Travel to Dover for the crossing to Calais and onto your overnight hotel in France. Arrive in Oberammergau the next day.\*
- Day 3** **Passion Plays.** Morning at leisure. Lunch awaits before the Passion Play performance. The play is set in two acts with a break for dinner. Overnight in Oberammergau.\*
- Day 4** **Travel to the Black Forest.** Depart Oberammergau and head towards the Black Forest to your chosen resort for the next four nights. Dinner at the hotel.
- Day 5** **Black Forest Panorama.** Visit Freiburg dominated by its Gothic Minster, the Schlossberg and the remains of three castles. Continue along Schauinsland and Feldberg roads via Schluchsee, to the beautiful lakeside resort of Titisee. There will be time for a short cruise and to taste some traditional Black Forest Gâteau.
- Day 6** **At leisure.** A day to relax and enjoy your hotel and surroundings.
- Day 7** **Triberg Waterfalls and Cuckoo Clocks.** Drive to the Glotter Valley, arriving in St. Peter before travelling along the Panorama Road and visit Fürtwangen, home of the German Cuckoo Clock Museum (not included). Continue to Triberg, home to the highest waterfalls in Germany.
- Day 8** **Travel back to France.** Depart for homeward journey with overnight stop en-route in France.
- Day 9** **Journey back home.** Continue towards Calais for the return crossing to Dover and home.

### Our suggested hotels:

- Titisee: Maritim Hotel
- Gengenbach: Schwarzwald Hotel
- Breitnau: Hofgut Sternen

### Package includes:

- 9 days coach & driver hire
- Dover/Calais return ferry crossings
- 2 x overnight stops including half board, portorage
- 2 nights Oberammergau Package on half board plus lunch on day 3 (to be advised\*)
- 4 nights Black Forest including half board with 3 course meal & tea/coffee after dinner, portorage
- Half day English speaking guide for Freiburg
- Entrance to the Triberg Waterfalls, Black Forest gateau and cruise
- 24 hr emergency service
- ABTA protection

AN ALTERNATIVE 8 DAY ITINERARY IS POSSIBLE FLYING INTO MUNICH OR STUTTART



## Rhine and Moselle Valley

### Our suggested hotels:

- Boppard: Bellevue  
Rheinhotel and Hotel  
Ebertor

### Package includes:

- 9 days coach & driver hire
- Dover/Calais return ferry crossings
- 2 x overnight stops incl. half board, portorage
- 2 nights Oberammergau Package on half board plus lunch on day 3 (to be advised\*)
- 24 hr emergency service
- 4 nights in the Rhine Valley incl. half board with 3 course evening meal & tea/coffee after dinner, portorage
- One way cruise from Rudesheim to Boppard, round trip cruise from Cochem, wine tasting
- ABTA protection

Combine your trip to Oberammergau with five additional days in the Rhine Valley. Both the Rhine and Moselle Valleys are charmed by its vine-clad slopes, wonderful wines and picturesque towns.

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- Day 3** **Oberammergau Passion Play.** Morning at leisure. Lunch awaits before the Passion Play performance. The play is set in two acts with a break for dinner. Overnight in Oberammergau.\*
- Day 4** **Travel to the Rhine Valley.** Head towards the Rhine Valley to your chosen resort for the next four nights. Familiarise yourself with the area and the hotels facilities.
- Day 5** **Full day Rudesheim and Rhine Cruise.** Drive to St. Goar to view the famous cuckoo clock. Visit the village of Bacharach and then on to Rudesheim to explore the Drosselgasse. Take a cruise along the Rhine back to Boppard.
- Day 6** **At leisure.** A day to relax and enjoy your hotel and surroundings.
- Day 7** **Full day Cochem and Moselle Cruise.** Drive to Cochem and explore the city before enjoying a cruise and visit to a vineyard for wine tasting.
- Day 8** **Travel back to France.** Depart for homeward journey with overnight stop en-route in France or Belgium.
- Day 9** **Journey back home.** Continue towards Calais for the return crossing to Dover and home.



## Lake Garda

Combine your trip to Oberammergau and its famous passion play with five days at Lake Garda. The largest of the Italian lakes, situated at the foot of the Dolomite Alps, in a beautiful area of Southern Europe.

### Suggested Itinerary by Coach (9 days) or Air (8 days)

**Day 1-2 Depart the UK.** Travel to Dover for the crossing to Calais and onto your overnight hotel in France. Arrive in Oberammergau the next day.\*

**Day 3 Oberammergau Passion Play.** Morning at leisure. Lunch awaits before the Passion Play performance. The play is set in two acts with a break for dinner. Overnight in Oberammergau.\*

**Day 4 Travel to Lake Garda.** Head towards Italy to your chosen resort at Lake Garda for the next four nights. Familiarise yourself with the area and the hotels facilities.

**Day 5 Lake Garda Panorama.** A scenic drive around Lake Garda passing through typical Italian villages. On the way back enjoy a boat cruise from Malcesine to Limone and back to Riva del Garda/Torbole.

**Day 6 At leisure.** A day to relax and enjoy your hotel and surroundings.

**Day 7 Romeo and Juliet's Verona.** One of the most beautiful cities in Italy. Enjoy a half day guided tour and see the famous sights.

