

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2020

Austria ... Croatia ... Slovenia ... Italy ... Germany

11 Days - Treasures of the Adriatic & the Alps

**Vienna ... Graz ... Zagreb ... Ljubljana ... Lake Bled ... Venice
and Oberammergau**



June 23 ~ July 3, 2020

Hosted by

Father Jerry Boland Mary Ann Spina

***Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
Glenview, Illinois***



THE PROMISE

During the Thirty Years War the deadly plague raged throughout Europe, until in 1633 it reached even the tiny Alpine village of Oberammergau. During the next six months, so many villagers died of the Black Death, that the townspeople took a solemn Vow – if God would release them from the plague, they would perform once every ten years the story of the Passion of Christ. From the moment the Vow was taken, no one else in the village succumbed to the plague and so the first Passion Play was performed in 1634.

What began as a single performance in the churchyard has developed over 380 years into a masterpiece of theater and music, with all the villagers involved either on stage or behind the scenes. For the Oberammergauers, the Passion Play is a labor of love and the Vow still has real meaning in their lives. And so they are now preparing for the Passion Play of 2020.

Dear Traveler,

Memories are those special moments captured in your heart for a lifetime. Our philosophy has always been to provide an exciting, relaxing, educational, enjoyable and rewarding travel experience to all of our travelers.

Since we have been offering the Passion Play in Oberammergau since 1970, we recognize that cost may be an issue for some people, but we also understand the needs and requirements of all of our past travelers. We know that they expect quality hotels in central locations, the services of an excellent tour manager, and some of the best seats for the *Passion Play*. Please note that the tours are based on land and air rates that are in effect as of November 1, 2016. If you should have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our office. As in the past, our Passion Play programs sell out very quickly! So, please don't delay in sending in your deposit and reservation form.

We look forward to welcoming you,

The Staff, Trans World Travel, Inc. (ALL QUESTIONS ... 847-432-2400 / 800-323-8158)

RESERVATION FORM

RETURN TO: Fr. Boland/Spina PP2020 ... c/o Trans World Travel, Inc., 734 Central Ave., Highland Park, IL 60035

Enclosed is my (our) reservation form(s) for the Treasures of the Adriatic Tour departing June 23, 2020 and a \$200 per person deposit check which indicates my (our) acceptance of the General Conditions stated in this brochure and the understanding that there can be future increases by the air carriers for fuel and/or for government related taxes and/or dollar fluctuations. Also, we strongly suggest that all passengers consider the optional travel protection insurance that can include pre-existing conditions.

*** Please make your check payable to: **Trans World Travel, Inc.** and return to the above address. ***

NAME: _____

Print name as it appears on your PASSPORT and your birthdate

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ ROOMMATE: _____

Credit Cards ... Visa and MasterCard are accepted, but there is an additional charge of 4% of the tour cost to be added. First payment must be by Check.

Yes, I prefer a single room at the above mentioned supplement, if available.

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Tour Cost from Chicago

\$4898.00 per person, double occupancy

Based on projected air fares as of 11/01/2016

Land rates based on a minimum group size of 35 passengers.

Exact air rates will be determined 10 months prior to departure

Single occupancy \$789.00

Payment Schedule:

\$200.00 per person - due with reservation

\$500.00 per person - due February 1, 2018

\$800.00 per person - due March 1, 2019

\$900.00 per person - due October 1, 2019

Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure

Tuesday, June 23, 2020 – Chicago: Today we begin our journey to Europe. Meals will be served aboard our transatlantic flight.

Wednesday, June 24 – Vienna: On arrival at the Vienna airport, we will be met by our tour manager and directed to our waiting motor coach. En route to our hotel, we will have an introduction to our tour before check-in and dinner. (D)

Thursday, June 25 – Vienna: This morning's city tour will reveal the splendor of a bygone era, when Vienna was at the heart of the mighty Austro-Hungarian Empire. Highlights will include our visit of the Schönbrunn Palace, summer residence of the Habsburg Emperors, the panoramic tour of the Ringstrasse, with the Parliament, City Hall, Hofburg Palace and State Opera House and a walk through the old town to St. Stephen's Cathedral. The afternoon and evening will be free for individual pursuits. (BB)

Friday, June 26 – Vienna / Graz / Zagreb: This morning we depart Vienna to enjoy some of Austria's most verdant scenery, as we drive through the foothills of the Alps to the Styrian provincial capital of Graz for a walking tour of the old town and free time for lunch. Standing for centuries on the ethnic border between Slavic and Germanic cultures, Graz is a jewel of different architectural eras, which blend harmoniously in the old town. Dominated by the landmark Clock Tower, we will see the City Hall, Gothic Cathedral, the Opera House and the famous Armory. In the mid-afternoon, we will continue to the Croatian border, through the Alps to Zagreb for dinner and overnight. (BB, D)

