

Holy Name Cathedral Presents



Oberammergau Passion Play 2020

Munich, Salzburg, Vienna and Budapest

September 23 – October 3, 2020

Every year during Holy Week, as we relive the events from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection, do you try to imagine what that was actually like? Did you ever try to place yourself there, in person, as an eyewitness to what our Lord experienced? If you have answered yes to either of these questions, then consider joining our pilgrimage to the Oberammergau Passion Play.

Once every ten years, as each new decade begins, some 2000 local residents of the little Bavarian village of Oberammergau join forces to perform the Passion Play, a dramatic recreation of Jesus Christ's last days on earth. First produced nearly four centuries ago, the Passion Play has become a beloved highlight of every decade and being there in person to see it unfold will be an experience you'll remember for a lifetime. Spiritual director for this pilgrimage is Father John Boivin of Holy Name Cathedral.

Itinerary

September 23 Leave Chicago for Munich. Dinner and breakfast aloft.

September 24 Arrive Munich at 7:30am. Panoramic tour of Munich.

September 25 After breakfast visit the twin towered Frauenkirche where we will have Mass. The Frauenkirche the Church of Our Lady, is the most familiar landmark of old Munich. Step foot on Marienplatz with its famous “Glockenspiel”. Continue on to view the town hall and the Maximilianstrasse, a royal avenue lined by neo Gothic buildings. Pass by the Residenz, a former royal palace of the kings of Bavaria and the Hofgarten. Time for lunch and shopping. Tonight you could enjoy a stein of beer at the famous Munich Hoffbrau.



September 26 Leave for Oberammergau. Stop in Ettal for Mass in the Ettal Basilica. The huge dome of the Basilica is the symbol of the sanctuary of Our Lady of Charity. View Neuschwanstein Castle. Continue to Oberammergau, home of the famous Passion Play. The play dates back to 1633 when the Plague, the Black Death, took a severe toll of lives in the small village. In their distress, the inhabitants turned to God and vowed that if the pestilence was taken from them, they would perform a play every year depicting the suffering and death of the Savior. Their plea was heard and there were no further plague victim in Oberammergau. The first play was done in 1634 in the village cemetery. It grew in popularity. The year 1680 is the start of the first ten years to host the Passion Play.



We check in at our hotel and proceed to the village. The Oberammergau Passion Play tells the story of the Passion beginning with the entry to Jerusalem, followed by his trial, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. The play is held in a beautiful open air theater that is praised for its superb acoustics. There are 2000 actors (and live animals), they include local wood carvers, hotel owners, students, teachers, children, all of them interrupt their schedules to become actors, singers, orchestra members, and stagehands. Requirements are strict: all actors must be born in Oberammergau, or have lived there 20 years, or be married to a villager and a resident for 10 years. All natural make-up, such as men let their hair and beard grow a year before the play. Female roles are limited to single women under age 35.

The play is approximately five and a half hours long and is performed in two acts:

Act I	2:30pm-5:00pm
Intermission	5:30pm-7:30pm for dinner at a local restaurant.
Act II	8:00pm-10:30pm

September 27 Depart for Salzburg via Altotting. Altotting is often called “Lourdes of Germany”. Visit the shrine of Our Lady of Altotting, also known as the Chapel of Grace, and is the national shrine of Bavaria dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be celebrated here. Upon arrival in Salzburg drive to the village of St. Gilgen where the Sound of Music was filmed.

September 28 Our tour of Salzburg begins with Mass at St. Peter’s Abbey, then we explore the historic center of Salzburg on foot. Its narrow streets and secluded passageways are evidence of its medieval roots. Visit Mirabell Palace with its beautiful gardens -the shooting location for the musical “The Sound of Music” where Maria and the children dance around the Pegasus fountain singing Do Re Mi. You will have the chance to visit the mighty Romanesque Cathedral and view Mozart’s birthplace. Make a stop at the Hellbrunn Palace gardens.



September 29 Depart for Vienna via Mariazell, the most important pilgrimage place in Austria. Visit Mariazell Basilica also known as the Basilica of the Virgin Mary. Mariazell Basilica is a Marian basilica which holds the miraculous statue housed in the Lady Chapel or Chapel of Miracles. Mass will be said in the Chapel of Miracles. Arrive in Vienna. Tonight we have tickets for the Vienna Mozart Orchestra.

September 30 After breakfast we will enjoy the sightseeing of Vienna, home of Johann Straus and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Visit the spectacular St. Stephen’s Cathedral, the symbol of Vienna, one of the most important Gothic structures in Austria. At St Stephens, we’ll see the miraculous image of Our Lady of Mariapoch. You will tour the cathedral and its catacombs. Mass is scheduled here at Kreuz Kapelle. Continue with a visit to



the Schoenbrunn Royal Palace, a summer residence with 1441 rooms including a Hall of Mirrors where Mozart performed at the age of six before a young Marie Antoinette Louis. We will view the Belvedere palace, well known for its beautiful gardens. Visit Leopold Museum and Museum of Fine Arts. Take a walking tour to explore the city’s medieval section including Neuer Markt, Ballgasse, Backerstrasse, the historic Jewish quarter and Mozarthaus.

October 1 Depart Vienna for Budapest. Upon arrival in Budapest go on a panoramic tour to view the best of Pest – the Embassy district, City Park and Andrassy avenue, the State Opera House, St Stephen’s Basilica and stop ay Heroes Square. Go on a river cruise.

October 2 Start with a guided tour of Hungary's Parliament building in Pest. Then cross to Buda with a visit to the Gothic Matthias Church where we will have Mass, then Fisherman's Bastion and the cobblestone streets at Castle Hill. Tonight we have our farewell dinner at a typical restaurant.

October 3 Depart for Chicago.

Costs based on a minimum of 30 passengers:

Total cost per person based on double occupancy:	\$4310
Single supplement:	\$950

Above costs include:

- Roundtrip transportation from Chicago
- Accommodations in 4 star hotels
- Full breakfast daily, 3 dinners
- Deluxe long distance vehicle and local guides
- Porterage on one piece of luggage
- Sightseeing and admission fees per itinerary
- Tickets to the Passion Play – Category 1

Due to limited number of tickets to the Passion Play and accommodations in Oberammergau **participants are limited to 30**. Reservations are accepted on a first-come first-served basis.

Deposit: \$1000 per person. Final Payment due June 22, 2020. Check should be made payable to Rizal Travel Center and mailed to Isabel Juan 5555 N. Sheridan Rd #403 Chicago IL 60640-1617

Cancellation and refunds: Cancellation fees apply per person. If you cancel your tour, cancellation fees will be assessed as follows:

Prior to departure:

90 days or more	\$500
60-89 days	\$600
45-89 days	\$1000
30-44 days	\$2000
30 days or less	100% of cost

Insurance is optional but highly recommended. Rates vary according to age and amount of coverage. For more information please call **Isabel Juan at 312-664-1414** or email isabeljuan@aol.com

Reservation Form

Print legibly the information below. Your name must be given as it appears on your passport. Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your scheduled return. Please provide a copy of your passport.

NAME _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender M ___ F ___

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NAME _____

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