

Oberammergau Passion Play

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**FULLY
ESCORTED**

**02-17 Sep
2020**

**Airfares
Included**



TOUR PACKAGE PRICE

\$8750* Per Person
Twin Share

Single Room Supplement \$1350

Add Holy Land Tour

A three-in-one Christian Tour

Date: 16-28 September 2020
(Ask for this tour itinerary)

Your tour leader:

Graeme Lienert APM

Mr Graeme Lienert, APM, Assistant Commissioner of Police (retired). Graeme has led tour groups to Israel and Germany. He has established over the years invaluable local knowledge and relationships that will enhance your experience. If you would like to know more about Graeme Lienert's escorted tours please call Graeme on **0419 909 909** or email egtravel@icloud.com
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Tour Inclusions

- Return economy airfares - Australia / Germany / Italy
- Flights from Munich to Rome
- Meet and assist upon arrival and departure
- Passion Play Tickets
- Quality English speaking guides
- 12 days of sightseeing as per itinerary
- Specialist local tour guides
- Accommodation 3-4 star hotels with meals (Breakfast, Dinner as indicated BD)
- Luxury air conditioned motor coach throughout
- Entrance fees to designated tour sites
- Gratuities

Tour Exclusions

- Travel Insurance - Mandatory, if you are not choosing option offered by Olive Tree Travel - a copy of your policy is required
- Drinks with meals
- Lunches
- Individual activities on free days
- Individual Airport Transfers apart from the group
- Any other service not mentioned

See itinerary on next page

Oberammergau Passion Play Tour, 02 to 17 Sept, 2020

Day 1: Wednesday September 2

Depart Australia to Munich, Germany

Day 2: Thursday, September 3 - Arrival in Munich

Upon our arrival in Munich we will be met by our tour guide and transferred to our hotel for check-in. Time for rest. This evening we gather for a welcome dinner to enjoy German food and maybe a beer. D

Day 3: Friday, September 4 - Augsburg - Rothenburg Imperial City Festival

Following breakfast, we travel to Augsburg to view its magnificent Renaissance buildings - dated from the 15th and 16th centuries - which give the city its unique character. We visit the monastery of St. Anna Church where Martin Luther stayed in 1518, during his confrontation with Cardinal Cajetan. We also view the plaques to remind us of the Augsburg Confession at the Fugger House and at the Augsburg Cathedral. Then on to the oldest social settlement in existence in "The Fuggerei", founded by Jacob Fugger in 1521 as a residential settlement for Augsburg citizens in need. Probably the most famous resident of the Fuggerei was the Master Mason Franz Mozart, the great-grandfather of the composer W. A. Mozart. In the afternoon we travel the "Romantic Road" past quaint towns and villages before arriving in Rothenburg for dinner and overnight. B, D

Day 4: Saturday, September 5 - Rothenburg o.d. Tauber

Take a glimpse into the middle-ages, at perhaps the most famous town on the "Romantic Road", a nearly intact medieval walled-city without a single modern building within and tour the city to view the St. Jakob's Church with the famous altar carving by Tilman Riemenschneider. Leisure time to stroll the cobblestone lanes with their wonderful variety of shops, including Kathe Wolfahrt's year-round Christmas village. Walk along the medieval walls that encircle the town, or just relax and enjoy this quaint town and be part of the City Festival. For this special commemorative weekend, townsfolk will re-enact the historical event with cannons and a glittering display from a firework spectacular in the Tauber Valley - An event to remember. Dinner and overnight in Rothenburg. B, D

Day 5: Sunday, September 6 - Stuttgart and its Wine Festival - Weindorf

We continue our journey to the state capital of Baden-Württemberg - Stuttgart. The city is spread across a variety of hills (many of them vineyards), valleys and parks, unusual for a German city and often a source of surprise to visitors. In summertime the vibrant city life is reminiscent of any Mediterranean city. Stuttgart, cradle of the automobile is the headquarters of two of the most famous automobile companies Porsche and Mercedes. We tour the outstanding Mercedes Museum with its modern architecture and display of the company's history. We explore the city on a walking tour taking in the historical buildings and squares around two castles "Altes Schloss" and "Neues Schloss". In the afternoon we are part of the annual Wine Festival in the city and enjoy the delicious wines and Swabian food. Overnight in Stuttgart. B, D