Saturday, June 27 – Zagreb/Ljubljana: Following breakfast this morning, we will enjoy a tour of this fascinating city with our local guide, including the fortified Upper Town, the city's historical center, St. Mark's Church with its multicolored roof, the Cathedral, the Croatian National Theatre and the University. Following free time for lunch we will continue our journey mid-afternoon into Slovenia for our next two overnights in its capital city of Ljubljana. (BB, D)

Sunday, June 28 – Ljubljana (City Tour and Lake Bled Excursion): This morning's tour of Ljubljana explores the long history of this city which dates back to Roman times. Dominated by its 500 year old fortress and almost surrounded by its river, the city's picturesque location is enhanced by its unique mix of Baroque and Art Nouveau architecture. We will see the Cathedral of St. Nicholas, Opera House, the Dragon Bridge, the colorful Central Market Square and, time permitting, we will take the funicular train up to the Castle. Following the city tour we will drive the short distance to Lake Bled, the only lake in Slovenia. There will be time to enjoy the spectacular Alpine scenery, with the majesty

of the mountains reflected in the thermal waters of the lake. We will return to Ljubljana in the early evening for our overnight. (BB)

Monday, June 29 – Ljubljana / Postojna Caves / Venice: Following breakfast, we will depart Ljubljana to visit the natural phenomenon of the Postojna Caves, regarded as the highlight of any visit to Slovenia. Created by underwater rivers eroding the limestone rock, each of the caves are more spectacular than the one before, an exotic jungle of stalactites and stalagmites. Later we will continue to the Italian border and in the late afternoon we will arrive in Mestre, the mainland port of Venice, for dinner and overnight. (BB, D)

Tuesday, June 30 – Venice: This morning we will board a motor launch and travel through the canals to the islands of Venice. Our walking tour will include St. Mark's Basilica, a visit of one of the glass factories, for which the city is so famous, and views of the Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs. After free time for lunch and shopping, we can take an optional gondola ride, before enjoying dinner on our own at one of the local restaurants. (BB)

Wednesday, July 1 – Venice / Bolzano / Oberammergau: This morning we will depart the Adriatic coast and head back into the mountains. As we return to the Alps, we will visit Bolzano and explore the South Tirol Archaeological Museum, which houses one of the most fascinating discoveries ever to be found in Europe. The Man in the Ice is one of the oldest and most complete human finds in the world, and was discovered on a glacier in the Ötztal Valley and is estimated to be 5300 years old. Our visit of the museum provides a fascinating insight into the life of our prehistoric ancestors. In the afternoon, we will continue over the Brenner Pass through the Austrian Tirol and on to Oberammergau for the last two nights of the tour. (BB, D)

Thursday, July 2 – Oberammergau: The Passion Play has been performed in Oberammergau since 1634. It is a tradition which, although common throughout Europe at that time, largely disappeared over the centuries. Except in this small Bavarian farming village, it not only survived more than 350 years, but became famous all over the world. Oberammergau is also well-known for the traditional craft of wood-carving and for the frescoes decorating the village houses. This morning will be free to absorb the unique atmosphere of this Alpine village, before the afternoon and evening performance of the Passion Play. (BB, L, D)

Friday, July 3 – Munich / Chicago: This morning we will be transferred to Munich airport to begin our journey home.

(BB) Buffet Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

Tour Highlights:

- ★ Round trip air
- ★ Quality hotels throughout
- ★ Passion Play Ticket with top category seating
- ★ Meals as outlined in the brochure
- ★ Professional Tour Manager
- ★ Comprehensive sightseeing & relevant entrance fees
- ★ Deluxe Motor Coach with washroom & air conditioning
- ★ Baggage handling at all hotels - one bag per person
- ★ Flight bags, final documents, baggage tags, etc.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Trans World Travel, INC (TWT)
CANCELLATION BY TOUR MEMBER

CANCELLATIONS per person: All cancellations must be in writing and acknowledged by TWT. A \$200.00 administrative fee will be assessed for any cancellation plus all other penalties assessed by Oberammergau Passion Play Committee, airlines, hotels, cruise lines, tour operators, attractions, motor coach companies, etc. prior to March 31, 2018.

PLUS the following:

1) Cancellations postmarked after March 31, 2018, can be penalized up to 15% of tour cost per person.

2) Cancellations postmarked within 180 days of departure, penalty up to 30% of tour cost per person.†

3) Cancellations postmarked within 90 days of departure, penalty up to 50% of tour cost per person.†

4) Cancellations postmarked within 60 days of departure, penalty 100% of tour cost per person.†

†Additionally, unless a replacement is found, a cancelling tour member will also be charged for the single supplement fee of one's non-cancelling roommate.

PARTIAL OR COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL AFTER TOUR BEGINS: Once the tour is in progress, no refund will be made for any unused portion of the tour.