**Day 8 Travel back to France.** Depart for homeward journey with overnight stop en-route in France.

**Day 9 Journey back home.** Continue towards Calais for the return crossing to Dover and home.

### Our suggested hotels:

- Riva del Garda: Hotel Europe
- Torbole: Clubhotel Lavela
- Bardolino: Poiano Resort

### Package includes:

- 9 days coach & driver hire
- Dover/Calais return ferry crossings
- 2 x overnight stops incl. half board, portorage
- 2 nights Oberammergau Package on half board plus lunch on day 3 (to be advised\*)
- 4 nights at Lake Garda on bed and breakfast and 3 x 3 course evening meal & tea/coffee after dinner, portorage
- 24 hr emergency service
- Half day English speaking guide for Verona
- Cruise from Malcesine via Limone to Riva del Garda or Torbole
- ABTA protection



## Bernese Oberland & Interlaken

### Our suggested hotels:

- Interlaken: Hotel Metropole and Hotel Du Nord

### Package includes:

- 9 days coach & driver hire
- Dover/Calais return ferry crossings
- 2 x overnight stops incl. half board, portorage
- 2 nights Oberammergau Package on half board plus lunch on day 3 (to be advised\*)
- 4 nights Bernese Oberland inclu. half board with 3 course meal & tea/coffee after dinner, portorage
- 24 hr emergency service
- Cruise on Lake Brienz, entrance to the Open Air Museum, ride on the Reichenbach funicular, Schilthorn excursion
- ABTA protection

Combine your trip to Oberammergau and its famous passion play with five days in Switzerland. Mountains, rushing streams, green valleys and snow capped peaks await you on this fantastic tour.

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- Day 3** **Oberammergau Passion Play.** Morning at leisure. Lunch awaits before the Passion Play performance. The play is set in two acts with a break for dinner. Overnight in Oberammergau.\*
- Day 4** **Travel to the Bernsee Oberland.** Head to Switzerland for the next four nights.
- Day 5** **Lake Cruise and Sherlock Holmes.** Leisurely cruise across Lake Brienz. Drive to the nearby Swiss Open Air Museum in Ballenberg. Continue to Meiringen, made famous by Sherlock Holmes and ride on the Reichenbach Funicular to see the spectacular falls.
- Day 6** **At leisure.** A day to relax and enjoy your hotel and surroundings.
- Day 7** **Schilthorn Excursion.** The Schilthorn mountain has the world's first revolving restaurant. Famous for being the host to one of the James Bond films, there is an exhibition dedicated to the film.
- Day 8** **Travel back to France.** Depart for homeward journey with overnight stop en-route in France.
- Day 9** **Journey back home.** Continue towards Calais for the return crossing to Dover and home.

# PRICES & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

## Prices

Provisional prices, when available in 2018, will include:

- Reserved seat for the Passion Play (seats are covered, stage is open, performance takes place regardless of weather)
- Coach and/or air travel as applicable
- Return ferry or shuttle crossings on coach tours
- Half board accommodation (with buffet breakfasts and three course dinners) based on:
  - Rooms with private facilities in 4 star or 3 star superior hotels in all other locations
  - Local transport whilst in Oberammergau
  - Lunch on the day of the Passion Play performance

We expect to advise fully guaranteed prices for each tour package by summer 2019.

## Payment Schedule

At the time of printing this brochure (April 2016) we expect to receive full details of reservation and payment procedures from the Oberammergau organisers in summer 2018.

As soon as we receive the "Sales Regulations" from Oberammergau, we will advise the full terms upon which we will receive and pay out deposits, and the circumstances in which deposits paid may be refunded. You will not be asked to make advance payments without being fully aware of the basis on which we will deal with them

The payment schedule for each tour will depend upon the content but, in principle, we expect it to be as follows:

### Summer 2018

- A deposit of about £200 per person

### Summer 2019

- A further deposit of about £250 per person

### 12 weeks prior to departure

- Final balance payment

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# WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS SAY



Please find below a selection of testimonials from our customers who travelled with us in 2010.

"We are writing to congratulate you on the wonderful arrangements that you put together for us... We are really pleased that we chose to travel with your company and would certainly recommend your company to others".

*Pat & Richard*

"Many thanks for a great holiday".

*Peter*

"Thank you very much for a wonderful holiday.... Oberammergau was at least as good as it was in 2000 - a very special day".

*Chris & Pat*

"I am writing to say how much my wife and I enjoyed our recent trip to the Black Forest and Oberammergau.... We both found it a very enjoyable and fulfilling experience".

*Stephen & Carol*

"The tour was excellent, and the arrangements went like clockwork".

*Anon*

"I am still wandering around in a bit of a dream because of the Play. This morning I went to our mid-week Communion Service. It was a moving experience for me because I was relating it to the Play and I kept seeing the appropriate scene in my mind's eye".

*Jeane*

# INFORMATION REQUEST FORM

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Please complete this form and return it to us, once the brochure for your chosen itinerary is completed we will then send this to you.

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Tel:

I am interested in the following itineraries:

I would prefer to travel during the months of...

Are you an individual traveller or in a group? *(Please tick)*

SOLO

GROUP

How would you like to travel? *(Please tick)*

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Would you like our latest vacancy list? *(Please tick)*

YES

NO

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