

Oberammergau - Passion Play 2020
4 days – 3 nights
Munich, Oberammergau
Religion, Art, Culture, History

POSTPONEMENT DUE TO COVID-19

We now know, that the premier **will take place on May 14th 2022**, which means that all bookings will be 2 days before original date. If booking was for 1 June 2020, it will now be 30 May 2022.

The Oberammergau Committee will release information concerning prices and dates on around April 7th '20.

Clients already booked will have priority over new clients. Holidays with Downtown will contact clients who have postponed their trips with re-booking details as soon as the new dates and prices are announced.

The town of Oberammergau is permanently linked with the Passion Play. The roots of the Passion Play date back to a vow made by the citizens of Oberammergau in 1633. The plague had also reached Oberammergau. After numerous inhabitants of Oberammergau had fallen victim to the epidemic, the citizens vowed to stage the Passion Play regularly. The Passion Play, which they have been performing at 10-year intervals since 1634, has made Oberammergau famous throughout the world. And, again and again, the world comes to visit this unique town, which today also stages top-events in the Passion Play Theater every summer. The next Oberammergau Passion Play will take place in 2020.

The thirty years' war that took place in the 17th century (1618-1648) in central Europe was one of history's most devastating, as poverty and disease was widespread and thousands died as a result of plague. In the small village of Oberammergau alone there were 80 deaths. During this time of suffering the citizens of Oberammergau made a sacred pledge that every 10 years they would perform a "Play of the Suffering, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ"

This vow was achieved for the first-time during Pentecost in 1634 and every 10 years since the villagers of Oberammergau have continued to fulfill their pledge, for more than 380 years. For the 42nd time in 2020 the people of Oberammergau will once again perform the Passion Play that follows Christ from his elated entry into Jerusalem and the events that followed, His Trial, Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension.

Over 2000 actors, singers, musicians and technicians participate in the play all of whom must have been born in Oberammergau or been residents for at least 20 years. To maintain authenticity, men grow their hair and beards. Also, all the costumes are handmade.

The play takes place in an open theater that seats approximately 4,700 people, with a magnificent mountain background and performances take place 5 days a week from May until late September/early October. Even though the play is in German, people from around the world, many of them not religious, come to experience the fascinating way the town comes together to perform the Passion Play. In 2010 it is estimated that more than half a million visitors came to Oberammergau to see the play.

Preparations for 2020 have already begun with the exact schedule to be decided by 2017. In 2019 by Ash Wednesday all participants according to tradition will start growing their hair and the men will grow beards and by autumn 2019 rehearsals for the Passion Play will begin.

Day 1 Munich

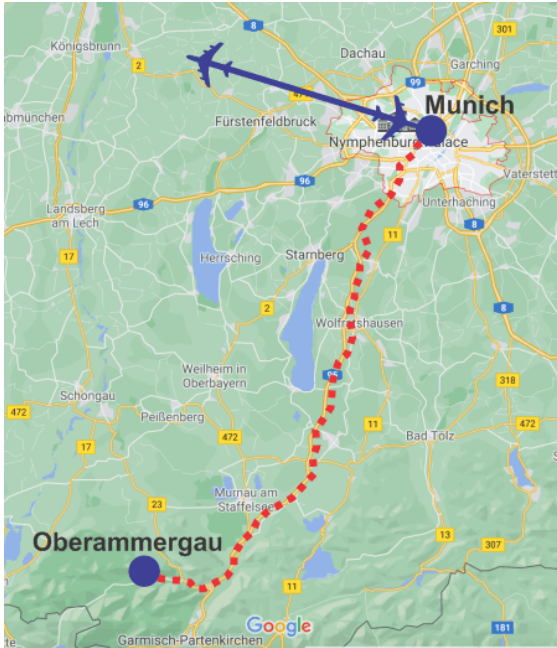
After arrival formalities you'll be met and escorted to your hotel in Munich. The rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 2 – Munich, Oberammergau

After breakfast at the hotel you'll be driven to Oberammergau (about 90 minutes) for check-in at your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure for you to discover the town and get familiar with the places where the events take place. Oberammergau is a very typical Bavarian town where you can enjoy good food and drinks (always drink moderately to enjoy it not to suffer from it!). Dinner and overnight at your hotel. [B/D]

Day 3 – Oberammergau (Passion Play)

After breakfast at the hotel you'll be given your tickets to the play and a text book with detailed explanations. The tickets are category B and are indicated on the stage plan below. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/D]

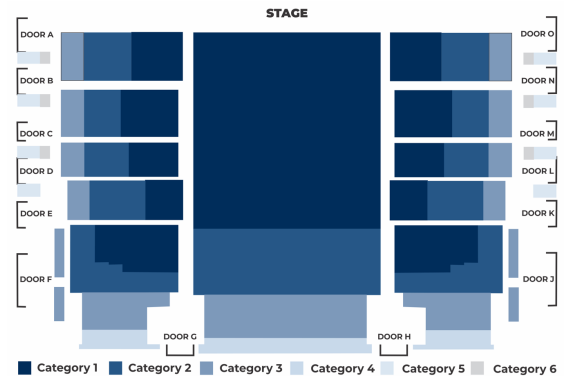


Day 4 – Oberammergau, Munich, USA

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and be ready for your transfer to Munich where you'll board your flight back to the US or continue your trip to the next destination of your choice. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [B/D] = Breakfast and Dinner

Note: Play's Committee may change the plan without notice



Your Tour includes:

- Round-trip airfare USA-Munich
- Transfers from the Airport to Munich hotel
- Transfer Munich hotel to Oberammergau
- Departure transfer to Munich city center / Munich Airport
- 3 nights' accommodation:
 - Munich – 1 night
 - Oberammergau – 2 nights
- Meals:
 - Breakfast daily
 - 2 dinners
- Full passion play package
 - Category B ■ or C ■ ticket
 - Text book
- City taxes

Tour does not include:

- Any airfares taxes and surcharges Travel insurance
- Wi-Fi at hotels
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out (Most hotels begin check-in around 2:00pm)
- Expenses of personal nature
- Portorage at airport and hotels
- Optional tours and activities
- Any service not specifically listed under "included"

Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Category	Tripadvisor	
Munich	Hilton Munich Park	Deluxe	4	
	Vier Jahreszeiten Kempinski Munchen		4.5	
	NYX Hotel	First Class	4.5	
	Eden Hotel Wolff		4	
	Munich (Freising)	Holiday Inn Munich – City East	Tourist	4.5
		Prinz Myshkin Parkhotel		4
Munich (Freising)	Bayerischer Hof	Tourist	4	
Oberammergau Area	As per the committee decision.	C	n/a	

Hotel in Oberammergau will be assigned by the Play's Committee

Tour Prices

From: \$1,539 including airfare

Add-ons available from all US gateways.

Prices are per person and may change without notice

This program can be customized for individuals and groups.

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- **Airfare**

We also be glad to adjust the airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

- **Program**

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

- **Other options**

- The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

- **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.
- Private arrival and/or departure transfer

Payment & lodging information:

- \$250 per person required as deposit
- Final payment must be received by December 2021
- Accommodation in Oberammergau is determined by the festival committee
- Category B or C seats, depending on availability

Group Quotations

- The options suggested in the itinerary will be quoted at time of booking
- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.