CANCELLATION BY TWT: TWT reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason, including insufficient number of participants, in which case a full refund will be given. TWT also has the right to withdraw your membership at any time if your actions impose upon or disturb the other members of the tour. All additional costs to send a tour member home will be borne by the tour member.

INSURANCE: An optional insurance plan is available. We strongly urge all tour members to have insurance in the event of illness or death occurring prior to departure. Also, medical insurance is urged since some insurance companies do not cover an individual while abroad. Please note that this insurance will not cover pre-existing conditions unless enrollment for the insurance is done within a specified number of days of TWT registering you for the tour. If you lose or don't receive this insurance information, immediately contact your tour host or Trans World Travel, Inc..

WHAT'S INCLUDED: Only items listed in the Tour Highlights or What the Tour Includes section of the brochure are included.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round-trip in Economy Class. Individual seating requests

cannot be guaranteed due to airline seating policies. TWT must have your legal name. Reissuance ticket fees are subject to the policies of the individual airline contracted for your tour. Passengers not traveling on the group's air itinerary are responsible for arranging their own transfers from their arrival airport to the group's first hotel or cruise ship and from the group's last hotel or cruise ship to their departure airport.

HOTEL CLASSIFICATIONS: We use 3 and 4-star hotels that are chosen on the basis of location, cleanliness and services and, when possible, are typical of the local area, or the best accommodations available in a particular city. All rooms have private bath and toilet facilities.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED: Excluded is any item or service not specifically indicated as included - such as cost of passports, visas where required, portage at airports and/or ship docks, gratuities on all cruises ships, tips to tour manager, motor coach driver, or guide, optional tours, and any other items of a personal nature including beverages with included meals. No responsibility is incurred by TWT for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the passenger's belongings. Baggage, health and trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

DEVIATIONS: Deviations from the group itinerary will be quoted separately and require completion of a "Request for Deviation" Form. Changes are subject to a TWT deviation fee of \$200 per person plus any other travel related fees from airlines, hotels, etc.

TOUR DOCUMENTS: Tour documents will be mailed approximately two weeks prior to departure. Documents delayed because of late payment may require express shipment billed to recipient or C. O. D.

ITINERARY CHANGES: Occasionally, a change in a portion of your tour, accommodations, services, etc. may be necessitated due to: altered transportation schedules/equipment, weather conditions, labor strikes, road construction, or for other unforeseen reasons outside the control of TWT. Any resultant expenses shall be borne by the passengers.

RATES: All rates in this brochure are based on applicable tariffs in effect at the time of printing. Tour price can be increased due to the occurrence of currency fluctuations, the increase in fuel, increase in air tickets, various taxes, or any other increase connected with the tour package. Any cancellation due to any of the above changes is subject to the cancellation policy stated above.

LEGAL / HEALTH DOCUMENTS: For international travel, all U.S. citizens must have a current passport with at least 6 months validity remaining from your return date. For certain

countries you will also need a properly dated visa. These documents are your responsibility and we urge you to apply for these documents as soon as possible.

RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility of Trans World Travel, Inc. is strictly limited. As a tour operator, TWT organizes, promotes and sells tour programs consisting of certain travel services, including, but not limited to, surface transportation, sightseeing excursions and hotel accommodations which TWT purchases or reserves from various suppliers. The suppliers providing travel services for TWT's tour programs are independent contractors and are not agents or employees of TWT or any subsidiary company. To the extent that TWT is involved in the sale of air transportation to you, TWT acts as an agent of the air carrier. For all other purposes, TWT does not act as agent for any party.

TWT is not responsible for the willful or negligent acts and/or omissions of such suppliers or any carrier or their respective employees, agents, servants or representatives including, without limitation, their failure to deliver or their partial or inadequate delivery of services. All coupons, receipts and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers and/or carriers. By utilizing the travel service of the suppliers, you agree that neither TWT nor any subsidiary company or representative shall be liable for any accident, injury, property damage or personal loss to you or to those traveling with you in connection with any accommodations, transportation or other travel services or resulting directly or indirectly from any occurrences or conditions beyond its control, including, but not limited to, acts of terrorism, defects in vehicles, breakdown in equipment, strikes, theft, delay or cancellation of or changes in itinerary or schedules.

These tour programs are planned in advance. If, between planning time and the actual tour operation, circumstances beyond TWT's control require changes, TWT reserves the right to vary itineraries and substitute components of tour programs which could also include replacing the tour host due to sickness, etc. Remember that all travel documents, as well as compliance with customs regulations, are your (the tour member's) responsibility.

The payment of the required deposit or any other partial payment for a reservation on a tour constitutes consent to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure. The terms under which you agree to take these tours cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized officer of TWT. TWT is not responsible for typographical errors or errors of omission.

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