Day 6: Monday, September 7 - Rhine Falls, Lake of Constance - Switzerland

This morning, we drive south to the German, Swiss, Austrian borders to Schaffhausen, Switzerland to view the Rhine Falls, Europe's largest waterfall. We drive along the Rhine River at the foothills of the Alps through breath-taking scenery to the Monastic Reichenau Island (World Heritage Site). Reichenau on Lake Constance is an outstanding testament to the religious and cultural role of a great Benedictine monastery in the Middle Ages. The Benedictine Abbey has been a spiritual and cultural centre of the Holy Roman Empire for over 3 centuries. You visit St. George Church with its outstanding meticulously restored Romanesque wall paintings. The island is famous for its vegetable farms and wineries. Then onward to Constance. We visit the Hussenstein, the place where the Czech Reformer Jan Hus was condemned and executed during the Council. On a foot walk we visit the Cathedral, the Konzilgebäude (Councilhouse) where the conclave for the pope's election took place and the ensemble of the Rathaus (Town Hall) built in different historic periods. Dinner and overnight. B, D

Day 7: Tuesday, September 8 - Bavaria - Andechs - Munich

This morning, we drive to Andechs in Bavaria to visit Andechs Abbey, a Benedictine monastery that has brewed beer since 1455. After a visit to the church and a guided brewery tour you may enjoy a beer along with lunch in the beer garden. In the afternoon we travel to Munich for dinner and overnight. B, D

Day 8: Wednesday, September 9 - Munich

Our tour guide will lead us on a sightseeing tour to the key sights of Munich, such as King's Square with its three temple buildings in the classical Greek style, the Pinakotheken Art Museums, the Hall of Generals, the Angel of Peace monument, the palatial Maximilianeum, the traditional Viktualienmarkt, an open air food market with



colourful outdoor stalls, Karl Square the Palace of Nymphenburg, former summer residence of the Bavarian Kings, and the Rathaus with its famous Glockenspiel. Overnight in Munich. B, D

Day 9: Thursday, September 10 - Salzburg - Austria

Following breakfast, we drive through the Bavarian countryside to the Austrian city of music to Salzburg. We tour the city with its cultural and historic monuments such as the Hohensalzburg Fortress, the birth house of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and the impressive Salzburg Cathedral. With its Cathedral Square, a major theatrical venue during the Salzburg Festival. The tour continues with a visit to Mirabell Palace with its marvellous gardens full of fountains and sculptures. Time at leisure to explore on our own this amazing city. Dinner and overnight. B, D

Day 10: Friday, September 11 - Berchtesgaden - Bavarian Alps - King's Lake

Our tour continues to Berchtesgaden located in the picturesque Bavarian Alps. The Königssee (King's Lake) is a spectacular Alpine lake surrounded by majestic mountain scenery. The lake only can be reached by boat. Next, we visit the famous Salt Mines, the oldest active salt mine in Germany, in which salt is mainly extracted in the wet. We return to Salzburg for dinner and overnight. B, D

Day 11: Saturday, September 12 - Oberammergau Passion Play

Following breakfast, we board our coach for Oberammergau. World-renowned, this quaint Bavarian town is the site of the extravagant Oberammergau Passion Play - performed only once every ten years. The permanent exhibition explains the tradition and history behind this spectacle. Enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Dinner and overnight B, D

Day 12: Sunday, September 13 - Oberammergau - Rome

Our drive through the beautiful and scenic Bavarian countryside takes us to the most famous, delightful fairytale castle that belonged to King Ludwig II called Linderhof Castle. On the way, we visit the Wieskirche (Church in the Meadows) where rococo art reached a unique perfection. In the afternoon we transfer to the Munich airport for our flight to Rome. We are met by our Italian tour guide and transferred to the hotel for dinner and overnight. B, D

Day 13: Monday, September 14 - Rome - City Tour - Catacombs

Our sightseeing tour begins with Christian Rome. We visit the Catacombs along the Via Appia Antica (Old Appian Way) followed by the Basilica di San Paolo fuori le Mura (Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls), one of the four ancient basilicas of Rome and burial place of St. Paul. Afterwards, we continue on to the Basilica of Saint John Lateran, the cathedral of the Church of Rome and site of the famous Lateran Baptistery followed by a visit to the Scala Santa or "Holy Stairs." Dinner and overnight B, D

Day 14: Tuesday, September 15 - Rome - Vatican - Colosseum

Following breakfast we tour the Vatican City (Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica). In the afternoon, we tour Ancient Rome, which includes the Colosseum, Roman Forum and Arch of Titus/Constantine. Dinner and overnight B, D

Day 15: Wednesday - September 16 - Departure

We are transferred to the airport for our flight home to Australia. B
(Those who have chosen the HOLY LAND extension will fly to Tel Aviv)

*Price is subject to a minimum of 25 full paying adults, currency fluctuation, and increase in Airline Ticket/Departure Taxes - conditions apply.

*Please note if you are not travelling with a companion and a suitable same gender roommate is not available, you will need to pay the single room supplement.

*Itinerary is subject to change due to logistical reasons.



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